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Cattle heads rescued

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Guwahati, June 21 :

27 cattle heads were rescued in Assam's South Salmara-Mankachar District on Tuesday. According to reports, the cattle heads were seized from a motorboat near Indo-Bangladesh border. Police said that the cattle heads were supposed to be smuggled to Bangladesh. Last month, Assam police seized 45 cattle heads and arrested five alleged cattle smugglers in Nagaon district. Two trucks and two other vehicles were also seized in the operation, police said. The two trucks were intercepted in the Rupahihat police station area based on a tip-off. A total of 45 cattle heads were seized along with the trucks as no valid documents were produced for transportation of the cattle.

Anti-poaching camps

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

44 anti-poaching camps at Kaziranga National Park in Assam have been inundated due to floods. According to the park authorities, almost 18 percent of the park has been submerged under water due to the increasing flood in the area. The authority has informed that 44 out of 223 anti-poaching camps of the Park have been inundated by the flood waters of the Brahmaputra river, although the authority took proactive and adequate measures to protect the wild animals. Out of 44 camps, 14 are under the Agorotoli wildlife range, 8 under the Biswanath wildlife division, 6 under Kaziranga and Burapahar range, and 5 under the Bagoi range.

Girl found dead

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

A minor girl, who went missing after she jumped into a river in Assam's Dhubri district, was found dead on Tuesday afternoon. According to sources, the body of the girl was recovered from the north side of Gadadhar river, just a kilometer away from where she jumped. On June 19, the deceased, identified as Shivani Rai, jumped into Gadadhar river from a bridge in Tamarhat, after which she went missing. It is suspected that the girl has committed suicide, police said, adding that efforts were on to trace her. Shivani was a student of class 10.

Assam flood : Death toll crosses 81, heavy rainfall alert issued for Guwahati



Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

Flood barricades put up on a waterlogged street after heavy rainfall at Kalita Kuchi in Assam's Kamrup district. Amid the worsening flood and landslide situation in Assam, the death toll crossed 80 on Tuesday while 34 districts continued to reel under their impact, affecting 47,72,140 people in the last 24 hours. The floods claimed 10 more lives, including two policemen, while 2,31,819 were sheltered in relief camps during the last 24 hrs in the state,

according to the State Disaster Management Authority. A police officer and a constable were swept away by the raging currents of the Kopili River while they were trying to rescue marooned people stuck in floods. The water in five rivers - Brahmaputra, Kopili, Beki, Pagladiya, Puthimari - is flowing above the danger level at several places. Four units of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), a total of 105 personnel, with modern life-saving equipment, were dispatched on Tuesday to carry out rescue operations in the Barak Valley. 4 units

of @NDRFHQ, total 105 personnel/rescuers, with modern life saving equipment, are reaching Silchar at 1130 AM today from Bhubaneswar to carry out rescue operations in Barak valley. Grateful to Honble HM @AmitShah for such prompt action and help. pic.twitter.com/f116QIWscAssam CM

Himanta Biswa Sarma took to Twitter to thank Home Minister Amit Shah for the prompt action. He wrote, "Grateful to Honble HM @AmitShah for such prompt action and help." The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for rainfall in Guwahati, predicting that the city and its nearby areas are likely to witness heavy rainfall today. IMD wrote, "Thunderstorm activity accompanied by isolated heavy showers is likely to continue over North, Central & East India during the next 2 days." "iii) Thunderstorm activity accompanied by isolated heavy showers likely to continue over North, Central & East India during next 2 days. Assam's flood situation turned critical after 10 more flood-related deaths were reported on Monday that has taken the toll to 81

on Monday even as the state government requisitioned IAF to airlift petrol, diesel and geo bags to Barak valley, which remains cut off from rest of the state due to flood and rampant landslides at multiple locations. Seven other persons have been reported missing in the flood. According to Assam Disaster Management Authority, over five lakh more people were affected since Sunday which has pushed the number of total affected people to over 47 lakh. Over 23 lakh flood-hit people are currently taking shelter in 810 temporary relief camps. Among the dead are the officer in-charge, Samujal Kakoti and a constable Rajiv Bordoloi of Kamrup police station in Nagaon district, who drowned after being

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Assam CM attends 8th International Day of Yoga

Yoga is an integral part of ancient Indian tradition: CM



Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

Assam also joins in celebrating the 8th International Day of Yoga, as Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the state programme of the celebrations, organised by the Directorate of AYUSH and National AYUSH Mission in association with

Dibrugarh District Administration in Dibrugarh today. The Chief Minister also took part in a yoga session organised on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that yoga is an indispensable part of ancient Indian tradition. Referring to Prime Minister

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IMCT To Visit Flood-Hit Areas in Assam & Meghalaya: Amit Shah

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) will visit the flood-affected areas of Assam and Meghalaya to assess the damage. This was announced by the home minister through a tweet. "An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) will visit the flood-affected areas of Assam and Meghalaya to assess the damages. After the earlier spell of floods, an IMCT visited the affected areas of Assam from 26 May to 29 May, 2022," the home minister wrote in his tweet. Shah also spoke to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to review the situation and assured every possible help. "Spoke to CM Assam Shri @himantabiswa and



nearly 42 lakh people in over 30 districts affected by it. The toll in the ongoing flood and landslides in Assam crossed 70 on Monday, with the dead including two policemen. One of the officer in-charge of a police station in Nagaon district had gone to help marooned people but was swept away. Nearly half of the 42 lakh people impacted

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International day of Yoga celebrated in Raj Bhavan

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

Guwahati, June 21: With the rest of the nation, Raj Bhavan, Assam too celebrated International Day of Yoga at its premises today to promote yoga for humanity. Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi along with the First Lady Prem of Assam Mukhi along with Raj Bhavan officials and yoga enthusiasts from dif-



ferent organizations took active part in it. Speaking

on the occasion Governor Prof Mukhi said, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition which our Prime Minister Narendra Modi spearheaded to make it a global phenomenon. Yoga has always been India's unique way to remain fit. It has immense potential in enhancing the physical and mental well-being of humankind, making

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Presidential Election

Yashwant Sinha announced as Opposition candidate



New Delhi, June 21 :

Senior TMC leader Yashwant Sinha has been announced as the Opposition candidate for Presidential elections 2022. Opposition leaders, who gathered

at the Parliament annexe for the meeting convened by NCP chief Sharad Pawar to decide on a consensus candidate for the presidential election, agreed on Sinha's name, they said. An announcement to this effect is likely to be made soon, they said. Sinha's name came up after Pawar, Gopal Krishna Gandhi and Farooq Abdullah opted out of the race. The parties that attended the meeting include the Congress, NCP, TMC, CPI, CPI-M, Samajwadi Party, National Conference, AIMIM, RJD

and AIUDF. Congress' Mallikarjun Kharge and Jairam Ramesh, TMC's Abhishek Banerjee, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, CPI-M's Sitaram Yechury and CPI's D Raja were among those who participated in the meeting. Five regional parties

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'Yog not only a part of life, but is now way of life', says PM Modi

New Delhi, June 21 :



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday (June 21) led the main event of the International Yoga Day 2022 in the backdrop of the iconic Mysuru Palace and said that "Yog is

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tion programme at New Delhi on Tuesday demanding flood relief fund from the Centre. The Congress leaders including state President Bhupen Borah staged the protest in front of All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarter in Delhi. The protestors alleged that the state government was not prepared for flood management system.

"The Chief Minister scolded the Deputy Commissioners on camera was just for TRP. The chief minister should make public the list of funds released for the flood-affected districts,"

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Dalai Lama Assures Help to Flood-Hit Assam

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21 :

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on Tuesday vowed to make a donation to flood-ravaged Assam "as a mark of my solidarity" with the people of the state. In a letter to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Dalai Lama expressed concern about the unprecedented rainfall and flooding in the state, leading to extensive loss of lives, displacing millions of people and devastation of property. "It is most unfortunate that the monsoon rains in Assam and other parts of

India seem to wreak havoc year after year. I would like to express my sadness about the hardship caused to so many people in your state due to the recent floods. I offer my deep condolences to you, to the families who have lost loved ones, and to everyone affected by the flooding," he said in the letter. The Tibetan leader appreciated the efforts of the agencies involved in rescue and relief operations, who he said are "doing everything they can to rescue those affected and provide them with relief". "As a mark of my solidarity with the people of Assam, I am making a do-

nation from the Gaden Phodrang Trust of the Dalai Lama to support those efforts," he said in his letter. The northeastern state has been reeling under devastating floods over the last one week, impacting 47,72,140 people in 32 of the 36 districts. The fresh fatalities have pushed the toll in this year's floods and landslides in Assam to 82. People living in Assam, in north-east India, are usually stoical about the flooding that occurs to a greater or lesser extent every monsoon season. But this year they say the situation is dramatically worse. "It was like a scene from Titanic," one



man told local media of the rising waters that have flooded all but two of the state's districts. In some places entire villages are under water, while across the state 114,000 hectares

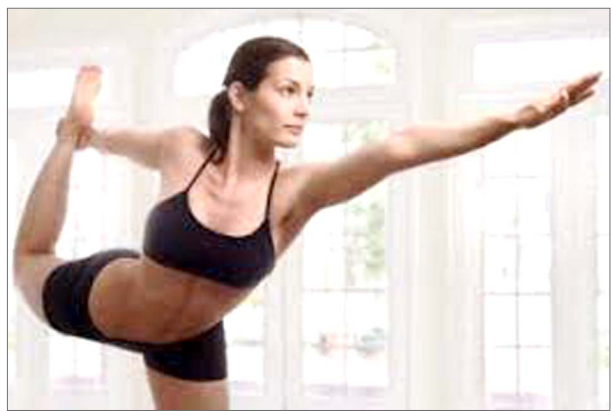
of crops have been submerged and 5,000 livestock have been washed away. For those that remain, fodder is running

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CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma is visiting flood affected areas of Nalbari & Kamrup district on June 21.

Balancing on one leg may be useful health test in later life, research suggests



London, June 21 : If you have difficulty standing on one leg, it could be a sign of something more serious than overdoing it at the office summer drinks party. Middle-aged and elderly people who cannot balance on one leg for 10 seconds are almost twice as likely to die within 10 years than those who can, research suggests. How well a person can balance can offer an insight into their health. Previous research, for instance, indicates that an inability to balance on one leg is linked to a greater risk of stroke. People with poor balance have also been found to perform worse in tests of mental decline, suggesting a link with dementia. Now an international group of experts from the UK, US, Australia, Finland and Brazil have completed a first-of-its-kind,

12-year study examining the relationship between balance and mortality. Although the research was observational and cannot establish cause, its findings were striking. An inability to stand on one leg for 10 seconds in middle to later life is linked to a near doubling in the risk of death from any cause within the next 10 years. The results were published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine. The findings are so stark that the researchers, led by Dr Claudio Gil Araujo of the Clinimex exercise medicine clinic in Rio de Janeiro, suggest a balance test should be included in routine health checks for older people. Unlike

aerobic fitness, muscle strength and flexibility, balance tends to be well preserved until the sixth decade of life, when it starts to wane relatively rapidly. However, balance assessment typically is not included in health checks of middle-aged and older people, possibly because there is no standardised test for it. Until now there had been little hard data linking balance to clinical outcomes other than falls. A total of 1,702 people aged between 51 and 75 and with stable gait were followed between 2008 and 2020 for the study. At the start, participants were asked to stand on one leg for 10 seconds without any additional support. To standardise the test, participants were asked to place the front of their free foot on the back of the opposite lower leg while keeping their arms by their sides and their gaze fixed straight ahead. Up to three attempts on either foot were allowed. One in five (21%) failed the test. Over the next decade, 123 died of various causes. After accounting for age, sex, and underlying conditions, an inability to stand unsupported on one leg for 10 seconds was

associated with an 84% heightened risk of death from any cause. The researchers said the study had limitations, including that the participants were all white Brazilians, which means the findings may not be more widely applicable to other ethnicities and nations. Nevertheless, the researchers concluded that the 10-second balance test "provides rapid and objective feedback for the patient and health professionals regarding static balance" and "adds useful information regarding mortality risk in middle-aged and older men and women".



Participants take part in a yoga performance in Lahore, Pakistan

Cross-voting in MLC polls

Uddhav Thackeray calls emergency meeting of all Shiv Sena MLAs



Mumbai, June 21 : After suspected cross-voting in Maharashtra MLC elections, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has called an urgent meeting of all Shiv Sena MLAs on Tuesday. According to sources, all MLAs have been strictly asked to remain present in the meeting. Meanwhile, Bal Thackeray loyalist Eknath Shinde will be addressing a press conference in Surat today at noon. Maha Vikas Aghadi candidate from Congress Chandrakant Handore had lost in the MLC polls. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) bagged five seats, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Shiv Sena won two each

while Congress was able to clinch one seat out of the total 10 seats in Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) that went to polls on Monday. Taking to Twitter, BJP leader Kirit Somaiya said, "Maharashtra Vidhan Parishad election results - Shiv Sena (Mafia Sena) got 52 votes, 12 MLC's revolted (55 Shiv Sena + 9 supporters = 64) Uddhav Thackeray's Mafia Sarkar's count down started." As many as eleven candidates were in the fray for the elections to the ten seats in the MLC. All the five candidates of the BJP -- Pravin Darekar, Ram Shinde, Shrikant Bharatiya, Uma Khapre and Prasad Lad emerged victorious. NCP candidates -- Ramraje Nimbalkar and Eknath Khadse -- and the Shiv Sena nominees - Aamshya Padavi and Sachin Ahir also secured their seats. Of the two candidates fielded by Congress, Bhai Jagtap secured the win while Chandrakant Handore lost. BJP's winning candidate claimed that cross-voting happened among members of Shiv Sena and Congress. "We are very happy. Maharashtra has shown faith in the BJP. Cross-voting happened among members of Shiv Sena and Congress. Otherwise, we would not have received so many votes. BJP will get more victory and receive 134 votes," said BJP leader Pravin Darekar. He further said that independent MLAs have shown their dissatisfaction with the state government. "We got 134 votes and this is the answer to all those who questioned what Devendra Fadnis can do? Devendra Fadnis is the only leader who can lead, which all the three parties could not do. Devendra has done it, the government cannot do anything and dissatisfaction has been shown against the government, independent MLAs have shown their dissatisfaction against the state government. We have proved this in the poll result," he said. Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam had pointed out that Handore was lost due to "internal sabotage". "It is really unfortunate that a Dalit

council elections at Vidhan Bhawan in Mumbai on Monday. The BJP has 106 MLAs, Shiv Sena 56, NCP 53 and Congress has 44 MLAs. A total of 285 members cast their votes in the MLC polls. Former Home Ministers Anil Deshmukh and Nawab Malik, who are in judicial custody in money-laundering cases were not allowed to vote.

France: parties reject Mélenchon's call to form opposition bloc



Paris, June 21 : An alliance of France's leftwing and Green parties led by the hard-left Jean-Luc Mélenchon has rejected calls to form a single parliamentary bloc less than 24 hours after it won the second largest number of seats in legislative elections. The split came as the French president, Emmanuel Macron, held talks with members of his centre-right party over how to form a government after it unexpectedly lost its absolute majority in Sunday's second-

round vote. It emerged on Monday evening that Macron has invited opposition party leaders including Mélenchon and Marine Le Pen for talks at the Élysée Palace. "Since there is no majority, the question of how to carry out the necessary reforms for the country is posed," a presidential source told French journalists. "That is why there will be meetings with the political groups." The aim of the meetings was "dialogue and exchange for the greater good of the nation"

and to find solutions to the political stalemate created by Macron losing his absolute majority in parliament. "As the guarantor of the institutions of state, the president of the republic is determined to act in the interest of the French people, as the custodian of the mandate they have given him," the source added. It was unclear whether the reported disintegration of La Nouvelle Union Populaire, Ecologique et Sociale (Nupes - the New Popular Ecological and Social Union) would help or hinder the president, who now faces having to negotiate alliances and compromises to push through any legislation during his second term in office.

US ban on cotton from forced Uyghur labour comes into force

Washington, June 21 : The fashion industry has been told it must wean itself off cotton from China's Xinjiang region, as a new law comes into force giving US border authorities greater powers to block or seize goods linked to forced labour in China. The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), which comes into force today, assumes that any product partly or wholly made in Xinjiang, north-west China, is linked to the region's labour camps. Since 2017, the Chinese authorities have detained as many as one million Uyghurs and subjected them to forced labour. The fashion industry will be

particularly affected by the new law. About 20% of the world's cotton comes from China, and 84% of that comes from Xinjiang. The UFLPA has designated cotton a "high priority for enforcement", along with tomatoes and polysilicon. Any British or EU fashion brand exporting to the US will also be subject to it, and failure to provide adequate certification or supply-chain details may result in fines of up to \$250,000 (£205,000). However, the ban poses big problems for the industry. Liv Simpliciano of Fashion Revolution said Xinjiang cotton is ubiquitous in supply chains. "The difficulty is that at the ginning stage [when fibres are separated from their

seeds], cotton from disparate locations is mixed together, making it impossible to trace the provenance," she said. A number of technology companies, among them TruTrace, SupplyShift and TextileGenesis, plan to use blockchain and artificial intelligence to trace supply chains for fashion labels. Brands can use the platforms to log all their purchase orders and certifications. In order to prove conclusively an absence of Xinjiang cotton, brands would need to show a "complete digital chain of custody", said Shameek Ghosh, chief executive of TruTrace - "where a brand is fully in control of its supply chain from the farm onwards".



Papua New Guinea (PNG) Prime Minister James Marape (R, front) and Chinese Ambassador to PNG Zeng Fanhua (L, front) attend the handover ceremony of the newly built provincial hospital in Enga

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I, Labanya Bangthai (Existing name of spouse as per change of next of kin (record/service document) spouse of Ex - No 14553724X Rank - NK Name Rakheswar Bangthai presently residing at Vill - Garmari Gaon, P O - Sarubori, P S - Morigaon, Dist Morigaon, State - Assam, PIN 782105 (Address) have Changed my name from Labanya Bangthai (Existing Name of spouse as per change of Next of kin in Record/ Service Documents) to LABANYA BORDOLOI (Proposed/adopted name) vide Affidavit dated 13th June 2022, sworn before Nagaon (Assam) Addi. District Magistrate Nagaon Court.

MISSING INFORMATION



The above is photograph of Smt. Debika Hasda (25 Yrs), W/O. Sri Karuna Tudu, Vill- Bhoiraguri, PS - Udalguri, District- Udalguri who has been missing since- 07/06/2022 from Bhoiraguri .

This refers to Mazbat PS GDE No- 264 Dtd; 13/06/2022 and this office Man Missing Register Entry No. 56 Dtd. 16/06/2022.

Descriptive Roll of the Missing Person :

1. Complexion	-	Fair
2. Age	-	25 Years
3. Built	-	Slim
4. Height	-	5 Feet
5. L/ Known	-	Assamese & Adivasi
6. Wearing apparel	-	Mekhela & Sadar

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

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Superintendent of Police,
Udalguri, Assam

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VIVA-VOCE FORENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL STAFF

Applications are invited in a Standard Form of application for engagement on contractual basis for the following posts under Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0.

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Age limit	Qualification	Experience	Remuneration Per month (in Rs.)
1	Data Entry Operator	1 No.	25 - 40 years as on 01-01-2022	Graduate in any discipline from a recognized University. Minimum (one) year Diploma/ Certificate in computer application from recognized Institute.	Minimum 2 (Two) years experience in data entry, MIS related works in any Govt./Semi Govt. office/ Department/ Organization or PSUs.	18,000/-

Venue : Office of the Range Officer, Goalpara Soil Conservation Range, Azad Nagar, P.O. Baladmari, Ward no. 19, Pin-783121, Goalpara District.
Date : 06-07-2022

Reporting Time : 9:30 AM

Terms and Conditions:

- Interested candidates may appear before the Selection Committee with all original documents, all relevant testimonials (self attested copies of Age Proof Certificate, Pass Certificate, Mark Sheets, Experience Certificates, two copies of recent passport size photographs etc.) including one filled up standard form of application on the date of Interview.
- Selected candidate in the interview will be made through email/Contact Number.
- No TA/DA shall be paid to the candidates for attending the interview.
- At any stage of recruitment, if it is found that the candidate does not fulfil the eligibility criteria and/ or that he/she has furnished incorrect/ false information/ certificates/ documents, his/ her candidature/ appointment will stand cancelled and necessary legal action will be initiated.
- The decision of the Selection Committee in any matter related to the recruitment at any stage of the recruitment process will be final and binding upon the candidates.
- The Selection Committee may prepare waiting list of suitable candidates, which would remain valid for 6 months from the date of declaration of result.
- The engagement is purely contractual and coterminous with the end of the programme with no provision of regularization.
- Initially the engagement will be made for 11 (eleven) months which may be extended subject to the satisfactory performance.
- The candidates selected for engagement shall have to sign an Agreement with **The Project Manager, WDC, Goalpara, WDC-PMKSY 2.0 & Divisional Officer, South Bank Soil Conservation Division, Guwahati-5.**

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Project Manager
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Divisional Officer
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Guwahati

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International Yoga Day observed in North Lakhimpur on June 21.

Flood affect 172 villages in Lakhimpur

Assam Rising
Lakhimpur, June 21: flood situation in Lakhimpur district has worsened due to rolling of over main dam of the subansiri lower hydro electric project bring constructed by NHPC limited at gerukamukh, continuous release of excess water from pare hydroelectric project located at doimukh of Arunachal Pradesh through river dikrong and from rangnadi hydro electric plant located at yazali of the same state through river rangnadi by NEEPCO and rising level of other major

ivers of district, the flood situation of Lakhimpur has worsened. The second wave of flash flood of the year in the districts hits a total of 172 revenue village under North Lakhimpur, Naoboicha, Bihpuria, Narayanpur, subansiri, dhakuakhana and kadam revenue circle. Only flash flood caused by river subansiri due to over flowing water over the main dam of subansiri lower hydro electric project has affected more than 60 villages under north Lakhimpur Bihpuria naryanpur revenue circle. at

present 52 villages under north Lakhimpur revenue circle, 17 villages under Naryanpur revenue circle have been reeling under flood similarly river dikrong and other river has affected 38 villages under Bihpuria revenue circle. flash flood caused by the rivers rangnadi and shingra has inundated 44 villages under naoboicha revenue circle, river kakoi and river subansiri has inundated 11 villages under kadam revenue circle including bodhakora area. on the other hand 7 villages under

dhakuakhana revenue circle and 3 villages under subansiri revenue circle have reeling under flood. The present wave of flash flood has hits 1,16,601 people, 1832.95 hectares of crop area, 44,537 animals, damage of various infrastructure, including roads, dykes, residential houses has been reported from flood affected areas. on the other hand NEEPCO has continuously releasing additional water from pare hydro electric project through river dikrong and from rangnadi hydro electric plant through river rangnadi till date.

BSNL celebrated International Day of Yoga-2022

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21: The 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) was celebrated on June 21 with full enthusiasm and vigor, in a colorful program jointly organized by the Department of Telecommunications – Assam Licensed Ser-

vice Area and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), at Yoga Hall, BSNL Bhawan, Pan bazar, Guwahati. The program was attended by more than 150 participants, which included the officers and staff of all units of DoT- LSA, CCA, BSNL, BBNL and WMO, including their family members. The core purpose of IDY is to create mass awareness regarding the Health Benefits of Yoga for the people. Over the years, IDY has become a mass movement for good health. The 8th edition of International Day of Yoga (IDY-2022) was promoted through multiple programs by the Ministry of Ayush with the theme 'Yoga for Humanity'. The main event of the IDY-2022 was organized at Mysore, Karnataka under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In addition, various ministries of Govt of India organized



the program simultaneously at 75 iconic locations across the country. Under the Ministry of Communications, Union Minister of Communications, Ashwini Vaishnaw and Union Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan led the event at Konark, Orissa and Dholavira, Gujarat, respectively. The live streaming of the events was witnessed live by all

participants on large LED screens inside the Yoga Hall at BSNL Bhawan. This was followed by the common Yoga protocol which was practiced by all participants under the guidance of Yoga Guru, Sadanand Mishra. The participants pledged to adopt Yoga in their daily routine for physical and mental fitness. The program concluded with the National Anthem. The program was presided by C.P.

Samant, Sr.DDG, Assam LSA. A.K. Pahi, CGM BSNL was the Chief Guest of the event. The event was also graced by Sandipta Pahi, President, Telecom Women Welfare Organisation (TWWO), Assam, G.G. Shabong, CCA, Assam, along with other senior officers of LSA, BSNL, BBNL and WMO Assam Circle. Saurav Borgohain, PRO to CGMT, BSNL also took active part in successful conduction of the event.

International Yoga Day observed at LCC

Assam Rising
North Lakhimpur, June 21: International Yoga Day was observed today at Lakhimpur Commerce College, North Lakhimpur along with the rest of the world. On this occasion, a yoga session was organized by the Women Cell of Assam College Teachers Association (ACTA) Unit of the college, Mental and Physical Wellness Cell, NSS unit and Alumni Cell of the college in association with Vivekananda Kendra, North Lakhimpur. The yoga session was inaugurated by



Dr. Lohit Hazarika, Principal of the college. In his inaugural speech, Dr. Hazarika spoke

about "Yoga for Humanity", the theme of this year's International Yoga Day. Stu-

dents and teachers from the college participated in the yoga session which was conducted by Dr. Biren Kalita, retired professor of Hindi Department and an official from the Vivekananda Kendra, North Lakhimpur and Indreswar Bora, director of NE Yogashan Kendra. Karuna Chawra, a student of the college also conducted the yoga session among the students on the occasion. The yoga day event was co-ordinated by Dr. Manjuman Saikia, Dr. Harini Patowary Das, Dr. Rupjyoti Bhattacharjee and Bahnisikha Bordoloi.

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21: Yoga is an invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition which embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action, restraint and fulfilment, harmony between man and nature and a holistic approach to health and well-being. Under the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the United Nation declared the 21st June as International Day of Yoga. With the theme "Yoga for Humanity" for the year 2022, the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) an autonomous organiza-



tion of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India observed 8th In-

ternational Day of Yoga at its campus today. Various activities like Yoga session, discussion on the Impor-

rance of Yoga and its Significance, awareness building exercise like display of banner and poster amongst the IIE staff and family members were initiated. 128 Van DhanVikas Kendra Clusters of Assam under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) Project of which IIE is the resource agency has also observed 8th International Yoga Day today.

Yoga Day Celebrated in Golaghat

Assam Rising, Golaghat, June 21: International Day of Yoga was celebrated in Golaghat today by the district administration in association with National Ayush Mission, Golaghat at Golaghat Indoor Cricket Stadium with the theme of "Yoga For Humanity". State minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary etc Atul Bora inaugurated the programme & took part in the Yoga session given by chief Yoga trainer Dipak Gogoi & his team. Deputy Commissioner of Golaghat Mrigesh Narayan Borua, Orpah Baglary, DDC Golaghat, Sumit Sharma, SP Golaghat and district heads of all departments, 142 battalion of CRPF, official & staffs of various departments and students participated in the event. International Day Of Yoga was first recognised by the UN General Assembly in 2014. "Yoga for Humanity" is the theme for International Day Of Yoga 2022. The day, observed on June 21, focuses on the importance of yoga in our lives.

Road accident in Margherita: one spot dead



Assam Rising, Margherita, June 21: A fatal road accident took place at night on National Highway 315 in Margherita. A scooter rider died on the spot in the accident. The road accident also took place near Makum Bagan Tiniali under Margherita police station. Ravi

Prakash Singh (38), with a scooter number AS-23-Y-8135, was on his way home from Margherita when an unidentified car in the rear hit the road. Ravi Prakash died on the spot in the accident. Local concerned people have alleged that road accidents were caused in Margherita due to some traffic violation scarcity riders. Police are yet to trace the vehicle that caused the accident. Ravi Prakash's death has cast a shadow over the entire region.

International Yoga day observed at USTM

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21: The month-long Yog Samaroh-2022 has come to an end here today with the celebration of the International Day of Yoga at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) where several hundred of students, teachers and staff performed Yoga under the guidance of expert Yoga Mentors. The programme was jointly organised by Yoga Centre and Department of Physiotherapy USTM and it was sponsored by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The programme began with a lecture on the theme of this year's International Yoga Day--"Yoga for Humanity" by Nazia Akhtar, Yoga Teacher, Department of Yogic Science and Naturopathy, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Guwahati.



After this, the two Yoga instructors, Anupam Paul and Pooja Arun Maske demonstrated Common Yoga Protocol before the participants who followed the same. After the performance of the common yoga protocol, Prof GD

and soul. Keeping with this spirit, we started a month-long Yog Samaroh-2022 at the campus that has concluded today". Speaking in this context, Priyanka Baishya, Yoga Mentor at USTM said, "Apart from the health benefits, we need to promote yoga as a profession since the demand of yoga teachers and mentors is increasing both in the country and abroad." She also said that USTM is going to start B.Sc. Yoga and various short-term Diploma and Certificate courses under its Yoga programme.

NAP observed Bishnu Rabha Divas

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 21: Members of New Art Players (NAP) - a leading socio-cultural organization of the state, observed Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha Divas on June 20 at its club premises in a befitting way. On the occasion General Secretary Rathin Bhattacharya welcomed the gathering. On behalf of NAP its senior member and renowned Music director Ramen Barua paid homage to Late Rabha by lighting lamps and floral tribute. NAP paid its homage to this legendary figure by presenting a musical feature titled "Siphung Bahir Korun Xur", written by Late Dr. Madhurima Barua which has been designed and composed by renowned mu-

sic composer Anupam Choudhury. Besides upcoming and veteran artists, many established singers including Namita Bhattacharya, Rupam Bhuyan, Rubul Kalita, Saurav Mahanta, Mallika Barua, Dr. Meemanda Barthakur and others have taken part in this musical feature.

Rabha Divas celebrated at MSSV

Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 21: The death anniversary of revolutionary lyricist, poet, dramatist, artist of Assam Bishnu Prasad Rabha was celebrated at Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya on June 20. The event was hosted by Assistant Public Relation Officer Gouri Prasad Samah and student Lopamudra Mohan. Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor of the University delivered the welcome note. Artist Ranjan Bezbaruah joined the event as Chief Guest with his co-actress Dipshikha Sharma. In the event the students of the university presented a musical documentary titled "Tumi Guru Kalaguru". The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Shekharjyoti Neog, Assistant Librarian of the university. The event was attended by the Deputy Registrar (Academic) Dr. Nayanmoni Saikia, faculties and students of the University.

Rani CRPF celebrated raising day

Assam Rising
Palasbari, June 21: The Central Reserve Police Force is known for maintaining law and order in the country. The Raising day of 175 Battalion, Rani, celebrated in a befitting manner on Tuesday. This battalion has been stationed at Rani in Kamrup district since 2008. On this occasion, the CRPF flag was hoisted by the Commandant Subhash Ch Sharma in the Quarter Guard and saluted. Thereafter, Commandant addressed officers,

SOS & Jawans present in Sainik Sammelan and explained the importance of the raising day and also extended his greeting to all officers/Jawans and their family. In remembrance of the day, Commandant inaugurated the newly built Cafeteria of Unit Canteen. During evening, inter Company Sports Competition, cultural programme & Barakhana also organized. All Jawans of the Unit have celebrated this day as a Festival.

Block Congress protest in Margherita



Assam Rising, Tinsukia, June 21: Block Congress committee Margherita today implemented a protest dharna programme. Margherita block Congress workers implemented the pdharna programme to protest the ED interrogating Rahul Gandhi. More than half a hundred Congress workers participated in the

protest programme. Congress leader Alleged that the Central BJP led government has committed mental torture against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi through ED. Congress workers staged a massive protest with anti-government slogans. Margherita Block Congress president Tara prasad Dihingia led the protest programme.



International Day Of Yoga 2022 observed at various AWCs & Relief camps in Barpeta

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Yoga in America

The newly released Yoga in America Study Conducted by Yoga Journal and Yoga Alliance shows that the number of US yoga practitioners has increased to more than 36 million, up from 20.4 million in 2012, while annual practitioner spending on yoga classes, clothing, equipment, and accessories rose to \$16 billion, up from \$10 billion over the past four years. Survey data for this comprehensive study of the consumer yoga market was collected by Ipsos Public Affairs on behalf of Yoga Journal and Yoga Alliance. The results indicate that women represent 72 percent of US practitioners, with men and older Americans doing Downward Dog at a growing rate. Thirty-four percent of Americans, or 80 million people, say they are likely to try yoga for the first time in the next 12 months. "The data tells a compelling story," says Carin Gorrell, editor in chief of Yoga Journal. "More people than ever across all age groups are realizing the benefits of yoga, from stress relief to flexibility to overall well-being. Yoga is a thriving, growing industry." "Beyond yoga's increasing popularity, what's fascinating is the data shows that those who practice and teach yoga have measurably better perceptions of their individual strength, balance, dexterity, and mental clarity versus non-practitioners," said Yoga Alliance Executive Director and COO Barbara Dobberthien. "Practitioners are also much more likely to be involved in a variety of other forms of exercise, as well as focused on sustainable living and eating." America Study Conducted by Yoga Journal and Yoga Alliance is a national study building on a similar study conducted in 2008 and 2012 by Yoga Journal. For this study, Yoga Journal and Yoga Alliance partnered with Ipsos Public Affairs to expand the understanding of the practice of yoga in America and to determine how Americans view yoga. This augmented study focused on the growing practice of yoga in America, from the perspectives of yoga practitioners, teachers, and studio owners, as well as the non-practicing US public. Founded in 1975 by members of the California Yoga Teachers Association, Yoga Journal (yogajournal.com) offers all practitioners—from beginners to masters—expert information on how to live a healthier, happier, more fulfilling life both on and off the mat. Every day, Yoga Journal engages its print, online, and live audience with top teacher insights and in-depth reporting on poses, breathing, meditation, nutrition, health, trends, and more. Always informative and inspiring, the magazine's welcoming, inclusive point of view puts every reader in front of the world's best teachers. With 12 international editions spanning 28 countries, and five national live events annually, Yoga Journal is the world's largest yoga brand.

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India's increasingly-violent young cohort is its biggest national security problem

The revolution began with an argument over a crate of bananas and two crates of pears. Like each morning, local authorities had arrived at the market in the small Tunisian town of Sidi Bouzid, telling unlicensed vendors to vacate the street. Like most mornings, some had responded with arguments and taunts. The municipal police responded by confiscating one young man's fruit and weighing scales. "Now what should I do," the man shouted, "should I weigh my fruit with your breasts?" Fayda Hamdi, the officer at whom the taunt was directed, wasn't intimidated: She was long used to dealing with aggressive men, and responded with a slap to his face. Later that day, the fruit vendor, Mohamed Bouazizi, doused himself with paint thinner and set himself alight. He would die eighteen days later, in a military hospital. The fire he lit that day in 2009, though, still rages across the region. This week, Indians watched as mobs of young men-enraged by Narendra Modi government's decision to recruit soldiers on four-year contracts, with sharply-reduced benefits-burned

down buses, trains and public buildings. Earlier this year, riots broke out over recruitment to the Indian Railways. Economic conflict is just part of a larger mosaic of youth violence: ethnic-religious extremism, organised crime and sexual assault are all growing parts of India's political landscape. Little is needed to see what's driving the conflict. Less than one in four Indians aged 15-24, World Bank data shows, now participate in the labour force, and twenty-five per cent of youth job-

Praveen Swami

seekers can't find work. The situation's been getting steadily worse for decades, in a country where over half the population is now below 25. India needs to be creating a million jobs a month; its economy has never come close to meeting that demand. The main occupation of many young Indians, as anthropologist Craig Jeffrey put it, has been waiting-for life to happen. Like India today, the Middle East, on the cusp of the Arab Spring, was also in the midst of a demographic crisis. Throughout much of this century, policy expert

Seldom does a scheme with a fanciful name live up to its name and that too with such devastating fidelity as Agnipath. It has delivered on its name almost instantaneously by lighting fires across India. The inflamed passions of the unemployed found expression and targeted the Narendra Modi government's defence reform that was officially touted to provide an opportunity to the youth to serve the nation. The irony was striking, as potential 'Agniveers' felt that the government had made matters worse for them and taken away the main attraction of a government job - the stability of employment and the promise of a pension. The scheme assures four years of service in the armed forces for selected youths but provides only an uncertain 25 per cent chance for permanent absorption that would provide lifelong pension and other benefits like healthcare and canteen services that accrue to veterans. Layered atop a two-year freeze in Army recruitment, which was shackled by an age limit of 17-21 years, some of the youths became ineligible and their hopes of donning the uniform were dashed. In an attempt to douse the violence, the Modi government immediately reacted and announced several support schemes that include 10 per cent reservations for posts in the Ministry of Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, and Assam Rifles and support for employment opportunities in state police and merchant navy. It also included some educational and skill



development measures and promises of jobs in the corporate sector. On 17 June, a one-time waiver was announced to extend the age limit to 23 years, even when it would negatively impact, to some degree, the lowering of the age profile of the armed forces - one of the objectives of the reform. None of these support

schemes provide relief and assure jobs to Agniveers. It is an assurance that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has refused to give even after the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence recommended it. It seems that the MHA, the main platform for job assurance, is unwilling to budge on Agnipath. As long as such an assurance is lacking, promising reservations in police or in any other sector after serving four years in the armed forces is insufficient to assuage the fear of discontinuity in employment. The assurance must also be accompanied by the protection of seniority for the four-year service rendered. It is a move that the government must speedily undertake and one that can be done considering the existing vacancies not only in the police forces but also in other

departments of the Central and state government. The opportunity for India under Agnipath lies in getting the best human resources to serve the Army with lifelong employment. This can only be achieved if other ministries cooperate at the Central and

state government levels. An assured systematic flow from the armed forces to the rest of the government has to be at the heart of the scheme. Without this, the quantum of aspirants may still be large, but it will suffer from a major infirmity. Quality-wise, the source of recruitment would shrink, implying the under-leveraging of the available potential. That India has largely failed to tap into human potential for progress is a no-brainer. Agnipath is, in policy terms, directed correctly. For the country's defence forces, we do require spirited and educated youths selected through a workable and equitable recruitment system at the all-India level. So far, the scheme has

left the recruitment system untouched. It is obvious that the mechanics of selection in the hands of the Army, Navy and Air Force will need to be reviewed for their suitability to ensure that the selection standards meet the military requirements. The challenge is that military leaders must decide and implement the selection criteria for a recruiting methodology that will best serve the implementation of the scheme. Ideally, the means adopted must provide equal opportunities for any particular post in the armed forces. For instance, at the national level, the recruitment of vehicle drivers as a trade should be open to all. A person recruited as a soldier in the Army should not be disadvantaged on regional, caste, or religious grounds. This is easier said than done and would certainly call for a radical review of the existing recruitment system. To devise one in just three months is ambitious, but it has to be done speedily since it is the start line of the scheme. The responsibility for this step lies with the military leadership. The success of Agnipath can only be achieved if a viable whole of the government's approach is pursued and achieved. To the author, the direction of change wrought by the scheme needs support because it holds promises of preserving military effectiveness, reducing pension bills and transitioning combat units to all-India class composition. For sure, such savings from pensions will not provide financial resources to modernise the armed forces in the near future, since it will only be after 16 years when soldiers inducted till now would retire. The preservation of military effectiveness while adopting and implementing the scheme is where the challenge would lie. The opportunity for providing a short tenure career in the armed forces and integrating it with the employment demand has been correctly identified and sought to be leveraged. Implementation will require a change of mindset in the military and across various entities and levels of the government. It will be a mindset that will have to overcome the pull of turf protection and beliefs, and one that will resist changes at the cost of the higher needs of the nation. The success of Agnipath can be achieved only after connecting the modalities of the short-term exit to other ministries of government. The MHA must change its traditional stance and lead the way. This is a precondition that is a political responsibility. To utilise the short-service prescription optimally is a military responsibility. Both can be fulfilled if changes required in the scheme are identified and acted upon. Once the migration of Agniveers is accepted, their service could even be extended to five to seven years. This will also ease the military's challenge of managing the Agniveers. Presumably, four years was arrived at, as beyond that limit, the provisions of the Labour Law would have been attracted and gratuity made applicable.

Pakistani propaganda on Kashmir has a new launchpad - Erdogan's Turkey

Indian intelligence agencies have found evidence of a new form of information war over the Kashmir issue with energetic push in Islamic countries. The agencies believe Turkey has become the launch pad for Pakistani propaganda over Kashmir because it suits its larger ambitions against Saudi Arabia and Philia Forum countries. It's a well-known fact that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government is actively supporting Pakistan's stand on Kashmir across all forums. In its aspiration to challenge Saudi Arabia's dominance in the Islamic world, Turkey has been aggressively trying to influence other Muslim nations, peddling many issues, including Kashmir. The

Turkish intelligence agency MIT and Pakistan's ISI have teamed up to encourage Kashmir's radical youth to shift base to Istanbul and Ankara instead of the UAE and Saudi Arabia, who have friendly ties with India. A senior officer with the Jammu and Kashmir Police told me this week in Srinagar that pistols made in Turkey have been recovered from Pakistani terrorists. However, he said, "So far no terrorist from Turkey has been found here." Indian intelligence agencies have found the highest level of coordination between Pakistan and Turkey over Kashmir. India has blacklisted Turkish citizen Muhammet Nazim Tasci, who is associated with the Turkey Youth Foundation, headed by Bilal Erdogan, son of President Erdogan. Turkey and Pakistan's

intelligence agencies' joint venture is Kashmir Civitas and its many operators are on India's radar. Indian agencies believe the Pakistan embassy in Ankara is hyperactive these days, helping create the support system for Kashmiri militants to operate. When there is such focused attention of some Islamic countries inside J&K, there is bound to be a clash of many narratives. Because abrogation of Article 370 has cemented J&K's ties with India, there is now renewed effort by the separatists to forcefully intervene in the

next Assembly elections. A pro-Pakistan Kashmiri reporter told me, "It will be the 'mother of all elections' to ever happen in Kashmir." In view of the dynamic situation on ground, however, elections are unlikely to be held in the near future. Right now, security agencies are focusing on ensuring a peaceful Amarnath yatra. In Kashmir valley, people are silent but they say emphatically that the current absence of street violence is not normal. A senior journalist said it's almost as if the masses have suspended voicing their thoughts aloud. "They are waiting for political leaders of all hues to speak before they speak. They are frankly afraid of the UP model of India. The news of what all is happening in UP affects discourse in the Valley, too," said the journalist. For now, businesses are quite bullish in the Valley. Tourism is at its best and most importantly, the lives of Muslim citizens are less at risk. The militants are targeting the Hindus and security forces, largely. More so, after the reorganisation of constituencies, which is perceived as anti-Kashmir



valley. A young Kashmiri leader running an NGO in Srinagar said, "When Article 370 was abrogated, Kashmiris felt a sense of defeat. And then fears crept in when J&K became a Union territory. Some thought more than a million Hindus would migrate to Kashmir. Nothing of that sort happened, which is very good, but the insecurity over the possibility of demographic changes in the coming decades in the Valley hasn't gone." The central government and the local administration have been particularly active since Article 370 was scrapped. As a senior police officer told me, "We don't believe in buying peace as earlier regimes did. We are in a long-drawn battle. We believe in establishing peace. We are telling the media in J&K and Kashmiri militants that they can't play with India and Pakistan both. We are destroying the ecosystem in which the Jihadi network was nurtured and protected. We want J&K to be a normal state like say, Tamil Nadu or Odisha." He agreed that the Pakistan network has been hit hard but still operates at a lesser level. In 2022 alone, 32 foreign terrorists have been killed so far. The police claim some were from Bahawalpur and one from Lahore as well. These days, the ISI is building sleeper cells in J&K and giving small weapons to the militants, he said. The police are working 24/7. Around

31 government officers have been suspended from their jobs for siding with separatists. More than 500 terrorists have been killed in last three years. As soon as the office-bearers of LeT and Hizbul Mujahideen or Jaish-e-Mohammed are announced, the J&K police targets them, either arresting or killing them in encounters. Around 1,400 supporters of Pakistan or radicalised Kashmiris have been arrested or sent to jail since 2019. The J&K police don't allow funeral processions anymore. As a result of these harsh measures, stone-pelting has also stopped. There were no law-and-order disturbances when Hurriyat's founder Syed Ali Shah Geelani died. When Yasin Malik got a life term, there was a negligible show of solidarity. Even on the issue of Nupur Sharma's controversial remark, J&K didn't see serious disturbances. From New Delhi's point of view, these are positive changes. However, such harsh measures extract a heavy price. They create a ripple effect in local areas. The recent killings in the valley are more due to pressure within the society. Contrary to the impression in New Delhi, in 2022 one Kashmiri Pandit was killed, not more, and officially, none has migrated, said a senior police officer dealing with security of more than 4,000 Pandit colonies spread across the valley. However, some Pandits have left the valley temporarily, demanding transfer of their jobs to Jammu.



Flood: Over 5,000 in relief camps in Tripura

Agartala, June 21 : After Assam and Meghalaya, it is now Tripura's turn to face nature's fury. Over the past 48 hours, the flood situation in suburban areas of Agartala city has worsened and there are now over five thousand people in 25 relief camps. Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha on Saturday inspected the temporary relief camps set up across Agartala and assured all support from the government's end. Speaking to the media persons after his visit, Dr Saha said, "The water is receding in some parts while in some areas, a backflow has been noticed. For residential areas, boats are being used to rescue people stuck in floods and I have directed the concerned officials to set more rescue teams in action if needed." When asked about the relief camps, Dr Saha said, "I have been visiting the flood-affected areas and also speaking to the people sheltered there. I strongly feel long-term plans are needed to be undertaken to reach a permanent solu-

tion to this perpetual crisis." Speaking on the issue, Subdivisional Magistrate, Sadar, Ashim Saha, said that some new areas located on the banks of river Howrah have been flooded due to overflow. He said, "Heavy rains in the river's upstream flow is resulting in the fresh floods in new areas. River Howrah is already flowing above the danger level. As per the water resource department data, the danger level of river Howrah stands at 10.5 and early morning readings said that it is already flowing at 10.85." Saha added that almost all the low-lying areas were being evacuated. "The administration is extending basic support like accommodation and food. Chief Medical Officer West Tripura has been requested to send medical teams to all the relief camps so that people who need treatment can access the healthcare services," he added. Among the flood-hit areas, Baldakhal and South Chandrapur are the worst affected. Thousands of people have been cut off

from transport and other basic facilities. Speaking to media, Ratan Das, a citizen said the flood water started accumulating in their residential area late on Friday night. "In 2017, we saw such a situation. For the last two years, things were normal. I have taken shelter in this school with my wife, daughter and son." Das and his family have taken shelter at Swamy Dayananda Vidyani ketanschool Agartala. He hails from Chandrapur. Suparna Sharma, a volunteer engaged in flood relief works in the area said, "We started working immediately after the government issued alerts. All the locals have been repeatedly requested to evacuate their places. At around 12:30 pm, a team of the NDRF went to the village but could convince only five families to shift to the safe shelter. Now, over 50 families are there in the relief camp. They all arrived in the morning as the whole village was submerged. Flood water begins to enter the residential area at around 1:30 am."

Cong. candidate attacked by miscreants in Tripura

Agartala, June 21 : Political atmosphere in Tripura heated up after Congress strongman candidate for 6-Agartala assembly constituency Sudip Roy Barman was allegedly attacked by BJP-backed miscreants at Ujan Abhayanagar area of the city late on Sunday. Condemning the incident, Congress Working Committee member Dr Ajoy Kumar said the Congress was apprehending unruly violence in both the city-based constituencies. "This incident was not unprecedented. We have been anticipating that such kinds of violence would soon be unleashed as Sudip Roy Barman had already won the elections from his constituency. Minister Sushanta Chowdhury, BJP candidate Dr Ashok Sinha and top strategist of BJP's motorcycle-borne terror squad Arindam Chakraborty were present at the spot where Barman was attacked. We have video evidence of Barman's vehicle being vandalized by an unruly mob and the minister and other BJP leaders along with cops strolling down the road," said Dr Kumar. He said the Congress has lodged a specific FIR against the three masterminds of the attacks with charges of attempt to murder. "It was a murderous attack. He had sustained injuries on his face, two teeth are broken, and his leg injury is grave. By the mode of attack, it was clear that miscreants tried to hit on his head but he somehow dodged the fatal attack narrowly. With all the evidence and collected information,



we are lodging an FIR against the BJP minister, candidate and motorcycle squad head," said Dr Kumar. Meanwhile, the Tripura information and cultural affairs minister rebuffed the Congress allegations against him and said it was a plotted incident to gain sympathy of the voters. "We have received information that large crowds led by Sudip Roy Barman had gathered with the intention to create nuisance. Accordingly we reached there in order to keep things under control. When we reached, he showed up and all of a sudden he fell down. There was no political clash. A situation of tension was building up with supporters of Congress and BJP gathering at the same spot; we went there to make sure that there is no violence," said the minister. He added, "I personally spoke to him and advised him to go home as whatever tension is taking shape, we and the central armed forces deployed in the area will take care of it. All of a sudden, he said 'you hit me' and collapsed." On be-

ing asked about the vehicle that was vandalized, he said, "We have no idea about the vehicle and when it was vandalized. This whole incident is a well-designed drama staged to get sympathy votes as the Congress is well aware of the fact that BJP candidate Dr Ashok Sinha is winning with a big margin." Chowdhury also accused Barman of using out-

siders for creating a tense atmosphere in his constituency. "Go and see. He does not have even 40 workers in his constituency. People from Sonamura, Kailashahar and RC Ghat were brought here with these dubious designs in mind," alleged Chowdhury. Reacting to Chowdhury's statement, Dr Ajoy Kumar said, "The minister feels he is the only smart

SEDP are being issued from MNF party offices. "It is to our shock that some MNF units are issuing application forms for assistance under the SEDP. The SEDP programme is the state government's flagship programme and it does not belong to the MNF party alone but to people irrespective of party affiliation," Ralte said. A senior MNF leader denied the allegations and said that no MNF party unit was entrusted with the selection process. He said that the government has set up a selection committee at district, constituency, village and local levels

guy in the state and all of us have lost our minds. His statement is full of inconsistencies. The way he speaks and lies in quick succession shamelessly, he should rechristen himself as 'liar' or 'shameless' instead of Sushanta as the first name." The BJP has also filed a counter FIR with East Agartala Police station against unknown miscreants and former MLA Sudip Roy Barman. In the FIR copies, both the parties alleged that miscreants were wielding sharp weapons, firearms and other lethal weapons during the incident. Meanwhile, opposition political leaders, cutting across political lines, condemned the attack on Barman. Leader of opposition Manik Sarkar, Left candidate Krishna Majumder and former CPIM MP Sankar Prasad Datta visited Barman at the hospital.

ZPM accuses MNF party units of selecting SEDP beneficiaries

Aizawl, June 21 : Mizoram's main opposition party Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) has accused the ruling Mizo National Front (MNF) of entrusting its local units with the selection of beneficiaries for the state government's flagship programme - Socio-Economic Development Policy (SEDP). Speaking to reporters at a press conference here on Friday, the ZPM youth wing president Malsawmzuala Ralte alleged that application forms for assistance under the

irrespective of party affiliation. If an MNF party worker is included among members of a selection committee, that does not mean that the selection process is monitored by the MNF party alone, he said. The SEDP is the flagship programme of the ruling Mizo National Front, which aims at bringing sustainable development by accelerating progress in key sectors through exploration and judicious use of resources and maintaining equality and equity among the citi-



zens. Under this policy, the government is planning to provide monetary assistance to the tune of not less than Rs 3 lakh to beneficiaries to start projects (trades) of their choice for

sustainable development and the economic uplift of household families. At least 60,000 beneficiaries would be selected to receive assistance under the state's flagship

programme - Socio-Economic Development Policy (SEDP) in the first phase. Each household beneficiary will be provided Rs 50,000 for their economic startup in the first phase.

Arunachal Congress protests against Agnipath scheme

Itanagar, June 21 : The Arunachal Pradesh Youth Congress (APYC) on Saturday termed the Agnipath scheme of the Central government "a deceit with the unemployed youth and people of the country." "The BJP is putting the security of the entire nation at risk and misleading the youth by engaging them on a four-year contract in the Indian Armed Forces without any rank or pension. The RSS motive behind the scheme cannot be denied and they plan to penetrate the armed forces and get the entire system into their hands," APYC youth president Tarh Johnny said. Agnipath is a new scheme introduced by the Centre for the recruitment of soldiers below the rank of commissioned officers into the three services of the armed forces. Johnny, who on the day led a protest of the youth con-

gress against the scheme at the Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan here, said the other main agenda of the BJP government in launching the Agnipath scheme is to divert the attention of the agitating nation from their false promises of providing 2 crore employment every year and depositing Rs 15 lakh into every citizen's bank account." Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has once again shattered the dreams of millions of youths by introducing the Agnipath scheme which has also been considered a flawed strategy by several retired army personnel, he said. The APYC president further said though the government is promising that the



'Agniveers' will be given a chance to opt for another job after 4 years, the facts and figures, however, tell a different story. "At present, more than 55 thousand highly skilled jawans retire from the three services of the armed forces every year, but

only one or two present are reinstated in another job. In these circumstances, what is the guarantee that the 'Agniveers' (who will retire after 4 years) will be recruited for another job?" he questioned. The home ministry Saturday an-

nounced to reserve 10 per cent vacancies in the Central paramilitary forces and the Assam Rifles for Agniveers. The APYC also burnt the effigies of PM Modi, defence minister Rajnath Singh and home minister Amit Shah on the day.

Pan Naga Hoho in incubation stage, don't speculate: NSCN-IM



Kohima, June 21 : The NSCN(IM) on Thursday asked people to refrain from speculating on the concept of Pan Naga Hoho (PNH), a proposed umbrella body of all Nagas irrespective of where they live, as it is still in incubation stage. The Isak Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM), which is holding peace talks with the government for over two decades, said in a statement that PNH is of critical importance for the Nagas and it cannot be processed in a hurry. The statement came amid discussions by a section of the people about the power of the PNH chairman. The irony

is that PNH is a topic that does not warrant wild speculation. PNH is still in incubation stage and one need not go for panic reaction, it said. However, the NSCN(IM) asserted that PNH would not un-

dermine any democratic political institution as perceived by some quarters. When the PNH is accepted "by NSCN taking into consideration the necessity to have such um-

brella set up for the larger unity and welfare of the Nagas living in different regions, passed through the critical stage of political scrutiny it would naturally come out in the open, the NSCN(IM) said. The PNH when concretised will take into account the social, cultural, literature, identity and interests of the Nagas, the statement said. Till then, the less fuss made about it the better, it said claiming Things are moving too slow. The union government has been holding two separate parleys with the NSCN(IM) since 1997 and

Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) comprising of seven organizations since 2017. The Centre signed a framework agreement with the NSCN(IM) on August 3, 2015, and also entered into an agreed position with PGs in December 2017. However, the final solution is yet to see the light of the day mainly because of the unwillingness of the Centre to accept the NSCN(IM)'s persistent demand for a separate flag and constitution. The government is not willing to accept the demands probably because it had abrogated Article 370 which gave a separate status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Sikkim records 632.5 mm rain in June

Gangtok, June 21 : It's been 17 days since the Sikkimese people last saw clear skies. The monsoon arrived in the state on June 3, and the rainfall so far this June has been unprecedented. The Indian Meteorological Department's subsidiary here in Gangtok said June 1 to June 16 had the highest amount of rainfall this decade. In the 16 days of this month, Sikkim has already received 632.5 mm rainfall - the highest in the past decade. Before this, the most rain the state had received was 502 mm rainfall in 2015. In 2021, in the same period, Sikkim received 486.6 mm rainfall. North and East Sikkim are the two places that receive the highest rainfall in the state. North Sikkim has been receiving warning for heavy to very heavy rainfall almost every day over the past 15 days. The meteorological department maintains that almost 75 per cent of the

state has been receiving continuous rain every day for the past 15 days. Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) Director Gopinath Raha, speaking with EastMojo, shared, "Sikkim received more rainfall during the break monsoon season, when it gets more on the foothills of the Himalayas. This generally occurs in July, but this year, it has happened in June itself. The trough of low pressure is persistent in the region of Sikkim and North Bengal this time. The low pressure travels from North West India towards North East India." Furthermore, Raha suggested, "The motion incursion in the Bay of Bengal is another reason for rainfall of unprecedented manner in the region currently. It is uncommon; and almost 75 per cent of Sikkim has re-



ceived rainfall in the 15-day period. We have issued a warning even today with heavy to very heavy rainfall possible in East and North Sikkim with the North being warned of flash floods. A warning has been issued for both North and East Sikkim for landslides as well. West and South are also witnessing a very wet spell, however, the warning issued there is for heavy rainfall. "Raha, who sounded optimistic on rainfall subsiding, shared, "This low pressure effect will carry on till June 20, following which the rainfall will continue but not in the manner as it is occurring currently". The State has been reporting of landslides, road blockages and even a few deaths over the past week on a regular basis.

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IMCT To Visit Flood-Hit Areas

by the Assam floods are from the four western districts- Barpeta, Baksa, Goalpara and Kamrup. Around twenty-one per cent of the total area in Barpeta is under flood.The Indian Army, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) together carried out a rescue operations in flood-ravaged areas of Assam's Cachar district including urban and rural parts of Silchar.On Monday, the teams rescued over 3,000 people including pregnant women, children and senior citizens from different parts of Silchar town and the Cachar district, informed its district administration.Vehicular movement was also restricted on many roads in view of the continuous entering of water from the Barak River into the Silchar town.Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma informed that the Indian Air Force (IAF) will carry one lakh litres of diesel and petrol to Silchar on Tuesday.Speaking to reporters at Diphu in Karbi Anglong district, CM Sarma said, "For the first time in the history of Assam, a special plane of Indian Air Force will carry 1 lakh litres of diesel and petrol to Silchar on June 21. Nothing like this ever before happened in Assam history. The Northeast Frontier Railway has also agreed to run a special relief train."The Chief Minister further informed that over 2000 villages of Nagaon and Morigaon district are still reeling under flood waters."We are trying to help the flood-affected people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called me to enquire about the flood situation in the state. Today morning Union Home Minister Amit Shah has also called and all central government agencies Indian Air Force, Indian Railway, Indian Army are engaged in relief and rescue operations," he shared."There is no fund problem. All this is possible only because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's instruction," the chief minister said.Meanwhile, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) on Monday informed that 11 people died in floods and landslides incidents in the last 24 hours.With the situation turning grim, CM Sarma directed all the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to prioritise relief operations instead of following procedures to avoid delays in supply relief.So far, the flood and landslides have claimed 82 lives in Assam and 27 people still remain missing.More than 12.30 lakh people have been affected alone in Assam's Barpeta district followed by 4.69 lakh in Darrang, 4.40 lakh in Nagaon, 3.38 lakh in Bajali, 2.91 lakh in Dhubri, 2.82 lakh in Kamrup, 2.80 lakh in Goalpara, 2.07 lakh in Cachar, 1.84 lakh in Nalbari, 1.51 lakh in South Salmara, 1.46 lakh in Bongaigaon, 1.34 lakh in Karimganj district.As the flood waters continue to ravage Silchar town in the Cachar district, an order was issued by the district administration on Monday that stated, "The water levels at various places of the town are rapidly rising and the current of water is also very high. Considering the situation, it is very risky for vehicles(two-wheelers/ three-wheelers/four-wheelers) to ply through the route starting from Bilpar to National Highway through Rangirkhari Point and from Bilpar to Link Road point through Sonai Road.""With a view to further augment our efforts, with a view to safeguarding the lives of people, vehicular traffic to, from and within the above-mentioned area is hereby restricted for the next 24 hours by exercising the powers vested with District Disaster Management Authority under section 34, sub-section (b) of the Disaster Management Act 2005 w.e.f for the next 24 hours."

'Yog not only a part of life

not only a part of life but is becoming the way of life". Ahead of performing Yoga along with over 15,000 people, the Prime Minister stated that "Yog brings peace to our universe". "Yoga for the people of the world is not only a part of life for us today, but yoga is now becoming the way of life," he said."This whole universe starts from our own body and soul. The universe starts from us", Modi said. "And, Yoga makes us conscious of everything within us and builds a sense of awareness," he added."Yoga brings peace for us. The peace from yoga is not merely for individuals. Yoga brings peace to our society. Yoga brings peace to our nations and the world. And, Yoga brings peace to our universe", the Prime Minister said."No matter how stressed we are, a few minutes of meditation relaxes us and increases our productivity. Therefore, we do not have to take yoga as extra work. We have to know yoga, we have to live yoga," he said.Karnataka Governor Thaaarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Mysuru royal scion Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and "Rajmata" Pramoda Devi, were among those present.Since 2015, the International Day of Yoga is celebrated worldwide on June 21 every year. The theme for this year's Yoga Day is "Yoga for Humanity".

International day of Yoga

one's life healthy and purposeful". The Governor also said that yoga should be kept as a part of everyone's routine. In order to get the optimum benefit of yoga one has to dedicatedly practice it. He urged everyone to include yoga in their daily life for attaining overall health. Prof. Mukhi said, "Yoga should not be confined to practicing it on the occasion of Yoga Day only. It should be practiced on a daily basis. I will be happy if the participants keep practicing yoga to attain optimum benefits of this ancient tradition to keep themselves fit and free from disease". The yoga session was actively participated by the officials of Raj Bhavan, members of the Rotary Club, CRPF personnel, Marwari Sammelan Guwahati, Byatikram Group, members of FICCI Ladies Organization North East, Kreedha Bharati, Akhil Bharatiya Marwari Mahila Sammelan, Marwari Mahila Ekta Manch, Marwari Yuva Manch among others.

APCC demands to Release Flood

said Bhupen Borah.He further alleged that the embankments have not been built as the bills of contractors have not been released for which the common public have to suffer due to the floods.As many as 11 people have died in floods and landslides in the past 24 hours, Assam State Disaster Management Authority said on Monday. The flood situation in Assam has remained critical with nearly 42 lakh people in over 30 districts affected by it.The toll in the ongoing flood and landslides in Assam crossed 70 on Monday, with the dead including two policemen. One of the officer in-charge of a police station in Nagaon district had gone to help marooned people but was swept away.Nearly half of the 42 lakh people impacted by the Assam floods are from the four western districts- Barpeta, Baksa, Goalpara and Kamrup. Around twenty-one per cent of the total area in Barpeta is under flood.

Presidential Election : Yashwant

considered non aligned - TRS, BJD, AAP, SAD and YSRCP -- stayed away. These parties had also stayed away from the June 15 meeting convened by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.est Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted, "I would like to congratulate Shri @YashwantSinha on becoming the consensus candidate, supported by all progressive opposition parties, for the upcoming Presidential Election. A man of great honour and acumen, who would surely uphold the values that represent our great nation!"West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday congratulated former Union minister Yashwant Sinha, who has emerged as the consensus presidential candidate of 13 opposition parties, including the Congress, and hoped that he would protect the values the country represents. Leaders of the non-BJP parties, who gathered in New Delhi for a meeting convened by NCP chief Sharad Pawar to decide on a consensus candidate for the presidential election, agreed on Sinha's name.Banerjee tweeted, "I would like to congratulate Shri @YashwantSinha on becoming the consensus candidate, supported by all progressive opposition parties, for the upcoming Presidential Election. A man of great honour and acumen, who would surely uphold the values that represent our great nation!"TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee who attended the opposition meeting also congratulated Sinha."It is my firm belief that for all progressive parties who share the same vision for our nation, there could not have been a better choice!" he said in a Twitter post.Sinha, a former BJP leader, joined the TMC last year.Earlier in the day, Sinha said that he will "step aside" from the TMC to work for the larger national cause of Opposition unity, amid indications that he is being considered as the Opposition's joint candidate for the presidential elections.Sinha's name came up after NCP chief Sharad Pawar, former West Bengal governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah opted out of the race.

Assam CM attends 8th International

Narendra Modi, who for the first time realising the immense role of yoga in attaining the overall development of mind, body and soul pitched to make yoga a global phenomena by raising it at the General Assembly of UNO. As a result, the United Nations declared 21 June as International Day of Yoga. This announcement led to recognition of Indian heritage and ancient tradition to all over the world. He said that the world has now realised that some food mentioned in yoga and ayurveda have therapeutic value and can improve immunity in human kind. He also observed that the significance of Yoga Day is increasing day by day. Yoga harmonises mind, body and soul. It also empowers the human power to cope with modern day pressures. The Chief Minister also said that there exists an intrinsic relationship between yoga and happiness and this has been made possible by considering yoga as a science. Dr. Sarma also hailed the 100 day yoga programme launched by the Directorate of AYUSH to promote the popularity of yoga across the country. He also lauded the steps taken by Union Minister for AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal in this regard. He said that if the new generation of the country cannot be made strong, the country would not stand on a strong foundation. Therefore, the young generation should have a strong physical and mental health. Therefore, yoga will also be integrated with academics and sports. The Chief Minister also said that through yoga, the supremacy of the country with regards to its tradition and heritage will be made strong. It is always evident that there is always an undercurrent of yoga in music, dance etc. Dr. Sarma also said that in recent times, the State government is waging a war against drug menace. In this war, the guardians also should take the lead in educating their wards in yoga. Mission Director National Health Mission Dr. Laxmi Priya gave the welcome address in the programme, which was also addressed by Cultural Affairs Minister Bimal Bora. Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, MLAs Prasanta Phukan, Chakradhar Gogoi, Taranga Gogoi, Ponakon Baruah, Chairman Assam Tourism Development Corporation Rituparna Baruah and a host of senior government officers were present on the occasion.

Dalai Lama Assures Help

out.Since April, 82 people have died in the rain and landslides, including two police officers who were swept away on Monday as they attempted a rescue.In the worst-affected areas, life has been reduced to huddling on any tiny patch of raised dry ground that people can find. Families living under tarpaulin tied to bamboo poles are using dwindling supplies of cooking gas to cook basic meals. There is an air of despondency over all that has been lost: furniture, utensils, documents, irreplaceable photos."There was no time to save anything, it all happened so fast. My house was made of bamboo. It just broke. I saw my possessions vanish in a flash," said a woman from the village of Nagaon who was sitting with her children and some saucepans on a bed that had been raised above the swirling waters with the help of bamboo poles. The unending rain has raised the water level in the Brahmaputra River and its tributaries, flooding villages. Barpeta district in Lower Assam is the worst hit. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority has said more than 4 million people, including 1 million children, have been affected. It hopes to send trains carrying relief including diesel, petrol and medicine to the affected areas soon.

Assam flood : Death toll crosses 81

washed away by flood waters on Sunday night while they were on way to rescue some marooned people. Two other accompanying policemen were rescued safely by SDRF.The state also lost four animals of Kaziranga National on Monday. While one hog deer was drowned, two other hog deers and a leopard while trying to flee the flood to highlands across national highway were run over by speeding vehicles. The flood waters of Brahmaputra river have inundated about 18% of UNESCO World heritage site. Union home minister Amit Shah called up Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma twice in the day to enquire about the flood situation and inform him that a central team will soon visit the state to assess the damage caused by the deluge.Sarma later said, "Except Karbi Anglong, all the other districts are currently affected by flood and landslides. Surface communication between Brahmaputra valley and Barak valley has been completely snapped. The IAF will carry out its biggest transportation exercise here and will carry one lakh and eight thousand litre of petrol and diesel to Silchar and also geo bags."He added that rail communication between Silchar and Haflong, which was uprooted by massive landslides last month, is likely to resume from June 26 while train movement between Guwahati and Haflong is likely to be on tracks from July 12.IMD reported that "Widespread rainfall accompanied with thunderstorms/lightning/heavy to very heavy with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely to continue over northeastern states during the next 48 hours and a decrease in rainfall intensity thereafter."Pregnant women, mothers with infants, elderly and sick people have been the worst affected."My mother is 84 and has a heart condition. Her medicines were swept away with everything else. I can't move while there is water all round and they are predicting more rain," said Ashok Bohra, a local journalist.Those who are not living in tents on the roadside are in relief camps, where conditions are fast becoming congested and insanitary.Some images of the flooding have been striking. In the state capital, Guwahati, one man was seen strapping together wooden planks for a raft and placing a red plastic table on top with bottles of drinking water, candles, and matchsticks. He sold his wares while rowing through the muddy waters.Elsewhere, a father moved his baby to safety by carrying it in a washing bowl in waist-high water.The Indian army has been taking food parcels to marooned villagers. Soldiers are moving from one place to another in speed-boats and inflatable rafts to rescue those stranded.In Guwahati, where the waters are receding, Mazin Mukhtar, an educational theorist, is turning the government schools where he works into relief camps for those who need shelter. "Some of our employees who have homes further away have seen a lot of destruction," said Mukhtar. "But when these floods recede, families will rebuild their makeshift bamboo homes in the same place, because that's where their fields and livelihoods are."

'A man of great honour and...': What Mamata Banerjee said on Yashwant Sinha's President candidature

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International Day of Yoga celebrated at Aalo

Assam Rising, Aalo, June 21: Jini,MLA cum Adviser Law & Justice government of Arunachal Pradesh Inaugurated the 8th International Day at Gumin Kinn Aalo by lighting the lamp. In a brief speech he shared his good experience of Yoga and encouraged everyone to practice Yoga for physical, mental and social well being. PD DRDA Jiken Bomjen welcomes all the participants and Dr. Gerik Jini (SMO) District Nodal Officer AYUSH highlighted the importance of Yoga and she also shared the importance and scope of AYUSH. Panga Tato (APCS), Deputy Commissioner West Siang District, Babom Romin, ZPC, all HoO's and NGO's, staff of different departments took part during the International Yoga Day. More than hundred participants attended the day.

Lokra Bn. organised motivational lecture to join armed forces

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, June 21: Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 Sector and Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) conducted a motivational lecture to join Armed Forces for the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya School Lokra, District Sonitpur, Assam on June 21. During the lecture children were made aware about the various avenues and entry schemes to join Indian Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces. An introductory lecture regarding the Agnipath Scheme was also conducted wherein a clear picture and the advantages of the scheme was conveyed. Students also cleared their doubts regarding the Agnipath Scheme for better understanding. A total of 102 students attended the lecture.



Texas school shooting: heavily armed police with ballistic shields were there 'within 19 minutes'

Texas, June 21 : Multiple police officers armed with rifles and at least one ballistic shield were at the site of the Robb elementary school mass shooting in Texas within 19 minutes, earlier than previously known, according to a timeline in documents reviewed by local media.The information revealed by the Austin American-Statesman and KVUE-TV is to be presented to a public Texas Senate hearing in Austin on Tuesday.Concerns have been raised about how police handled the 24 May shooting in Uvalde in which 19 children and two teachers were shot dead by a gunman. Officers did not confront the gunman for more than an hour, even as anguished parents outside the school urged officers to go in.According to the outlets, which did not indicate the source of the documents, investigators said the latest information indicated officers had more than enough firepower and protection to take down the gunman long before they finally did.The timeline the American-Statesman and KVUE reported from the documents included footage from inside the school that showed the 18-year-old gunman casually entering a rear door at 11.33am, walking to a classroom and immediately spraying gunfire before barricading himself. Video showed 11 officers entering the school three minutes later, the outlets reported.School district police Chief Pete Arredondo called the Uvalde police department headline and reported that their suspect had "shot a lot" with an AR-15-style rifle and outgunned the officers at the school, who he said were armed only with pistols, the outlets reported.Four minutes later, at 11.44am, body camera video recorded the sound of more gunshots.At 11.52am, the first ballistic shield arrived as officers grew impatient to act. Arredondo struggled to find a key to the classroom door even though no one is believed to have tried opening the door, the outlets reported.Another officer with a ballistic shield arrived at 12.03pm, and another came with a shield two minutes later. About 30 minutes before officers finally breached the classroom door, Arredondo is heard wondering aloud if the gunman could be shot through a window. At 12.46pm, Arredondo told the tactical team members to breach the door when ready, the outlets reported.In the past week, the San Antonio Express-News reported that video surveillance footage from the school did not show officers attempting to open the door leading to the classrooms where the massacre was happening. And The New York Times reported two Uvalde city police officers told a sheriff's deputy that they passed up a fleeting chance to shoot the gunman while he was still outside the school because they feared they would hit children.Delays in the law enforcement response have been the focus of the federal, state and local investigation of the massacre and its aftermath. Questions about the law enforcement response began days after the massacre. Col Steve McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said on 27 May that Arredondo made "the wrong decision" when he chose not to storm the classroom for more than 70 minutes, even as trapped fourth graders inside two classrooms were desperately calling 911 for help.Arredondo later said he didn't consider himself the person in charge and assumed someone else had taken control of the law enforcement response. Arredondo has declined repeated requests for comment to the Associated Press.On 2 June, state senator Roland Gutierrez said it was a "system failure" that Arredondo received no word of the pleas for help from people inside the school because he had no two-way radio link with city police.

'He's been betrayed': sister of Moroccan man captured in Ukraine pleads for help

Moscow, June 21 : The sister of Ibrahim Saadoun, the Moroccan man who was captured while serving in the Ukrainian military, has said she feared he has been abandoned by his own government and has called on the international community to "claim my brother". "I just want any authority, anybody who is willing to help, to come and help," Iman Saadoun said in an interview with the Guardian, describing being left in limbo while seeking government support for him.Saadoun was one of three men sentenced to death by Russian proxies in eastern Ukraine in a show trial designed to mimic the convictions of Russian soldiers for war crimes. The other two were the Britons Aiden Aslin and Shaun Pinner. The foreign secretary, Liz Truss,



Arunachal- Army celebrated International Yoga Day

FIA plans further talks with F1 teams after 'porpoising' row at Canadian GP

London, June 21 : The FIA will meet teams this week in an attempt to defuse the controversy caused by their intervention in the regulations that overshadowed the Canadian Grand Prix. F1's governing body had attempted to address the problems with cars bouncing on track this season, amid fears for drivers' safety, but their efforts simply caused friction across the paddock. The Mercedes team principal, Toto Wolff, said the FIA had to act given its responsibility for driver safety but his Red Bull counterpart, Christian Horner, has accused Mercedes of having designed a car that exacerbated the bouncing issue and that they should fix it rather than expect a regulation change. Red Bull's Max Verstappen won in Montreal, extending his lead over Sergio Pérez, who did not finish, to 46 points and over the third placed Charles Leclerc to 49 points. Mercedes took third and fourth with Lewis Hamilton and George Russell and the team were pleased by their improvement in performance. The Mercedes



car has been particularly affected by the porpoising and bouncing problems that are the consequence of the new regulations this season. The porpoising is a violent vertical jarring caused by gaining and then losing downforce from the ground-effect aerodynamics underneath the car. Most teams, including Mercedes, believe they have solved this now. But the bouncing of drivers in the cockpit remains for many teams. It is a factor of the cars running very stiff suspension and low ride heights required to maximise the ground effect aero. In Monaco and Baku on bumpy tracks the bouncing was very severe and questions were raised about drivers' safety including the risk of micro concussions and whether they were safely able to see braking zones. On the Thursday before the

Canadian GP the FIA issued a technical directive stating it was to address the matter and attempt to find a solution. It also allowed certain changes to be made in Montreal to try to alleviate it. This proved controversial with some teams objecting to what they saw as a rule change without consultation. After a heated team principal meeting on Saturday, Wolff described political manoeuvring by some teams around the subject - which he views as a safety issue - as "pitiful" and "disingenuous". No satisfactory conclusion was reached so Nikolaus Tombaizis, the FIA's single-seater technical director, will now meet the technical directors of the teams this week to attempt to reach a consensus of how to move forward before the next round, the British Grand Prix

at Silverstone. The issue remains highly charged, with Mercedes accused of having made its drivers exaggerate how uncomfortable they were in the car to hasten a rule change. Wolff, however, noted it was a widespread issue across the teams and was concerned that the opposition to dealing with it was shortsighted. "The political manoeuvring that has been going on doesn't consider what is at the core of this topic," he said. "At the core of this topic is that since the beginning of the season drivers have been complaining about pain to drive these cars. Back pain, blurred vision, we're talking about micro concussions and people giving their feedback in literally every team. This is something we just need to tackle: whatever the solution is and whatever technically can be

implemented to go in that direction." "We need to be aware that this is not about cutting a winglet that is an advantage for a team, or a double diffuser. It is that all of us team principals and teams have a responsibility to not take this lightly," Red Bull, who lead the drivers' and constructors' championships and have a car free of porpoising and most bouncing issues, are unsurprisingly reticent to accept rule changes they believe are required only because of the failings of other teams. "The issue with Mercedes is more severe than any other car," Horner said. "That surely is down to the team. That's within their control to deal with that, if it's not affecting others. We haven't had an issue with bouncing. The problem is they're running their car so stiff. I think their concept is the issue rather than the regulation."



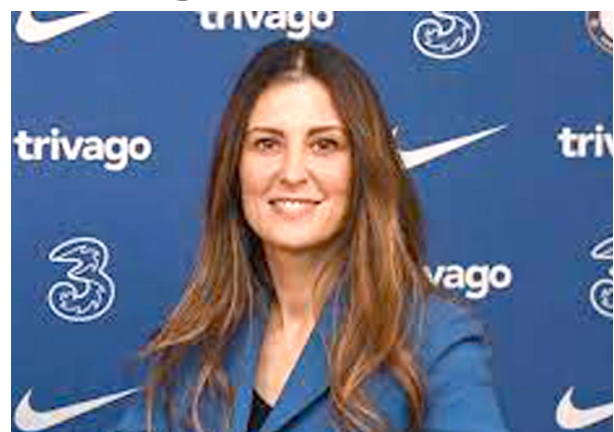
Leinster's Nick McCarthy comes out as gay and thanks club for their support

London, June 21 : The Leinster scrum-half Nick McCarthy has come out as gay, and thanked coaches Leo Cullen and Stuart Lancaster for their "unbelievable" support. McCarthy added that he had previously thought about quitting professional rugby union because of his

sexuality. McCarthy, who shared the news publicly on Monday having already come out to Cullen, Lancaster and his teammates earlier this year, said his experience has been "entirely positive". The 27-year-old added that he had taken strength from the stories of footballer Josh Cavallo and American footballer Carl Nassib, in addition to his bisexual teammate Jack Dunne. "I struggled with coming out for a while and it was starting to impact on me and my happiness so it was the right decision," McCarthy told Leinster's website. "It affected me so much that I agonised over my future and contemplated walking away from rugby altogether, because I just didn't think I could come out while playing rugby. It's not common for a male athlete to come out in sport, never mind professional rugby, and it's probably something that I didn't want to believe or accept myself either. I needed to accept being gay myself before I could address it with others. I have great friends in rugby but I didn't know how they would take it. My experience, since coming out though has been entirely positive," added McCarthy, who told Cullen and Lancaster in November of last year before informing his teammates in January. "I have realised that anyone who cares about you, just wants you to be happy." The Leinster and Ireland captain, Johnny Sexton, said he was proud of McCarthy and that his teammate will be a role model for others. "I've known Nick since his time in the academy so to hear him talk to us so openly about his struggles has been tough but we are now just delighted for Nick and that he can be himself." "We talk about looking after our

brothers a lot in here and the last few months has been about that, looking out for Nick. And that will continue," Sexton added. "By speaking openly about his sexuality, Nick will be a role model for others and we couldn't be prouder of him." Fellow Leinster player Dunne revealed his bisexuality last year, around the same time Nassib announced he was gay and a few months before Australian Cavallo made headlines across the world by sharing his news. Last month, Blackpool's Jake Daniels became the first UK-based male footballer to come out as gay since 1990. "Leinster Rugby is built on brotherhood, and it's important that we can be open and honest with each other," continued McCarthy in his statement. "I was obviously pretty nervous about doing so, but I'm really happy that I did it. They were all delighted for me and it was immediately a weight off my shoulders." "I felt they understood my situation, added McCarthy, a former Ireland Under-20 international. "It's hard to perform at your best when you are carrying something, anything, and that's the same for all the lads. For me it was my sexuality, for others it could be stuff at home, or studies or whatever." "In some ways, nothing has changed, which is great," he continued. "If one other person, one other kid, keeps playing their sport because they see a Leinster Rugby player has come out and is accepted, that would be a great outcome. I'd love people to see, from my experience, that coming out has been really positive, and the biggest hurdle may be in your own head. Surround yourself with good people, because anyone that cares for you, wants the best for you."

Marina Granovskaia set to leave Chelsea as part of changes under new ownership



Paris, June 21 : Marina Granovskaia is set to become the next high-profile exit at Chelsea after the club confirmed that Bruce Buck has agreed to relinquish his role as chairman. Buck is due to leave his post on 30 June, with the club's new co-owner Todd Boehly set to replace him, and it is understood that Granovskaia is poised to become the next to step down. The Russian-Canadian took charge of Chelsea's transfer business during the Roman Abramovich era and her departure is now widely expected. Clarity over Granovskaia's future could arrive this week, with sources suggesting an announcement could be made as early as Tuesday. Chelsea have not commented on Granovskaia's position. It has previously been suggested that she could see out the rest of the transfer window before making a decision on her future. If, as expected, she

does not leave now it would underline the amount of change that has taken place at Stamford Bridge since Boehly completed his takeover with Clearlake Capital last month. Granovskaia leaving would heap more responsibility on Boehly, who has taken charge of negotiating Romelu Lukaku's loan to Internazionale. Boehly wants to give Chelsea's manager, Thomas Tuchel, more power over recruitment, though the club could soon find themselves needing to appoint a director of football. They have been linked with Atlético Madrid's Andrea Berta. Granovskaia had in effect run Chelsea on Abramovich's behalf in recent years. She started working for the club's former owner in 1997 when she joined Sibneft, the oil company formerly owned by Abramovich, and moved to London when the Russian-Israeli oligarch bought Chelsea in 2003. Granovskaia has

looked after transfers and player contracts since 2013. She has developed a reputation as a tough negotiator and has remained active in the current window. She has also worked closely with the club's technical and performance adviser, Petr Cech. However, Chelsea are in a period of change and it is unclear if Granovskaia would enjoy the same level of power under the Boehly Clearlake consortium. The formulation of the new board is still being finalised but key figures have already left. Guy Laurence has quit as chief executive and Buck's departure was announced on Monday morning. The American, who will take on a senior advisory role, has been Chelsea's chairman since 2003. "Now is the right time to step down and let new ownership build on the strong foundations we have in place," Buck said. "The owners have a compelling vision for Chelsea's future and I look forward to helping them achieve it." Chelsea remain in talks with Inter over the terms of Lukaku's loan. They want Inter to pay a £10m fee for the £97.5m forward and cover his wages. The Serie A club's owner, Steven Zhang, has yet to sign off on the deal. Meanwhile Chelsea could face competition for the Sevilla centre-back Jules Koundé from Barcelona, though the La Liga club could struggle to afford the France centre-back.



Moscow, June 21 : Sporting bodies now have no choice but to address an issue which for years has been regarded as too dangerous to touch. Forget Centre Court, St Andrews or Wembley. The biggest battles in this summer of sport are being fought over in the boardrooms and backrooms, as federations wrestle with the thorniest question of all: should transgender women be allowed to participate in female sport? For years most have regarded the issue as too dangerous to touch: the sporting equivalent of playing pass the parcel with a live grenade. Now, though, they have no choice. The emergence of elite trans women, such as the weightlifter Laurel Hubbard, the swimmer Lia Thomas and the cyclist Emily Bridges, has seen that. Decisions are

having to be made. Hard choices, too. On Sunday swimming's global body, FINA, created a seismic ripple when it voted to bar trans women from international female competition. Its argument, in short, was that swimmers such as Thomas retain significant physical advantages - in endurance, power, speed, strength and lung size - from undergoing male puberty even if testosterone is later suppressed. The science backs that up. Research from the biologists Emma Hilton and Tommy Lundberg on the effects of testosterone suppression on muscle mass and strength in transgender women "consistently show very modest changes [which] typically amount to approximately 5% after 12 months treatment". Another study from Joanna Harper, a trans woman at Loughborough University, also found that

"strength may well be preserved in transwomen during the first three years of hormone therapy". But despite the science - and FINA's decision at the weekend - it does not necessarily mean that most sports will follow suit. World Athletics is the most likely, given Sebastian Coe's comments on Monday that "fairness is non-negotiable" and "biology trumps identity". But after that the situation is murky. Last Friday, for instance, cycling's governing body, the UCI, opted to ride down a different path. It, too, accepts that the science shows that transwomen have an advantage. But it says some unfairness to females in sport is acceptable in exchange for being inclusive. Cycling's new policy says cyclists such as Bridges can compete in the female category only if they keep their testosterone below 2.5ml for 24 months. But, in a crucial and under-reported passage, it also states that fair competition is not essential. "It may not be necessary, or even possible, to eliminate all individual advantages held by a transgender," the UCI writes in a policy document. "It is paramount, however, that all athletes competing have a chance to succeed, albeit not necessarily an equal chance and in line with the true essence of sport."

Ryan Giggs leaves role as Wales manager with court case imminent

London, June 21 : Ryan Giggs said he has stood down as Wales manager with immediate effect because he does not want to "destabilise or jeopardise" their World Cup campaign with speculation over his upcoming trial on charges of domestic violence. Giggs has been on leave from the role since November 2020, with his trial in Manchester scheduled to begin on 8 August. The 48-year-old former Manchester United winger is accused of controlling and coercive behaviour against his former girlfriend Kate Greville between August 2017 and November 2020. Giggs is also accused of assaulting Ms Greville, causing her actual bodily harm, and of the common assault of her younger sister, Emma Greville, at his home in Worsley, Greater

Manchester, on November 1, 2020. Giggs has denied the allegations and pleaded not guilty to all charges. Robert Page has led Wales to their first World Cup in 64 years in his absence and Giggs admitted he had taken the decision to step down after much consideration. "It has been an honour and a privilege to manage my country, but it is only right that the Wales FA, the coaching staff and the players prepare for the tournament with certainty, clarification and without speculation around the position of their head coach," said Giggs in a statement on Monday night. "As has been well publicised, I have pleaded not guilty to the criminal accusations being heard at Manchester Crown Court. Whilst I am confident in our judicial process, I had hoped that the case would

have been heard earlier to enable me to resume my managerial responsibilities. Through nobody's fault the case has been delayed. I do not want the country's preparations for the World Cup to be affected, destabilised or jeopardised in any way by the continued interest around this case." It is understood that Giggs, who was appointed in January 2018, decided to stand down after Wales beat Ukraine in their World Cup playoff final in Cardiff two weeks ago. "I have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed some unforgettable moments during my three years in charge of the national team," he added. "I am proud of my record and will cherish those special times forever. I am sad that we cannot continue this journey together because I believe that this

extraordinary group will make the country proud at our first World Cup since 1958. It is my intention to resume my managerial career at a later date and I look forward to watching our national team alongside you in the stands. Finally, I would like to wish the players, the staff and the supporters at the FAW every success at the World Cup and in the future." A statement from the FAW read: "The Football Association of Wales acknowledges the personal statement released by Ryan Giggs on 20 June 2022. The FAW



places on record its gratitude to Ryan Giggs for his tenure as manager of the Cymru men's national team and appreciates the decision he has taken, which is in the best interests of Welsh football. The full focus of the FAW and the Cymru men's national team is on the Fifa World Cup in Qatar later this year."

Brydon Carse aims to 'come on and be aggressive' in all formats for England

Paris, June 21 : Durham seamer Brydon Carse mulled briefly over whether he could be England's enforcer. It only took a second. "Yes," he said. "That's what I'd like to see myself as. I want to come on and be aggressive. I want to make an impact in the game. That might not necessarily be taking wickets but creating opportunities from the other end." Carse bowled aggressively during England's victory over the Netherlands in the second ODI at Amstelveen on Sunday, hitting the pitch hard and generating enough



pace to give the Netherlands batters the hurry up as well as helping to run out the Dutch captain, Scott Edwards, with a sharp throw from midwicket. Carse, who turns 27 next month, made

his England debut last year as part of the shadow squad hurried together after Covid wiped out England's first-choice team. He played in three ODIs, picking up five wickets in the third game at Edgbaston as Pakistan tried to build on the platform provided by Babar Azam, before cover-driving them to victory with two overs to spare. He is highly thought of by the England hierarchy - old and new - and though he was ruled out of last winter's Lions tour due to a knee injury, has bounced back quickly.

Rugby league joins swimming in barring transgender women from international competition



London, June 21 : Transgender women will be barred from playing international rugby league for the time being, after the sport's governing body became the second this week to announce a shift in policy on the polarising issue. Following Monday's announcement that Fina has effectively banned transgender women from competing at elite female swimming events, the International Rugby League (IRL) has decided to preclude athletes who have transitioned from male to female from international competition. The IRL said in a statement that further consultation and research was needed before it could finalise its policy, but in the meantime, the ruling means that trans athletes will not be able to play in this

weeked's Test matches or at the Women's Rugby League World Cup later this year. The IRL said it intended to canvass the opinions of the eight teams who will contest November's tournament in England to collect data that will inform a trans women inclusion policy in the future. "The IRL is continuing work to review and update rules about transgender participation in women's international rugby league and will seek to use the upcoming World Cup to help develop a comprehensive inclusion policy," the IRL said. "Until further research is completed to enable the IRL to implement a formal transgender inclusion policy, male-to-female [trans women] players are unable to play in sanc-

tioned women's international rugby league matches." The last time the IRL reviewed its trans inclusion policy was in January and February 2021, and it said in reaching its latest stance it considered "several relevant developments in world sport", including the IOC's Framework on Fairness, Non-Discrimination and Inclusion on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sex Variations. "The IOC concluded that it is the remit of each sport and its governing body to determine how an athlete may be at a disproportionate advantage compared with their peers - taking into consideration the differing nature of each sport," the IRL said. "In the interests of avoiding unnecessary welfare, legal and reputational risk to international rugby

league competitions, and those competing therein, the IRL believes there is a requirement and responsibility to further consult and complete additional research before finalising its policy." The IRL reaffirms its belief that rugby league is a game for all and that anyone and everyone can play our sport. It is the IRL's responsibility to balance the individual's right to participate - a longstanding principle of rugby league and at its heart from the day it was established - against perceived risk to other participants, and to ensure all are given a fair hearing. "The IRL will continue to work towards developing a set of criteria, based on best possible evidence, which fairly balance the individual's right to play with the safety of all participants," it said. "To help achieve this, the IRL will seek to work with the eight Women's Rugby League World Cup 2021 finalists to obtain data to inform a future trans women inclusion

policy in 2023, which takes into consideration the unique characteristics of rugby league." It is unclear how the IRL's decision will affect the domestic game, with the NRLW season to start in August before the competition expands by four teams in 2023. "The NRL is undertaking ongoing engagement with experts and stakeholders regarding transgender participation," a statement read on Tuesday. "The policy will be determined by the Commission after all advice is carefully and sensibly considered." Fina on Monday announced it would create an "open category" for trans women swimmers, but the decision polarised opinions in the sport. Olympians Cate Campbell and Emily Seebohm were supportive of the new policy, while Maddie Groves called the decision "deeply shameful". The World Athletics president, Sebastian Coe, backed Fina's move and suggested that track and field could soon follow suit.



Assam team succeeded in All India Karate

Assam Rising

Guwahati, June 21: The Assam team has won total 8 medals including 2 gold and 6 bronze medals in the All India Karate Championship, 2022 that concluded yesterday at Bhalewadi Sports Complex, Pune, Maharashtra. The Championship was being organised by Karate Do Association of Maharashtra in association with Karate India Organisation (KIO) in

which around 1200 Athletes from 29 different States of the Country participated. Hemphu Bongjang won one gold in Cadet male Kumite -52 Kg and one Bronze in Cadet male Kata and Haneer Ali won gold medal in Junior Female Kumite -59kg category. Bronze medal holders are :Samvid Deka (Cadet male Kumite -70kg), Akashdeep Gogoi (Cadet Male Kumite+70kg), Jyotirmaan Das (Junior male Kata), Mrigyanee

Das (U-21 female Kumite -55kg) and Nishad Ali (Senior men's Kumite -75kg category). Cadet (14-15 years), Junior (16-17 years), U-21 years (18-20 years) and Senior male / Female event Categories was conducted in the said Championship in which Haryana team secured Best team, Delhi become second best team and Tamilnadu stand in third best team in the Championship.

Kushal Das takes medical leave, Sunando Dhar made acting AIFF general secretary: CoA

New Delhi, June 21 : All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Kushal Das has gone on leave on health grounds, forcing the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) to appoint Sunando Dhar to the post on interim basis. The Supreme Court had, on May 18, appointed a three-member CoA to manage the affairs of the AIFF and form its constitution in line with the National Sports Code and model guidelines while carrying out its long-pending elections. "Mr. Kushal Das, General Secretary, has proceeded on leave on account of his health issues, and therefore the Committee of the Administrators has appointed Mr. Sunando Dhar as an Acting General Secretary, who would be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the federation under the guidance of the Committee of Administrators," the CoA said in a statement on Monday. Some football officials, however, claimed that there is more to the development than meets the eye. Dhar, who had in the past served as the Leagues chief executive officer, was made the officer on special duty after the CoA took charge of the federation. Referring to re-



cent remarks by individuals directly associated with Indian football at the moment, the CoA stated, "The committee has noticed that some individuals have made certain statements with regard to the working of the AIFF and its office

bearers." The said statements must be reflecting the personal views of those persons as the Committee of the Administrators has not authorised anyone to make any statement on its behalf." Among other things, the CoA is set to brief the FIFA

delegation, which is visiting the country and begins its meetings with various stakeholders from Wednesday, about its willingness to complete the task assigned to them by the top court within the stipulated time. Expressing its urgency to carry out the assigned work at the earliest, the CoA said, "The committee would like to conclude the work entrusted to it by the Honourable Court as soon as possible, and in the process of doing so, the draft constitution of AIFF which might be prepared by the Committee of Administrators would be placed before the Honourable Supreme Court." The said suggestions would be appropri-

ately considered by the Honourable Supreme Court on 15th July as directed by the Honourable Court." It further said, "The Committee of the Administrators will do the needful for holding an election as per the new constitution suggested by the Honourable Supreme Court as soon as possible and thereafter, the Constitution shall be placed before the AIFF General Body for its approval." The committee would also be working with the assistance and cooperation of all stakeholders, including Football Sports Development Ltd, State Associations, Sports Authority of India, FIFA, AFC etc., for the benefit of Indian Football."

Covid-infected Ashwin in home isolation, couldn't board flight



Mumbai, June 21 : AS the Indian team underwent its first practice session in England on Monday with most of their premier players turning up for training with the red ball, Ravichandran Ashwin was a notable absentee. The Indian Express understands that the off-spinner has been infected with Covid-19 and couldn't board the flight to England a few days ago. There is also no clarity on whether Ashwin will be boarding a flight in time to be available for the rescheduled Test against England at

Edgbaston, Birmingham, starting July 1. The Indian team captain by Rohit Sharma flew to London to complete the series they lead 2-1 ahead of the final Test. As per Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) rules, all players had to undergo RT-PCR Tests once they flew from their respective homes. It is learnt that Ashwin's test result returned positive and he is undergoing home isolation in Chennai. Ashwin wasn't part of the Indian squad which faced South Africa in the five-match T20I series at home. He took part in the annual first division games organised by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA). Ashwin decided to turn up for his local team Mylapore Recreation Club MRC 'A' just a week after playing for Rajasthan Roy-

als in the IPL final, a game they lost to Gujarat Titans. Ashwin played the semi-final and final and helped his team to its maiden first division title. Later in the day, he had spoken to reporters in Chennai and explained the reason to turn up for his club despite the intense heat. "The purpose of playing these games is to shift from 20 overs to this (red-ball) format. All these things are workload management. As you grow older, you play smarter. I am trying to do that. I am enjoying my game. I just want to go there (England) and take it as it comes. I feel I can contribute with the bat and bowl well. I want to keep ticking on my fitness and keep working," he had said. India had declined to play the fifth Test of the series in England last year after a Covid-19 scare in their dressing room.

Deepamani Deka brings glory to Assam again. Won a gold medal in the 5000 m race.

Guwahati, June 21: Assam at the First National Open Masters Athletics Championship 2022 held at Badora in Gujarat from June 16 to June 19 at the All India level. Girls Race Queen Deepamani Dekar has brought glory to Assam and the North East by winning a gold medal in the 5000m race. Deepamani Deka, a girl from Udmari village in Darang district,

has been a national before, participating in various international competitions. She won a total of 10 (ten) medals from various competitions in the women's category at the All India Level at the First National Open Masters Athletics Championship 2022, which concluded on June 19 in Badroda. The holder player was selected by the Athletics Federation of India and



Assam's girl Deepamani Deka made Assam a record hold in the 5000m race. The North East Sports Association

has given the title to gold medal winner Deepamani Deka as Race Queen and Congratulations her.





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