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School shutdown

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The Darrang district administration ordered all educational institutions in the district to remain closed from Thursday (June 16) to Sunday (June 19) due to incessant rainfall. Darrang DC Pranab Kumar Sarma in a notification said that the schools shall remain closed till Sunday until the situation slightly improves. Notably, the flood situation in Assam has worsened further after heavy and incessant rainfall across the state in the past few days. According to an Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) report, over 18 districts in 37 revenue circles of the state are still reeling under flood waters. Around 74,116 people in 314 villages are still affected by the floods, as per the ASDMA report.

Onw man drowned

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Guwahati, June 16:

one person has drowned in the Mahur River in Dima Hasao district of Assam on Thursday. The incident took place when the person who was a farmer tried to cross the Mahur River to go for farming. The deceased farmer has been identified as Dorjon Thaoson hailing from Thapa village of Mahur. Meanwhile, the body of the deceased has not been recovered as of now. Fresh spell of rains on Wednesday again ravaged parts of Dima Hasao district after heavy rainfall last month had completely left the district disconnected from other parts of the state.

Cases of Covid-19

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Guwahati, June 16:

Assam reported 21 new cases of Covid-19, taking the active caseload of 54. The positivity rate stood at 2.89 percent. According to the data published by the state National Health Mission, no cured cases of the virus were discharged, and no deaths were registered. The new cases today were detected out of 762 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, and the highest cases were reported from Kamrup Metro (11), Kamrup Rural (7), Bongaigaon (2), and Nagaon (1). The overall Covid-19 tally of Assam now stood at 7,24, 288 cases, with the total recoveries touching 7,16,246. The recovery rate stood at 98.89 percent.

Assam floods : Toll rises to 44 after two minors die in landslide



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Guwahati, June 16:

The toll from the floods in Assam rose to 44 after two minor siblings were buried alive in a landslide triggered by heavy rainfall in the state's Goalpara town on Thursday, NDTV reported. Their bodies were recovered by the State Disaster Response Force. Incessant rains have hit several parts of Assam since Monday night. Four construction workers had also died due to a landslide in Guwahati on Tuesday. Three persons sustained injuries in Guwahati's Noonmati area after multiple landslides hit the region. At least 18 districts in Assam are witnessing heavy showers, PTI reported. Nearly 75,000 residents living in these districts are affected by the floods. A road leading to Nizarapur, where Bharat Ratna awardee Dr Bhupen Hazarika lives, was

being cleared by the authorities after debris piled up. According to the India Meteorological Department, the state, along with Meghalaya, has received 125% above normal rainfall in the last seven days until Wednesday. Eight out of 35 districts in Assam are flooded due to the rising water levels in the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries since the heavy downpour, according to the state Disaster Management Authority. On Wednesday, district officials in Hojai and Dima Hasao told Scroll.in that excess water was released from the 275-megawatt Kopili Hydro Electric Project situated on the Khandong Dam. The district officials said that the excess water from the dam will increase the water levels of the Kopili and Brahmaputra rivers. This would then impact the water flow downstream to Hojai and Dima Hasao, they added. Dima Hasao Deputy Commissioner Nazreen Ahmed has issued an advisory restricting the movement of citizens in public places and urged those living in vulnerable locations to shift to relief camps. The Kamrup Metropolitan district administration had also advised citizens to only step

out for emergencies or essentials. Educational institutions in lower Assam districts have been issued directives by the deputy commissioners to cancel classes till Saturday. A red alert is issued for Assam and Meghalaya on Thursday, urging authorities to swing into action. An orange alert is issued on Friday and Saturday for the two states, warning the authorities to be prepared to tackle intense rainfall. In Meghalaya, a part of the National Highway 6, or NH 06, under the Lumshnong Police Station area was washed away due to landslides, according to NDTV. The highway connects Southern Assam, Mizoram,

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'Stop Adani' Trends For Sri Lanka Project, Protests Planned Tomorrow

New Delhi, June 16:

Social media in Sri Lanka is abuzz with plans for a "massive protest" against Indian industrialist Gautam Adani's group over allegations that an energy project was awarded to the group after Prime Minister Narendra Modi pressured President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Posters calling for the "Stop Adani" protest asked people to gather "in front of Majestic City", a location in Colombo, at 2 pm on June 16. The controversy began after MMC Ferdinando, chairman of Sri Lanka's Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) who later quit, told a parliamentary



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Rahul Gandhi ED probe

Congress alleges Delhi police treated its leaders like terrorists



New Delhi, June 16:

A day after Congress alleged its workers were thrashed by the Delhi police during protests against the questioning of Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the National Herald case, several MPs on Thursday (June 16) met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu to raise the issue, claiming they were treated like "terrorists". Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury led the delegation of MPs who met Birla, while Leader of Op-

position in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge along with other lawmakers met Naidu. The Congress MPs alleged that their privileges as members of parliament have been breached, further demanding lawful action against the Delhi Police. Chowdhury said the ED and the central government should not pursue "politics of vendetta and violence". "Have you ever seen any political leader being questioned for so many days? But what crime have we done? We only wanted to stand in solidarity with our leader." "The manner in which the police have

treated us, looks as if we are all terrorists," he was quoted. The Lok Sabha MP claimed that even women lawmakers were beaten up and their clothes "torn". "Is this an 'Amrit Kaal'?" The Modi and Amit Shah government are turning this Amrit kaal into a Poison Kaal," Chowdhury said taking a potshot at the Narendra Modi government. Kharge told reporters that they have informed Naidu that the Congress MPs were misbehaved with and were taken to police stations without letting the Chairman or the Speaker know as is mandated by rules. "But their intent was to harass and mentally torture the MPs and our privilege has been violated. We wanted the chairman to take note of this and take action," he said, adding that the Chairman has assured

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150 Indian families residing outside border fence to be rehabilitated in Assam



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Guwahati, June 16:

More than 150 Indian families living outside the fence along the India-Bangladesh international border near Karimganj are set to be rehabilitated in Assam after the state asked them to report to the district deputy commissioner's office.

Karimganj shares a 93-km-long international border with Bangladesh and the area was fenced a few years back. The families belonging to the nine border villages are reportedly Indians, but they need permission from the Border Security Force to enter India. These nine villages are Gobindapur, Karimganj, and others.

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CM Dr. Sarma holds interaction with leading industrialists

State government to create EODB portal for ease of doing business



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Guwahati, June 16:

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that for

strengthening industrial landscape of the state, Government of Assam has been taking several steps for facilitating ease of do-

ing business and industrial development of the state. Meeting the leading industrialists at a programme held at a city hotel here today,

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that industrialization in the state are always dependent on land policy, change of forest land, availability of energy sources, feasibility of business and commerce etc. He said that State government is preparing a road map by addressing all adversities for presenting an enabling environment for industrial development in the state. He also said that besides continuous reform of land policy, a well laid out reform in the power sector and its resultant revenue growth have generated a positive atmosphere in industry sector of the state. As a result, power can be made available to all the industrial units in the state. He also said that Externally Aided Projects from Asian Development Bank have led to revamping of distribution of power. Government of India also sanctioned

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Assam Govt Targets to Generate 3000-4000 MW Solar Energy

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Guwahati, June 16:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said that the state government has set a target of generating 3000-

4000 Mega-Watt (MW) solar energy in the state. Addressing a gathering at Diphu in Karbi Anglong district, the Sarma stressed that there were narrow possibilities of hydroelectric power projects in the district and

also cited uneven water presence in the region as the major reason behind the move. "We have set a target to generate 3000-4000 MW solar power in the state. One solar power project will be started at

Bilasipara soon," Himanta Biswa Sarma said. "We aim to make Assam self-reliant in power sector. From current production of 500 MW, we shall increase generation

Ambubachi Mela to be Celebrated in a Low-Key Affair

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Guwahati, June 16:

The Ambubachi Mela will be celebrated on a low key affair due to COVID-19 pandemic. Assam Tourism Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah on Thursday took stock of the temporary camp at Sonaram Field and old jail campus at Fancy Bazaar. Visiting the camps, the minister said that this time the

Ambubachi Mela will not be celebrated with much fervor and enthusiasm due to the pandemic. The minister said that the VIPs and common public could visit Kamakhya Temple together. No pilgrims will be allowed to take vehicles from the main entrance of Kamakhya Temple. There won't be any camp in the temple premises for the pilgrims. Camps will be set up only for police. No cultural event should be organized

during Ambubachi Mela. There won't be any VIP culture this time and no pass will be provided for the vehicles, said Jayanta Malla Baruah. The sacred Ambubachi Mela will be held from June 22-26, 2022 at Kamakhya Devalaya after a gap of two years. The main door of Kamakhya temple will be closed at 8.15 pm on June 22 for the pilgrims



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Palestinian youths and members of Italian artistic delegation preform during a festival called The Circus and Dabke Festiva which is organized by the Gaza Municipality, in Gaza City

Uma Bharti throws cow dung at liquor shop in Madhya Pradesh

New Delhi, June 16 : Senior BJP leader Uma Bharti threw cow dung at a liquor shop in Orchha town of Madhya Pradesh's Niwari district, amid her demand for total prohibition in the party-ruled state. After the incident on Tuesday, Bharti in a tweet claimed the shop was not approved for the spot where it was located, and that it was a "crime" to open such an outlet in the holy town of Orchha. However, police said the shop was located at the place where it was sanctioned. A video surfaced on social media in which Bharti was seen throwing cow dung at the liquor shop on Tuesday evening in Orchha, a religious town famous for

the Ram Raja temple, located 330 km from the state capital Bhopal. In the clip, Bharti was heard telling the person shooting the video, "See, I have thrown the cow dung and not pelted stones." In March this year, the former state chief minister had hurled a stone at a liquor shop in Bhopal. In a series of tweets on Tuesday night, Bharti said, "The shop, located at the main entrance of Orchha, is not approved for its current location, but for a distant village. The people and our organisation members staged protests against it continuously." In another tweet, she said people submitted



memorandums to the government and repeatedly appealed to the administration to remove this shop, because 'it is a big stigma on the forehead of this holy city?'. By all means, the people's reaction against this shop cannot be termed a crime, because opening a shop here (at a

religious place) is a bigger crime," she said. Bharti said she got information that this shop remained open when five lakh lamps were lit on Ram Navami (in April this year) under the 'Deepotsav' programme organised in Orchha, which, she said, is considered as holy as Ayodhya.

UK to challenge court ruling that halted Rwanda deportations, says minister

London, June 16 : The UK is likely to challenge the European court of human rights ruling that stopped the deportation to Rwanda of people seeking asylum and is already preparing for

the next flight, a cabinet minister has said. Therèse Coffey, the work and pensions secretary, played down the idea that the UK could withdraw from the European convention on

human rights in response to the court's decision, which halted the flight on Tuesday night. But she told Sky News the government would "go back, I am sure, to the

ECHR to challenge this initial ruling". Up to seven people who had come to the UK seeking refuge had been expected to be removed to the east African country an hour and a half before the flight was due to take off. The UK justifies the policy on the grounds that it is meant to deter people

seeking asylum from making a dangerous crossing across the Channel by small boat. But a ruling by the human rights court on one of the seven cases allowed lawyers for the other six to make successful last-minute applications. The decision is a significant setback for Boris Johnson and the home secretary, Priti Patel, who had

promised to start sending thousands of those seeking asylum 4,000 miles to the east African country in May. Hours before the ruling, Johnson had suggested he could consider taking the UK out of the ECHR and accused lawyers of aiding criminals exploiting refugees in the Channel.

New data reveals extraordinary global heating in the Arctic

London, June 16 : New data has revealed extraordinary rates of global heating in the Arctic, up to seven times faster than the global average. The heating is occurring in the North Barents Sea, a region where fast rising temperatures are suspected to trigger increases in extreme weather in North America, Europe and Asia. The researchers said the heating in this region was an "early warning" of what could happen across the rest of the Arctic. The new figures show annual average temperatures in the area are rising across the year by up to 2.7C a decade, with particularly high rises in the months of autumn of up to 4C a decade. This makes the North Barents Sea and its islands the

fastest warming place known on Earth. Recent years have seen temperatures far above average recorded in the Arctic, with seasoned observers describing the situation as "crazy", "weird", and "simply shocking". Some climate scientists have warned the unprecedented events could signal faster and more abrupt climate breakdown. It was already known that the climate crisis was driving heating across the Arctic three times faster than the global average, but the new research shows the situation is even more extreme in places. Sea ice is good at reflecting sunlight but is melting away. This allows the darker ocean below to absorb more energy. Losing sea ice also means it no longer restricts the ability of warmer sea waters to heat up the Arctic air. The more ice is lost, the more heat accumulates, forming a feedback

loop. "We expected to see strong warming, but not on the scale we found," said Ketil Isaksen, senior researcher at the Norwegian Meteorological Institute and who led the work. "We were all surprised. From what we know from all other observation points on the globe, these are the highest warming rates we have observed so far." "The broader message is that the feedback of melting sea ice is even higher than previously shown," he said. "This is an early warning for what's happening in the rest of the Arctic if this melting continues, and what is most likely to happen in the next decades." The world's scientists said in April that immediate and deep cuts to carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases are needed to tackle the climate emergency.



Chinese Kung Fu (Chinese martial arts) performance during an event under the theme of traditional Chinese culture in Hong Kong, south China

Sea level rise in England 'will put 200,000 homes at risk by 2050'

London, June 16 : Sea level rise will put about 200,000 coastal properties in England at risk within 30 years, new data suggests, as the climate crisis takes hold. These are the homes that may not end up being saved because it would be very expensive to try, by measures such as seawalls and other coastal defences. Some of the areas most at risk include North Somerset, Sedgemoor, Wyre, and Swale. The study comes after warnings last week from the head of the Environment Agency, Sir James Bevan, that many homes would be impossible or uneconomical to save, and whole communities would have to move inland, which he called "the hardest of all inconvenient truths". The

value of the homes at risk is in the tens of billions of pounds, and the sea level rises that will bring about the flooding are now almost inevitable, given the increasing pace of climate breakdown. Sea levels around the English coast are forecast to be about 35cm higher by 2050. Added to this, foreshores are being eroded, which leads to higher waves,

Sri Lanka government workers get Fridays off to grow food ahead of shortages

Colombo, June 16 : Sri Lanka is asking government workers to take an extra day off each week to grow crops in their back yards in a bid to forestall a looming food shortage. An unprecedented economic downturn has left several staple foods in short supply, along with petrol and medicines, and high inflation is ravaging household budgets. "It seems appropriate to grant government officials leave for one working day of the week and provide them with the necessary facilities to engage in agricultural activities in their backyards," said a cabinet statement. The extra day off would be a "solution to the food shortage that is expected to occur in the

future", the statement read, adding that cutting down on civil servant commutes would also help reduce fuel consumption. The United Nations has warned that Sri Lanka faces a "dire humanitarian crisis", and said four out of five people in the country of 22 million were forced to skip meals. Motorists, meanwhile, have suffered through months of petrol and diesel shortages, and long queues of vehicles outside filling stations are a regular sight. Public employees will have every Friday off for the next three months without a pay cut, according to the cabinet decision, but the arrangement will not apply to essential services staff.

inevitable. For many of our larger cities at the coast, protection will continue to be provided, but for some coastal communities this may not be possible. We need a serious national debate about the scale of the threat to these communities and what represents a fair and sustainable response, including how to help people to relocate." Bevan told a conference last week: "In the long term, climate change means that some of our communities - both in this country and around the world - cannot stay where they are. That is because while we can come back safely and build back better after most river flooding, there is no coming

back for land that coastal erosion has taken away or which a rising sea level has put permanently or frequently under water." He added: "In some places the right answer - in economic, strategic and human terms - will have to be to move communities away from danger rather than to try and protect them from the inevitable impacts of a rising sea level." Previous estimates of the number of homes at risk were lower, as government estimates have not kept up with climate science. In 2018, the Committee on Climate Change warned that about a third of the UK coastline was in danger.



A farmer stands in the middle of his farm, which looks cracked as a result of drought and water scarcity, in Salahudin province, Iraq.

Child Q: four Met police officers facing investigation over strip-search

London, June 16 : Four Metropolitan police officers are being investigated for gross misconduct after a 15-year-old black schoolgirl was strip-searched while at school. The teenager, referred to as Child Q, was strip-searched by female Met officers in 2020 after she was wrongly suspected of carrying cannabis at her east London school. The strip-search prompted days of protests in Hackney after it emerged the schoolgirl was searched without another adult present and in the knowledge that she was menstruating. Her parents were not contacted. The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) has confirmed that four Met officers have been served with gross misconduct notices in connection with its ongoing investigation into complaints that Child Q was inappropriately strip-searched. A spokesperson said: "As with all of our investigations we continually review the evidence and lines of inquiry as the investigation progresses. As a part of this, matters were identified which required new notices of investigation to be served on officers." Four constables have now been advised that they are being investigated for potential breaches of the police standards of professional behaviour at the level of gross misconduct, which does not necessarily mean that disciplinary proceedings will follow. "Any conduct matters identified, and their seriousness, are kept under review throughout and can be amended in light of any evidence gathered by the investigation team." The IOPC investigation is examining whether legislation, policies and procedures were followed during the strip-search of the child. "We are looking at complaints that her mother was not given the opportunity to be present during the strip-search, and that there was no other appropriate adult present," the spokesperson said. "We are also considering whether the child's ethnicity played a part in the officers' decision to strip-search her." The search of Child Q took place without another adult present and in the knowledge that she was menstruating, a safeguarding report found.

Palestinian reporter's death highlights weakness of Israeli army investigations

Kabul, June 16 : Al Jazeera reported on the incident, in which witnesses said she had been killed by an IDF soldier firing in the direction of Palestinians throwing stones. Two years later, the television network would report on the death of its longtime correspondent, Shireen Abu Aqleh, in nearly the same spot. Again, witnesses said the deadly fire came from Israeli soldiers - although this time only journalists and IDF personnel were present. Abu Aqleh, 51, who was wearing a protective vest and helmet marked "press", was shot below the ear. Despite the overwhelming circumstantial evidence suggesting the IDF was responsible for the two women's deaths, in both cases Israel initially blamed Palestinian militants. "I was standing next to her when it happened," said Samoudi, 30. "Dalia was feeding the baby. She went to shut the window to shut the tear gas out." "The Palestinians in the street were not carrying guns. It is very clear what happened. But two years later, the investigation is still going on and I have no idea what [the Israelis] are doing." According to army data released under Israel's freedom of information act and analysed by Yesh Din, an Israeli human rights organisation, Israeli forces have near-total impunity from prosecution in cases in which Palestinians were harmed by IDF soldiers.

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I, Samsuddin Ahmed, S/o Baru Shekh resident of Bangalpara, P.O - Tapabori, P.S- Hajo, Dist - Kamrup, Assam abandoned the use of my former name Samsuddin Ahmed. Samsuddin Ahmed and MD. Samsuddin Ahmed, date of birth 31-12-1981 are one & same person bearing SI no- 05 on dated 15-06-2022. MD. Samsuddin Ahmed will be applicable for all future purposes.

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PRESS NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Nalbari Building Circle, Nalbari on behalf of Governor of Assam invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system for the work "Oxygen Gas Pipe Line work in 10 (ten) Nos. of District Hospital at SMK Civil Hospital, Nalbari" with an approximate value of work Rs.1,23,98,836.00 from APWD registered class-I (A,B,C)/ class-II contractors (with Electrical Registration) under this Circle having experience of similar nature of work and site visit report. Details of the bids may be at e-procurement portal website: www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours. The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in for participating in the bidding process. N.B: The work will be allotted only after receiving of the Govt. approval.

Superintending Engineer,
Janasanyog/C/4781/22 PWD, Nalbari Building Circle, Nalbari

No. DVP-239/VFA Training/Pt/2022-23/118

NOTICE FOR VFA TRAINING ADMISSION AT GUWAHATI

In view of incessant heavy rainfall in the State and landslides on the Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar Road, TEMPORARY ADMISSION CENTRE is opened at the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Assam, Chenikuthi, Guwahati-3 for admission into one year VFA Training Course for the Session 2020-21. Interested selected candidates, the lists of whom were published on 11/06/2022 may come for admission to Guwahati Centre, from 17/06/2022 (10.00 am) till 23/06/2022 (5.00 pm). However, admission at the School of Veterinary Science & A.H. Assam, Ghungoor, Silchar will continue as notified earlier.

Sd/-
Director, A.H. & Veterinary Deptt.
Assam Chenikuthi, Guwahati-3
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Govt. will make MSSV as big as possible: Dr. Ranoj Pegu



Assam Rising Nagaon, 16 June: "The atmosphere of the university is beautiful. We, the govt. will give more land to the university if necessary" – attending at the Main cam-

pus of the university here at Raidangia, Education Minister of Assam Dr. Ranoj Pegu has commented. Dr. Pegu was warmly welcomed by Babul Bora, Pradhan Sampadak of Srimanta

Sankaradeva Sangha and Director (Finance & Planning) and Dr. Mrinal Kumar Borah, Registrar of the University. In the welcome address, Babul Bora highly appreciated the financial assis-

tance provided by the Govt. of Assam to the university and its strong role in infrastructure development. Attending the meeting as the Chief Guest Dr. Pegu announced that the state government is planning to dig at least 3000 sarubor in Assam, in every district of the state it will be 75 under the Amrit Sarovar scheme as part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion on 75th anniversary of Indian independence. He suggested the University construct the Sourbor following the technique and model of ponds dug by the Ahom Sargadev. He also said that he is coming for inspection of the location of the Sarubor allotted to the Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Vishwavidyalaya. While observing the con-

struction of the university buildings, he has suggested completing the construction works within the stipulated times. The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Circle Officer, Block Dev. Officer, D.D.O etc., Members of the Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha, Registrar along with the officials of the University.



Lokra Battalion, Assam Rifles Honouring its Braveheart on June 15.

Dist. admin issued prohibitory order under section 144 CrPC

Assam Rising North Lakhimpur, June 16: In an order issued on Wednesday by the Lakhimpur district Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Sumit Sattawan, it is stated that a situation may arise in Lakhimpur district where there is likelihood of disturbance of public peace and tranquility, endangering life and property of public by anti-social elements following the controversial remarks made on Prophet Muhammad by some people. It further stated that due to the prevailing situation and incidents of protest rallies in several parts of the country by some organizations including few incidents of violence which took place in Ranchi, Cooch Behar, Kolkata, Jammu and Kashmir, Kanpur, Prayagraj likehood of such incidents in the district cannot be

ruled out. So, the DC-cum-District Magistrate opined in the order that the issue of prohibitory order under section 144 CrPC is felt necessary with a view to maintain public peace, security and tranquility and also to ensure there is no danger to human life, health and safety in the district. Accordingly, the Lakhimpur DC-cum-District Magistrate Sumit Sattawan, in exercise of powers conferred upon him U/S 144 CrPC, promulgated the prohibitory order in the interest of maintaining public peace and tranquility in the Lakhimpur district. Through the order he prohibited assembly of five or more persons in any public place including NH-15 without specific permission from the District Magistrate and Additional District Magistrate, carrying of lethal weapons and arms in public places including lathis,

daggers, sticks, spears, swords, bows and arrows etc. that can be used as weapons, holding of rallies, meeting, gatherings and public events in public places in the light of Government instructions without permission, public rally, procession, demonstrations, strikes including hunger strikes, dharnas, shouting, slogans etc. in public places, causing obstruction to public roads and highways, footpath and normal movement of traffic etc., inflammatory speeches, communal or anti-state/anti-national speeches/slogans/banners/postering/wall writing etc., shouting of any provocative/anti-state etc. slogans, any act in any public place by any person which may spread ill feeling and enmity against any community and/or which may disturb the communal peace and harmony, and gherao of any person, office premises, godowns etc. The order further read, "The order prohibiting assembly of

persons at public places will however not be applicable in the case of assembly of persons marketing/shopping in market places, educational institutions for academic purpose and railway station/bus stands for travels only and gathering in normal course of works or business or performing marriage ceremony." The order also read, "The order will however not be applicable in respect of police and army personnel, on duty Magistrates, judicial officials and persons engaged in government business." This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders, mentioned in the order. Moreover, the order mentioned that any violation of this order would be punishable under provision of section 188 IPC and under the relevant provision of law while any person aggrieved with this order is however at liberty to submit written objection, if any.

Meritorious students felicitated in Tamulpur

Assam Rising, Tamulpur, June 16: A felicitation programme was held today in the premises of Rising Star Academy of Kumarikata for the successful students of Kumarikata Rising Star Academy in Tamulpur District who achieved best result in the recent HSLC examination-22 conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam. The felicitation programme was organized by the Management Committee of the Rising Star Academy. On this glorious

occasion a meeting was held today which was presided over by Managing Director of the School Mainul Haque Choudhury and was conducted by prominent poet Dulujit Das. In this year for the first time a total number of 10 students appeared in HSLC Examination and all the ten students passed in first division. Amongst them one student named Sakil Choudhury secured by the Management Committee of the Rising Star Academy. On this glorious



in the examination. Deputy Commissioner of Tamulpur District Simanta Kumar Das, educationist Gopen Majumdar, MCLA Bizitgaura Narzary, Principal of Kumarikata Higher Secondary School Hitesh

Bayan, social worker Muzib Ali Ahmed along with many intellectuals graced the meeting with their valuable speeches to the students. Students are felicitated with gamosa, books and citations to encourage them.

RBI Deputy Governor visits IIBM



Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 16: Dr Michael Debabrata Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India and Chairman, IIBM, Guwahati attended the Governing Board meeting in IIBM, Guwahati on June 14 last. He was accompanied by Jose J Kattoor, Executive Director, RBI, Smt Rajani Prasad, CGM, CSBD, RBI, Ashutosh Upadhaya, DGM, CSBD, RBI and Yogeeta Nitin K, AGM, CSBD, RBI from Mumbai. The other members who attended the meeting were Eugene E Karthak, Director, IIBM, Sanjeev Singha, Regional Director, RBI, representative from NABARD, Union Bank of India, NESFB, UCO Bank, Indian Bank, NIBM, Pune etc. The

Deputy Governor, RBI inaugurated the mural containing the Traditional Assamese Japi. This was followed by the Governing Board meeting which deliberated on the activities of the Institute. The Deputy Governor emphasized the role of IIBM towards making the NorthEast Region financially inclusive as well as facilitating its development. The Director stated that the Institute is taking several new initiatives involving the other stakeholders including the govts, both central and state, and the response has been very positive. The Deputy Governor appreciated the efforts put by the Institute and pledged all support from the RBI to it.

Several villages under Kampur and Raha under flood water

Assam Rising Nagaon, June 16: Due to incessant rain as well as urgent release of excessive water from the dams of Dima Hasao based Kopili Hydro-electric Power Project, the Kapili river once again is flowing over one metre above the danger level since Wednesday and its overflowing water has submerged over 15 villages across the river bank of Kapili river under Kampur and Raha revenue circles, sources added. It is however feared that the flood water will inundate more villages or areas under those two revenue circles in the district in next few hours, sources said. The flood water has already created panic among the villagers of those flood hit areas under both the revenue circles especially near at Kampur Saibokgaon and greater Bakulguri area. The overflowing water from Kapili river is flowing through the breached portion of the river embankment caused by the first wave of flood in May last because of which the transportation on Kampur - Changchaki connecting PWD road has been disrupted today, sources said adding further



that the river embankment constructed by Water Resource Department, Nagaon was found in a very critical condition near at Bakulguri as due to rapid and frequent erosion, the river embankment was cracked. It is however

feared that the embankment will be breached soon. Meanwhile the district administration of Nagaon as well as authorities concerned of Kampur and Raha revenue circles have already initiated all

emergency measures to mitigate the hardships of flood victims in those areas and have also attached the emergency response teams for rescue operation in the flood hit areas.

Poor performance in HSLC Exam Education minister's sudden visit in Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 16: State Education Minister Dr Ranoj Pegu today arrived at Nagaon and also visited various government educational institutions of the small town. During his visit, the minister reviewed the educational institutions and took stock of the poor performance of the students in the latest HSLC Examination from the heads of the concerned institutions, sources added. Sources claimed that during the trip to the small town, the minister rushed to Dawson Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School early this morning and then he visited Nagaon Bengali Higher Secondary school, Bengali High School, Bengali Girls' High School and Bengali boys' LP School and directed the institution heads to take appropriate steps to strengthen the merits as well as other academic atmosphere in and around the educational institutions so that the students of the concerned institutions could

perform better results in HSLC Examination in the upcoming sessions. During the trip, the minister also suggested that all those four Bengali medium educational institutions would be amalgamated soon through proper assessment and discussion with all concerned heads as well as management committees of the institutions. Thereafter the minister went to the main campus of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradev Vishwavidyalaya (MSSV) near at Raidongia village where Babul Bora, the secretary general of Srimanta Sankaradev Sangha and registrar of the university Dr Mrinal Kumar Bora welcomed him. While addressing a felicitation programme held in a befitting manner, the minister said the state government is ready to

fulfill all requirements to make the university a splendid hub of higher education and will afford more land if it requires. Expressing his utmost satisfaction over the beautiful atmosphere of the university being constructed at the greater Raidongia area, Dr Pegu instructed

the authority concerned of the construction agencies to complete the university buildings within the stipulated time. During his visit to MSSV, the minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Nagaon Nisarg Hivare, ADC, Circle Officer, Block Development Officer, etc.

Working Mondal demands bribe from a retired Mondal in Lakhimpur

Assam Rising North Lakhimpur, June 16: A female working land record holder (Mondal) of office of the Nowboicha Revenue Circle in Lakhimpur district demanded twenty thousand rupees as bribe from a retired land record holder of the same Department has created sharp reaction in greater Nowboicha area. As told to media by the retired land record holder named Mukheswar Burhagohain, a resident of Pahumara Khagarigaon of Nowboicha mouza, he applied for including his name as hierarchy in a land of 20 bighas at 7 no. Laa at Khakanbari vil-

lage under Nowboicha Revenue Circle through Basundhara scheme in December, 2021. Accordingly, he went to the land record holder of that Laa named Karabi Sadhanidar in the office of Nowboicha Revenue Circle for seeking Jamabandi (JB) copies of that land on June 14 last, but she refused to give him the respective JB copies without getting twenty thousand rupees. Facing such an unwanted situation, the seventy years-old man became compelled to leave the office. He told the media, "Once upon a time, I was a land record holder (Mondal). Then, there was no such corruption. But now, the situation is such that a daughter-like land record holder has sought a bribe in exchange for service which makes me very upset and sorrowful." "I demand the administration to take necessary action against such a corrupted land record holder", he further told the media.



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The state reels under floods

The flood situation in the state took a turn for the worse Tuesday, following incessant and heavy rainfall since June 13. While four labourers died in a landslide triggered by torrential showers in the capital Guwahati's Boragaon area early Tuesday, approximately 8,000 people in seven other districts of Darrang, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Dima-Hasao, Goalpara, Nalbari, and South Salmara were affected. Kamrup (Metro), the worst-affected district, under which Guwahati falls, has more than 600 people in relief camps, said a release from the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) on Tuesday night. At least 12 landslides, as well as multiple instances of urban flooding, were reported in Guwahati alone. Since June 13, incessant rainfall has badly affected Guwahati leaving several low-lying neighbourhoods inundated. Life in the city has come to a near standstill with several arterial roads submerged in waist-deep water. The State Disaster Response Fund, along with district administration, Fire & Emergency Services as well as the police are currently involved in rescue efforts. Rapid urbanization with increased housing and construction activities in the city leading to increased in number of buildings, streets and other impervious hard surfaces, and more importantly the decrease in the number of inland wetland pockets and clogging of drainage systems has led to indiscriminate flooding. This has resulted in decreasing land capacity to soak up and carry excess storm water. The flood control activities in Assam started mainly after the announcement of National Water Policy. Subsequently, "outlined plan for flood control in Assam" along with various comprehensive plans were prepared and the priority areas, which need immediate and urgent attention were identified. Till date, the Water Resources Department has taken up works primarily for the general development of the rural sector and for the protection of major townships in both the Brahmaputra and Barak valley. Schemes have also been taken up to relieve the drainage congestion in the cities and other important areas.

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When BJP leader got a lesson on sanskaar from a fellow party CM

Ghanshyam Tiwari was elected Rajya Sabha MP from Rajasthan as a BJP candidate. Party and Panditji are both happy. But an important question remains unanswered by the BJP and the Sangh. Upon his election, Tiwari had to seek blessings from the same person who was the apparent cause of his exit. He had organised a sit-in outside Madamji's house-now, he had to obtain political support from that same house with a broad grin on his face. If he had to take this route only, then what was the point in wasting two consecutive terms in an unnecessary struggle? He could have waited silently, that was also an option. Sorry, the whole thing was his idea only? What is one plus one? If you think the answer is two, then you might become a successful mathematician, but in politics, you can only become an Ajay Maken. In the Rajya Sabha elections, Ajay Maken tweeted 'victory' soon after getting one more vote than BJP-

backed independent candidate Karthikeya Sharma. While Maken did a rounding off, the BJP had done the calculations to the decimal point. Eventually, Sharmaji ka ladka sneaked ahead of Maken with the help of second preference votes. In Haryana, Maharashtra and Karnataka, BJP managed to win more than the expected

 **Bharat Agrawal**

number of seats, but it had to taste defeat in Rajasthan. Why? A day after the result, BJP chief J.P. Nadda was seen explaining this defeat to a general secretary of the party by pointing to a picture published in that day's newspaper. In the picture, former Karnataka chief minister B.S. Yediyurappa is seen sitting on a sofa while Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and current CM Bommai stand before him with folded hands. If a similar understanding emerged from Rajasthan BJP, then results there too could have gone the BJP's way. Recently, a BJP CM gave

Delhi state BJP President Adesh Gupta a lesson in Sanskar (values). Gupta went to meet the visiting CM and accused his state of discriminating against Delhi. But the CM got furious and explained to Gupta in detail the difference between a government and a political party. He also told him the difference between a 'request', 'demand' and an 'order'. Usually, when the opposition parties are about to decide their candidate for the presidential election, they take a break from criticising each other. However, this time, Mamata and the Left are locking horns. And when Mamata called for an opposition meet, Uddhav Thackeray refused to join and Congress took a dig at it. KCR has his own plans. There is no possibility of Jagan and Chandrababu sharing the same stage. All other parties have their own distinct 'universities of thoughts'. The most restless are those lining up to become the next PM.

Padma bridge shows Bangladesh's resolve. Why it carries the weight of Sheikh Hasina's politics

Almost ten years to the day after the World Bank withdrew its financing of the bridge over the river Padma in Bangladesh in 2012, citing "credible evidence" of corruption, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is inviting the Bank's president as well as key Opposition leader Khaleda Zia, Nobel laureate Mohammed Yunus and other key figures who had opposed its construction to its inauguration on 25 June. It's not clear if all these important people will attend, but Hasina is clearly drawing attention to something else. That in the teeth of international pressure and domestic criticism, she has succeeded in creating a piece of infrastructure that will transform the lives of the people of Bangladesh. It is on this determination that the 2023 election may even turn. Not just on the "bridge of pride," which is how the Bangladeshis lovingly describe the Padma project, or the plethora of development initiatives that are being undertaken with the help of several nations - including India, China, Russia and Japan - but on the exhibition of a steely will to redesign Bangladesh that may enable Hasina to become Prime Minister for the fifth time. After the World Bank pulled out, the government decided to fully fund the two-level steel truss Padma bridge at a cost of \$3.6 billion. Ordinary people donated 5 taka (Rs 4.2) and 10 taka (Rs 8.4) to an improvised Bridge Fund. A Chinese company won the contract and construction began in late 2014. A visit to the bridge site last week by a group of Indian journalists, including ThePrint, demonstrates the incredible marvel of engineering that it is - 6.15 km long with 42 pillars that stand like enormous trunks in the choppy waters; a four-lane highway on the upper level and a single railway track on the lower level. This is the longest bridge not just on the Padma, but anywhere on the Ganga river, which originates in the Himalayas and whose progeny the former is. More than anything else, the bridge has boosted the can-do spirit not just of the government, but of the people too. In 2020, according to the IMF, real GDP growth in Bangladesh fell to 3.5 per cent, but went up to 5 per cent in 2021; in contrast, real GDP growth for India in 2020 sank to -6.6 per cent, rising to 8.9 per cent in 2021. But as it emerges from the pandemic, Bangladesh is on course to outstrip the competition and exit from the least developing country (LDC) status by 2026. Certainly, it has buried former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's disparaging



description of the country in 1971 as a "bottomless basket." According to the IMF, Bangladesh's per capita GDP overtook India in 2020 - a remarkable achievement, even if India's economy is ten times bigger and its population six times larger, both key factors in the calculation of per capita income - climbing steadily from being 50 per cent of India's per capita in 2007, to 70 per cent in 2014 and levelling with it in 2020. The comparison with Pakistan, from which it broke away in 1971, is even more staggering - Bangladesh's per capita income is today 37 per cent higher. The striking turnaround is certainly visible. Travelling through Dhaka and parts of Bangladesh last week, it's clear that the grinding poverty, which Kissinger once so graphically described, no longer exists. This is true not just for the glitzy parts of the capital, like Gulshan, where international brands like Huawei, Farzi Café and the Marriott hotels compete for attention. Even in the old city, beyond the newspaper offices of Prothom Alo and The Daily Star in Karwan Bazar or the Jatrabari area on the outskirts of Dhaka, where thousands of people live cheek-by-jowl - it's a bit like walking through the old parts of Kolkata - you no longer see emaciated figures doubling up as human beings. "There is not one beggar in all of Dhaka," Bangladesh information minister Hasan Mahmud expansively told the visiting Indian journalists in

 **Jyoti Malhotra**

Dhaka over the weekend. Whether or not the claim is true, Mahmud is certainly confident about his country's economic prowess. Bangladesh introduced a certain flexibility in its labour laws when it became independent, which drove its shift towards industrialisation and reduced dependence on agriculture. Today, the textile industry contributes 20 per cent to the GDP - it accounts for 80 per cent of Bangladesh's export basket - while the services sector follows a close second. Women in the workforce are encouraged, alongside an NGO-government partnership focused on improving socio-economic parameters like infant and maternal mortality, health, sanitation and drinking water and education. Unlike in India, NGOs are not anathema. But the politically astute Hasina is keenly aware that NGOs are not going to deliver the economic prosperity that aspirational Bangladeshis demand - and which is surely going to underwrite her bid to an unprecedented fifth term in power. So, over the last 14 years, she has thrown open her nation's doors to all colour of aid as well as investment. She has learnt

the Sri Lanka lesson, which once sought to exclusively woo China, and has diversified the awarding of contracts to a variety of nations. The Padma bridge was constructed by a Chinese company; the Rooppur nuclear power plant is being built by the Russians at a cost of \$12 billion; the Maitree thermal project at Rampal is a 50:50 joint venture with India's NTPC; the Dhaka metro is being built with considerable aid from Japan; a Chinese company is constructing the tunnel under the Karnaphuli river in Chittagong to connect with the Asian Highway; Dhaka's revamped airport is being funded by the Japanese; a Chinese company will partially build the Payra sea port, while a Belgian company is dredging the 75-km-long channel at Payra. Significantly, Hasina seems acutely aware of the geopolitics at play in her region. She knows it's easy to be tempted by China's economic miracle which pushed it to become Bangladesh's largest trading partner in 2015, surpassing India. Time was when China and Bangladesh signed deals during Chinese president Xi Jinping's 2016 visit totaling \$13.6 billion. So, in 2019, Hasina, soon after her visit to Beijing, announced that China could use the Chittagong and Mongla ports. A Chinese-built submarine base, which will house two Chinese submarines,

is already coming up close by. It is well-known that Bangladeshi defence forces use Chinese frigates, fighter jets and tanks, making it the second largest buyer of Chinese arms after Pakistan. But PM Hasina also knows that to become the undisputed queen of the Bay of Bengal, her destiny lies within South Asia. So this April, she offered India the use of the Chittagong port so that Indian goods could traverse Bangladesh for intended use in the North-East, thereby cutting down both cost as well as time taken - the first experimental cargo had reached Tripura back in July 2020. Only last March, she and PM Modi had virtually inaugurated the Feni Bridge connecting Bangladesh with Tripura. Dhaka is now hoping to conclude a free trade treaty with India in the coming year. But more was to come. The plan to develop a deep-sea port at Sonadia Island by the Chinese has been quietly dropped. Instead, Japan will likely develop a deep-sea port in Matarbari, 25 km from Sonadia. It is now learnt that the Hasina government is cancelling the Chinese proposal to build the Dhaka-Chittagong railway. The penny seems to have dropped that the project is not economically viable. Moreover, Dhaka, is not believed to have taken kindly to China lecturing it not to join the Quad (there is no proposal so far) or participate in "bloc politics." So as PM Hasina juggles between the competing geopolitics of her region, three things are clear. First, Bangladesh has been transformed into an economic success story, fifty years after it became independent. Second, Hasina is keenly aware that the route to the hearts and minds of her people - and victory at the 2023 polls - lies through economic prosperity. And third, the feisty Bangladesh PM is not averse to using the security establishment to keep tabs on civil society and the media in order to achieve the goal of a harmonious and prosperous nation.

To the right of Yogi, there's only an abyss. Modi should rein in BJP's bigots

I used to laugh at the ignorance of people who said things like "we should never have given secularism to these Muslims". These days, however, I just feel like crying. But first, a bit of history. Jawaharlal Nehru, M.K. Gandhi and the Congress were opposed to the two-nation theory. The British, however, accepted M.A. Jinnah's claim that Muslims could not live in undivided India and partitioned the country, giving Jinnah his Muslim homeland. Our founders now had two choices. They could turn India into a mirror image of Jinnah's Pakistan and make it a Hindu homeland or they could stick with the ethos of undivided India and treat all Indians as equal citizens regardless of religion. Given their views on diversity and pluralism it was not surprising that they rejected the idea of a Hindu homeland. But there was also the matter of pragmatism. In the areas that the British partitioned in 1947, around 14.5 million people crossed the new borders to be with the religious majority. This mass migration, unparalleled in history, led to bloody riots in which at least two million people died. That more Muslims did not cross the borders to the newly created Pakistan was because they believed that India was not a Hindu homeland, there was a place for them here. Otherwise, millions more from all over India (and there were Muslims in most states, including the South) would have joined the exodus, which would surely have been accompanied by more bloodshed and more deaths. There were at least 35 million Muslims left in India at the time of Partition. Besides, our founders also realised that religion was not

enough to hold a multi-ethnic nation together. Pakistan split into two in 1971 and even now, Baluchis, Muhajirs and others complain about Punjabi domination of the country. So much for a religious homeland! And Gandhi and Nehru knew that India also had around 7 million Sikhs and 8 million Christians.

The only way the country could hold together was if every community was given a stake in the nation's future. By and large, our founders have been proven right. India has remained a democracy since 1947 though many other newly independent countries (including Pakistan and Bangladesh) have had spells of military rule. While we have not been entirely free from sectarian conflicts (the Christian Nagas tried to secede in the 1950s and 1960s, and Punjab was rocked by the Sikh secessionist Khalistan movement in the 1980s), these have been mostly limited and regional in scope. There has been no large-scale Muslim insurgency. (Kashmir may be an exception but the secessionist movement goes back to 1947 and has its roots in the state's troubled history.) One of our more remarkable triumphs is that relative peace and stability have endured since 1947 despite our failure to provide an equal share of resources or positions to every community in India. Even then, Indians have kept the faith. The Sachar

Committee found that Muslims lagged behind in many key areas. Their literacy rate (59 per cent) was below the national average (65 per cent). Though Muslims constitute around 14 per cent of the population, they are still vastly under-represented in the bureaucracy, in employment figures, among top industrial houses, etc. Despite all this (and despite the occasional communal riot) Muslims believe that they have a stake in India. For many years, we would boast that very few Indian Muslims joined al-Qaeda or other global terrorist organisations because they had been brought up in a peaceful secular tradition. (In contrast, a much higher proportion of Pakistanis became global terrorists.) So, secularism was not 'a favour' that Hindus did to Muslims. Even if you reject the ideological basis of a policy that has kept governance and religion separate, secularism also makes sense on a purely practical level.

It has kept India strong and stable and allowed it to progress. It is not a parallel I like to use but those of us who remember the havoc created by the Sikh militancy all over India in the 1980s recognise that just a small minority of violent extremists (Sikhs are around two percent of the population and only a tiny minority of Sikhs participated in the violence) can strike at the heart of India. What happens if 14 per cent of the population feels it has no stake in India or that the system is communally biased against it? At some level, BJP leaders recognise this. So, their rhetoric has been mostly limited to ending 'appeasement of Muslims' and stopping Muslim migrants from entering India illegally. When their moves have led to widespread protests (say, the CAA) the government has had to recalibrate its stand. No Muslim can be thrilled with the way things are in today's India. But most go about their lives as peacefully as they can, anyway. Over the last few months, however, that has changed.

 **Vir Sanghvi**

Letter to the Editor

Sudhamurty is the right person to be presidential candidate

Dear editor,

Sudhamurty, Social Worker, author, educator of Infosys Foundation, is the right Presidential Candidate who will be unanimously elected as President. She will work for the welfare of the common man and the betterment of society. Everyone will be happy to see her as President of the country.

 **Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao**

Visakhapatnam

Revisiting Park Bo-gum's Encounter with Song Hye-kyo



London, June 16 : There are some shows that start like a light breeze - something to while away the hours - but slowly evolve into a tornado of emotions that sucks you in. Park Bo-gum and Song Hye-kyo's *Encounter* is one of them, a saccharine yet absorbing tale of a man, falling in love with a woman much older than him - a CEO of a company, no less. It was interesting to see the roles reversed; in K-dramas it's usually the man in stiff coats and slick hairstyles looking down at the seemingly ordinary woman who is just a cog in the corporate machine. It's even more interesting to note that in the male-centric dramas, the male CEO don't face the flak for being in a relationship with a woman in the company, while she faces criticism. For a minute I wondered whether the pattern would be different here, ex-

cept Song Hye-kyo's character continued to face flak from everyone for 'dating a younger man', while Park Bo-gum was congratulated as if it was an important achievement. So all in all, the woman still suffers. Nevertheless, *Encounter* is aesthetically pleasing, and soothing in terms of its musical OSTs as well as the gentle chemistry between the charismatic leads. The story between two strangers begins in Cuba, with strong *Before Sunset* vibes, where the rather restrained Cha Soo-hyun is on a work vacation. After being robbed and losing her slippers, she runs into the free-spirited, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed Jin-hyuk and they spend a memorable evening together. As it's time to return to South Korea, as fate would have it, Jin-hyuk realises that he's going to be working as her subordinate. Slowly, they evolve from an uncertain more-than-friend-

ship bond to a close relationship in a rather wholesome manner - from indulging in ramen (the K-world's version of flirting), to hangover soups, and making sand-castles. No love story is without difficulties and evil people of course and it would be rather impossible to visualise a K-drama without the quintessential conniving villains. In this case, it happens to be Cha Soo-hyun's former mother-in-law, another prominent businesswoman. Evil is as evil does, and she is less than pleased about her ex-daughter-in-law's new flame. However, after a point her role in the story diminishes as the inner turmoil in Cha Soo-hyun herself begins to implode and she worries about what world is she dragging Jin-hyuk into. Nevertheless, after several tears, it's time for a happy reunion. The

story is quite basic, but it's the power of the leads that makes it an engrossing watch, with quiet, heart-ringing drama, juxtaposed with comforting musical South American instrumentals. *Encounter* is one of Park Bo-gum's best and most endearing performances, even more profound than *Record Of Youth*, because without seeming like the male manic pixie, he genuinely seemed to be like the person that you want to hang out with. He knows the best restaurants for food, and somehow always knows how to cheer up a person - you would want him around if you have a bad day. His vibrant personality served as a comforting balance to Song Hye-kyo's constraint - one of the few roles where she emoted with her eyes, rather than letting heavy exposition drive the narrative. One of the most memorable scenes of the show is when he sees Soo-hyun at his doorstep, as she had sacrificed an important

event that could put her in further trouble with her mother-in-law. Park Bo-gum's Jin-hyuk stands there looking rather gobsmacked. He manages to say, "I'm in trouble." There's something his countenance that pulls at heartstrings, and one fact is established, he's a wonderful crier (remorseless as that sounds). When their break-up occurs, he really convinces you of exhaustion, mixed with his frustration and anger. He masters the quivering of the lip, when he asks her rather brokenly, "Why are you abandoning me?" There's always been something devastatingly real about stressful scenes with Park Bo-gum; he just knows how to draw you into his world of heartbreak. *Encounter* is one of the most absorbing K-drama romances - strangely unpredictable at some points, you know what's going to happen next, but you're not quite entirely sure if you're right. A comfort to watch on bleary days.

Priyanka Chopra, Nick Jonas speaks on her daughter

Mumbai, June 16 : Actor-singer Nick Jonas praised wife Priyanka Chopra for being 'a rock' during the difficult first few weeks of their daughter Malti's life, and said that the reason they shared the experience on social media was to make others in similar situations feel like they aren't alone. Priyanka and Nick's baby daughter-Malti Marie Chopra Jonas-was born via surrogacy earlier this year, and spent over 100 days in the NICU before being brought home. "I think that what we shared on social media was just kinda the feeling that we had, the gratitude obviously to have our baby home. But also for each and every person that was part of her journey while in the hospital," Nick told People. Saying that he is 'grateful to have a teammate like Pri' on his side, Nick added, "It's eye opening in a lot of ways. And I think it was really important for us to just share that. And make sure that people know that whatever their journey is, whether it's something like we went through or diabetes or whatever challenges might come up, you're not alone." Nick is on the verge of embarking on



a world tour with the Jonas Brothers. He said that thanks to the changes in their personal lives, the band is 'in a better spot now' than it has ever been in. The Jonas Brothers experienced deep internal conflict when they announced that they were breaking up nearly a decade ago. They reunited in 2019. "It

made us all better people, I think, finding brilliant partners in life. [They] helped us all to be better versions of ourselves, because I think that's what they require of us," Nick said. "It's a beautiful thing to have been able to go on this journey over these last couple of years and mark them with the happiness that we've all felt at home."

Will The Deep get booted out of The Seven again?

London, June 16 : When Gossip Girl's Nate Archibald became The Boys' The Deep, his fans were in for a shock but two seasons later, actor Chace Crawford has managed to somehow make the unsavoury actions of his character a little palatable. His supe is still unredeemable, but the audience doesn't really mind chuckling at a few of his scenes. In a conversation with the media, Chace shared that it wasn't a conscious choice to make The Deep funny but the audience really responded to some of his scenes with an odd smile, which then became a part of his character. Talking about a specific scene from the previous season where The Deep is talking to a lobster in the grocery store, and then gets him killed,



Chace recalled that it was a "weird, grey area". "I don't think it was a choice. Him riding a whale is hilarious, I mean, obviously, you just can't win. People really responded to the grocery store (scene). It's weird. I mean it's like that grey area where he is this lovable

buffoon but he's also a narcissist so yeah," he said. The Deep was introduced as the supe who sexually harasses Starlight in the show's initial episodes. While he was on his own journey for a while, the man is just as self-centered and egotistical as before. In the new season,

The Deep has made it back to The Seven and is still bending over backwards to stay in the good books of Homelander. Chace shared that there isn't much scope for redemption for someone like The Deep and that is because "he is so self-serving, desperate to hang on to his identity of being in the Seven. He is willing to do whatever shitty thing it is that Homelander wants him to do. I think it's only

a matter of time before he messes things up again." The Deep has had his separate arc on the show. We saw him getting involved in the Church of the Collective, finding a wife for himself so his image could be restored and even trying to get A-Train to be a part of his group. Now, he is married to Cassandra, played by Katy Breier, who is playing him like a fiddle. Chace shared that the storyline between The Deep and Cassandra is headed towards a definite culmination but added that he found it "really funny". "I think just the whole concept of like an arranged marriage in the Church of the Collective, like Bachelor/Bachelorette style, was funny in itself," he said. Chace added that his character is still living with his "false confidence" and does not really recognise what his wife is doing. He signed off by saying that at some point, this illusion is going to break.

Varun Dhawan reveals directors list

Mumbai, June 16 : Varun Dhawan, who is currently busy with the promotions of *Jugjugg Jeeyo*, recently shared that he wants to work with SS Rajamouli. In an interview, Varun sheared that the RRR director was on the top of his list when it comes to collaborating with an Indian director. "Out of all the Indian directors, Rajamouli sir is at the top of the list. Then there are so many like Surinder Reddy is great, the director who made F3 (Anil Ravipudi) has got great comedy. The director of *Pushpa* (Sukumar) is amazing," he

told Pinkvilla. The actor also revealed that he was on the verge of collaborating with Alphonse Puthren for the Hindi remake of *Premam* but the project never materialised. Varun shared, "There was a film which I had actually loved at one point. It's a Malayalam film called *Premam*. It's such a beautiful film, it's directed by Alphonse Puthren and we were very close to actually doing that film. Me and Alphonse met. He's a superb guy but something happened, it could never materialise. I think there's tremendous talent over there (South) in makers

and writers and if a collaboration happens, it'll be great." Varun Dhawan also spoke about his upcoming films *Bhediya* and *Bawaal*. Sharing that he is choosing varied concepts, he said, "Jugjugg Jeeyo has comedy and it's a family film. *Bhediya* is extremely special. It's a passion project for me for Amar Kaushik (director) and Dinesh Vijan (producer)."

Shankar meets Rajinikanth to celebrate 15 years of Sivaji



Chennai, June 16 : Film-maker Shankar on Wednesday marked the 15th anniversary of *Sivaji: The Boss* by meeting the film's star Rajinikanth. He took to Twitter to share a glimpse of a moment from his meeting with the superstar. "Elated to have met our *Sivaji* the Boss @rajinikanth sir himself on this very memorable day marking 15 years of *Sivaji* Your Energy, Affection and Positive Aura made my day! (sic)," Shankar tweeted. Written and directed by Shankar, *Sivaji: The Boss* was released on June 10, 2007. The movie opened to a ground-shattering response across the country and it broke a

slew of box office records in its wake at the time. Not just in India, the film also saw a huge draw at the international box office. *Sivaji* is a vigilante drama, which was mounted on a huge scale.

The highlight of the movie was Rajinikanth's make-up, which made him ultra-stylish. There was also a song sequence which envisioned how Rajinikanth would have looked if he had

a fair skin tone. The film was cheeky and the producers had spent a fortune staging grand song sequences. The movie had played up all the strengths of Rajinikanth 10X over. *Sivaji* tells the story of a software engineer who returns to India to distribute the wealth he accumulated in the US, with his access on providing healthcare and education to poor people. However, the greedy corporates upend all his noble efforts and rob him of his wealth. He then turns into a vigilante who robs the rich of their ill-gotten wealth and spends that money on the welfare of the poor. The film also had Shriya Saran, Vivek, Suman, Manivannan and Raghuvaran among others.

Jamie Campbell Bower turned into villain Vecna

London, June 16 : *Stranger Things* Season 4 has finally revealed how the Upside Down was created, and the main villain of the show. No, it isn't the Mind Flayer or the Demogorgon. It is Vecna, played by Jamie Campbell Bower. The social media handle of *Stranger Things* on Wednesday released a video, where we see how a lanky looking Jamie turns into the demon from the other side. The man behind turning Jamie into Vecna is renowned prosthetic artist Barrie Gower, known for his work in *Game of Thrones*, *No Time to Die* and *Chernobyl*. In *Stranger Things*, he also did the prosthetic makeup for David Harbour (Jim Hopper) and Robert Englund (Victor Creel), a glimpse of which he shared on his Instagram handle. The man behind turning Jamie into Vecna is renowned prosthetic artist Barrie Gower, known for his work in *Game of Thrones*, *No Time to Die* and *Chernobyl*. In *Stranger Things*, he also did the prosthetic makeup for Jim Hopper and Victor Creel, a glimpse of which he shared on his Instagram handle. Throughout the fourth season of *Stranger Things*, the audience was made to believe that Jamie Campbell Bower, who portrayed One, a confidante of Eleven inside Doctor Brenner's laboratory, was also a captive.

Neetu Kapoor finds her 'chhoti Alia' on Dance Deewane Juniors

Mumbai, June 16 : Neetu Kapoor, who is currently judging *Dance Deewane Juniors* on Colors, is mighty impressed with contestant Riddhi. In the upcoming episode of the dance reality show, we will see Neetu indulge in some adorable

moments with the little girl, even calling her "chhoti Alia". In a promo shared by the social media handles of Colors, we see how Neetu pampers Riddhi, calling her cute. Going by Riddhi's attire, it looks like she'll be dancing on a song from *Alia*

starrer Gangubai Kathiawadi. Riddhi ki performance ne jeeta Neetu ji ka dil. Tune in to this weekend to watch her performance. *Alia* Bhatt tied the knot with Neetu Kapoor's son and actor Ranbir Kapoor on April 14 this year. Neetu recently

shared details about Ranbir-Alia's intimate nuptials. Speaking to Film Companion, the veteran actor said, "For the mehendi, there were only 20 people, and 7-8 friends. We did a surprise item for them and we did it in one

day-Dholida, Mehendi Hai Rache Wali and Tenu Leke. That was really too much fun." On the work front, while Neetu will return to the big screen with *Jugjugg Jeeyo* later this month, Ranbir and Alia will share screen space in *Brahmastra*.



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**Assam floods : Toll rises to 44 after**

Tripura and parts of Manipur to the rest of the country. District Disaster Management Authority officials said vehicular movement along the highway has been disrupted. "Efforts are on to clear the blocked route and necessary assistance is being provided to stranded passengers," the officials said. We request you to support our award-winning journalism by making a financial contribution towards the Scroll Ground Reporting Fund. The fund will ensure we can continue to ask the questions that need to be asked, investigate what needs to be uncovered, document what must not go unrecorded. After the massive flood and landslides in several districts of the state in May, Assam is once again hit by the incessant rainfall. Six people have died so far in landslides across Assam in the past three days. Two siblings, minors, were today buried alive in a landslide in Assam's Goalpara town after heavy rains triggered a landslide in the area. Their dead bodies have been recovered from the debris. The side walls of their house collapsed due to the landslide, burying the two minors alive under its debris. The State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) team in Goalpara has recovered their bodies. Six people have died so far in landslides across Assam in the past three days. The state has registered 44 deaths due to floods and landslides this year. Some parts of the National Highway 6 (NH06) under the Lumshong Police Station area of Meghalaya have caved in due to landslides triggered by incessant rains, officials said today. The Dima Hasao district of the state has been facing floods and landslides. While the district administration, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the State Public Works Department are engaged in the restoration works to repair the damaged roads in the district, rain waters have flooded many parts and have submerged the roads. Meanwhile, in the Tamulpur district, more than 7,000 people were affected after several villages here submerged in the flood waters. The water level of the rivers Borolia, Pagladiya, and Motonga rose due to the regular rain showers for the past couple of days. The weather office said that the ongoing spell of intense rainfall is likely to continue in the northeast and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim during the next five days. Some parts of the National Highway 6 (NH06) under Lumshong Police Station area of Meghalaya have caved in due to landslides triggered by incessant rains and only restricted movement along the highway, which connects Southern Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and parts of Manipur to the rest of the country. The flood situation in Assam has worsened further after heavy and incessant rainfall across the state in the past few days. According to an Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) report, over 18 districts in 37 revenue circles of the state are still reeling under flood waters. Around 74,116 people in 314 villages are still affected by the floods, as per the ASDMA report. On the other hand, a total of seven relief camps have been set up across the state where around 1,224 inmates are currently taking shelter. Further, three relief camps and five relief distribution centres have been set up in Guwahati. The flood affected districts are namely Bajali, Baksa, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Dima Hasao, Goalpara, Hojai, Kamrup, Kamrup (M), Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Nalbari, Tamulpur and Udalguri. Meanwhile, the Manas River is flowing above the danger level at National Highway Road-crossing in lower Assam. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel, deployed in the flood-affected areas are using boats to rescue people and offer relief materials to those still stuck in flooded homes.

'Stop Adani' Trends For Sri Lanka

panel that he was told by President Rajapaksa about PM Modi pressuring him to give the wind power project directly to the Adani group. President Rajapaksa strongly denied the claim. A day later, Mr Ferdinando retracted it. Suggests that the officer, while asking the Lankan Finance Ministry to fast-track approvals to the 500-megawatt renewable energy project in Mannar district, cited "directions by the (Lankan) Prime Minister" to recognise the Adani proposal as one from the Indian government to the Lanka government. The Adani group has said it is "disappointed" by the controversy. "Our intent in investing in Sri Lanka is to address the needs of a valued neighbour. As a responsible corporate, we see this as a necessary part of the partnership that our two nations have always shared. We are clearly disappointed by the detraction that seems to have come about. The fact is that the issue has already been addressed by and within the Sri Lankan Government," said a spokesperson of the group. India has not responded to the allegations or the letter.

150 Indian families residing outside

Latukandi, Jara Pata, Lafasail, Lamjuar, Mahishashan, Kournag, Deotali, and Jobainpur. Karimganj district administration recently issued letters to each family residing in these villages, asking them to appear before the deputy commissioner's office by June 30 with their documents. They also said the people can claim compensation if they appear within the stipulated time frame. Senior Assam government official Dev Gyanendra Tripathi on Wednesday conducted a meeting regarding this matter with representatives of various sections. He said the matter will be solved within this financial year and the government has two plans. "After the meeting, we realised that there are two options. We can make additional fencing and bring the villages inside, or we can ask these families to come inside the existing fencing. With the second option, we have to give them land to rehabilitate, which is easier for us," he said. Inspector General of BSF (Mizoram and Cachar Frontier) Mridul Kumar Sonowal in January said that they had sent a proposal to the central government to change the fencing line and bring these villages within Indian territory. "We can relocate the original fencing or there can be additional fencing which can protect these villagers. There are security issues because thousands of Indians are living beyond the fencing. The border in Bangladesh's side is open and this can lead to several criminal activities," Sonowal said. People living in these villages suffered scarcity of food and lack of proper medical facilities during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, but they were not allowed to enter inside India. BSF officials supplied them with medicines and some local NGOs provided them with food. In October last year, when there were communal tensions in Bangladesh during Durga Puja, people from these villages attempted to take shelter in places inside the fencing. There are also reports that some youths from these villages were arrested by Bangladesh police and one of them is still in the neighbouring country's prison. Makhan Namasudra, a resident of Gobindapur village, said that they are deprived of basic amenities such as education and health care. He said that there was a school in their village which continued providing basic education for 12 years, but the Assam government refused to provide grants. "We send our kids to Karimganj to attend schools but they won't get government jobs if we keep them in our village," he said. Like other families, Makhan has also recently received a notice from the Karimganj administration. "In the past, several attempts were made by the governments to relocate us, but they never offered us compensation. This time they are offering compensation but we want more security. If the government gives us land and a proper identity, everyone will agree to leave this area," he said.

Rahul Gandhi ED probe

to examine the incident. On the other hand, the Delhi police has denied Congress' allegations of thrashing its leaders and entering the party headquarters in Delhi. "We've examined complaint (by Congress against Delhi Police) alleging misbehaviour by police officials and entry into AICC office; nothing like that... Police tried to detain them from entrance..." Sagar Preet Hooda, Special CP (Law & Order) was quoted. Meanwhile, a delegation of Congress leaders will meet President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday, when Rahul Gandhi has to appear for the fourth day for questioning before the ED in a money laundering case, and submit a memorandum on the issue of entry of Delhi Police into party headquarters and "misbehaving" with party MPs.

Ambubachi Mela to be Celebrated

and will reopen on June 26. The temple authorities have issued certain guidelines to follow during the Ambubachi Mela. The temple authorities said that this time there won't be any provisions of food and lodging for the pilgrims who will come from other states. It further stated that the temporary stalls will remain closed in the Nilachal Hills during the four days of the Mela. The Ambubachi festival is celebrated during monsoon in the belief of Goddess Kamakhya going through her annual cycle of menstruation at this time. The temple is closed for three days beginning from the seventh day of the 'Ashadh' month of the Hindu calendar until the tenth day as part of traditional seclusion during menstruation. On the twelfth day, the doors are opened ceremonially and a big fair is held at the temple. It is believed that the fertility brought in by the Goddess will bless the devotees and nurture them.

CM Dr. Sarma holds interaction

Rs. 6000 crore projects for different power projects in the state. Moreover, on facilitation of land allotment for industrialization, land acquisition, rate fixation and compensation etc, DCs have been authorised to take decisions. On giving land from the land bank on lease to the prospective industrialists, the Industry Department can provide NoC without even going to Revenue Department and respective DCs. On conversion of land and setting up of CNG projects, Circle Officer and DC will have absolute power. He also said that for industrialization in the state an 'E.O.D.B' (Ease of Doing Business) portal will be created in the state. OIL, NRL, Assam Gas Company, BCPL, Shalimar, Dalmia Cement and host of other industrial units were present at the interactive programme. Industries and Commerce Minister Bimal Bora, Power, Mines and Minerals etc Minister Nandita Gorlosa, Adviser to the Government of Assam Education Dr. Nani Gopal Mahanta, senior officers of the government of Assam, leading industrialists were present at the programme. HM/SD/ June 16, 2022.

Assam Govt Targets to Generate 3000

of 2000 MW in next 4 years. We'll primarily emphasise on green energy," he added. He further said, "We have to get done a solar power project in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao district. I am not an adherent to doing hydropower projects here. There is no regular flow of water here that's why the Longnit project did not succeed. We have planned to do solar power projects in both hilly districts - Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao."

Incessant rain creates panic in Gossaigaon

Assam Rising, Gossaigaon, June 16: Incessant rains from the last few days has resulted in water logging in some of the areas of Gossaigaon Town and brought peoples life to a standstill and some taking shelter in a temporary camp erected at NH-31 (C) in Gossaigaon. The flood affected people made it known that due to incessant rain their houses submerged under water and this flash flood damaged their property leaving nowhere to go. People in the area like Jaynagar and in Habrubil have been spending a nightmare as water entered their houses. Gossaigaon Municipal Board also submerged under water due to the overflow of water from the river Modati. Social Worker William Narzary and Sub-divisional Civil Administration, Gossaigaon in its effort trying to shift the flood affected families from the National Highway Telipara to Uttarpara Bus Terminus citing that spending a miserable night at the National Highway may lead to untoward incident at any time.

Renuka Chowdhury holds cop by collar, 'DARE-DEVIL' act of Congress leader stirs BIG controversy

Hyderabad, June 16 : In an attempt to resist detention during the Congress party's protest over the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons to Rahul Gandhi, party leader and former union minister Renuka Chowdhury on Thursday held a policeman by his collar while being taken away by other police personnel in Hyderabad. Pictures released by news agency ANI show Chowdhury holding a cop by his collar during the protest. Chowdhury was also seen engaging in a heated argument with the policeman as she held his collar. Telangana Congress held a massive protest in Hyderabad today over the ED investigating Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case. Several Congress workers and leaders were detained by the police. Women police personnel then dragged the former union minister towards the police van. Congress had given a "Chalo Raj Bhavan" call and at Telangana's Raj Bhavan police detained several party workers who attempted to stage a protest there. Apart from Hyderabad, the Congress held protests in several parts of the country including Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan. A case was registered against former union minister and senior Congress leader Renuka Chowdhury at Panjagutta police station under section 353 IPC for holding the collar of a sub-inspector today afternoon during dharna to protest Ed questioning of Rahul Gandhi. While addressing the media, Chowdhury said, "I didn't assault. I've been booked, I'll face it. That's the law. I don't have anything against that young man. He never did anything to me. I was losing balance & I held on. If you move, I'll have to hold this to steady myself as we were being pushed & bullied from the back." Congress workers held a protest march in Bengaluru and Karnataka Congress chief DK Shivakumar, CLP leader Siddaramaiah and other leaders and workers of the party were detained by police during their protest in Bengaluru. "The protest is our right. We will fight for justice. They (ED) are not taking cases of any BJP leaders. They are harassing only Congress people," Karnataka Congress chief DK Shivakumar told. Bengaluru witnessed traffic snarls and an ambulance was seen stuck in the traffic. Bengaluru Police said the Congress protest was against the High Court's order. "High Court had earlier ordered that protests will not be held anywhere except Freedom Park. We conveyed it to them. They gave us in writing about protest but we rejected it. We conveyed it to them in the morning too. If they proceed, we will take them into preventive custody," Bheemashankar S Guled, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru East told. Meanwhile, Congress workers also held a protest in Chandigarh against the questioning of Rahul Gandhi by the ED.

**Flags off 'Apunar Jibon, Amar Sampad'- awareness campaign**

Assam Rising, Rangapara, June 16: Deputy Commissioner Deba Kumar Mishra today flagged off 'Apunar Jibon, Amar Sampad' - a 14-day door to door awareness campaign on Flood and Covid in Sonitpur district. ADC Romy Baruah, Circle Officer Tezpur, Pankaj Bora, Dy Director, Civil Defence, J. Deka, DPO, DDMA, P.P.Sarma, Civil Defence volunteers, gaon pradhans, ASHA workers, CQRT members were also present during the flag off ceremony. It may be noted that 'Apunar Jibon, Amar Sampad' is a pilot project initiated by Assam State Disaster Management Authority in eleven highly vulnerable Revenue Circles in the districts of Barpeta, Biswanath, Golaghat, Lakhimpur, Majuli and Sonitpur districts with the aim to increase awareness levels among the people about the safety precautions to be taken during floods and minimize the loss of human lives and increase awareness about Covid pandemic. Under this project, the activities conducted will include creating awareness among people to reduce the numbers of loss of lives during floods, especially among the children, create awareness among the people on flood safety and Covid protocols during the flood season, make the people aware about the Dos and Don'ts on preparedness for flood safety during Covid. The team of officials will also create awareness among the people through public announcements and direct communication with households to create an impact on safety during any disaster. It may be noted that 1795 households in 20 villages of Tezpur revenue circle under Sonitpur district will be covered under this campaign. Ten teams have been constituted to carry out the awareness campaign under Tezpur revenue circle.

Land erosion on Changlang road in AP

Assam Rising, Margherita, June 16: Changlang in Arunachal Pradesh is now isolated from the outside world. The landslide at 12 miles of the district has completely cut off communication from the outside world. The landslide occurred due to heavy rains last night. Traffic has been completely disrupted due to landslides at the site located about 35 km from Margherita. A large part of the national road has slipped into the ditch and is cracked for some distance. More portions of the road are likely to be broken at any moment.

AASAA, ATTSA stages protest in Margherita

Assam Rising, Margherita, Jun 16: The All Adivasi Students Association of Assam (AASAA) and the Assam Tea Tribe Students Association (ATTSA) jointly implemented a protest programme demanding the repair of the dilapidated road from Margherita to Deomali. The protest was organized by The Tinsukia District Committee of Aasaa, Margherita regional committee and Margherita regional committee of Assam Tea Tribe Students Association (ATTSA). The long-standing government and departmental authorities have not repaired and made it completely unfit for road traffic. There have also been several accidents on the road at different times due to the damaged roads. The leadership of the two student unions has called for early repairs to make the traffic system smooth. Otherwise both the student organizations shouted from the protest site that they would be forced to build a strong democratic protest in the coming days and the government administration will be a victim to any untoward situation arising out of this.

**One drowned to death in Tamulpur**

Assam Rising, Tamulpur, June 16: One person drowned to death at Bahbari village under Kumatikata Police Out Post in the district of Tamulpur. The deceased person is identified as Islam Ali (60) of Bahbari village in Tamulpur District. According to local people Islam came out from home to catch fish. But after some time some local persons found him floating on the water in a channel near by his home. Receiving the information a police team rushed to the spot and recovered the body of Islam Ali and arranged it for postmortem. Investigation is going on by Kumarikata police.

Assam police seized 4 kg Ganja in Chirang: held 3

Assam Rising, Chirang, June 16: Police raided Basugaon town in Chirang and arrested three ganja smuggling youths including a large quantity of ganja. Police from Basugaon police station raided a secret liquor pod in the evening and arrested three youths in suspicious condition from station road. Police seized a plastic bag from the custody of the detained youths. Police later recovered a ganja weighing four kilograms from inside the bag. The three detained Ganja traders are Robin Barman, Sudeep Barman and Biplab Dey respectively. The trio's houses are in Bilaspur and Bogulamari under Vidyapur sub police station in Bongaigaon district. The arrested trio came from Bilaspur to Sell ganja at Basugaon and fell into the police net of Basugaon police station. Police are continuing to inquire for more information.





Brendon McCullum keeps low profile but positivity rubs off on England

London, June 16 : Since stepping off a plane three weeks ago and heading straight into a media junket at Lord's, Brendon McCullum has opted to keep a pretty low profile. During the first two Tests of the summer the television cameras have regularly zoomed in on England's new head coach up on the balcony, shades on, feet up, arms folded, chewing gum like cud as doe-eyed players and support staff jostle for the neighbouring seat. But public utterances about the team's performances so far? Unusually, zero. It may be a consequence of his initial opponents. McCullum - aka Baz - is a proud New Zealander, boasting tattoos of a silver fern and his cap numbers if there was any doubt. After England

secured an unassailable 2-0 lead over his old team through Jonny Bairstow's display of shock and awe at Trent Bridge, wariness about the possible perception of him gloating back home would be understandable. But mainly McCullum's reasoning is said to be for Ben Stokes and the team to claim the spotlight after a win. He will face the music when they lose. Trevor Bayliss used reluctantly to fulfil his media obligations either way during his five years in the job but was cut from similar cloth. Once he halted a chat with Sky before it had started because the interviewer - Rob Key, as it happens - said he wanted to ask about his trophies as a head coach. "I've won nothing, mate, it's the players," Bayliss snapped

back. In the case of McCullum the upshot of all this is slightly ironic. As everyone tried to process England's mind-bending day-five pursuit of 299 runs in 72 overs, Bairstow having emerged after tea like Tony Montana at the end of Scarface to end it in just 50, the players were the ones to do the talking; they just did a lot of talking about him. "There's no doubt that Baz has had an impact already," said Stuart Broad, buzzing about a five-wicket win in what could be his final Test match on his home ground. "I'm extremely excited about what vision Ben and Brendon have," purred Bairstow, similarly, albeit swiftly moving to couch this with a reminder of the pandemic-related strains that scuppered their respective predecessors.

London, June 16 : Those who preside over the US Open have suggested golfers who have signed up for the rebel LIV Golf Series could be banned for future stagings of this major tournament. The former US Open champions Dustin Johnson, Martin Kaymer and Bryson DeChambeau are among those who have been banned by the PGA Tour after committing to the Saudi Arabia backed breakaway. The subject has dominated discussion in the lead-up to the third men's major of the year, at the Country Club in Brookline. The PGA Tour has no direct power over the US Open but relationships within golf's ecosystem are strong. When asked whether he can envisage a scenario in the future where the LIV group are blocked from US Open participation the USGA's chief executive, Mike Whan, said: "Yes." Asked to expand on this position, Whan said: "I just answered the question, 'Could I foresee a day? Yeah, I could foresee a day.' Do I know what that day looks like? No, I don't." To be honest with you, what we're talking about was different two years ago, and it was different two months ago than it is today. We've been doing this for 127 years, so I think the

three of us and everybody else that we work with need to take a long-term view of this and see where these things go so we're not going to be a kneejerk reaction to what we do." But the question was: 'Could you envision a day where it would be harder for some folks doing different things to get into a US Open?' I could. Will that be true? I don't know but I can definitely foresee that day." Whan revealed the USGA gave late consideration to preventing LIV golfers from playing in this 122nd staging of the US Open, but ultimately believed that unfair and impractical. "We ran this championship by asking ourselves, did those people disqualify themselves from the 2022 [US] Open? We believed the answer to that was no and that's the decision we made." I get it; it's a news story. We're not going to run away from the news story. We had to make some tough decisions that not everybody agrees with.



Where this will go, I don't know. "Those players who have formed part of the Saudi scheme have drawn sharp criticism from an organisation formed by the families of some of those killed in the 11 September atrocity. A letter, stating those players had "sold us out", was sent to the agents of Johnson, DeChambeau, Phil Mickelson, Patrick Reed and Kevin Na. All are in this US Open field." We

have complete support for the 9/11 families," Whan said. "Listen, we're all Americans, and if anybody doesn't remember that day, then shame on you. That's alive and well in my head. I remember where I was, what I was doing, who I was talking to when the first plane went in. We lost a couple of neighbours. But as it relates to the USGA and this championship, that was the decision we

had to make a week ago, and that's the decision we made." The R&A are fully expected to apply the same policy to those exempt for the Open Championship, which takes place next month in St Andrews. More interesting is what position the DP World Tour, formerly the European Tour, will take in respect of the Scottish Open. The DP World and PGA tours work in strategic alliance.

Danny Care urged to play his way into England's World Cup plans after recall



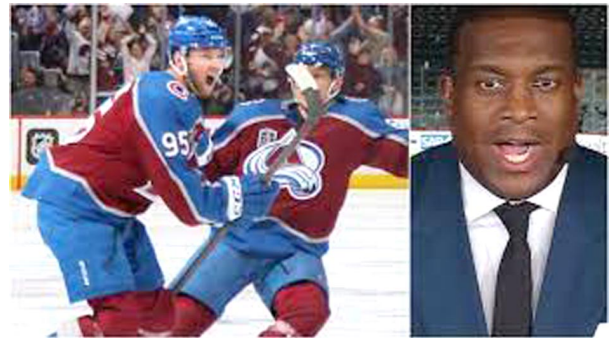
London, June 16 : Danny Care has been urged to play his way into England's World Cup plans next year after being called up this week for the first time in nearly four years. Care has returned to the squad in preparation for the annual fixture against the Barbarians on Sunday and the England assistant coach, Richard Cockerill, has challenged the scrum-half to seize his spot on the summer tour of Australia. The 35-year-old scrum-half has been out of the England picture since November 2018 against Japan and has been vocal in

his frustrations at being repeatedly overlooked despite his form for Harlequins. With Raffi Quirke injured and Ben Youngs unavailable with Leicester in the Premiership final, however, Eddie Jones has seen fit to call on Care this week. Care is competing with Harry Randall and Alex Mitchell for a place in the squad on Sunday while Leicester's Jack van Poortvliet will also come into the equation for the Australia series, but if Youngs does not feature in the touring party Care's experience - with 84

caps only Courtney Lawes has more in the current group - could work in his favour. "If he's playing well enough and he's playing better than anybody else, whether they're young or old, then he'll come into contention," Cockerill said. "World Cups are about having that balance - having enough caps of experience to be able to control and manage the pressure, but also having those young guys who are so hungry. That gives you that balance of experience, energy and enthusiasm. We need that balance in our group. I don't think age will be a barrier, whether young or old. Guys will be picked on how well they're playing." Of the Australia

tour, Cockerill said: "Everybody in this squad is in contention to go on tour. They have the opportunity on Sunday to put their hand up. There's no door closed. If people train well enough, play well enough and contribute to what we're doing then everybody is in the mix." Cockerill also delivered a positive update on Luke Cowan-Dickie, who has been with the squad in Bagshot this week as he continues his rehabilitation from a knee injury. Cowan-Dickie has not featured since sustaining the injury during the Six Nations and, with Jamie George on Saracens duty this weekend, Jones has three hookers with only nine caps between them to pick from.

Avs edge Lightning on Burakovsky's overtime goal to open Stanley Cup final



Colorado, June 16 : André Burakovsky scored 1:23 into overtime and the Colorado Avalanche opened the Stanley Cup final with a 4-3 victory over the two-time defending champion Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night. Burakovsky ended it after the Avalanche failed to score on a power play that began late in regulation when three-time champ Patrick Maroon put the puck over the glass. Burakovsky is one of only two Avalanche players who have won the Cup. The game likely wouldn't have even reached OT if not for big penalty kills by the Avalanche, who were 3 for 3 against Tampa Bay's potent power play. The final kill featured a crucial save by goaltender Darcy Kuemper and a series of clears by Norris Trophy finalist defenseman Cale Makar. An earlier kill built momentum for Colorado, which opened the scoring on captain Gabriel Landeskog's goal 40 seconds after Josh Manson's penalty expired. Manson - one of general manager Joe Sakic's expensive trade deadline pickups - more than made up for a holding the stick minor with some big hits. The Avalanche's other deadline acquisition also kept up his knack for scoring key goals. Artturi Lehkonen had their third goal of the first period after Valeri Nichushkin scored the second as part of a dominant performance all over the ice. Tampa Bay's latest additions also played a major role, with Nick Paul outracing Colorado defenseman Jack Johnson to a loose puck for a goal in the first that limited the damage and kept the defending champs in the game. Brandon Hagel, who has been banged up and was a question mark to play, got beaten to a loose puck by Landeskog, an uncharacteristic goal for reigning playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevski to give up by letting the initial shot sneak through under his left arm.

Rafiq welcomes chance of 'closure' after ECB charges in Yorkshire racism case

London, June 16 : Azeem Rafiq welcomed a step towards "some sense of closure for my family and me" after the England and Wales Cricket Board charged Yorkshire and "a number of individuals" with bringing the game into disrepute. The charges followed an investigation into allegations of racism at the club and of the club's own handling of those allegations. The ECB has declined to identify any of the individuals concerned, though the Guardian understands that in addition to the club seven people have so far been contacted, with further charges possible. Michael Vaughan, the former England captain, is understood to be one of those charged. Vaughan did not respond to the Guardian's request for comment and has always denied the allegations made against him by Rafiq. The investigation was launched



last November following Rafiq's appearance in front of the parliamentary digital, culture, media and sport select committee, and he has also been among those to provide evidence to the ECB. "This has been another gruelling but unfortunately necessary process," Rafiq said in a statement. "It has been a long two years since I went public about my experiences, but I hope this all means that no young player ever goes through such pain and

alienation again." Announcement of the charges coincided with David Willey, the captain of Yorkshire's Twenty20 team, revealing he has found the club's attempts to deal with the fallout of Rafiq's allegations so "unsettling" that he has decided to leave. The 32-year-old, who is in the Netherlands with England's white-ball side, said he was returning to Northamptonshire because the players at Headingley "seem to be secondary to repairing the club's

reputation." Willey wrote on Instagram: "The circumstances surrounding the recent events at the club have made my work environment unsettling. There are some fantastic players at Yorkshire and I hope the complications at the club will not take priority and overshadow their talents. The cricket and the current players seem to be secondary at the moment to repairing the club's reputation. It certainly felt that way for me over the past 12 months. I play cricket because I love the game. I just want to play somewhere that cricket is the focus and where I feel valued on and off the field."

Joseph O'Brien grabs Group One glory as jockey and now trainer at Royal Ascot



London, June 16 : Joseph O'Brien was still in the winner's enclosure talking to reporters after winning the Prince of Wales's Stakes with State Of Rest on Wednesday as the jockeys came out for the next race. "Thanks, Mickael," he said as Mickael Barzalona offered his congratulations, a reminder that O'Brien himself was in the weighing room and competing against many of this week's riders as recently

between 2017 to 2020, an Irish Derby and a St Leger have been among the major highlights - and O'Brien is still 11 months shy of his 30th birthday. State Of Rest's 5-1 victory here on Wednesday was another landmark, as O'Brien is the first person to ride and to train a Group One winner at Royal Ascot since the Pattern system was introduced in 1971. This was also his first winner at the meeting, after a run of 43 losers stretching back to 2016, and it arrived thanks to a pre-race plan to "uncomplicate things" according to Shane Crosbie, the winner's 20-year-old jockey, who executed to perfection. Shahryar, attempting to become Japan's first Royal winner, has made the running in the past but Cristian Demuro was happy to take a lead from State Of Rest as Crosbie set a steady pace through the first three-quarters of a mile.



London, June 16 : Gareth Southgate believes England's humiliating 4-0 home defeat by Hungary was a reminder of why he must not adopt an overly attack-minded gameplan. The manager, who has faced criticism for caution, made changes at the start of the second half with his team 1-0 down in the Nations League tie. Southgate switched from 4-3-3 to 3-5-2, with forward-thinking wing-backs in Reece James and Bukayo Saka, driving No 8s in

Conor Gallagher and Jude Bellingham, and Raheem Sterling on alongside Harry Kane up front. Southgate later replaced Gallagher with Mason Mount and Bellingham with Phil Foden. But England were taken apart by a well-organised, quick-transitioning Hungary to leave them bottom of Nations League Group A3 with two points from four matches and one goal. The mood outside the England camp has shifted sharply - the atmosphere at Molineux was toxic, with chants of "You don't know what you're doing" towards Southgate - and there are fears over how the end-of-season results and performances will affect the team's chances at the World Cup, which kicks off on 21 November. "I think some of the desire to see open

play ... we saw [against Hungary] that you've got to have the balance of a team right," Southgate said. "With a club, maybe if you're at the top and you've got a long time working with the players, you can play a more expansive game, although even the top teams are bloody good defensively." The idea that we can just play lots of attacking players and rely on talent to win matches - it's not the way it is. It was a reminder to myself in the second half that, OK, you go for a gamble to try to win the game because you think that's important. But what happened can happen." John Stones was sent off in the 82nd minute at 3-0 down and, shortly after, Southgate tried to guard against further damage by introducing Harry Maguire for Saka.

Outrage as report on Paris final policing links Hillsborough with hooliganism



Paris, June 16 : The French authorities deployed riot police in large numbers at the Champions League final in Paris apparently due to a mis-conceived association of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster with hooliganism, according to an official report produced for France's prime minister. The report by Michel Cadot, the French sports ministry's delegate on major sporting events, appears to confirm many Liverpool supporters' bleakest assumptions at the final, that the heavy-handed policing they suffered, including being teargassed, was informed by prejudice about their likely behaviour. Cadot's 30-page report, delivered on Friday to the office of the French prime minister, Elisabeth Borne, refers to Hillsborough in a section on police intelligence before the final on 28 May between Liverpool and Real Madrid. The section recognises first that Liverpool supporters have not been known for violence at matches. How-

ever, it then continues: "Reference to the Hillsborough tragedy in 1989 - 97 deaths - for which the responsibility of the [police] was pointed out, led however to the drawing up of a firm policing arrangement, to maintain order in riot gear, in order to be able to respond to a risk of collective phenomena of hooliganism and havoc, as had happened in Marseilles on 13 June 2016 during the England-Russia game." Bereaved Hillsborough families reacted with outrage and dismay to the report's association of the disaster, at the 1989 FA Cup semi final, with hooliganism, and the revelation that despite all the changes in football during the 33 years since, it was apparently still informing police perceptions and behaviour. After a 27-year campaign by bereaved families and survivors to legally establish the truth of how the disaster was caused, an inquest jury determined in 2016 that the 97 victims were unlawfully killed due to gross negligence manslaughter by the South Yorkshire police officer in command, Ch Supt David Duckenfield. The jury also determined that there

was no hooliganism, drunkenness, ticketlessness or any other alleged misbehaviour by Liverpool supporters that contributed to the disaster. Louise Brookes, whose brother Andrew, 26, was one of the 97 people killed, said of the report: "This is a total, outrageous failure to understand the disaster. And this prejudice, that Liverpool supporters are hooligans, based on a complete misunderstanding of something that happened 33 years ago, nearly caused another disaster in Paris, to a new generation of Liverpool fans." Cadot's report identified multiple failures in the management of the crowd at the Stade de France, where the kick-off was delayed for 36 minutes as thousands of supporters were held in static queues and many were teargassed by French police. However, his report maintains the allegation that very large numbers of Liverpool supporters with fake tickets were a substantial part of the problem. Borne is reported to have accepted Cadot's recommendations for improvement and asked for them to be implemented without delay. Steve Rotherham, mayor of Liverpool city region, who experienced the chaos in Paris, including being robbed, has described that allegation as a means of the French government deflecting blame and making scapegoats of supporters.

Mumbai, June 16 : A top Indian woman cyclist levelled serious charges of sexual harassment against national coach RK Sharma, leading to his dismissal, a former star has come forward to complain that she was "slapped" twice, "ridiculed" and "harassed" for years by the ex-coach and the team's assistant. Andaman's Deborah Herold, the current national champion and international gold medalist, told The Indian Express in an interview that she was removed from the national team because Sharma's assistant Gautamani Devi "thought" she was in a relationship with another female cyclist. Two current national team members told The Indian Express that they have communicated to the Sports Authority of India's Internal Complaints Committee, which is hearing the charges of sexual harassment against Sharma, that he and Devi "threatened and harassed" them "constantly for years", affecting their performance. Asked about the allegations, Devi told The Indian Express that she had only done whatever the Cycling Federation of India (CFI) had directed her to do. The CFI said Herold had never raised any allegation against Sharma and Devi earlier, and that the federa-

Cycling coach RK Sharma faces more heat: star cyclist Deborah Herold says he slapped, harassed her

tion acts "in accordance with its constitution and law of the land". Sharma did not respond to requests from The Indian Express seeking comment. Herold, who has been a part of the India set-up since 2012 and trained under Sharma since 2014, said she has been kept out of the team since 2018 despite being the country's fastest cyclist in the 200m sprint and 500m time trial events at the national championships since 2019. "She (Devi) thought I was in a relationship with another female cyclist, and harassed me a lot. She taunted, ignored and isolated me from the rest of the cyclists. Eventually, I was removed from the national camp. In truth, there was nothing like it... we are just good friends," she said. The 27-year-old said she was "shocked" to hear about the incidents described in the complaint made to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) by a top cyclist who alleged that Sharma forced her to stay in his room, offered her a "post-training massage", "forcefully" tried to pull her towards him, and asked her to "sleep with him" during a camp in Slovenia in May. Herold said the "toxic atmosphere" in the team under Sharma "did not allow our cyclists to perform to their potential". According to

Herold, she was singled out almost every day and was asked to stay away from other cyclists. "The assistant coach and the chief coach harassed us mentally. It affected me so much that I started losing weight because I couldn't eat properly... I was pulled up if I spoke with any teammate, male or female. If I bumped into someone in the dining room, I would be shouted at. It reached a stage where, on some days, I started eating (alone) in my hostel room. I was singled out and harassed for no fault of mine," she said. In the initial years of Sharma's stint as coach, Herold said, she had no problem. According to her, the first incident took place in 2015, when Sharma allegedly "slapped" her. "The AC in my (hostel) room was not working. So, I went to the room of one of the boys from Andaman on the floor above mine. Sir found out and slapped me - twice. I didn't think about it much back then and I do not think a lot about it now. Whatever happened, happened," she said. The mood in the team, Herold claimed, deteriorated further after the "arrival of Gautamani". She said the assistant coach "misunderstood" her friendship with another cyclist from Andaman. "But there was nothing like that. She was



also from Andaman so we naturally bonded well. I shared my experiences with her, trained together, and dreamt of winning medals for India and hopefully, competing at the Olympics. Over a period of time, our friendship became stronger.

ICC Rankings

Ishan Kishan enters top-10, jumps 68 spots to be placed seventh

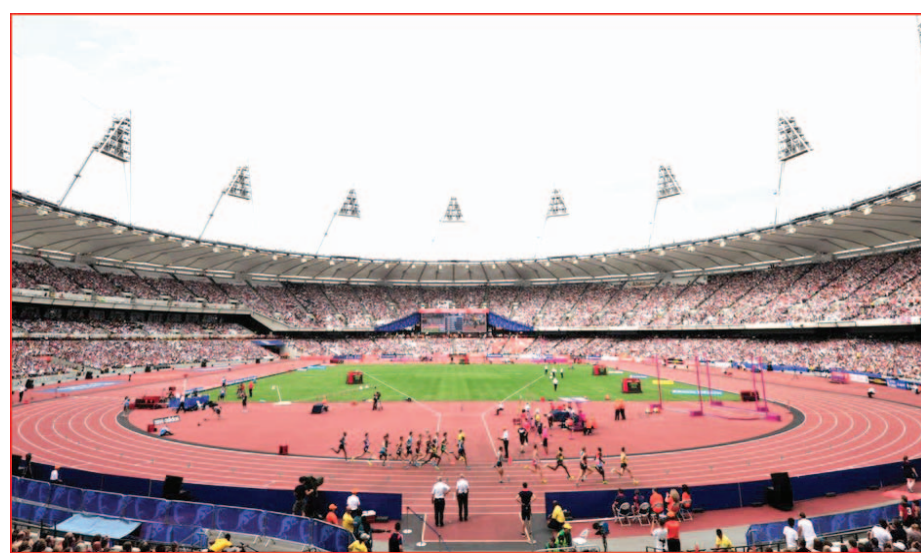
Dubai, June 16 : India opener Ishan Kishan climbed up 68 places to grab the seventh spot among batters, while the bowling duo of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Yuzvendra Chahal also made gains in the latest ICC T20 rankings released on Wednesday. Kishan, who has been one of India's consistent performers in the ongoing T20I home series against South Africa, aggregating 164 runs in three matches including two half-centuries, has made a massive jump to enter the top 10 among T20 batters. The 23-year-old is the lone Indian batter in the top 10 with KL Rahul occupying the 14 spot. Skipper Rohit Sharma and Shreyas Iyer have dropped a place each to 16th and 17th spots respectively, while Virat Kohli has slid two places to 21st. Australia's Josh Hazlewood has regained his number one spot among T20 bowlers, while Maheesh Theekshana of Sri Lanka is up 16 places to eighth in the list. In the Test rankings, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has moved a spot to third, behind compatriot Ravichandran Ashwin, who remains static on number two. Ravindra Jadeja and Ashwin, however, continue to occupy the top two spots in the all rounders' list. Rohit and Kohli retained their seventh and 10 spots respectively among batters while England's Joe Root is back at the top after smashing a second successive century in the ongoing ICC World Test Championship series against New Zealand. Root, who had reached within striking distance of Marcus Labuschagne after the first Test, has wrested back the top spot from the Australia batter, whom he now leads by five rating points. Root is on 897 points after his knock of 176 in the first innings of the Nottingham Test, 20 less than his highest of 917 points. Root first grabbed the number one position in August 2015 and was last at the top in December 2021 before Labuschagne leapfrogged him. He has been No.1 in Tests for 163 days so far.



'It would be bizarre': Coe warns against athletics quitting 2012 Olympic Stadium

London, June 16 : Sebastian Coe has warned that it would be "bizarre" for London to be without a world-class track and field venue amid reports that UK Athletics has been offered £15m to cut ties with the 2012 Olympic Stadium. In a notable intervention Lord Coe also hinted that, if UKA terminated its 50-year agreement with what is now known as the London Stadium, currently home to West Ham, it could make it harder for Britain to stage the World Athletics Championships in the future. "I'm very clear: we have to

maintain, we should maintain, a really world-class presence for track and field in London," said Coe, who chaired the 2012 Olympics organising committee and is now the president of World Athletics. "It would be bizarre not to. I want London to remain a stopping point for international athletics." Under the terms of UKA's current lease it has a one-month slot every year to stage athletics at the London Stadium. However, it costs £3m to convert the stadium and UKA, which is facing a financial squeeze, is in discussions with the London Legacy Development Corporation about terminating its



agreement early in exchange for a payoff. Such a move would allow West Ham to transform the stadium into a full-time football ground but would

raise serious questions about the 2012 Olympic legacy and - potentially - UKA's ability to attract major athletics events such as the world cham-

pionships. Sebastian Coe says of the London Stadium, which played host to the 2012 Olympics: "Of course it's a big asset." "World champion-

ships don't always go to capital cities," said Coe. "But I think we have to recognise that the quality, the natural assets, that London has in an Olympic stadium are still an attraction. We have member federations within minutes of the 2012 [championships], coming to me saying: 'Can't we just bring them back to London every two years?' So, it's a big asset. Of course it's a big asset." Insiders have played down the prospect of the Crystal Palace stadium being redeveloped as an athletics alternative to the London Stadium, with some saying it would cost £40m-£50m.

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