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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Youth arrested

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

A youth has been arrested in Tinsukia district of Assam for alleged violation of Copyright Act. The youth, identified as Montu Deka, has been arrested from Owguri in Tinsukia. According to reports, Deka had launched a website www.digitaltinsukia.in where he published many books in digital format without prior permission from the publishers of the books. Deka had published around 5000 books in the website. He was an employee at the Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

### Drugs seized

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

Karimganj police on Sunday seized a huge consignment of illicit substances and apprehended two peddlers along with it. The arrested peddlers have been identified as Nayan Kuri and Bidhan Kuri, reported. Police in Karimganj in Assam conducted an operation based on specific inputs during which the drugs were seized. The seized drugs are believed to be worth around Rs 50 lakhs in international markets. The operation was conducted in the Lakhicharan area near Karimganj town on Sunday night during which the drugs were seized.

### Bomb threat

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

Police conducted an extensive search at the Gwalior railway station in Madhya Pradesh on Monday after receiving a bomb threat call, which later turned out to be a hoax, officials said. The bomb disposal squad and sniffer dogs also joined in the search, but nothing suspicious was found, they said. "A person dialled the emergency service number '100' at around 10.30 am, claiming that a bomb was planted at the railway station," Superintendent of Police Amit Sanghi told.

## Maha crisis: SC gives interim relief to Eknath Shinde camp

Extends disqualification notice reply date till 12 July



New Delhi, June 27:

The Supreme Court on Monday granted interim relief to Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde and his rebel group by extending

## Assam HS result 2022

### Dip in pass percentage in higher secondary examination



Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

The Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC) declared the higher secondary (HS) results on Monday at 9 am. Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma had on Saturday said, "Results of Higher Secondary examination will be announced on 27th June at 9 am. My best wishes results." The results for the three streams, that is, science, arts and commerce were declared today. The total pass percentage in Assam was recorded at 87.64 per cent. According to

data from AHSEC, the topper in the science stream with 491 marks out of 500 is Dhritiraj Bastav Kalita of Deomorni HS School in Darrang. The second position was secured by Alankrita Gautam Baruah of Salt Brook Academy in Dibrugarh, who got 488 out of 500 marks, while the third position was secured by Surajit Sutradhar of Concept Senior Secondary School in Nagaon who got 486 marks out of 500. In the commerce stream, the highest marks were secured by Sagar Agarwal of Vivekananda Senior Secondary School in Cachar who got 482 out of 500



marks. The second spot was secured by Manosh Jyoti Borthakur of Crescent Academy in Jorhat, who got 476 out of 500 marks, while the third position was secured by Nikhil Gupta of RD Senior Secondary School in Tinsukia who got 474 marks out of 500. In the arts stream, Sadhana Devi of Kamrup Girls' Senior Secondary School in Kamrup (rural) and Cherry Gohain of Womens College in Tinsukia secured the top position with 487 marks ob-

tained out of 500. The second spot was secured by Bidisha Misra of Sankardev Academy in Nalbari, who got 486 out of 500 marks, while the third position was secured by Sudipta Debnath of Sankardev Se-

nior Secondary School in Hojai who got 483 marks out of 500 and Niloy Kurmi of Ramanujan Senior Secondary School in Nagaon, who got 483 out of 500. It

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## HS Students to Get Scooty Based on Cut-off Marks: Ranoj Pegu

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu on Monday said that students who secured first division in Higher Secondary examination, the results of which was declared today will also get scooty. "Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had on earlier declared that the students securing first division in HSLC and HS will be given scooty. The scooty will be awarded based on the cut off marks keeping in mind the budget," the education minister said. He said that last year also the scooty have been provided to the students based on a certain cut off marks and this year too, it will be provided on the same criteria and as far as the first division holders are



concerned, the chief minister will decide as to how the Anundoram Barooah award could be continued. The provision will be made under the Prayagn Bharati scheme. This was informed by Assam Finance Minister Ajanta Neog during the state budget session of 2022-23. The Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC) declared the higher secondary (HS) results on Monday. The results for the three streams, that is, science, arts and

commerce were declared today. The total pass percentage in Assam was recorded at 87.64 per cent. According to data from AHSEC, the topper in the science stream with 491 marks out of 500 is Dhritiraj Bastav Kalita of Deomorni HS School in Darrang. The second position was secured by Alankrita Gautam Baruah of Salt Brook Academy in Dibrugarh, who got 488 out of 500 marks, while the third position was secured by Surajit Sutradhar of Concept Senior Secondary School in Nagaon who got 486 marks out of 500. In the commerce stream, the highest marks were secured by Sagar Agarwal of Vivekananda Senior Secondary School in Cachar who got 482 out of 500 marks. The second spot was secured by Manosh Jyoti Borthakur of Crescent Academy in Jorhat, who got

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## Assam floods death toll rises to 126

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

At least five more people, including four children, died after drowning in the flood waters in Assam in the last 24 hours. Barpeta, Cachar, Darrang, Karimganj and Morigaon districts recorded one death each as over 22 lakh people still remain affected. The total number of people losing their lives in this year's flood and landslides in the state has now gone up to 126. Of these, over 17 were killed in landslides. Barpeta is the worst affected district, with nearly seven lakh



people in distress, followed by Nagaon (5.13 lakh people) and Cachar (over 2.77 lakh people). The districts affected by flood are Bajali, Baksa, Barpeta, Biswanath, Cachar, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Dima Hasao,

Goalpara, Golaghat, Hailakandi, Hojai, Kamrup, Kamrup Metropolitan, Karbi Anglong West, Karimganj, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, Sonitpur, South Salmara, Tamulpur and Udalguri. Floodwaters have

affected crops on 74,706 hectares across the state. What used to be green paddy fields of hope have now turned into a sea of despair. As many as 2,17,413 people are languishing in 564 relief camps all over the state. Lost somewhere under the swelling waters, people have been forced to stay in these makeshift camps. The Army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and other state agencies are still continuing their rescue and relief operations though the

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## Sanjay Raut refuses to appear before ED tomorrow



Mumbai June 27:

Amid the ongoing political rebellion in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Monday refused to ap-

pear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday for questioning in a money laundering case in connection with the re-development of Mumbai's Patra Chawl case and said that he would "seek time". Earlier today, Raut was summoned by the anti-corruption agency pertaining to a money-laundering case

but Raut refused to attend the interrogation claiming that he wants to stay with the party, for now, ANI reported. He said that he prefers to stay with the party in the time of crisis and will seek time from Enforcement Directorate. However, the Shiv Sena leader assured that he will go to ED soon and seek some other day. "I

knew ED is going to summon me, I won't kneel down. No matter what the rebel MLAs do, I will not go to Guwahati. I am Balasaheb's Shiv Sainik and I will stay with my party. I will not appear before the ED tomorrow. I will seek time from ED, but will definitely

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## "Study Science or Commerce, it will Help to Get Job": Assam Education Minister

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 27:

Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu has urged the HSLC passed students to study Science or Commerce. "I urge the HSLC passed students to study Science or Commerce as it helps to get a job easily," said Pegu while addressing a press conference in Guwahati. He further stated that he is happy with the result of

Higher Secondary examination declared today. "The result this year is best in a decade. This year the pass percentage is highest and this is only due to the screening conducted in Class X," he added. Pegu further stated that the students are much less in Commerce and Science stream but most of the students passed in first and second division. Pegu further informed that there are 1.12 lakh seats in Science stream

in the state. "The processes of filling up the vacancies of PG teachers are going on and IIT professors will train the Science teachers," he said. The Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC) declared the higher secondary (HS) results on Monday. The results for the three streams, that is, science, arts and commerce were declared today. The total pass



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Vietnamese students perform in the Chinese Bridge college student Chinese language competition in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## Zelenskiy meets G7 leaders as US plans to give air defence system to Ukraine

**Madrid, June 27 :** The Ukrainian president has met G7 leaders via video as US government sources briefed that Washington plans to announce as soon as this week that it has bought a Norwegian advanced surface-to-air missile defence system for Ukraine. The announcement of the Nasams purchase will meet one of the key requests from Volodymyr Zelenskiy, who has been warning his key cities are defenceless against Russian missile strikes including those that rained down on the capital, Kyiv, on Sunday. Zelenskiy's meeting with the G7 leaders was not shown to the

public - he could be seen on a television screen next to the round table where the leaders sat at the summit venue - but in his overnight address to the Ukrainian people he said the country needed a powerful, modern and fully effective air defence system that can ensure complete protection against such missiles. "We talk about this every day with our partners. There are already some agreements," he said. The air defence system will be one of many pledges of military support including artillery ammunition due to be given to Ukraine either at the German-chaired G7 summit in Bavaria, or at the subsequent Nato defence summit in Madrid. Leaders of the G7 group of industrialised countries were meeting at Schloss Elmau deep in the peaceful Bavarian Alps, with Russia's war against Ukraine at the top of the agenda. The

leaders are committing to supporting Ukraine for the long haul at their summit, with help for Kyiv and further economic action against Russia under discussion. A US official said G7 leaders were set to pursue a price cap on Moscow's oil revenues and raise new tariffs on Russian goods. The US missile defence briefings did not clarify when Ukraine would receive the system, the degree of training required and to what extent it would receive the corresponding missiles. The US has to balance the need to show its commitment to the Ukrainian cause with a degree of military secrecy. The long-awaited American Himars missile system is already on the Ukrainian frontline and being used to attack convoys of Russian equipment. In his overnight address delivered before his video link-up to the G7, Zelenskiy called for more ammunition. "Partners should proceed more



quickly if they are really our partners and not just observers... any restriction is in reality an invitation to Russia to strike again and again," he said. On Saturday alone, Ukraine claims 62 Russian rockets and missiles hit the country, including from the territory of Belarus. Zelenskiy called on Belarus not to get drawn into the war. "You are not slaves and cannon fodder. You must not die," he said in his nightly message to the Ukrainian people. The southern port of Odesa was struck overnight and, hours before the G7 summit opened, Kyiv was hit by the first strike on the capital since early June in what was taken as a brutal message of defiance. Boris Johnson has been sending out ever fiercer warnings in

London, June 27 : Top Gun: Maverick has crossed the \$1bn (£810m) mark in global box office receipts, making it the most successful film of 2022 so far, and the most successful of Tom Cruise's career. Variety reports that Top Gun: Maverick's global box office takings now total \$1.006bn (£813m) after 31 days on release, overtaking 2022's previous highest earner Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, which now stands on \$947m (£772m). By far the film's biggest territory is the US, where it has earned \$522m,



followed by the UK (\$70m) and Japan (\$41m). Top Gun: Maverick has also comfortably overtaken Cruise's highest grossing film at the global box office: 2018 thriller Mission: Impossible - Fallout, which managed \$792m. The film has proved durable in the US box office charts, with revenue projections suggesting it will have returned to the No 1 slot in its fifth week on release, just ahead of the Baz Luhrmann-directed Elvis, which is making its debut.

## Israel and Saudi Arabia 'in talks over joint defence against Iran'

**Jerusalem, June 27 :** Top military officials from Israel and Saudi Arabia have met in secret US-brokered talks to discuss defence coordination against Iran, according to a report. Delegations from Riyadh, as well as Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jordan and Egypt, met the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) chief of staff in the Egyptian town of Sharm el-Sheikh in March, the Wall Street Journal revealed on Sunday, citing US and regional officials. The US was represented by Gen Frank McKenzie, the former head of US Central Command, whose area of responsibility was expanded under Donald Trump to include Israel. The unprecedented summit marks the first time Israeli officials have met with such a wide range of counterparts from the Arab world, with

the aim of countering the shared threat of Tehran's growing missile and drone capabilities. Israel has no formal diplomatic relations with either the cinema industry: that remains Spider-Man: No Way Home, released in 2021 with a global box office of \$1.9bn. decades-old taboo in Arab diplomacy as power and priorities in the Middle East shift: the region's mostly autocratic governments have grown apathetic to the occupation of the Palestinian territories, and Israel and the Gulf states have a common enemy in Iran. The Sharm el-Sheikh summit appears to represent a major step towards formalising Israeli-Saudi ties. President Joe Biden is planning to visit Israel and Saudi Arabia in mid-July, when he is expected to announce further steps in the warming relationship between two of the Middle East's most powerful nations. A proposed agreement is believed to include allowing Israeli commercial flights over the kingdom, and Israeli approval of a plan to transfer Egypt's control of two strategic Red Sea islands back to Riyadh.



Qatar or Saudi Arabia, the region's geopolitical heavyweight, which is vying for influence with Iran. During the Trump administration, the majority Jewish state signed the Abraham accords establishing formal relations with the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan, ushering in an era of closer ties between Israel and its Arab neighbours. The accords ended a



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Letter No. TIM/Timber Lot/E-Tender/Re-Sale/3303  
**SHORT SALE NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR RE-SALE OF TIMBER LOTS UNDER KAMRUP WEST DIVISION, BAMUNIGAON**  
This is for general information to all concerned that 12 No. of timber lots which have been seized and kept in various Range Headquarter/Beat/Depot under Kamrup West Division, Bamunigaon are intended to be Re-sale by e-tender as per "Assam Sale of Forest Produce Coups and Mahal Rule/1977 and Amended Rules/2000".  
The details of E-Tender will be available on <https://assamforestonline.in> portal from 27.06.2022 (12.00PM) to 1.07.2022 (5.00PM).  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Kamrup West Division,  
Bamunigaon  
Janasanyog/C/5408/22

## Paris attacks trial: accused given last chance to speak before sentencing

**Paris, June 27 :** The sole surviving member of a cell alleged to have carried out the November 2015 terrorist bombings and shootings across Paris insisted he was not a killer, as the nine-month trial drew to a close. "I've made mistakes, but I'm not an assassin. I'm not a killer. If you convict me for murder you will be committing an injustice," Salah Abdeslam told the special court in Paris on Monday. "My first words are for the victims. I have already said sorry. Some of you will say I am insincere, that this is a strategy... as if apologies could be insincere

given so much suffering," Abdeslam, 32, added. The 14 men in the dock accused of involvement in the jihadi attacks were given a last chance to speak before sentencing on Monday. Mohamed Bakkali, accused of offering assistance to the attackers, told the court: "I strongly condemn these attacks. I am sincerely presenting my apologies to the victims. I didn't do it before because words had no place faced with their pain." Only one of those present, Osama Krayem, who has refused to speak throughout the trial, remained silent.

## Ukrainian spouses in Gaza suffer from double conflict

**Gaza City, June 27 :** For more than a decade, Natalya Hassoumi's family in Ukraine have worried about her safety in the Gaza Strip; they have been unable to reach her for days at a time while airstrikes have pummeled the isolated Palestinian territory. Now, Hassoumi is experiencing something similar. She has not heard from her parents and siblings in Russian-occupied Kherson for three weeks. "I think the Russians must be making people switch to using Russian networks and sim cards, but I don't know what's happening," the 41-year-old doctor said. "It's very hard not knowing." Hassoumi is one of about 830 Ukrainian-born people living in Gaza, which according to community leaders is the largest population of foreigners living in the blockaded coastal zone. Having lived through three rounds of war between Israel and Hamas, the militant group in control of the Strip, the endocrinologist is acutely aware of what her family in Kherson is facing. "I never thought that war could happen in Ukraine," Hassoumi said at the house in Beit Lahia she has shared with husband Iyad and the couple's three young sons since 2011.

Memo No. FA/TR/Tender/CSS-PT/2022-23/777 Dated, Barpeta Road, 14.06.2022.  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Sealed tenders in prescribed form affixing a non-refundable Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and paise Twenty Five) only are invited from the registered contractors Class-I (A), (B), (C) and Class-II category of Assam PWD Buildings which will be received by the undersigned through a tender box till 3 PM (I.S.T.) on 04/07/2022 and will be opened on 04/07/2022 at 3:30 PM in the O/o the Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve, Barpeta Road for the following works stated below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Unit	Rate per unit (in lakh)	Location	Sanctioned Amount (in lakh)	Earnest Money per unit (in Rs)
1	Construction of Mechanized Boat for river patrolling	3 nos.	2.00	Manas Tiger Reserve	6.00	4000/- (for General) & 2000/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
2	Construction of Wireless Tower 100 feet under Manas Tiger Reserve.	1 no.	3.00	Manas 1 <sup>st</sup> addition	3.00	6000/- (for General) & 3000/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
3	Construction of Wireless room under Manas Tiger Reserve.	1 no.	1.50	Manas 1 <sup>st</sup> addition	1.50	3000/- (for General) & 1500/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
4	Construction of Arms storage strong room under Manas Tiger Reserve.	1 no.	2.00	Bhuyanpara Range	2.00	4000/- (for General) & 2000/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
5	Construction of Garage shed under Manas Tiger Reserve.	1 no.	1.50	Kahitama Beat	1.50	3000/- (for General) & 1500/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
6	Construction of Bathroom/Latrine under Manas Tiger Reserve.	1 no.	3.00	Kuklung Range	3.00	6000/- (for General) & 3000/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
7	Repairing of Bishnupur Beat	1 no.	3.00	Kuklung Range	3.00	6000/- (for General) & 3000/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
8	Maintenance of water supply system	2 nos.	1.50	Bansbari/Bhuyanpara Range	3.00	3000/- (for General) & 1500/- (for SC/ST/OBC)
9	Repairing of old staff Qtr.	1 no.	4.00	Bansbari Range	4.00	8000/- (for General) & 4000/- (for SC/ST/OBC)

In the event of any unusual occurrence due to strike, bandh, holiday etc. the same will be received and opened on the next working day at same place and same time.  
Detailed NIT may be seen in all working days during office hours in the office of the undersigned. The Tender paper will be issued to the contractor or their authorized agent from 11.00 Hrs. to 14.00 Hrs. on all working days from 20.06.2022 to 02.07.2022.  
The contractors should submit attested copy of up to date Contractor's Registration Certificate, Labour License, Registration of GST, Annual Turnover, Previous Experience Certificate if any, Financial Soundness Certificate, Income Tax return etc. along with the tenders.  
The Earnest Money should be deposited along with the filled up tender documents in the form of "Deposit at Call Receipt"/Fixed Deposit/Bankers Cheque/Bank Draft of scheduled Bank in favour of Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve, Barpeta Road, Assam. Work order shall be issued to the successful bidder only on receipt of funds under CSS PT 2022-23.  
The works need to be completed within 3(three) months of award of contract and payment will be made only after completion of the works as per prescribed estimate and subject to availability of fund.  
Sd/- Field Director,  
Manas Tiger Reserve.  
IPR(BTC)-137/2022

GOVT OF ASSAM  
**DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE, ASSAM**  
UZANBAZAR, GUWAHATI  
No. DSW (ICDS)/SNP/61/2022/1  
**Notice inviting Expression of Interest**  
Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1 invites e-Expression of Interest affixing court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 only, for the supply of Ready to eat (RTE) food items such as Dal Khichdi, Multigrain Suji Halwa as cereal-based Micronutrient Fortified Energy Dense Food for Children of age group (6 months to 3 years), Children of age group (3- 6 years), Severely Malnourished Children of age group (6 months to 6 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating mothers for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres at General areas of Assam for implementation of SNP during the year 2022-23.  
Important dates as per Tender:-

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start date	Start time	End date	End time
1.	Tender publishing	28/06/2022	11.00 AM	NA	NA
2.	Tender download	28/06/2022	11.00 AM	19/07/2022	3.00 PM
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	04/07/2022	3.00 PM	04/07/2022	4.00 PM
4.	Bid submission	28/06/2022	12.00 AM	19/07/2022	3.00 PM
5.	Bid opening	20/07/2022	11.00 AM	NA	NA

Eol documents may be downloaded from the official website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. The bidder who have downloaded the Eol schedules containing the Eol details, terms and conditions from the website shall submit their Eol online on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in> with proof of payment of non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only by Crossed Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque issued by a Nationalized Bank/ Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of the Director of Social Welfare, Assam, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1 and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted online- date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.  
The bidder shall have to submit proof of payment of EMD of Rs. 25,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs) in the form of crossed Demand Draft/ Bankers Cheque/ Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR)/Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of Director, Social Welfare, Assam from a Nationalized Bank/ Scheduled Commercial Bank and payable at Guwahati.  
The Eol should be submitted through e-procurement system only.  
The original crossed Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque for tender fee and Draft/Bankers Cheque/ FDR/Bank Guarantee for E.M.D. along with samples of each items in a 1 Kg packet to be supplied to Children (6 months to 6 years), Severely Malnourished Children (6 months to 6 years) and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers as per prescribed specification along with laboratory analysis report & other necessary documents should be submitted to the Director of Social Welfare, Assam, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1, in a sealed cover, on or before the last date and time of submission of Eol. The cover should be superscribed with the details of the Eol as shown above. Samples are not returnable.  
Director,  
Social Welfare, Assam  
Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1  
Janasanyog/C/5386/22

# 14 students brings laurels to Nagaon in HS Exam



**Assam Rising Nagaon, June 27:** Altogether 14 students from four private educational institutions of the small town have brought laurels to Nagaon district this time by securing rank in top ten list in Arts, Science and Commerce streams of Higher Secondary final examination 2022, the results of which were declared today

## Two Students in Arts stream shines in Hojai

*Consistency and Discipline is the mantra of Success says the Toppers*



**Assam Rising, Hojai, June 27:** Two Student's of Hojai District have brought laurels for the District by securing 3rd and 6th position in Arts Stream in Assam Higher Secondary Education Council Results 2022, the results of which were announced on Monday. Sudipta Debnath, student of Sankardev Junior College in Hojai has secured Third Position in Arts stream. She secured English 94, Mass 95, Economics 99, Swad 96, LOPH 99

## Guardian secretary take stock of flood in Lakhimpur

**Assam Rising Lakhimpur, June 27:** B. Kalyan Chakraborty, principal secretary, labour welfare and skill employment and entrepreneurship department, Government of Assam who is also the guardian secretary of Lakhimpur visit the Lakhimpur district on Saturday last during his visit B Kalyan Chakraborty inspected the flood affected Gelahati area under

Naoboicha revenue circle to take stock of the situation .there he interacted with the flood victim to know whether they received adequate amount of flood relief the evening. In the evening B Kalyan Chakraborty held a flood situation review meeting in the conference hall of circuit house with the district officers of various government departments. The principal secretary in-

structed the district officer to help the flood victims by adopting every possible measure deputy commissioner Sumit Satyawan ADC Manorama Morang ADC cum SDO (civil), Dhakuakhana Arindam Baruah circle officer of the revenue circle of district and the district officer of disaster management authority were also present in the meeting

Secondary School bagged 3rd and 4th positions in science while Ruhani Saikia (481) and Debashish Sharma (475) from the same institution secured 5th and 9th positions respectively in science stream. Meanwhile Aldrin Nath (482) and Vaibhav Sonowal (481) from Ramanujan Senior Secondary School bagged rank in Science stream while one student from Ramanujan Senior Secondary School achieved 6th and 10th positions respectively. Besides, Pratyosh Pratim Borah from Concept Senior Secondary School bagged the 5th position in the same stream. On the other hand, Simran Surana (465) of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Nagaon and Chandan Bora of Geetanjali Senior Secondary School, Nagaon bagged 8th and 9th positions in commerce stream. While speaking to the media persons here, the 3rd rank holder in science stream, Surajit Sutradhar said he will take admission in IIT with a major in Mathematics while Ritik Kr Sut, Ruhani Saikia and Debashish Sharma of Concept Senior Secondary School, will study medical science.

## De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centre inaugurated in Sonitpur

**Assam Rising, Rangapara, June 26:** MLA, Tezpur, Prithiraj Rava inaugurated the De-addiction cum Rehabilitation Centre for Sonitpur at Kharati, Mazgaon in Tezpur on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. A brief ceremony was held on the occasion which was attended by Assistant Commissioner and i/c DSWO Kabita Phangchoi, DIPRO Neena Baruah, eminent educationist Ananda Boruah, and resource person for the occasion, Dr Pradip Kumar Sharma, Psychiatrist, Kanaklata Civil Hospital, staff and members of the DACRC. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA, Tezpur asked the officials concerned to conduct awareness drives among the students and the youth about the ill effects of drug abuse in order to deter them from abusing such substances. The MLA also distributed prizes to the top two winners of an essay competition held on the theme "Impact of Drug Abuse on Health and Society" to Karishmita Katakati (Tezpur Govt Girls, HS and MP School) and Nikita Bora (Tezpur Govt

Girls HS and MP School) who won the first and second prize respectively. Resource person for the occasion, Psychiatrist at Kanaklata Civil Hospital, Dr. P.K. Sharma gave a detailed overview of the pattern of drug use in the country and laid stress on the need to put in concerted efforts by all sections of the society to fight the menace of drug abuse. He also called upon the authorities to take up increased awareness programmes about the ill effects of drug abuse, specially among children and the youth. And for those who are already addicted to substance use, he laid stress on the need to take proper steps for their rehabilitation so that they can be brought back into the mainstream. Eminent educationist and former vice-principal of Darrang College Ananda Boruah spoke on the role of parenting in the prevention of drug abuse and also for overall development of a child. DSWO i/c Kabita Phangchoi also spoke on the occasion. Project Coordinator, DACRC, Mallika Goswami, Psychologist, Annapurna Thakuria,

## Assam Governor attends 'Nation First: Calling the youths' in GU

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 27:** Assam Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi said that India is like a big family where everybody should work for the protection of identity, security, unity, integrity and culture of the country. Speaking at a youth conclave on the theme 'Nation the youths' organized by the Council Education Assam in with Gauhati NSS Cell at Datta Seminar Hall in Gauhati University here on June 26, Governor Prof. Mukhi said that India represents the concept of one big family. Just as the safety of any member of a family puts the entire family in danger, similarly if one part of the country or if any citizen of the country becomes weak, it has its cascading effect on the entire nation. Therefore, one should always be ready to serve the country with body, mind and soul. The Governor said that the Council for Teacher Education Foundation established in 1985 has been working continuously for the educational development and welfare of teachers. Along with this, this organization is also striving for positive changes in the educational sector of the country. He thanked the organizer for having organized the conclave on the theme which according to him will help in realizing 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Addressing the youth who participated in the conclave, the Governor said that "Nation" is the form of collective sentiments of a large mass of people which should adequately be working to strengthen the feeling of "Nation First". He said that the "one hundred and thirty crore Indians" are extremely fortunate to have been born on this holy land. He said that on one hand, this "Bharat-bhoomi" is the birthplace of many great souls like Rama-Krishna-Mahavir-Buddha, on the other hand, it has also been the Karmabhoomi of great men like Srimanta Sankardev, Sri Shankaracharya, Nanak Dev, Mahaprabhu Chaitanya so on and so forth. He also said that Indian civilization, which is about five thousand years old, has always been inspiring people all over the world. He, therefore, urged upon the participants of the conclave to empower themselves by the unbridled power and keep serving the nation with the motto of 'Nation First'. He also appealed to the youth to initiate their effort in line with the spirit of 'Nation First' and work individually and collectively towards the bigger goal of making India self-reliant. The programme was attended by Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University Prof.P.J.Handique, General Secretary of Council for Teacher Education Foundation, Prof.Nilima Bhagabati, MD NERAMAC Manoj Kumar Das, Director, Students' Welfare & Programme Coordinator NSS, Gauhati University Dr. Ranjan Kr.Kakati along with a host of other dignitaries.

## Bodo Book "Bodofani Aagan" released in Udalguri

**Assam Rising Udalguri, June 27:** A book authored by Prodeep Kumar Daimary in Bodo entitled Bodofani Aagan was released at Udalguri amidst a function held on Sunday. The book is a collection of articles published in various periodicals and mouth pieces. Nandesawr Daimari the noted Bodo writer has released the book and hailed the writer for his tremendous contribution to Bodo society. The meeting was presided over by Nilakanta Gayari the former secretary of Bodo Sahitya Sabha and guest introduction was given by Baidyanath Upadhyaya. Haribhakti Sarma the former presi-



dent of Udalguri Arya Samaj has presented a review of the book and he termed the book as an important one to get the ideas of the Bodoland movement. Nabinmalla Boro the noted writer has also outlined the importance of Prodeep Kumar Daimary's writings to the society. Benjamin Soren, the President of Assam Santhali Sahitya Sabha has also congratulated the author for his dedication to the writings. Tarapati Upadhyaya the noted writer, Gayatri Bhattarai the secretary of BTC Academic Council, Dr. Luke Daimari the Principal of Udalguri College, Fatendra Basumatari the vice president of Udalguri district Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Laxman Adhikari the president of Udalguri district Nepali Sahitya Sabha, Bidyapati Dahal the noted Sanskrit scholar among others were also present on that occasion. Prodeep Kumar Daimary was the Deputy Chief in the erstwhile Bodoland Autonomous Council and also led the Bodoland movement as Vice President of ABSU. He had also published newspapers like The North East Herald, The National Voice, The Bodoland Voice, The Bodoland Khourang, Jwnfrut etc. from Udalguri. He has authored many books in Bodo and English, enriching contemporary literature.

## Biswanath college unit of ATTSA formed

**Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, June 27:** In a public meeting held at the office premises of Assam Chha Majdur Sangha here a new committee of Biswanath College unit of ATTSA (All Tea Tribes' Students' Association) was formed with Mahesh Shattri, president of Biswanath branch of ATTSA in the chair today. Chatan Basuwar, assistant secretary of Biswanath ATTSA conducted the proceedings wherein Abhay Sona was elected as president, Bikash Bhumij as secretary along with fifty one executive members. The meeting was attended by Ananta Sona, Oiban Tanti, Amit Tossa besides others.



CM Dr. Sarma visited flood-relief camp at Barambai HS School, Hajo on June 26.

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## A Race We Can Win

Billions of tons of CO2 are released into the atmosphere every year as a result of coal, oil, and gas production. Human activity is producing greenhouse gas emissions at a record high, with no signs of slowing down. According to a ten-year summary of UNEP Emission Gap reports, we are on track to maintain a "business as usual" trajectory. The last four years were the four hottest on record. According to a September 2019 World Meteorological Organization (WMO) report, we are at least one degree Celsius above preindustrial levels and close to what scientists warn would be "an unacceptable risk". The 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change calls for holding eventual warming "well below" two degrees Celsius, and for the pursuit of efforts to limit the increase even further, to 1.5 degrees. But if we don't slow global emissions, temperatures could rise to above three degrees Celsius by 2100, causing further irreversible damage to our ecosystems. Glaciers and ice sheets in polar and mountain regions are already melting faster than ever, causing sea levels to rise. Almost two-thirds of the world's cities with populations of over five million are located in areas at risk of sea level rise and almost 40 per cent of the world's population live within 100 km of a coast. If no action is taken, entire districts of New York, Shanghai, Abu Dhabi, Osaka, Rio de Janeiro, and many other cities could find themselves underwater within our lifetimes, displacing millions of people. Global warming impacts everyone's food and water security. Climate change is a direct cause of soil degradation, which limits the amount of carbon the earth is able to contain. Some 500 million people today live in areas affected by erosion, while up to 30 per cent of food is lost or wasted as a result. Meanwhile, climate change limits the availability and quality of water for drinking and agriculture.

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## India needs National Technology Coordinator. An Indian model in digital infrastructure is ready



We would like India to be less of just being a fuel for global tech companies, but to also lead the global tech movement," argued Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Electronics and Technology. The quest for leadership is only natural. There is an India model in digital infrastructure that is waiting to be evangelised across its borders. Indian digital public goods, such as the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) that powers digital transactions, are engineered to be shared across borders. Nepal and Bhutan have adopted UPI. Service providers in France are in the process of doing it. India has a suite of homemade and highly scalable digital public goods. Moreover, technological partnerships are increasingly at the centre of India's diplomatic choices. Whether it is the Quad or the US-

led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), the emphasis on technological cooperation, data sharing, and interoperability in digital services more broadly lie at the heart of these new mini-lateral arrangements. Yet, to effectively lead "the global tech movement", India urgently needs to invest in an office of what might be called a National Technology Coordinator (NTC). There are at least four reasons to do so. First, no ministry or government department is structured to take the lead or invest a hundred percent of its capabilities to track, coordinate, and most importantly, focus its efforts on strategically leveraging all that is happening within India.

**Rudra Chaudhuri**

and well globally. In addition, it is impossible for already stretched ministries to appreciate the frenzy of activity across India. From the creation of innovative digital products in Bengaluru to the multifaceted debates on the de-regulation of space, and from the formation of a new 'health stack' or Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to India's advantages in biotechnologies - there is simply too much happening at any given time. Second, an NTC should ideally be located in the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS). Not the least because there are security implications of any given aspect of emerging

## Devendra Fadnavis and Eknath Shinde have a common enemy but different priorities

How many people would shed tears if Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray steps down? A large section of Mumbai's liberal intelligentsia, for sure. They couldn't stand Bal Thackeray's Sainiks - alleged extortionists, cricket pitch-diggers, Valentine's Day vigilantes, and whatnot. But they've come to love Uddhav - a soft, suave wildlife lover who can give it back to the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Ranauts and the Goswamis of the world.

They would now want the Sainiks to rediscover their old selves when rebel Sena leaders return to Mumbai. Then there are the Pawars. They have got the best out of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, the three-party coalition of contradictions. In the Congress, the outgoing ministers would be the only ones with broken hearts. And, of course, a couple of BJP leaders in Delhi who might be troubled by Devendra Fadnavis' rising stature. This is not to write an obituary of the MVA government yet. Nor is it an article written in anticipation of former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis' return to the helm. Although, one has to be a die-hard optimist to believe the MVA government would survive this storm. Maharashtra minister and rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde thought just getting 36-odd party MLAs - of the total 55 - to back him against Uddhav Thackeray would be enough to claim Bal Thackeray's ideological and political legacy. He probably thought two-thirds of the MLAs would be recognised as a separate group, which could support the BJP to form the government. Shinde should have read the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution more carefully. Having two-thirds of the MLAs doesn't enable his group to be recognised as a separate group. They must merge with another political party to avoid disqualification. But how could self-proclaimed flag-bearers of Bal Thackeray's ideological and political legacy let the BJP appropriate that legacy? After



all, they project their rebellion as a righteous movement to reclaim his ideology of Hindutva, which Uddhav purportedly compromised by allying with the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

So, if they merge with the BJP, they lose the moral high ground, their Sena identity and Sainik supporters. And once they are out of the Sena and part of the BJP, their bargaining power gets totally diluted. So, keep the merger option aside for now. Another option being floated in Maharashtra's political circles is that the Shinde group can merge with the Prahar Janshakti Party (PJP) of Independent MLA Bachchu Kadu, another minister who is standing beside Shinde in Guwahati. The problem with this option is that Kadu is a maverick politician who called BJP MP Hema Malini "a bumper drinker" and even threatened to enter Union minister Raosaheb Danve's house and "beat him up". Eknath Shinde and the BJP would naturally think twice about planning their future collaboration with Kadu at its centre in his capacity as the PJP chief. The third option before the Shinde camp is to approach the Election Commission of India to claim the Shiv Sena's symbol. But for that to happen, even with a sympathetic EC, Shinde needs to have a majority of the Sena MLAs, MPs, corporators and party office-bearers on his side. That's a big ask given that Shinde and his cohorts are not ready to even return to Maharashtra today, fearing backlash from Shiv Sainiks and likely defections from their camp back into Uddhav Thackeray's. This dilemma explains the relative silence of BJP

BJP strategist must have worked out legal and constitutional nitty-gritty, too. There may, however, be a difference in priorities of the BJP and the rebel Sena camp. However much Fadnavis might want to form the government, his first priority would be to bring the Uddhav government down and get the President's Rule imposed, when the deputy speaker, the election commission and the courts would come into play. There will be enough time to draw the contour of the next government. Once the MVA government falls, the Congress-NCP-Sena coalition is likely to be over; it will come unstuck. You know how much Rahul Gandhi resented this alliance even though his party MLAs owed little to him in their elections. Many MLAs, especially of the Congress, would then be willing to switch their loyalties even at the risk of getting disqualified and facing bypolls. Cobbling up a robust majority in the assembly to provide a stable government wouldn't be an issue for the BJP then. In the worst scenario, there would be snap polls. The BJP wouldn't mind that either. A splintered Sena, a divided opposition and a discredited CM - the BJP couldn't ask for more. Incidentally, this is what Uddhav Thackeray would also want unless he can perform a miracle by bringing back the entire lot of rebels, with or without Eknath Shinde. Thackerays know miracles don't happen just like that. The Sena chief would know that even in the unlikely scenario of half or more of the rebel MLAs returning to the party fold for the time being, the MVA government's days will be numbered. Even non-Sena MLAs in the MVA are edgy as was evident in the last MLC

election when as many as seven Congress MLAs didn't follow the party's instructions. So, what Uddhav Thackeray is doing now is to try to consolidate his hold over the Shiv Sena, while delaying the inevitable to his government. If he is able to isolate the rebels and avert a vertical split in the Sena, he can always live to fight another day and find some ally or the other. He looks resigned to losing. His shift from Varsha, the CM's residence, to Matoshree, his private residence, in a show of sacrificing power was meant to be an emotional outreach to the Sainiks. But in the process, he came out as a reluctant CM that Maharashtra doesn't deserve. The fact is the Uddhav Thackeray government, despite complaints about the CM's inaccessibility, did a reasonable job in Covid management, especially during the second phase of the pandemic when the central government went missing while patients were gasping for breath on pavements in Delhi due to shortage of oxygen cylinders and bodies were seen buried under the sand along Uttar Pradesh rivers. But a missing Thackeray made headlines. He doesn't even seem to bother much about defending his governance record. When a CM asks why his party colleague, Shinde, should ask questions about his son, Aditya, when his own son is a Member of Parliament, it's clear he is not looking to defend his administrative acumen and record. He is fighting for his father's legacy. Read between the lines when Thackerays and his confidants speak in public nowadays. More than saving the government, they are working to regain their grip on the party and deny rebels their seats in an alternative government.

## If you think Denmark is all Borgen and social equality, take a look at its awful 'ghetto' law

We make a habit of idealising Scandinavia. Living in Britain, a country of damp sandwiches, dilapidated housing and extortionate gas bills, makes it easy to fantasise about places like Denmark, with its generous welfare state and 37-hour working week. We laud its social philosophies, binge on its politics as dramatised by TV's Borgen. The idealised version of this looks like a social democratic utopia in which the state takes care of your worries. It does

not look like the experiences of Muhammad Aslam, a taxi driver I spoke to recently while visiting Denmark. Aslam's story is one that proponents of the Nordic model do not want you to hear. It reveals a darker side to this cosy ideal. And it shows that when the state considers you an outsider, its generous provisions can be swiftly withdrawn and something dystopian can take their place. Aslam, 42, has lived in Denmark since 1987. For all that time, his home has been Mjølnerparken, a leafy public housing estate of squat redbrick blocks in the centre of Copenhagen. His children were born and grew up here; one has just finished law school, the other is an engineer. From his balcony, Aslam can hear the sound of children playing in the courtyards below, mixed with the chattering voices of their parents and grandparents. Local nurseries use the estate's green spaces, and every summer, Mjølnerparken hosts a party for teenage residents who have finished school. More than an estate, this is a community. But the government has classified



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Mjølnerparken as a "ghetto", and plans to slash its public housing stock to no more than 40% of the total. Last month, Aslam received a letter informing him that he has until September to move out of his home. This all stems from a 2018 law intended to eradicate all ghettos in Denmark by 2030. And the Danish state decides whether areas are deemed ghettos not just by their crime, unemployment or education rates, but on the proportion of residents who are deemed "non-western" - meaning recent, first-, or second-generation migrants. Aslam and most others living in Mjølnerparken are Danish citizens but, as they were not born in western countries, they are treated as foreigners in their own homes. Aslam's children were born in Denmark, attended Danish schools and have Danish university degrees. Because their father was born in Pakistan, they too are deemed "non-western". This is not a story of gentrification or the hidden hand of the market, pricing people out of city centres. It is worse than that. It is, in effect, state-directed population control. A real estate investor, NREP, has already bought 260 of the flats on the

estate. Once people like Aslam have been removed, the company plans to increase the rent on their former homes by more than 50%. Residents will be rehoused, but they will have no control over location or cost. Their children will need to move schools; their communities will be broken up. "What have I and my family done? Why do we have to be removed? My kids and my family have done nothing wrong," Aslam says. What is playing out on this estate is far from just a local issue. In 2017, the country's parliament expressed concern that people they considered true Danes were becoming a minority in some areas. The ghetto law was passed the following year. By breaking up these communities, the government hopes to confront what it calls "parallel societies". This phrase recurs so often in Denmark that it borders on a collective paranoia: the fear that areas that are home to large numbers of minority and Muslim citizens risk splintering a national culture. The ghetto law was the invention of Denmark's previous rightwing government. Yet it is now being enforced by the left-leaning Social Democrat government, in an attempt to shore up support among voters it worries will otherwise be lost to the right.

# 17 projects of Kohima Smart city completed: KSCDL



**Kohima, June 27 :** The Kohima Smart City Development Ltd (KSCDL) has so far completed 17 out of 35 projects of the Smart City Mission, a senior official said on Saturday. It includes, integrated command and control centre, capital cultural hall, beautification works, community building at New Market, pedestrian friendly footpath, and mobile hotspot, said KSCDL Chief Executive Officer K Theunuo at the 7th anniversary of Smart City Mission. Kohima is not only a smart city but also a cultural city in Nagaland consisting of different tribes which have been residing here since time immemorial, he said.

Theunuo said KSCDL has adopted interventions in the city services by upholding the rich culture, traditions and identity. He said that KSCDL is doing its best to develop infrastructure and services for social, economic, institutional and governance as part of the Smart City Mission. He informed that Kohima Smart City Area based development is limited to seven, out of the 19 municipal wards only covering an area of 280 acres. Briefing on the present status of Kohima Smart City project, he said the original project cost of Kohima Smart City was Rs 1,000 crore on the basis of 50:50 funding pattern between Centre and state

government. However, the project cost was revised to Rs 550 crore due to change of funding pattern to 90:10 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) with Central government share of Rs 500 crore and state share of Rs 50 crore, resulting in cancellation of projects worth Rs 450 crore. Some ongoing works like Multilevel parking at Old Medical Directorate and NST Bus station, Walkable Street, Cycle Track are expected to be completed within two-three months, he said. Some new major projects are City Centre, Local Ground redevelopment, Battle Tank re-development and Community buildings with parking and commercial facilities are to be completed before June 2023, he said. Principal Secretary to Nagaland Chief Minister, K D Vizo called upon the implementers of Kohima Smart City project to engage the community and leverage technology to benefit the citizens. Vizo stressed on the need to engage the community to identify the factors affecting them, and find out potential solutions as part of the Kohima Smart City project. On leveraging technology, he said creating a smart city must also include educating the public to be smart citizens and that includes extensive

use of Information technology and electronic data-backed approach. The smart city team should be innovative and have long-term solutions that are not only effective but also has potential to improve upon the original plans, he said. We should use information and communication technologies extensively to increase operational efficiency, share information with the public and improve both the quality of services and citizen welfare, he said. Vizo said the focus of Smart City

Mission is on sustainable and inclusive development to create cities that work for its citizens livable, sustainable and thriving and to offer multiple opportunities to its people to pursue their diverse interest. Let our mission be to build the four pillars of the Smart City Mission Social Infrastructure, Physical Infrastructure, Institutional Infrastructure, including governance and Economic Infrastructure.

## 2 journalists arrested for alleged connection with insurgents



**Imphal, June 27 :** Two Manipur journalists based in Imphal have been arrested by Manipur police for their alleged involvement in the recruitment of underground cadres in the Bishnupur district on Friday, police said. According to police, former president of All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) Bijoy Kakchingtabam, 54 and AMWJU standing committee member Leimapokpam Shanjitkumar Singh, 41, were arrested when they were trying to recruit cadres for the banned outfit United National Liberation Front (UNLF) from Bishnupur district and send them to Myanmar for further training. The police further said that the two arrested

journalists revealed that they came to Bishnupur after receiving telephonic instructions from a person named Shaken, UNLF's publicity director currently based in Myanmar. They were arrested from the Bishnupur Bazar near Ngaikhong crossing along Tiddim road based on reliable input received from Sister Agency and NIA, it said. Three mobile phones and one car were seized from their possession. Meanwhile, the two arrested Manipur journalists union leaders along with the seized items have been handed over to Bishnupur Police Station for further investigation. They were sent

# 526 kg of marijuana seized: 1 arrested



**Naharlagun, June 27 :** Police on Friday arrested a 35-year-old woman and seized around 526 kilograms of marijuana worth Rs 52 lakh from a concealed storage of her house in the Kankarnallah area near here. This is the biggest-ever drug bust in the state's history. Capital superintendent of police Jimmy Chiram on Saturday said that based on a tip-off regarding a husband-wife duo supplying narcotics in large quantities in the Itanagar Capital Region, a special team of the capital police was consti-

tuted to develop information and cause the arrest of the said supplier. The raid was then carried out at the house of one TadarChada at Gollonallah in Kankarnallah at around 6 pm on Friday. During the raid, the police team came across hidden storage which had 31 bags containing suspected cannabis weighing a total of 525.97 kilograms. Cash amounting to Rs 50,000, one Indian-made pistol of .32 calibre and an SUV suspected to be the proceeds of the drug trade were also seized. Chiram said, while adding that the current market value of the seized cannabis (ganja) is around Rs 52 lakh. The police also arrested one TadarKampung (35) and a case under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has been registered against her. The SP said TadarChada, Kampung's husband was not present in the house during the raid and "it seems that he is absconding." Kampung is evasive and uncooperative but it is suspected that she had procured the marijuana from Sagalee, Mengio and Kalaktang and stored it in the hidden godown from where she used to supply it to the retailers and wholesalers. Efforts are on to establish the source of drugs and to identify and arrest all the peddlers and buyers associated with the duo, the SP said.

## NSCN-IM militants held in Arunachal



**Itanagar, June 27 :** Two militants of the banned NSCN-IM were apprehended from Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh, police said on Thursday. A joint team of the police and Assam Rifles apprehended one Baitu Youngja (51) of Kongska village from Rangkatu tea garden area on Tuesday, they said. He went to the tea garden to extort its manager at the behest of the NSCN-IM, Superintendent of Police MihinGambo said. On Wednesday, another cadre of the NSCN-IM was apprehended from the same area by a joint team of the police, Assam Rifles and CRPF, he said. The accused, identified as ChakngamKongkang (30) of Phangsum village in Namtokcircle, went to the tea garden to collect extortion money, he added. A motorcycle and a mobile phone were seized from him, the officer said. They were demanding Rs 2 lakh from the tea garden, police said. A case has been registered and an investigation is underway, they said.

## Cache of weapons recovered in Churachandpur

**Imphal, June 27 :** Churachandpur Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) in a joint operation with Manipur Police recovered a cache of weapons and warlike stores in Churachandpur district on Saturday, said an official. Based on specific

input, troops of Assam Rifles along with Manipur Police launched an operation which led to the recovery of arms and ammunitions. The haul included one Lathode Launcher, three Lathode bombs, two .22 pistols, one 9mm Carbine, one Chinese

grenade, one local grenade along with two Kenwood handheld radio sets, it said. The recovered items have been handed over to Churachandpur Police Station for further investigation, it added.

## Home Minister Rymbui condemns attack on two Kerala youths

**Shillong, June 27 :** Meghalaya home minister LakhmenRymbui on Saturday condemned the attack on two Kerala youths in the city on Friday. Rymbui also said an investigation is going on and is hopeful that in the next 24-48 hours the police will be able to nab the culprits. Earlier, two youths from Kerala who were in the city for an internship with Impulse NGO were assaulted by about 30 bikers. Apart from this, two other assaults took place - a Swiggy food delivery man and traffic police were also assaulted in the city. Meanwhile, Director General of Police (DGP) Dr LR Bishnoi informed that the police are currently analysing the footage and once the identification of the culprits is confirmed, necessary actions will be taken. The DGP further appealed to the youths that if there are any concerns they should come forward and speak instead of resorting to violence. He added that such instances will send a wrong message to the whole state and should refrain from doing such acts.

## BSF apprehends B'deshi smuggler

**Shillong, June 27 :** Border Security Force (BSF) troops apprehended a Bangladeshi national in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills district for trying to smuggle goods, an official said on Sunday. Acting on reliable inputs, BSF troops deployed at the international border in the Pyridiwah area of the district apprehended the Bangladeshi national with medicines, cosmetics and clothing items worth over Rs 20 lakh on Saturday, a BSF spokesperson said in a statement. The Bangladeshi national was identified as Feroz Ali, a resident of Sylhet town in Bangladesh.

## New chief secretary takes charge in AP

**Itanagar, June 27 :** Dharmendra, a 1989-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, took charge as the new chief secretary of Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday. Dharmendra succeeds Naresh Kumar, who was recently transferred to the national capital and appointed as the chief secretary of Delhi. He was serving as the chairperson of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) prior to his posting to the northeastern state. Soon after joining office, he convened a meeting with senior officers and took stock of important projects and issues pertaining to the state. Dharmendra was accorded a warm welcome by a team of senior officers led by finance and planning principal secretary SharatChauhan.



# Two Army jawans die in road accident in Dzuluk



**Gangtok, June 27 :** Two Army jawans of the First Battalion Sikkim Scouts of the Indian Army died in a road accident in Dzuluk, East Sikkim on Thursday night. The two jawans were Lance NaikManojChettri from Yangang in South

Sikkim and Naik Subedar Som Bahadur Subba from Mirik, West Bengal. The two officers were commuting to bring back the labourers working in the vicinity of the 52 turning in Dzuluk. It is suspected that the accident occurred due to dense fog in

the high-altitude region in East Sikkim. According to information received, the vehicle fell some 300 feet. The bodies of the two deceased have been recovered and were brought back to the Army base on Friday. The two will be cremated with full Army honours on Saturday. Sikkim Chief Minister offered his condolences to the families of the deceased. "Deeply saddened by the demise of NB/Sub Som Bahadur Subba r/o Pokhrebong, Mirik, LNK ManojChettri r/o Karongthang, Yangang in an accident last evening at Zuluk. They were both

## Nagaland Govt. well prepared for COVID

**Kohima, June 27 :** The Nagaland government is monitoring the COVID-19 situation with the number of fresh cases maintaining a rising trend in several parts of the country, an official said on Thursday. The state is well prepared to deal with any sudden rise in the infection count. Health and Family Welfare department's Principal Director Dr K VikatoKinimi told reporters. The department is closely monitoring the situation in states such as Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi, Karnataka, Haryana, West Bengal and neighbouring Assam, where there has been a "recent spike", he

said. As per available data, the rise in cases has not been reflected in the increase in admissions to hospitals, he said. Kinimi urged people to follow COVID guidelines and take all necessary precautions, including wearing masks, washing hands and maintaining distance. In Nagaland, two fresh COVID infections were detected in Dimapur on Wednesday, raising the tally to 35,502. The state now has only three active patients, Nodal Officer for Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme Dr NyanthungKikon said. Altogether, 33,247 people have recovered from the disease in the state, while 761 have died and 1,490

migrated to other parts of the country, he said. Nagaland has so far tested 4,74,318 samples for the infection. Altogether 18,26,316 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Nagaland till Wednesday, State Immunisation Officer DrRituThurr. Currently, the state has fully vaccinated 54 per cent of its people above 18 years of age, while 49 per cent of children in the 15 to 17 years of age group have been inoculated and the vaccination of those between 12 and 14 years is less at 23 per cent.

## Mizoram govt to sponsor UPSC coaching



**Aizawl, June 27 :** Over 500 candidates appeared for an entrance test on Friday for the 'Super IAS 40' programme, through which the Mizoram government will sponsor the coaching of 40 aspirants for the UPSC civil services examination, officials said. Faced with an acute shortage of IAS officers, the Mizoram government has decided to sponsor the coaching of 40 UPSC aspirants from the state for the civil services examination, they said. Those who clear the entrance test will get coaching at reputed institutes in Delhi, the cost of which will be borne by the state government, they added. The Mizoram Youth Commission (MYC) is overseeing and implementing the programme. MYC chairman

and MLA Vanlaltanpuia told a press conference on Thursday that a total of 575 candidates have registered for appearing in the entrance test. The exams were held at five centres across the state and in Delhi. The results of the written test will be declared on June 27, and personal interviews will be held on June 28 and June 29. Based on that, the final list will be announced on July 1. Candidates who score at least 50 per cent in the written test will be shortlisted for the personal interview, Vanlaltanpuia said. Candidates, who get into the programme, will not be allowed to appear in other competitive exams conducted by the Centre or the state government until they appear for at least two UPSC prelims, he

said. The MYC would closely monitor their progress and the government would stop their sponsorship or may ask for repayment if their conduct is not satisfactory, the chairman said. Only meritorious students will be selected for a full sponsorship, and the government may not fill up all 40 seats if suitable candidates are not found, he said. Under the programme, the government will provide 1-year full sponsorship to 40 aspirants who will get coaching at Vajiram & Ravi, Vision IAS and ALS IAS in Delhi. The Mizoram government had launched the 'Super IAS 20' programme in 2020-2021 to provide sponsorship to students for a six-month crash course in Delhi. But none of the selected candidates cleared the civil service exams for 2021. Despite holding the distinction of being the second-highest literate state in the country, Mizoram has failed to produce many IAS officers. Grace Lalrindiki Pachuau, the daughter of former state chief secretary Vanhela Pachuau, was the last person from the state to crack the exams. She joined the IAS in 2014. Last year, the Centre appointed senior IAS officer Renu Shama of AGMUT cadre as the state's chief secretary despite Chief Minister Zoramthanga's request to name a Mizo officer for the post, triggering outrage.

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### Assam Hs Toppers 2022

482 Manosh Jyoti Borthakur Crescent Academy (Senior Secondary School), Jorhat 476  
 Nikhil Gupta R D Senior Secondary School, Tinsukia 474  
 Assam Board Hs Class 12th Arts Result: Top 3 Candidates  
 Sadhana Devi Kamrupa Girls' Senior Secondary School, Kamrup (Rural) 487  
 Cherry Gohain Womens College, Tinsukia 487  
 Bidisha Misra Sankardev Academy (Senior Secondary School), Nalbari 486  
 Last Year, 98.93% Of Students Passed The Exam Overall. Last Year, A Total Of 189793 Candidates Passed The Class 12 Exams. Last Year The Board Did Not Release The Merit List This Year As The Exams Have Not Been Conducted. The Topper List Was Also Not Announced. In Total, 2,49,812 Candidates Registered For The Exam Last Year. Of These, 38,430 Were From The Science Stream, 19,185 From The Arts Stream, 18,443 From The Commerce Stream, And 1081 From The Vocational Course.

### Assam HS result 2022

may be noted that a total of 1,56,107 students appeared in the arts stream of which 29,487 students secured first division, 52,944 secured second division and 47,893 got third division. The pass percentage was recorded at 83.48 per cent. Similarly, in the commerce stream, 15,199 students sat for the exam of which 5018 secured first division, 5186 got second and 3060 were placed in the third division. The pass percentage stood at 87.27 per cent. As many as 33,534 students appeared in the exams from the science stream of which, 20,171 secured first division, 9,833 got second division and 911 students bagged the third division. The pass percentage was recorded at 92.19 per cent. Meanwhile, in the district-wise report of students released by the AHSEC, in the science stream, Baksa district performed the best, with a pass percentage of 98.27 per cent. Nalbari came in second with a pass percentage of 97.99 per cent, while Sivasagar district secured a pass percentage of 97.83 per cent. The pass percentage in the Kamrup (metro) district in the stream stood at 92.62 per cent. In addition, in the commerce stream, Majuli district performed the best securing a pass percentage of 100 per cent. In second stood South Salmara with 96.77 per cent of students passing, while Baksa district came in third with a pass percentage of 96.53 per cent. The Kamrup (metro) district's pass percentage was recorded at 89.31 per cent. Likewise, Dhemaji recorded the highest pass percentage of 94.67 per cent in the arts stream with Nalbari securing second spot with 93.54 per cent and Lakhimpur recording a pass percentage of 92.99 per cent. The pass percentage of Kamrup (metro) was 81.52 per cent. The pass percentage of the Class 12 examination conducted by the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC), the results of which were declared on June 27, registered a dip compared to the previous year, when examinations were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. In the Arts stream the decrease in pass percentage was more than 15% this year compared to 2021, while in Commerce it fell by about 12% and in Science, the dip was around 8%. Out of 1,56,107 students who appeared in the Class 12 examination in the Arts stream, 83.48% cleared it, as per results announced by AHSEC. The pass percentage was a decrease from 98.93 of 2021 when the higher secondary examination was held in no stream under the AHSEC due to the pandemic and evaluation was done based on a marking formula. The top position in the arts stream was shared by Sadhana Devi of Kamrupa Girls' Senior Secondary School, Kamrup, and Cherry Gohain of Women's College, Tinsukia. Both secured 487 marks out of total 500 marks. The Commerce stream recorded pass percentage of 87.27% out of total 15,199 students who took the exam this year, with the overall successful rate falling from 99.57% in 2021. Sagar Agarwal of Vivekananda Senior Secondary School, Cachar, topped the Commerce section with 482 marks. The Science stream saw 33,534 students appearing for the examination, with the pass percentage at 92.19%, a decrease from 99.06% the previous year. Dhritiraj Bastav Kalita of Deomornoi HS School, Darrang, secured the first position in the merit list in the Science stream, scoring 491 marks. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma congratulated the successful students and urged those who could not perform well to strive for better result next time. "Congratulations to all students who passed the HS exams, results of which were declared today. May you all continue excelling in your academic pursuits," he tweeted. Mr. Sarma added, "However, those who couldn't perform well shouldn't lose heart but keep trying. I'm sure you too will be crowned with success." Students of science stream have recorded the highest pass percentage in the HS examinations this year, the results of which was declared by the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC) on Monday morning. According to official data, students of science stream have secured 92.19 per cent across 33 districts of Assam. On the other hand, the total pass percentages of commerce and arts stream are 87.27 per cent and 83.48 per cent respectively. The topper in the science stream with 491 marks out of 500 is Dhritiraj Bastav Kalita of Deomornoi HS School in Darrang. The second position was secured by Alangkrita Gautam Baruah of Salt Brook Academy in Dibrugarh, who got 488 out of 500 marks, while the third position was secured by Surajit Sutradhar of Concept Senior Secondary School in Nagaon who got 486 marks out of 500. The total pass percentage in Assam was recorded at 87.64 per cent.

### Sanjay Raut refuses to appear

go after some time," Raut said addressing the media persons. Raut also alleged that the ED summon was a conspiracy to prevent him from supporting his party during a crisis as over 40 Shiv Sena leaders turned against the current MVA alliance and have been camping in Assam against Uddhav Thackeray. Asserting that he would not attend ED summon, Raut said that even if he is beheaded, he "will not take the Guwahati route." The development comes amid the ongoing political crisis in Maharashtra in which rebel Shiv Sena MLAs led by Eknath Shinde are camping in Guwahati. In April this year, the ED had also attached immovable properties worth Rs 11.15 crore, including a flat at Dadar, held by Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut's wife Varsha and eight land parcels at Kihim near Alibaug, jointly held by the latter with Swapna Patkar, in connection with the redevelopment scam. Swapna is the wife of Sujit Patkar, who is a close associate of the Sena leader. Meanwhile, Maharashtra's Tourism Minister and Uddhav Thackeray's son Aditya said on ED summon to close aide Raut said that this has become a circus now. Targeting the Centre over it, Aditya Thackeray said, "This is not politics, this has now become a circus." Aditya Thackeray threw another dare at rebel Shiv Sena leaders to come face to face and tell him what's wrong with the government.

### HS Students to Get Scooty Based

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### "Study Science or Commerce

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### Assam floods death toll rises to 126

flood waters are receding and the overall situation has shown signs of improvement in all the affected districts of the state. However, as a matter of concern, the river Kopili continues to flow above the danger level mark in Nagaon district. A total of 2,77,158 people remained to be affected in Cachar district, with at least 96,972 people in Silchar still suffering. Over 1.09 lakh people are still housed in 230 relief camps in the district, including 25,223 in Silchar. Meanwhile, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday visited Silchar town to monitor the flood situation. During his visit, which is the second within two days, CM Sarma inspected inundated areas including Malini Beel, Public School Road, Radhamadhab Road, Kanakpur, Rangirkhari, Sonai Road, National Highway and Tarapur and interacted with the people who have been left devastated by the calamity. The chief minister later chaired a meeting with senior officials to review the flood situation and gave instructions for providing proper medical facilities to the people in distress. He also informed that 15-20 doctors would be sent to Silchar from Guwahati soon. CM Sarma instructed that a health camp be conducted in each and every municipal ward of the town, besides directing the health department to provide medicines to people's houses at least for the next seven days. The chief minister reviewed the status of electricity supply in Silchar and directed the Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) officials to restore power supply step by step in the town. CM Sarma also asked the NDRF and SDRF personnel to continue their efforts to the best possible extent to reach various areas and rescue people stranded in flooded places. CM Sarma also informed us that arrangements are being made to send one thousand litres of kerosene and adequate vegetables and animal medicine from Guwahati to Silchar. He also said that the boats, which are presently available with the administration, should deliver one kit containing a match box, candle, baby food and other essential items to various areas per visit.

### Maha crisis: SC gives interim relief

submissions today by 5.30 pm, stands extended till 12 July," the court ordered. The court, however, refused to pass any interim order on the plea of the Maharashtra government that there should not be any floor test in the Assembly and said they can always approach it in case of illegality. In his plea to the Supreme Court, Shinde said that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance has lost the majority in the Maharashtra Assembly as 38 of the members of the Shiv Sena Legislature Party have withdrawn their support. Shinde further stated that the Deputy Speaker has lost his position as the MVA government has been reduced to a minority and in such a situation, he has no authority to invoke provisions of the Members of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 1986, and send notices to him and 15 other MLAs, which form part of the breakaway group of 38 Sena legislators. A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala has also sought the response of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly's Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal and Sena chief whip Sunil Prabhu and legislature party leader Anil Chaudhary on petitions by Shinde and 15 other dissident MLAs challenging the disqualification notice sent to them and posted the case for further hearing on 11 July. "Counter affidavit to be filed within five days, rejoiner three days thereafter. List it on 11 July," the court said. The apex court told the Deputy Speaker that "Haste can lead to undesirable consequences." The Supreme Court also recorded the submission of Maharashtra counsel that no harm will be caused to the life and property of the rebel MLAs. "Chitnis (counsel for Maharashtra) states that adequate steps have already been taken and the state government will further ensure that no harm is caused to the life, liberty, property of the MLAs," the Court said in its order. The court also issued the directive after the Deputy Speaker questioned the authenticity of the removal motion by the rebel camp. The Shinde faction on 22 June had filed a notice for the removal under Article 179 of the constitution and rule 11 of the Maharashtra Assembly Rules. The apex court also sought for complete records from the office of deputy speaker, after his counsel Rajeev Dhavan told the bench that he questioned the authenticity of the removal motion as it was sent through an email. During the hearing, the Supreme Court also asked the rebels' lawyer why they did not first approach the Bombay High Court. To this, advocate NK Kaul replied that the rebels' houses and properties are being threatened, and the situation is not conducive for them to pursue their rights in Mumbai.

## Assam CM congratulates successful students of HS examination

Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 27: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today extended his heartfelt congratulations to all students who passed the HS Examination, the results of which were declared today. In a statement here today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the successes of the students in the HS examination, an important in terms of deciding their future academic pursuit, showed their grit and determination. Their good show in the examination also reflected their hard work, perseverance and commitment. "May you all continue excelling in your academic pursuits in the years to come," the Chief Minister added. Dr. Sarma however, had his consolations for the unsuccessful students who could not perform well in the exam. He said that they should not lose heart and keep trying, because hard labour never goes wastage.



## Biswanath college unit of ATTSA formed

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, June 27: In a public meeting held at the office premises of Assam Chha Majdur Sangha here a new committee of Biswanath College unit of ATTSA (All Tea Tribes' Students' Association) was formed with Mahesh Shattri, president of Biswanath branch of ATTSA in the chair today. Chatan Basuwar, assistant secretary of Biswanath ATTSA conducted the proceedings wherein Abhay Sona was elected as president, Bikash Bhumij as secretary along with fifty one executive members. The meeting was attended by Ananta Sona, Oiban Tanti, Amit Tossa besides others.

## 100% pass in science stream of M.P.H.S. School

Assam Rising, Margherita, June 27:

As per the results of Higher Secondary Education Examination 2022, 100% students have passed in science stream of Margherita Public Higher Secondary School. The school's teachers as well as students are elated at the success of the very old educational institution which has been playing a leading role in the education sector. The school has continued its 100% pass streak for six consecutive years since 2017. People of the area are excited about the continuous victory of government schools. This year 16 students passed in the first division, 9 students in the second division. 3 students passed with Star Mark and 19 with letter marks to bring glory to the school.



International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed

### International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed

Assam Rising, Golaghat, Jun 27: The State Level observation of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held on June 26 at the auditorium of the District Library, Golaghat. State Minister, Health and Family Welfare took part as Chief Guest in the event in presence of the MLA, Sarupathar LAC Biswajit Phukan, Joint Secretary Health and Family Welfare department Jyotsna Medhi, Additional Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Deputy Commissioner of Golaghat Mrigesh Narayan Baruah, Superintendent of Police Sumeet Sharma, Joint Director of Health Services Dr. Arun Ch Mahanta, Superintendent of Swahid Kushal Konwar Civil Hospital Golaghat Dr. Surendra Nath Tamuli and many renowned personalities from different walks of life. The objective of the meeting was elaborated upon by Dr. Sunita Ekka, District Nodal officer, District AIDS Control Society, Golaghat. She detailed the activities being done by the district AIDS unit in collaboration with the Administration and Police Dept. The Nodal Officer, OST Centre, SKKC, Golaghat, Dr. Dipak Dutta made the public aware about the clinical part of treatment provided to Drug users. He stressed upon the fact that the family members and society as a whole should support the people who are coming forward for such treatment and must not discriminate or disparage somebody coming forward for getting treatment. The Additional Secretary, Health and Family Welfare department, Manash Nath while delivering his speech requested the society to be alert and provide support to the departments and NGOs working against Drug Abuse. The Superintendent of Police, Sumeet Sharma, dwelled upon the strict measures that are being taken by the Govt towards erasing the menace of Drug Abuse. He maintained that the police department is pro-actively working towards achieving this goal of Drug free society. He welcomed inputs from the public regarding Drug scenario in the district and assured that it would be taken upon strictly. The Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat, Mrigesh Narayan Baruah pointing towards the importance of the day also underlined the cause behind observation of a day like this and its relevance in Golaghat. He told the gathered public that Golaghat is in the centers of the drug market as it shares inter state borders with many states and the district becomes an accessible route for peddlers to enter the State from outside. Joint Secretary Jyotsna Medhi in her speech appreciated the efforts of District AIDS Control Society and Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) Centre under the aegis of District Health Society, Golaghat. At the same time she also said that there is a long way to go and a tough goal to achieve. She stressed upon the fact that the young generation must be kept away from the grasp of Drug Abuse. MLA, Sarupathar LAC in his speech elaborated on the need of stricter measures to be taken to stop Drug Abuse and requested the parents to be vigilant of the behaviour of their children. He requested the people of Golaghat to support the actions of the Administration in tackling the Drug situation of the district. He pointed out that drug abuse is very much prevalent in society and it is required to identify and provide them treatment. The Health and Family Welfare Minister while delivering his speech requested the combined efforts of all departments including the public for a healthy and happy society. He added that those who are already identified are being provided treatment; however, the task will be to prevent new people from falling into prey. He said that the Drug menace is spoiling families and the social fabric is getting soiled by such activities. He mentioned that the government is very much motivated and actively challenging the Drug nexus by taking tough actions. The Vote of Thanks was given by the Joint Director of Health Services in which he requested support from parents, teachers, educational institutions, NGOs and all citizens to come forward and support the anti drugs campaign. He stressed that it must be a combined effort to fight the Drug menace. The event was attended by senior officials from the Administration, senior medical professionals, NCC Cadets, students of Nursing school, ASHA Workers, NHM officials among others.

### CT SCAN Machine was inaugurated in Aalo hospital

Assam Rising, Aalo, June 27:

A CT SCAN Machine was inaugurated at General Hospital, Aalo by Alo Libang, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Social Welfare Women & Child Development Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh



on June 27. Kento Jini, MLA cum Advisor Law and Justice and Parliamentary affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Nyamar Karbak, MLA, Spokesperson cum Advisory Home, Tax & Excise and Narcotic, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and Dr. Dubom Bagra, DMO Aalo, also attended the event. While speaking on occasion, Kento Jini thanked the Minister for Fulfilling the long pending demand of the public and highlighted the economic benefits of the CT Scan Machine. He said that earlier doctors refer the patient for CT Scan to pasighat, Dibrugarh and Itanagar. Now, after installing the CT Scan Machine at Aalo the patient expense will minimize and also Doctors can better examine the patient. The programme was attended by the galaxy of District Officers and the Medical staff of the District.

# Eoin Morgan ponders international retirement amid form and fitness woes

London, June 27 : Eoin Morgan could be set to announce his retirement from international cricket this week with England's World Cup-winning captain understood to have been mulling over his future in recent days. The 35-year-old has been battling with form and fitness problems this year, most recently registering two ducks in the one-day international series against the Netherlands in Amstelveen before pulling out of the third match with what was officially described as a "groin issue". But the Guardian has since learned from separate sources that he could be poised to draw stumps on a career that revolutionised England's white ball cricket over the past seven years and helped to deliver the 50 over World Cup at Lord's in 2019. Morgan played in a corporate match at the ground on Saturday - something of a surprise given the injury last week - but has since withdrawn



from a scheduled appearance for the cricket charity Chance to Shine at a school in Hackney on Tuesday. Should Morgan call time on one or both formats, the expectation is that Jos Buttler would step up as captain, having been vice-captain since 2015 and led the team 13 times. Moeen Ali, another to deputise in recent times, would also be a candidate. Morgan

admitted he was feeling his age and struggling to recover physically after matches, telling Sky Sports: "If I don't think I am good enough or I don't feel I am contributing to the team, then I will finish." Morgan's place in English cricket history is already assured, having switched allegiance from Ireland in 2009 and initially slotted into the England middle order as a dynamic left-hander with a then unique ability to hit to all parts of the ground. He then took over the captaincy of the ODI team from Alastair Cook on the eve of the 2015 World Cup in Australia and, though that campaign failed, he held on to the role and became the catalyst for a revolution alongside the former head coach Trevor Bayliss.

director of England men's cricket. But he has made just two half centuries from his past 28 international innings across the two white-ball formats. In interviews before the Netherlands tour he

# England step up the chase to close on series sweep against New Zealand



London, June 27 : The concept of a nervy run chase appears lost on this England side and they now march into the final day of this third Test against New Zealand needing 113 more runs to start life under Ben Stokes with a first home series clean-sweep in 11 years. Set 296 for victory after Jack Leach completed well-earned match figures of 10 for 166 on the fourth afternoon, England scorched their way to 183 for two from just 39 overs of batting bliss. Ollie Pope finessed his way to an unbeaten 81 and Joe Root a typically frictionless 55 not out that included another audacious reverse scoop for six. Root had just 16 runs

to his name when he repeated his antics from Trent Bridge and whipped Neil Wagner over the slips like a matador bamboozling a charging bull. He and Pope had come together with the score on 51 for two but showed the confidence coursing through this side at present with a silken and unbeaten 132-run stand. With Jonny Bairstow still to come and fresh from back-to-back centuries, the pitch offering only the occasional gremlin and Kane Williamson burning two of his reviews following successive gambles against Root, the tourists need the overnight break to prove rejuvenating and the return of Headingley's penchant

for a twist or two. Tickets for the fifth day are free, even if the action could well be swift. Truly, the only source of angst for England came early on and Zak Crawley the source. Skittish at the crease and dropped by Tim Southee at slip before getting off the mark, the right-hander's early travails can only have contributed to Alex Lees being run out for nine when his partner drove to extra cover and their communication went awry. In fairness, this was also a majestic piece of fielding from New Zealand, Williamson picking up the ball after his initial fumble and, on the run, spinning sideways like an All Black scum-half to the alert Trent Boult at the stumps. Williamson's fly-half made no mistake and the early roar from the crowd dipped with England 17 for one. Crawley responded with some typically eye-catching strokeplay en route to 25 but the headache over his place in the side will roll into selection for Friday's rescheduled fifth Test against India after another tame demise.

# Petr Cech to step down as Chelsea's technical and performance advisor

London, June 27 : Chelsea have confirmed Petr Cech will leave his role as technical and performance advisor this week. The former goalkeeper will become the latest to leave the club since Todd Boehly's takeover following the departures of the chairman, Bruce Buck, and director Marina Granovskaia last week. Cech said: "It has been a huge privilege to perform this role at Chelsea for the past three years. With the club under new ownership, I feel now is the right time for me to step aside. I am pleased that the

club is now in an excellent position with the new owners, and I am confident of its future success both on and off the pitch." Boehly, chairman and co-controlling owner, added: "Petr is an important member of the Chelsea family. We understand his decision to step away and thank him for his contributions as an advisor and his commitment to the club and to our community. We wish him the best." Cech, who made 333 appearances for Chelsea, was appointed in 2019.



# Zak Crawley should be a perfect fit for this England but offers only high farce

London, June 27 : And frankly, were we not entertained? There were times during Zak Crawley's blustery, tempestuous second innings at Headingley when you wondered whether we were watching a kind of brilliant performance art, perhaps even a sort of interpretative dance in which a 24-year-old man attempts to express the full gamut of human emotion via edges alone. Either way you could argue that there is no player in this all-singing England team fulfilling his brief more perfectly than Crawley. Ben Stokes may have the star power. Jonny Bairstow may have the heroism and daring. But even they tend to play only one shot at a time. Crawley has them all and wants to play them all at once: a performer who seems to capture the unique complexity of Test batting while simultaneously persuading us that anybody could do it. Crawley made 25 off 33 balls on Sunday evening. He scored six fours.



Based on those numbers alone you can probably picture his innings without watching a second of it. But even by Crawley's slapdash standards this was a masterclass in high farce: the innings of a man trying, and failing, and failing harder, and very possibly playing himself out of a Test career in the process. England play India on Friday in the fifth Test of their delayed 2021 series. Had Crawley simply nicked off for a second-ball duck, his place

would probably be safe. But this was the sort of innings that changes minds. He was dropped on 0. He was almost run out. He almost played on twice. He survived three lbw shouts ranging from hopeful to concerted. And of course, he actually did run out his opening partner, the Yorkshire-born Alex Lees playing a Test at Headingley for the first time. All before he had played a single intentional scoring shot. And so naturally, with the pitch still playing

# Gabriel Jesus agrees five-year deal to join Arsenal from Manchester City

London, June 27 : Gabriel Jesus is poised to join Arsenal from Manchester City after agreeing personal terms on a five-year deal. The striker will move for a fee of £45m following an agreement between the two clubs. His compatriot Edu, Arsenal's technical director, and head coach Mikel Arteta were a key factor in Jesus accepting the offer to move to the Emirates Stadium. Arteta knows Jesus well having previously worked with the striker when he was on the coaching staff at City under Pep Guardiola. The arrival of Erling Haaland from Borussia Dortmund at City would limit Jesus's chances of playing as a central striker next season, the final of his contract, and he has



seen fit to look elsewhere after five-and-a-half seasons in Manchester, having joined the club from Palmeiras in 2017. Under Guardiola, Jesus played across the front three but struggled to be selected as a No 9. Last season he

scored eight times in 28 Premier League appearances. The 25-year-old, who has 56 caps for Brazil, will Arsenal's fourth signing of the summer following the arrivals of Marquinhos, Matt Turner and Fábio Vieira.

# Chun In-gee holds off Lexi Thompson to win Women's PGA Championship

London, June 27 : Chun In-gee rallied after losing her once-sizeable lead, overcoming a bogey-filled front nine, to win the Women's PGA Championship on Sunday when Lexi Thompson faltered with her putter. Chun shot a three-over 75 for the second consecutive day at Congressional, but that was enough to win her third major title by a stroke over Thompson and Minjee Lee. Chun, after leading by six at the tournament's midway point, lost a three-shot advantage in the first three holes of the final round. Thompson was two strokes ahead of her after the front nine, but her putting problems were just beginning. The 27-year-old Floridian botched a par putt from a couple of feet on the 14th, but a birdie on 15 restored her lead to two. Then she bogeyed the par-five 16th while Chun made birdie, leaving the two players tied with two holes remaining. Thompson three-putted for bogey on 17, and after an impressive approach from the rough on 18, her birdie putt wasn't hit firmly enough. Chun's approach on the par-four 18th bounced past the hole and just off the back of the green, but she putted to within about five feet and sank her par attempt to win the tournament. Chun, a 27-year-old from South Korea, led by seven strokes after finishing her first round in wet conditions on Thursday. The lead was down to five at the end of that day - still equalling the largest 18-hole advantage in the history of women's majors. She was six strokes ahead at the halfway point and had a three-stroke advantage coming into Sunday. She finished at five-under 283. Chun won her first major at the US Women's Open in 2015 and added the Evian Championship in France the following year.

# Avalanche win first Stanley Cup since 2001 with Game 6 win over Lightning

Colorado, June 27 : The Colorado Avalanche are back atop hockey's mountain after dethroning the two-time defending champions. Behind a goal and an assist from Nathan MacKinnon, the Avalanche won the Stanley Cup for the third time in franchise history - and their first title in more than two decades - by beating the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 in Game 6 of the final on Sunday night. "It feels like I'm in disbelief," MacKinnon said after the game. "It's hard to describe, but to see all of these warriors battle... it just feels unbelievable." It's the first title for this core group led by MacKinnon, captain Gabriel Landeskog, Mikko Rantanen and Cale Makar and it follows years of playoff disappointment. The Avalanche lost in the second round each of the past three seasons after getting knocked out in the first round in 2018. With a mix of speed, high-end talent and the experiences gained from those defeats, Colorado broke through this time, earning every bit of the championship by knocking off the team that hoisted the Cup the past two years. Like the Avalanche fully expected, it wasn't easy. After an early turnover by Makar leading to Steven Stamkos' goal that put them in a hole and several more bumps and bruises, the Avalanche tied it when MacKinnon beat 2021 playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevskiy with a near-perfect shot and went ahead on another big goal by trade deadline acquisition Artturi Lehkonen. They locked things down by holding on to the puck and not letting Tampa Bay even shoot on Darcy Kuemper in the third period. When they did, he was there. Brought in from Arizona in a trade last summer to shore up the sport's most important position, Kuemper was solid again and made his most important save with under seven minutes left when he slid over to deny skilled winger Nikita Kucherov. Makar was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy, for the playoffs MVP, after the game. "Find a Cale Makar somewhere," Landeskog said when asked what other teams need to win the title. "We're just a really hard team to play against." Much like the Lightning went all in multiple times by trading high draft picks and prospects to load up for the best chance to win the Cup, Avalanche general manager Joe Sakic was not afraid to ante up in March to acquire Lehkonen, defenseman Josh Manson and veteran forward Andrew Cogliano. They became the perfect complement to Colorado's core that had showed plenty of playoff promise and until now hadn't produced a championship. Sakic, who captained Colorado's first two title-winning teams in 1996 and 2001, used a familiar recipe to get this team over the hump.



## Iga Swiatek thrives by taking care of mental as well as physical strength

London, June 27 : Predicting the future is a business best left for gamblers and fools. But here is one regardless. Shortly after 1pm on Tuesday, Iga Swiatek will hit a bullwhip forehand with such violence and beauty it will make the Centre Court crowd gasp and purr. And before too long the wider British sporting public will also grasp what the tennis world knows already: the 21-year-old Pole is a generational talent heading for multiple grand slams. Swiatek's movement is sublime, her power obvious. The US Davis Cup captain, Patrick McEnroe, has even compared the venom on her groundstrokes favourably with those of Serena Williams. "I haven't seen any woman player hit with that much spin and pace," he said recently. "Serena does it all, but Serena doesn't play with anywhere near the sort of topspin and acceleration of the racket that this woman plays with." That is some praise. But the numbers back him up. According to the Women's Tennis Association, when Swiatek won her first French Open, in 2020, she not only hit the ball harder, on average, than any other woman in the



draw but her fastest forehand - 79mph - was exceeded only by Jannik Sinner on the men's side. Meanwhile the peak revolutions per minute of topspin on her forehand in her 2020 final against Sofia Kenin hit 3453 rpm - higher than many men in the same tournament. But, intriguingly, there is something else that makes Swiatek stand out: the way she stresses how much psychology plays a role in her success. Unusually she even has a renowned performance psychologist, Daria Abramowicz, with her on the circuit, working daily on her mind to make it every bit as powerful as her forehand. When I spoke to Abramowicz recently, I asked how Swiatek copes with the scrutiny that comes from winning an extraordinary 35 matches in a

row - and a record of domination that has brought comparisons with Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf and Serena Williams. The starting point, she stressed, was doing everything possible to both optimise sports performance on the court and mental health off it. "The two are related," she said. "Sometimes an athlete can shut down everything else when they play. But it's always just short-term. And when you're on court, competing against the best in the world, then there is stress, there's tension, there is a lot of pressure and it shows." Breathing work, visualisation and meditation were all important techniques Swiatek uses to calm the mind, she suggested, alongside technology based on EEG, which measures electrical activity

in the brain, and heart rate variability. But Swiatek to speak up and speak out. It is also particularly notable given that being world No 1 brings challenges that not everyone enjoys. Naomi Osaka stepped away from the game for a while to protect her mental health, while Barty decided to retire at 25. The glare and abuse from social media doesn't help either. Abramowicz says that she works with players to deal with it in a "smart way" - realising that they can't control everything while getting them to appreciate "their strengths, goals, visions and dreams and to develop a very strong sense of self worth". It is a message that Abramowicz and her team are now delivering to all Asics-sponsored athletes as part of its plan to do more to help them protect their mental health. Such an approach, the first by a major sports brand, is long overdue. One study among 384 European professional football players, published in 2017, found that 37% had symptoms of anxiety or depression at some point over a 12-month period. Others, conducted among elite Australian and French athletes, have found the figure ranges from 17%-45% in a squad.

## Emma Raducanu drowns out the noise as she makes her Centre Court debut

Washington, June 27 : Emma Raducanu has said she intends to ignore all negativity and focus on the joy of returning to Wimbledon and making her Centre Court debut for her first-round match against Alison Van Uytvanck. "I think last year I was so new to it, so I wasn't even thinking of anything," the 19-year-old Raducanu said. "This year I'm taking it all as a positive thing. Everyone wants me to do well and is behind me and are going to be cheering. So there's nothing negative or to feel overwhelmed about because they're just going to be rooting for me." Raducanu, the 10th seed, has a challenging first-round assignment on Monday. Van Uytvanck is a grass-court veteran with her weapons and all-court game flourishing on the surface. In their only previous meeting Raducanu defeated the Belgian 7-6, 6-3 in the first round of the Chicago 125 event last year on hard court, the last tournament before she won the US Open. Back then, the Belgian was the top seed and Raducanu was unseeded, but now the roles are reversed. As Raducanu reflected on her arrival on the big stage last year, when she was awarded a late main draw wildcard after she had only just finished her A-Levels and returned from a 16-month break, she says that she is taking things slowly. She compared her lack of preparation then due to exams with her current scenario after the side strain she sustained at the beginning of the grass season, which meant she has not completed a match since the French Open. She will ap-



proach the challenge without expectations. "It's funny because [with] the exams I was studying nine or 10 hours a day, I had my head in a book," she said. "And coming out is just such a relief to be moving full stop. The last month I haven't had necessarily the best preparation, I didn't play tennis for two and a half weeks, I was taking it day by day." So in that regard I feel like I shouldn't have any expectations on myself. Other opponents have been playing a few matches each week, learning, getting a bit better on grass. I'm just like rocking up here this week basically. But I'm feeling good. Although Raducanu was always known as a bright talent, her anonymity at the beginning of last year's event was reflected in the fact that she had very few media requests both before the tournament and even after her opening win against Vitalia Diatchenko. "I was just training," she said. "I was definitely experiencing some nerves and uneasiness. I felt like it was a very new experience. But I was feeling very confident because I had a great week of practice, hitting with some top players. I managed to hit with Garbiñe Muguruza and that gave me a lot of confidence. I was just looking forward to it, relieved that my exams

## Virender Sehwag Reasons How Relieving Rohit Sharma From T20 Captaincy May Help Star



New Delhi, June 27 : Former India opener Virender Sehwag reckons that skipper Rohit Sharma could be relieved from captaincy duties in the T20 format which would allow him to manage his workload better. Rohit has not been able to feature in all of India's matches since taking over as captain due to injuries and workload management. "If the Indian team management has someone else in mind as captain in the T20 format, then I think, Rohit (Sharma) could be relieved and the following can be taken into consideration going forward," Sehwag told PTI in an interview. "One, that would allow Rohit to manage his workload and mental fatigue, given his age." Two, once someone new is ap-

pointed as captain in T20s, it would also allow Rohit to take breaks and rejuvenate himself to lead India in both Tests and ODIs," he said in an interaction arranged by Sony Sports, the official broadcaster of the India-England series. However, Sehwag maintained that if the team management sticks with its current policy of having one captain to lead India across the three formats, then Sharma is still an ideal choice. "If the Indian think-tank still wants to pursue with the same policy, which is, to let one man leading India in all the three formats, then I still believe, Rohit Sharma is the best man for it." Sehwag has raised a pertinent point about split captaincy in an era when choc a

bloc international schedule puts more focus than ever on injury management and mental fatigue. The concept of split captaincy commenced back in 1997 when Australian selectors appointed Steve Waugh as the captain of the then ODI side, and Mark Taylor remained the head of the Test team. While Australia did taste considerable success using this route, so in England, when the ECB made Joe Root the Test captain and Eoin Morgan was entrusted with the responsibility of the

ODI side. However Indian cricketing eco-system is slightly different from Australia or England where multiple power centre across formats work more seamlessly than in sub continent. Multiple captains have not been tried in Indian cricket for long periods. India's World Cup winning skipper Kapil Dev has publicly said that split captaincy can't work in Indian cricket as it is not part of "our culture". India could have had split captaincy for an extended period when

## Wimbledon Struggles To Avoid Shadow Of Russia Ban Wimbledon



Wimbledon announced its ban, the two tours retaliated by stripping the tournament

Wimbledon, June 27 : In his tweeted photographs, Stakhovsky is seen shaking hands with Federer after his 2013 victory. Also pictured is Ukrainian compatriot Alexandr Dolgoplov after his match against Federer at Wimbledon in 2017. Both men are retired from tennis; both are now in the military. Wimbledon, which starts on Monday, has banned all Rus-

sian and Belarusian players from this year's tournament. That ruled out men's world number one Daniil Medvedev and eighth-ranked Andrey Rublev. On the women's side, three of the top 20 are missing - Aryna Sabalenka, Daria Kasatkina and two-time major winner and former number one Victoria Azarenka. Stakhovsky wants Russians banned from all sports. How-

ever, six-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic believes that would be a step too far. "I just don't see how they have contributed to anything that is really happening. I don't feel it's fair," said Djokovic, adding that Russian and Belarusians be allowed to play under neutral flags. That's what happens in the week-in, week-out ATP and WTA tours. When

of ranking points. "In terms of the response from the ATP, I didn't really agree with it. I just don't see who it helps," said two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray. "All the players have still showed up to play here, so I don't see how it puts the ATP in a stronger position moving forwards." In a further move, Wimbledon said it will provide tournament tickets to

Ukrainian refugees living in the local areas of south-west London. All England Club officials will also donate £250,000 (290,000 euros/\$306,000) to the refugees' charity. That humanitarian gesture, however, hasn't softened Nick Kyrgios' belief that the ban was ill-advised. "I don't think it was a good idea to ban the Russian players.





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