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ULFA linkman

Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

Police on Thursday arrested an alleged linkman of the United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent (ULFA-I) in Golaghat district. The arrestee, identified as one Prakash Gogoi, was nabbed from Bogijan area of the district. Sources said the accused was in contact with the banned militant outfit through social media, adding that his role however remains unclear. It is also learned that Gogoi had qualified for the post of constable in Assam police in the last exam. Further questioning is underway, police said. Last week, a linkman of the ULFA-I was arrested from Bengaluru in Karnataka. The accused, namely Ranjit Gogoi, was believed to be a close aide of ULFA-I cadre Gyan Asom alias Santosh Gogoi who was killed in an encounter at Kakopthar in the district, police said.

Opium seized

Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

security forces seized opium worth Rs 7.5 crore from a train at Guwahati railway station on Thursday. The drugs, weighing around 10 kilograms, were recovered from Rajdhani Express by the Guwahati Railway Police (GRP), sources informed. Four smugglers including women were arrested in connection to the seizure. They have been identified as Nitesh Kumar, Sujit Kumar, Naina Devi, Durga Devi. Meanwhile, a case under the NDPS Act was arrested against the smugglers. Investigation to unearth further linkages is underway, police said. Earlier on Monday, a huge quantity of opium weighing over 2kgs was seized at Guwahati railway station. Two persons, identified as Abhyas Kumar and Sumal Kumar, were arrested in connection to it.

Man died

Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

A 50-years-old man died after falling into an oil pit in Tinsukia district of Assam on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Raghunath Chetry. He was a resident of Sundar Nagar in Makum and was working as a security guard in a private company. The incident occurred at Lachit Nagar in Makum region. According to reports, Raghunath slipped and fell into a dug pit while he was returning from his work. However, the local public has claimed that Oil India allegedly dug the large potholes and left it open in the area.

Pankaj Pathak Arrested from Barpeta



Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

Ayurvedic expert Pankaj Pathak was arrested by a team of Assam Police from Barpeta district's Howly on Wednesday night. He was arrested for making objectionable comments over a woman scribe based in Guwahati. Following the objectionable comments made by Pathak on Social Media,

several complaints were reportedly filed across the state and a demand for his arrest rose. The police with the demand for him rising raided his factories in Nalbari's Tihu but he was said to be absconding. However, later on, Wednesday night, Pathak was reportedly traced by the police in Howly and was arrested. Also Read:

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History win: Draupadi Murmu becomes 15th President of India

New Delhi, July 21 :

As expected, NDA's candidate and daughter of Odisha, Draupadi Murmu scripted history by winning the crucial Presidential election which had kept the entire world glued. As expected, NDA's candidate and daughter of Odisha, Draupadi Murmu scripted history by winning the crucial Presidential election which had kept the entire world glued. Draupadi Murmu won the race to Raisina by defeating opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha. The ex-Jharkhand Governor and veteran politician from Odisha, Draupadi Murmu has become the fifteenth President of India. 64-year old Murmu is the first tribal

President and the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the top office. The term of the incumbent President Ram Nath Kovind is scheduled to end on July 24. Draupadi Murmu is slated to be sworn in as the President of India on July 25, 2022. After the counting of votes of MPs in the first round, Murmu had secured 540 votes with a value of 3,78,000 while Yashwant Sinha secured 208 votes with a value of 1,45,600, said PC Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha. After the second round of counting, Draupadi Murmu secured 809 out of total 1,138 votes. Yashwant Sinha got 329 votes. PC Mody, Secretary Gen, Rajya Sabha said that "Ballot paper of first 10



states were alphabetically counted. Total valid votes were 1138 with total value of 1,49,575. Out of this, Draupadi Murmu got 809 votes valued at 1,05,299 and Yashwant Sinha secured 329 votes valued at 44,276. "Murmumatched closure to victory after the third round of counting of

votes. In the third round, the States which were covered included Karnataka, Kerala, MP, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha and Punjab. In this round, the total number of valid votes stood at 1,333. The total value of valid votes was 1,65,664. Out of

which, Draupadi Murmu got 812 votes and Yashwant Sinha secured 521 votes. The cumulative total after round 3: Total valid votes 3219 with total value of 8,38,839 of which Draupadi Murmu got 2161 votes of the value of

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CM Unveils Three Durand Cup Trophies

- Lauds Role of Indian Armed Forces for Being Patron to the 134-year old Football Fest
- Government working on plans to revive lost glory of Bordoloi Trophy: Dr. Sarma

Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiled the three Durand Cup trophies, namely Durand Cup, Shimla Trophy and President's Cup, at Guwahati today. The 134-year old Durand Cup football tournament will be hosted in Assam from coming August 17 to September 4, 2022 for the very first time as part of a Trophy Tour involving five cities. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister termed the holding of the matches for the tournament in Assam a historic event for the people of the state. The Chief Minister, lauding the armed forces for being patrons to the tournament, stated that the 131st edition



of the Durand Cup is special in the sense that 20 teams, including 11 from the Indian Super League, will be participants. Stating that football isn't just a game but an emotion for the people of Assam, Dr. Sarma said that the government has been

nurturing talents so that the country become a sporting superpower in days to come. He further stated that all efforts are on to revive the glories of tournaments such as Bordoloi Trophy in the state. Speaking on steps taken by the government of

Assam for growth of sporting culture in the state, Dr.

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Barshashree Buragohain Granted Bail



Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

Barshashree Buragohain,

an undergraduate student of Assam who was jailed in May this year has been granted bail by the Gauhati High Court on Thursday. Buragohain was arrested on May 18 for writing a poem supporting banned outfit United Liberation Front of Assam-Independent (ULFA-I) on social media platform Facebook. A court had granted permission to Buragohain to ap-

pear in her degree exam which was held on July 16. She appeared the examination under tight security arrangements. Barshashree Buragohain was arrested and charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act or UAPA in Uriamghat in Golaghat district for her post titled 'Akou Korim Rashtra Droh' (will again rebel against the nation).

New Delhi, July 21 :

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday grilled and recorded the statement of interim Congress president Sonia Gandhi for about two hours in the National Herald money laundering case and ended the session for the day on her request as she is recovering from Covid. Gandhi, 75, arrived at the ED headquarters located at Vidut Lane flanking APJ Abdul Kalam Road in central Delhi a little after noon escorted by her Z+ category CRPF security



cover. The questioning began around 12:30 pm after completion of some formalities like verification of summons and signature in the attendance sheet, sources said. She has been allowed

Enforcement Directorate grills Sonia Gandhi in National Herald case

to leave on her request made on medical grounds, sources said. The probe relates to alleged financial irregularities in the Congress-promoted Young Indian Private Limited, which owns the National Herald newspaper. She has been asked to appear again on July 25. Meanwhile, Congress on Thursday slammed the Narendra Modi government for "misusing" probe agencies against opposition leaders and staged protests against the Enforcement

Directorate's questioning of Sonia Gandhi, alleging the ruling BJP is treating the opposition as its enemies. Senior Congress leaders, including some MPs, courted arrest outside the party headquarters here to protest the ED action. Leaders of various political parties, including the DMK, CPI-M, CPI, NC, TRS, MDMK, NCP and Shiv Sena, in a joint statement, condemned the ED action against Sonia

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Media Outlets Shared Old Video Of Landslide From Assam As Visuals From Maharashtra



Assam Rising Guwahati, July 21 :

Many media outlets claimed that the viral

video is from the recent landslide that took place in Nashik, Maharashtra. However, but found that the viral video is from Assam. Amid the heavy rainfall reported across states, 99 people have died in Maharashtra and 95 in Gujarat due to floods and landslides. The main rivers of Palghar in Maharashtra, Vaitarna, and Tansa are flowing above the danger mark.

About 20 thousand people have been rescued and taken to a safe place. According to a report from The Times Of India dated July 13, 2022, a bridge collapsed, and a landslide happened on the highway cutting off access from Nashik district to Surgana taluka, Gujarat. Due to this, the road connectivity of Gujarat with Maharashtra's Nashik is affected. In the

above context, a video of a landslide is going viral on social media. While sharing this visual, many media outlets claimed that the viral video is from the recent landslide that took place in Nashik, Maharashtra. Media outlets like Tv9 Bharatvarsh, Zee 24 Taas, inKhabar, Punjab Kesari, and ETV Bharat shared this video with the same claim.



CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan of MP Visited Kamakhya Temple 21 July At Guwahati



A model presents a creation during a fashion show in Algiers, Algeria

Italian PM Mario Draghi resigns after attempt to salvage coalition fails

Rome, July 21 : Mario Draghi has confirmed his resignation as Italy's prime minister after an attempt to salvage his broad coalition failed when three key parties snubbed a confidence vote,

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Name Correction

I Bidyut Sarma, S/o- Lt Krishna Sarma a resident of Vill- Buragaon, PO- Jurapukhuri, PS- Lanka, Dist- Hojai (Assam). That in my LIC Policy under Hojai Branch, vide Policy No- 486440459 date of Commencement 28/09/2013. Wherein my name has been erroneously recorded on Kripamay Sarma instead of my actual and correct name is Bidyut Sarma.

paving the way for snap elections that could take place as early as late September. Backed by a groundswell of public support, the former European Central Bank chief had attempted to continue his administration on condition that his alliance "rebuild a pact of trust" that would enable it to work together to overcome huge challenges over the coming months. Draghi formally handed his resignation to President Sergio Mattarella on Thursday morning and it was accepted. However, the populist Five Star Movement (M5S), Matteo Salvini's far-right League and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia did not participate in a confidence vote in the senate on Thursday night that essentially called for parties to approve a spirit of cooperation. The political crisis was triggered last week after M5S boycotted



a vote on a €26bn (£22bn package) designed to help Italians tackle inflation and energy costs, arguing it was insufficient. The party was also unhappy that the package contained a provision to build a huge waste incinerator plant in Rome. The League and Forza Italia had called for a new Draghi-led government, but without M5S, while demanding a cabinet reshuffle. M5S was annoyed that Draghi had not embraced the policy priorities presented to him in its "nine-point" plan,

including a basic income and green homes bonus scheme. Draghi's resignation comes despite calls for him to remain in post, including from world leaders who see him as fundamental to not only ensuring stability in Italy but as a partner in facing the challenges of Russia's war in Ukraine. He had

urged unity in order to face challenges such as the Ukraine war, the energy crisis, social inequality and the enactment of reforms needed to obtain the next tranche of the €200bn Italy is due to receive from the EU's post-pandemic recovery fund. He also rebuked his coalition partners for infighting and point-scoring over recent months. His departure will most likely lead to early elections that could take place on 25 September or 2 October. It is possible that Mattarella will ask Draghi to stay on as caretaker prime minister until a new government is formed after the elections. A survey of recent polls found that if early elections were held, a coalition led by the far-right Brothers of Italy and including the League and Forza Italia could win a majority.

Sidhu Moosewala's father lauds Punjab Police for killing his son's killers

New Delhi, July 21 : Amritsar/Chandigarh: Singer Sidhu Moosewala's father on Thursday praised the Punjab Police for gunning down the gangsters allegedly involved in the murder of his son, in an encounter near Amritsar on Wednesday. Balkaur Singh reached the Amritsar civil hospital where he was shown the bodies of slain gangsters Jagroop Singh Roopa and Manpreet Singh alias Mannu Kusa. These criminals were killed in a nearly five-hour-long encounter at a village in Amritsar on



Wednesday. Three policemen and a journalist were also injured during the operation. Speaking briefly to reporters in Amritsar, Singh said, "Police did its action and I appreciate its work. It is just the beginning and it is a long fight." He said "police action against criminals should continue." Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29. The police held gangster Lawrence Bishnoi as the "mastermind" behind the killing. According to the police, the singer's murder was in retaliation to youth Akali leader Vicky Middulkhera's killing that took place last year. The Punjab Police said that it wanted to catch alive the two gangsters allegedly involved in singer Sidhu Moosewala's murder and had asked them to surrender but they did not stop firing. Gangsters Jagroop Singh Roopa and Manpreet Singh alias Mannu Kusa were killed in a nearly five-hour-long encounter with the Punjab Police on Wednesday. They hid in a building in Bhakna village near the India-Pakistan border in Amritsar, according to police. Amritsar Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) M S Bhullar said police had asked the two gangsters to surrender. "We wanted to catch them alive. But when they did not stop firing, they were killed in the exchange of fire," he told reporters in Amritsar. Replying to a question, Bhullar said the gangsters were dropped at the building by a vehicle and efforts are being made to trace it. "During a search by forensic teams, 31 rounds of AK-47, a 45-bore pistol and two magazines were recovered from the building (where the gangsters were gunned down)," the DCP said. A broken mobile has also been recovered and the forensic teams will examine it, he said. On Wednesday, police recovered an AK-47 rifle and a 9 mm pistol from the gangsters.

Truss claims she wanted Johnson to stay as she pledges to rip up plans

London, July 21 : The Tory leadership candidate Liz Truss said she would have liked Boris Johnson to continue as prime minister, despite promising to tear up the economic plans he presided over. Speaking to BBC Radio 4's Today programme Truss said her plans to cut taxes that she voted for as part of Johnson's cabinet would "decrease inflation", despite concerns from some leading economists. She said that as prime minister she would "keep taxes low", and when asked whether borrowing more than £30bn to fund the tax cuts would increase or decrease inflation, Truss said: "My tax cuts will decrease inflation." She added: "We have had a consensus of the Treasury, of economists, with the Financial Times, with other outlets, peddling a particular type of economic policy for 20 years. It hasn't delivered

growth. People are struggling with the cost of living, it is wrong to be increasing their taxes at a time when it is difficult for them to pay their bills." But when asked whether she could name a chancellor or governor of the Bank of England or leading economist that would agree with her view, Truss could only name Patrick Minford of Cardiff University. On her tax plans, which have been described as a gamble, she said: "It's not a gamble, it's an economic reality that the higher taxes you have the more growth is choked off." She added: "What is the gamble is what we're doing at the moment, because currently the United Kingdom is projected to head for a recession. So we need to do something different in order to get growth going, in order to put money in people's pockets." The interview came on the day after she and the former chancellor Rishi Sunak became the final two candidates in the running to become the UK's next prime minister. In the vote among MPs selecting the final two, Sunak retained his lead with 137 votes. Truss, the



foreign secretary who had trailed Penny Mordaunt throughout the previous rounds, took 113 votes, just above Mordaunt's 105. Paying tribute to Johnson, Truss said she had wanted him to carry on as prime minister. "I think he did a fantastic job with the 2019 election, and that he delivered Brexit and the vaccines. Regrettably we got to a position where he didn't command the support of the parliamentary party." Truss also made clear she was "completely committed" to fulfilling the government's promise to increase spending on the NHS. When asked if she

would still commit to proposals to increase healthcare funding if her planned tax cuts did not increase growth, Truss said: "I'm completely committed to that NHS spending, to the hospitals, to the doctors." Robert Jenrick also appeared on the Today programme, in support of Sunak's leadership campaign. When asked why he was supporting Sunak, Jenrick said: "No one has disputed the fact that Rishi is the most able candidate to be our next prime minister." He added that he believed Sunak was the candidate "with the real vision and ability to lead the country

forward". Commenting on Truss's tax cuts pledges, Jenrick said: "It is the antithesis of Thatcherism to be going around making unfunded tax pledges merely to win a leadership contest." Appearing on Sky News, Theresa Villiers, another supporter of Sunak, said he was the best candidate "to get us through this inflation crisis". "I think Rishi has demonstrated he's got the track record and he's got the plan to do that." Britain's new prime minister will be announced by 5 September after Conservative party members vote on the two candidates chosen by MPs. Despite Truss coming second among MPs, she is the favourite among Conservative party members, according to polling, with Sunak described as the underdog. About 160,000 fee-paying members - half aged over 60, 97% white and a large proportion male and from southern England - will have the chance to vote next month.

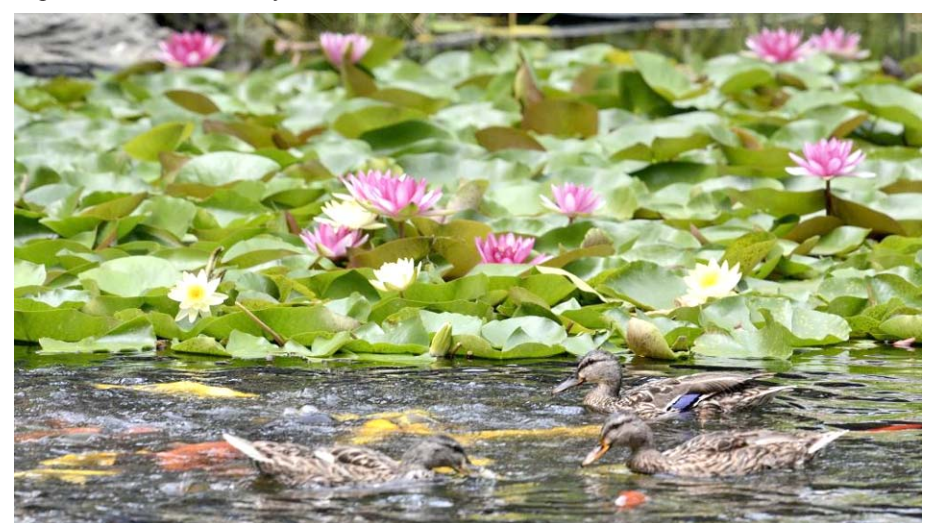
oil sector's 'staggering' \$3bn-a-day profits for last 50 years

London, July 21 : The oil and gas industry has delivered \$2.8bn (£2.3bn) a day in pure profit for the last 50 years, a new analysis has revealed. The vast total captured by petrostates and fossil fuel companies since 1970 is \$52tn, providing the power to "buy every politician, every system" and delay action on the climate crisis, says Prof Aviel Verbruggen, the author of the analysis. The huge profits were inflated by cartels of countries artificially restricting supply. The analysis, based on World Bank data, assesses the "rent" secured by global oil and gas sales, which is the economic term for the unearned profit produced after the total cost of production has been deducted. The study has yet to be published in an academic journal but three experts at University



College London, the London School of Economics and the thinktank Carbon Tracker confirmed the analysis as accurate, with one calling the total a "staggering number". It appears to be the first long-term assessment of the sector's total profits, with oil rents providing 86% of the total. Emissions from the burning of fossil fuels have driven the climate crisis and contributed to worsening extreme weather, including the current heatwaves hitting the UK and many other Northern hemisphere countries. Oil companies

have known for decades that carbon emissions were dangerously heating the planet. "I was really surprised by such high numbers - they are enormous," said Verbruggen, an energy and environmental economist at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, and a former lead author of an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report. "It's a huge amount of money," he said. "You can buy every politician, every system with all this money, and I think this happened. It protects [producers] from political interference that may limit their activities."



Shows blooming lotus flowers at Yuanmingyuan Park in Beijing

TENDER NOTICE

The District Level Condemnation Board was constituted (as per Govt. of Assam. Home(A) Dept. No. HMA.719/84/PT/25. dated.21st December. 2012 in compliance of Condition No. 20 of DFP rules. 1999. The District Level Condemnation Board held it's meeting on 16.07.2022 at DC office, Sonitpur. Tezpur to dispose the following 07 (seven) nos. of Departmental vehicles. 01 (one) private vehicle and 09 (nine) Govt. Motor cycles as per rule. Accordingly sealed tenders/ bids are invited from prospective bidders to purchase the vehicle/motor cycles.

The prospective bidders are requested to submit the bids in the prescribed format (enclosed) in a sealed cover addressed to Superintendent of Police, Sonitpur. Tezpur on or before 11.00 AM of 01/08/2022 the bids would be received at the designated box kept at SP Office Sonitpur. The bids/quotation shall be submitted by affixing a court stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Eight rupees and twenty five paise only) and they shall also deposit earnest money of Rs. 5000 (Rupees five thousand only) for each four wheeler and Rs. 2000 (Rupees two thousand only) for each motor cycle in form of a bank draft of any national bank in favour of Superintendent of Police Sonitpur. Tezpur. The bids could be opened at the office of the Superintendent of Police Sonitpur, Tezpur on the same day (i.e 01/08/2022) at 1.30 PM in the presents of bidders. The vehicles/ Motor cycles would be disposed by handing over to the highest bidder subject to other conditions the bidding process and finalization of successful bidder would be completed within 02(Two) Days. The successful bidder shall deposit the full bid amount and leave the vehicles/ Motor cycles within 02 (Two) Days. The earnest money would be forfeited if the successful bidder does not pay the full amount quoted on the same day.

Further stipulated that Assam Police personnel and their family members are bared from participating in the tender process. Tender forms with corrections. Strike-offs and whitener marked forms will not be accepted as valid bids. The interested bidders may inspect the vehicles/ motor cycles at the spot i.e Police Reserve Sonitpur. Tezpur. The vehicles/Motorcycles being condemned and sold through the instant auction are :

Particulars of Four Wheelers and Motor Cycles

1. AS-30-3893 (Gypsy King)
2. AS-30-2425 (Marshal Jeep)
3. AS-30-4016 (Tata Specio)
4. AS-30-2536 (Commander Jeep)
5. AS-30-2662 (Ambassador)
6. AS-30-3884 (Gypsy King)
7. AS-01G-2330 (Gypsy H/Top)
8. AR-01F-1349 (Toyota Etios)
9. AS-30-5555 (Bajaj Discover)
10. AS-30-4865 (Bajaj Pulsar)
11. AS-30-4644 (Bajaj Pulsar)
12. AS-30-4861 (Bajaj Pulsar)
13. AS-30-4643 (Bajaj Pulsar)
14. AS-30-5531 (Bajaj Discover)
15. AS-30-7304 (Bajaj Pulsar)
16. AS-30-7294 (Bajaj Pulsar)
17. AS-30-5833 (Bajaj Pulsar)

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Sonitpur, Tezpur

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NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed quotation affixing Court fee stamp of Rs. 8'25 (Rupees eight & paise twenty five) are hereby invited from Local Registered firms / Suppliers for supply of Stationery items and Refreshment items as per list annexed (document are enclosed herewith), to the office of the undersigned for the financial year 2022-23. Willing firms / Suppliers may submit their quotations to the office of the Deputy Commissioner & Nazarat Officer at His / Her office chamber at D.C.'s office during office hours up to 3.00 PM of 30/07/2022 along with attested copies of :-

1. Firm Registration Certificate.
2. Registration of GST.
3. Pan Card.
4. Earnest money amounting to Rs. 10000/-(Rupees ten thousand) in the form of Bankers/Demand Draft drawn in Nationalized Bank in favour of Deputy Commissioner, Darrang.

Quotation will be opened at the office chamber of Nazarat Officer on same day in presence of quotationers firms or their authorized representatives who wish to attend the opening of quotations. If the office happens to be closed on the last date of receipt of quotations the same will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Undersigned reserves the right of accepting or rejecting any rate/rates quoted by the quotationers and is not bound to accept the lowest quoted rate only.

After acceptance of rates the quotationers shall have to supply the articles as per indent issued by the undersigned from time to time.

Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner,
Darrang, Mangaldai.

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Brainstorming on NEP-2020 Implementation addressed at USTM



Assam Rising, Guwahati, July 21: A brainstorming session on "Implementation Strategy for National Education Policy-2020" has been held here today at the NKC Auditorium of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya. The keynote speaker of the programme

was Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities. The brainstorming has been organised by USTM on July 21 and 22. It has been held here today at the NKC Auditorium of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya. The keynote speaker of the programme

the Faculty members of USTM at the end of the session. Addressing the session, Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU explained the roadmap of implementing NEP-2020. She said that universities have to do restructuring of its system under NEP. "The university has to decide whether it is a research university or a teaching university, or it can be both. This decision has to be based on the profile of the faculty members, courses, teaching methodology, libraries, laboratories and students", she said. Speaking on programme restructuring, Dr Mittal said that

every year there will be exit option and entry option. Explaining the working process of Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) she said that both online and offline mode of classes can be taken. It will be good for the visibility of the university as well as for the students if ABC can be implemented as a frontrunner. Earlier, the welcome address was made by Prof. G. D. Sharma, VC, USTM. Prof Sharma mentioned that USTM is going to implement NEP-2020 from this academic year. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr BK Das, Pro VC, USTM. Dr RK Sharma, Advisor of USTM was also present.

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Awareness lecture on Agnipath Scheme held

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali July 21: Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 Sector and Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) organised awareness lecture on Agnipath Scheme to join

Armed Forces for the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya school Lokra, Sonitpur district, Assam. During the lecture students were given a detailed introduction and comprehensive insights about the Agnipath scheme. The students were also made

aware about the advantages of the scheme along with the future prospects. The ongoing issues regarding the scheme were also discussed and the doubts were clarified. A total of 55 students from class 9th to 12th were benefitted from the lecture

131st Durand Cup Trophies unveiled in Assam

Assam Rising

Guwahati, July 21: Assam CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiled the three Durand Cup trophies in a glittering ceremony at a city hotel on Thursday. The 134-year old iconic Durand Cup football tournament will be hosted by the state for the very first time and as part of a Trophy Tour involving five-cities, Guwahati, the venue for 10 Group D games, was chosen as the first stop. Also present on the occasion of the unveiling were Lt. Gen. K. K. Repswal, SM, VSM, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command and Chairman Durand Organising Committee, Lt. Gen. KC Panchanathan, AVSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 101 Area, and Maj. Gen. Vikas Saini, SM, VSM*, GOC, 51 Sub Area. Also sharing his thoughts was Lt. Gen. Repswal, SM, VSM, SM, VSM, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command and Chairman Durand Organising Committee, Lt. Gen. KC Panchanathan, AVSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 101 Area, and Maj. Gen. Vikas Saini, SM, VSM*, GOC, 51 Sub Area. Also sharing

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at the home of the defending champions FC Goa before returning back to Kolkata on July 31, 2022, the venue of the opening game on August 16, as well as the Grand Finale on September 18. There will be a total of 47 games in the 131 Durand Cup edition, with both Guwahati and Imphal hosting 10-games of group C and group D each, even as all the seven knockout games are held in three West Bengal venues. The opening pool matches are slated to begin on August 16th at Kolkata's Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Kriangan (VYBK) stadium, August 17 at Guwahati's Indira Gandhi Athletic stadium and August 18th at Imphal's Khuman Lampakh stadium. The Tournament will culminate with the Grand Finale scheduled on September 18th at VYBK.

Furkating College Bags All India 130 th Rank

Assam Rising, Golaghat, Jul 21: Prestigious media group of the country India Today conducted a national survey of

colleges and in the survey Furkating College in Golaghat abled to get 130 th Rank in the country in the Arts category

and also became the top in the state of Assam. In the India Today MDRA Ranking several parameters were analyzed in the

survey like basic facilities and infrastructure, teaching skills of the college teachers, placement, online facilities etc. Principal of Furkating College Dr Apurba Saikia has stated that it is a joint effort and dedication of all the students, teachers, staff, parents and well wishers for which this rural area College was able to get all India Ranking.

Tiranga sell point inaugurated at Sapkata Bazar



Assam Rising Gossaigaon, July 21: Keeping in view of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign announced by the Government of India and keeping at par with the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" for celebrating 75

years of Independence a National Flag selling point was inaugurated here at the Sapkata Bazar under Gossaigaon Sub-division recently. The National Flag selling point was inaugurated

by Kachugaon Development Block Officer Sansuma Basumatary under the initiative of Cluster Level Federation under Kachugaon Development Block. It is to be noted that the Women from self help groups under Kachugaon Development Block will sell the national flag which will be prepared by their own hands at the centre and then the customer can buy from the sell point. The event is attended by several dignitaries including Block Project Manager Prakash Narzary local VDC President Pompey Bhowmik, Sapkata police station in-charge Shivprasad Kalita and other local intellectuals.

N.F. Railway undertakes various steps to improve customer interface

Augmentation of freight transportation increased
Guwahati, July 21 : N. F. Railway has been taking several initiatives to improve the freight transportation and provide better customer interface. Among such initiatives, some new stations have been opened for handling of both outward & inward goods traffic during the month of June, 2022. To improve customer interface and further augment freight transportation, Chongajan station under Lumding division has been opened for handling of both inward & outward Railway Material Consignment (RMC) traffic. In addition,

Khongsang station under Lumding division has been opened for handling of outward & inward goods traffic except coal, POL, live stock, explosive and crane consignment. Moreover, debit/credit scheme of demurrage charge has been introduced in IOCL Refinery Siding at Noonmati, JSW Cement at Ranipatra and at Surja Kamal & Kishanganj goods locations for better turn round of wagons. For development of goods shed under Pub-

lic Private Partnership (PPP) mode bid has been received for New Tinsukia & Damdim goods yards. PPP model at goods shed will result in increase freight movement and job creation for local youths with introduction of modern technologies. Improvement of customer interface and introduction of PPP mode in railways will lead to increase loading and unloading of freight trains. As a result of which earnings of N.F. Railway will increase year after year.

Four youths missing since July 18 from Tawang



Four Riders From Assam Go Missing In Arunachal Pradesh



Assam Rising Nagaon, July 21: Four youths hailing from Kandali Borkocharigaon, Nagaon Laokhuwa road, Jagiroad and Tezpur went missing since July 18 after they went on a tour to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh by a Volkswagen bearing registration number AS01 BP0605, sources said. Sources claimed that the family members of the missing youths filed a missing information report in Nagaon PS in this regard today. Sources from one of the family of those missing youths said to the media persons this evening here that four youths identified as Nayan Basumatary of Kandali Borkocharigaon, Vedanta Bormohila of Nagaon Laokhuwa road, Hirok Bodo of Jagiroad in

Morigaon and Sanjeev Das of Tezpur went on a tour to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh by one Volkswagen car on July 18 last. But since after they left the state, they went missing. Besides, the mobile phones of the youths were being switched off for which the

families of those youths did not contact with anyone of them till the time of filing this report, sources said adding that all those who went missing, were close friends and they all involved in sports bike riding for long.

Dance & music competition held in Margherita

Assam Rising, Margherita, July 21: A Dance and music competitions have been organized in Margherita on 09 August 2022 with the objective of developing students on cultural front. The one-day programme will be held on the basis of Tinsukia district in the auditorium of Town High School under the initiative of People's Development Society, one of the NGOs of Margherita. People's Development Society president Javed Ali said all students under the district will be able to participate in the competition. The president informed that such programmes will be taken up in the coming days as well as for the development of students. The NGO seeks the support of all the people in making the competition successful.

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London heatwave

A high pressure system called the Azores High, which usually sits off Spain, has grown larger and pushed farther north, bringing high temperatures to the UK, France and the Iberian peninsula. The UK will cool a little in the middle of the week, says Annie Shuttleworth at the Met Office, as cooler air pushes down from the north, although southern England will still have temperatures in the high 20s. After this, winds are expected to turn southerly, bringing hot air up from north Africa and the Sahara. "At the end of the week, temperatures will be close to 40C (104F) to 45C across France and Spain and when we get a southerly wind, the UK will then tap into some of that heat," said Shuttleworth. Long July days and short nights mean strong sunshine builds up high temperatures, with night-time lows potentially being above 20C in central England and affecting sleep. Scientists are clear that human-caused global heating is making every heatwave more intense and more likely. When it comes to summer heat, climate change is a complete gamechanger and has already turned what would once have been called exceptional heat into very frequent summer conditions, said Dr Friederike Otto, of Imperial College London. "Every heatwave we experience today has been made hotter because of the fossil fuels we have burned over the last decades in particular. In the UK, there is a strong chance of the hottest day of the year so far occurring this week, surpassing the 32.7C recorded at Heathrow on 17 June. There is also a chance that the all-time UK record could be beaten - that is the 38.7C recorded in Cambridge University Botanic Garden in July 2019. Scorching temperatures above 40C will continue in western continental Europe. The Portuguese government declared an eight-day state of alert on Friday due to a high risk of wildfires. Europe as a whole has just experienced its second warmest June on record, at about 1.6C above average, with extreme temperatures recorded from Spain to France to Italy. Heatstroke and dehydration are the main risks to health and particularly affect young children and elderly people. UK winters are projected to become warmer and wetter on average, although cold or dry winters will still occur sometimes. Summers are projected to become hotter and are more likely to be drier, although wetter summers are also possible. By 2050, heatwaves like that seen in 2018 are expected to happen every other year.

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No longer the most populous, but still China wants to be world number one

Last week, the UN's global population project announced a major shift in the way the world looks. Next year, India, not China, will be the world's most populous country. Right now, China has 1.43 billion people to India's 1.41 billion, but by mid-century there will be more than 1.6 billion Indians to around 1.3 billion Chinese. At one level, this development ought to delight Beijing, which compelled its population into a "one child" policy for some 40 years. Yet there may be a few disconsolate faces in Beijing. The idea of China being the most populous society in the world has long been linked to the country's rise. Officially, China dismisses any idea that being at the top of global rankings matters: in January this year, vice foreign minister Le Yucheng declared that China had no interest in becoming the world's biggest economy or superpower and would instead work on improving its people's lives at home. Yet for years, Chinese social media has overflowed with confrontational voices demanding that the country should be "No 1". The drop to No 2 in global popula-

tion is likely to bring soul-searching about that quest for the other global top spot. Despite those denials from its leaders, there's no doubt that China is aiming to become the world's largest economy, and by some measures such as purchasing power parity, it already is. In terms of nominal GDP, it's still No 2 to the US, but many economists suggest that it's likely to reach the top by the late 2020s (although unexpected factors such as the economic effects of Covid quarantines could get in the way). The quest to grow GDP is part of a wider project to head the rankings in a range of areas. During the 1980s and 90s, Chinese policymakers responded to challenges from the paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, to construct a model that tracked a concept they termed "comprehensive national power" (zhonghe guoli). Much of the assessment started within the military, with assessments of weaponry and training, but attention quickly turned to economic factors. Deng's analysts ranked its existing resources such as its labour force and material and mineral resources, as well as projecting future capacity in areas

such as new technologies. During the 1990s, scholars debated how far China had risen in the global rankings. However, in the 00s ambitions shifted: instead of "comprehensive national power", Chinese analysts started to talk in terms of increasing China's "soft power" - the capacity that states have to lead other states through persuasion rather than coercion. For much of the period

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since 1945, the US has been the undisputed No 1 in this area. Despite the many geopolitical disasters (Vietnam, Iraq) and domestic injustices (the politics of race), the capacity of the US to project an idea of itself around the world has been - and remains - immensely strong. There is a reason that Xi Jinping was just one of the many Chinese parents who sent his daughter to study in the US. There is a reason that Xi Jinping was just one of the many Chinese parents who sent his daughter to study in the US. China has poured immense resources into trying to turn it-

self into a soft power superpower over the past two decades. The effort has seen some success, particularly in the global south: the idea of China as an impressive technology innovator has taken hold in large parts of sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, where cheap and effective 5G provision has trumped fears about security. Chinese multi-part dramas and soaps have become popular across south-east Asia, and have started to develop an audience in some African countries: last year, social media users in Kenya became big fans of the major Chinese TV fantasy series The Untamed. TikTok, a product of the Chinese company ByteDance, has been a cultural gamechanger, although some of its success stems from downplaying its links to its country of origin. Even India, a country generally wary of China's geopolitical intentions, sees regular anguished debates about why it can't match China's GDP and poverty reduction record. It also can't match the audience China has for its story about its rise to global power. Yet overall, China's desire to become the No 1 soft power generator has stalled, still ranking well behind the US. One reason is the top-down control that shapes Chinese policy at home. The most pow-

erful soft power generators in China's neighbourhood, such as Japanese manga and South Korean pop, emerged when their countries liberalised and developed a civil society. China has moved in exactly the opposite direction in recent years; for instance, restrictions imposed on Hong Kong under China's 2020 national security law have increased film censorship, along with warnings that museums in the city should avoid artworks that might undermine a loosely defined national security. This restrictive mindset at home is a self-imposed obstacle to China's desire to project cultural power in the liberal world. Additionally, China also sends out confusing vibes about how accessible its own culture and society really are. Its government argues that outsiders can't criticise its politics because it operates under a unique system of "socialism with Chinese characteristics" that would suit no other state, yet also projects the idea of "Chinese wisdom" that can act as a resource for the world.



The news that the Shiv Sena parliamentary party has split and that a majority of MPs may desert Uddhav Thackeray comes as no surprise: After all, the majority of the legislature party in Maharashtra also abandoned Uddhav and went over to the Bharatiya Janata Party-supported faction. And while, on one level, it is all about realpolitik, benefits for MLAs and greed for power, the implosion of the Shiv Sena also poses a more fundamental question: Is there less and less room in our country for a party that is not based on grievance? These days, successful politics seems to be all about capitalising on grievances. Just listen to BJP supporters and their surrogates going on about how Muslims oppressed Hindus in the medieval era and how the time has now come for Hindus to avenge themselves on the "descendants of the Mughals." The Shiv Sena has always been, at its core, a party founded on grievances. In 1967, when the Sena first came to prominence, its founder Bal Thackeray called for Maharashtra to stand up for their rights, which were being eroded in the city of Bombay (as it was before Thackeray changed the name). At that

stage, Maharashtra had only been in existence for seven years. Till 1960, it had been part of the old Bombay state, which included much of what is now Gujarat. One of its most powerful Chief Ministers was Morarji Desai, who was a proud Gujarati. The creation of Maharashtra was preceded by a popular movement/agitation whose leaders Thackeray revered. One of the Shiv Sena's original complaints was that even though Maharashtra now had their own state, they were still economically subjugated by Gujaratis. Besides, people from all over India (they meant South Indians) had come to Bombay and taken jobs that should have been given to Maharashtra. Thackeray's movement was unapologetically violent. He made no excuses for the violence his supporters engaged in, arguing that they had no other alternative. He took the same position in the 1990s when the film Bombay showed a character, clearly based on Thackeray, regretting the violence of the riots that tore the city apart. "Regret? Why should I regret? I regret nothing," he told me proudly. And indeed, the Shiv Sena came to public attention only because of the violence. A Shiv Sena bandh meant anyone who dared defy the Sena's dictates was attacked, cars were destroyed, shops damaged and their owners assaulted, and so on. All this was

originally justified in the name of Maharashtra rights. Contrary to the impression the Sena gave in later years, it was not necessarily anti-Congress when it was founded. A cynical version has it that Thackeray was encouraged by Maharashtra Congress bosses such as S.K. Patil and V.P. Naik to found the Sena. They wanted him to fight the rise of Communist-led trade unions in Bombay. And indeed, Thackeray's early statements were openly anti-Communist, and there were

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violent clashes between the two. In 1967, when V.K. Krishna Menon stood as an independent against the official Congress candidate in the Lok Sabha election, the Sena served as the stormtrooper wing of the Congress. Arguing that Menon, a Malayali, had no place in Maharashtra, the Sena's thugs beat up Malayalis in his constituency. Thackeray's rhetoric was consistently full of attacks on South Indians: "They should go back to Madras," he declared, to the bemusement of many hapless Malayalis who had no links with Madras. Thackeray's views varied over time. He fell out with the Congress when S.B. Chavan became Chief Minister (Chavan was opposed to Thackeray's original mentors within the Congress) but never wavered in his admiration for Indira Gandhi, backing her when she was out of power during the Janata Party phase. The 'Maharashtra-for-Maharashtrians' stuff began to run out of steam in the 1980s,

so Thackeray switched to a platform that targeted Muslims. He had very little affection for the RSS, which he regarded as an effete organisation of Brahmins and offered up a more muscular version of anti-Muslim sentiment. It was never very convincing (unlike the pro-Maharashtrian stuff, which he actually believed in) and he was reduced to saying things like "look at the names of criminals in the papers. Why are there so many Muslims? We don't want these kinds of Muslims. We want Muslims like Syed Kirmani." (Kirmani was then part of the Indian cricket team.) He proved his credentials as a defender of the Hindus in the 1990s when the Sena played a leading role in the Mumbai riots. ("We were attacked. We had to fight back," he told me). After that, the 'Maharashtra-for-Maharashtrians' stuff took a back seat (though it never actually went away) and he acted as though he had done his bit when he changed the name of Bombay to Mumbai. After Thackeray died, the Shiv Sena had two choices. It could stick with Thackeray's politics of grievance and keep looking for targets or it could reinvent itself as a responsible political party. In some ways, these choices were mirrored by a personality conflict. Raj, Bal Thackeray's nephew, tried to cast himself as his uncle's successor, while Uddhav, Bal Thackeray's son, took a more responsible, less hate-filled approach. Eventually, the Sena went with Uddhav and began a more peaceful, mature phase. Contrary to the impression that the BJP is now trying to give, the Sena and the BJP were never natural allies. They tied up for electoral purposes only because Pramod Mahajan was able to persuade a reluc-

tant Thackeray that an alliance represented his best hope of taking the Sena off the streets and into office. Even then, Thackeray was clear. The Sena would be the senior partner. The BJP could run the country. But he would run Maharashtra. All this was before the rise of the Modi-Shah combine, who offered up exactly the sort of muscular Hindutva that Thackeray had criticised the RSS for not believing in. And this BJP was not content to play second fiddle in any alliance. There are various explanations for why so many of the Shiv Sena's MPs and MLAs have gone with the BJP in the current battle. One reason that is often advanced, is the lure of money. But there is also a second, more important factor. In today's India, it is easier to function on the basis of grievances. Find an enemy, target a community and you will win public support. That is what the BJP was offering: Hindutva politics. Uddhav, on the other hand, was only offering a promise of good governance. Eventually, many of his supporters decided that this wasn't enough. They wanted the identity politics (of one sort or another) that Bal Thackeray had based the Sena's foundations on. This remains the kind of approach that many Shiv Sainiks are most comfortable with. Uddhav tried at the very end to change track but it was too late to embrace Hindutva. But by then, the BJP had broken his party. So the Maharashtra drama is partly about the BJP's need to run every state. But it is also about the change in Indian politics: Things go easier if you pick the politics of division, if not of hate. Moderation can be a path to nowhere.

Who will be Britain's next prime minister, Rishi Sunak or Liz Truss?



Conservative voter like genuinely eccentric propositions - an ex-chancellor so personally rich he reads like a walking conspiracy theory, a foreign secretary who communicates in lists of her own achievements - will read to the members like the most boring of the lot. I reckon Truss takes it, and I can't wait. Political parties have few organic links to the people they are supposed to represent. This is especially true of the Conservative party, whose members - overwhelmingly rich, old, white and male - will select the country's next prime minister. It is maybe why the economic debate between Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss seems so utterly removed from the reality of British capitalism today. Truss's Britain Unchained slogans about £30bn-worth of tax cuts and slashed "regulation" are a break from Treasury orthodoxy about government borrowing. But they are irrelevant to the country's unsustainable energy system, soaring child and elderly care costs, falling real wages (for all but the 1%), or the outsized profits driving inflation. The UK is already an outlier for its low corporation, income and capital gains tax. How would further cuts transform living standards now, when they haven't in decades? Sunak reheats Osborne's "pragmatism" on public borrowing. Yet while there is an immediate need to cut the cost of living by redistributing wealth and upgrading social infrastructure, there is no urgent necessity to cut the defi-

cit. Long on slogans but short of substance, Truss can appeal to a membership base whose economic interests have long been secured. But for the broader UK population it is precisely that material security that is at stake. This year's Conservative leadership contest may be a first in modern times, in that the two candidates widely expected to reach the final two before it began have actually done so. Perhaps Rishi Sunak, having recorded the weakest first-place start in terms of vote share since the new rules were introduced after 1997, simply didn't have the votes to spare to try to pick who made second place, as previous frontrunners have been accused of doing. But whatever the reason, we now know the rough shape of the contest: a fairly straightforward left-right clash between a high-tax fiscal conservative and a tax-cutting liberal. At present, Liz Truss is the favourite to win the second round; Conservative party members are not, in the main, well-disposed towards high taxes, even in aid of the impeccably Tory goal of not funding day-to-day spending by borrowing. But a month is plenty of time for the former chancellor to turn things around. The foreign secretary has not proved a strong campaigner so far, and her central proposition - that warmed-over Thatcherism is what will hold the "red wall" in 2024 - is dubious in the extreme. Sunak has his own problems, of course.

Sahil Dutta

Johnson, because she will never give people the same feeling. She knows as much, which is why she keeps dressing up as Margaret Thatcher, but she's nothing like her, either. So two candidates who look to the non-

Amar Upadhyay to enter Surabhi Das's show Nima Denzongpa?



Mumbai, July 21: Popular daily soap Nima Denzongpa has managed to grab eyeballs and has been entertaining the audience for some time now. Adding a new twist to the story, there will soon be a new entry in the show. As per ETimes TV seasoned actor, Amar Upadhyay, who was recently seen in Bhoobhulaiyaa 2 will be seen in the show in a prominent role. Sources close to the show informed that Amar has signed the show and will be seen in a very strong role in Nima Denzongpa. His role is

very different which he has not done in recent times and his entry will mark a new chapter in the lead actress's life. It will change things for Nima played by Surabhi Das. Interestingly, Amar is already doing another show with the production house producing Nima Denzongpa. He will be seen playing the role of Lord Ram in Jai Hanuman - Sankatmochan Naam Tihero. However, it is a cameo role. Iqbal Khan, who entered the show in January, is leaving the show very soon. Iqbal's track is over and the actor is happy that he got an opportunity to play an interesting

Daniel Kaluuya Not Returning for 'Black Panther 2'

Daniel Kaluuya will not be in the Black Panther sequel, The Hollywood Reporter has confirmed. Rotten Tomatoes was first to report the news. Kaluuya, who will soon be seen in the Jordan Peele thriller Nope, played W'Kabi, the best friend to T'Challa/Black Panther and the husband of Okoye, played by Danai Gurira, who is expected to return for the sequel, Wakanda Forever. Kaluuya told Rotten Tomatoes that he had to back out due to scheduling conflicts with Peele's movie, which is due out in theaters this month. The Black Panther 2 shoot was plagued by setbacks after star Chadwick Boseman died of colon cancer in August 2020, with Marvel and the filmmakers having to reconceive the project. The movie was further delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, including several stars testing positive for COVID on set. In August 2021, star Letitia Wright suffered an injury while filming a sequence involving a stunt rig on-location in Boston. Production then shut down in late November after the Wakanda Forever team filmed as much as they could without Wright, while she continued to heal at her home in London. Wright - who expressed anti-COVID vaccine sentiments, raising concerns about her return after the CDC implemented rules requiring all non-immigrant and non-citizen air travelers to the U.S. to be fully vaccinated - eventually returned to the Atlanta set and filming resumed in January. At the time, it was reported that M'Baku actor Winston Duke was taking on an expanded role in the Panther myths.

Angelina Jolie 'Relieved' Brad Pitt Flew

London, July 21: Angelina Jolie, 47, was grateful Brad Pitt, 58, took the time to fly to Rome, Italy for their twins' birthday. The actor traveled to the country to celebrate Knox and Vivienne turning 14, but the actress was "stressing" to make sure it happened before Brad "stepped up," one source said. "Angelina's on a tight shooting schedule [on Without Blood] so she's relieved that Brad was able to come to Rome to see the kids and be there for Knox and Vivienne's birthday, it means a lot to her that he made the trip," the source EXCLUSIVELY told HollywoodLife. "She always bends over backwards to make sure the kids get time with their dad, especially on special occasions like birthdays and holidays," the source continued. "But in this situation, she was stressing about how make it all work, so the fact that Brad's stepped up and made the trip has taken a huge weight off her shoulders, his effort hasn't gone unnoticed." It turns out Angelina and Brad's communication has still been struggling since their divorce and custody battle, so Brad's latest visit to see the twins made a lasting impression. "They have virtually no contact, everything between them, including the kids' schedules is handled by third parties because they're still battling it out in court," the insider further shared. "But Angelina shields the kids from it all as best she can because she wants them to have a healthy relationship with their dad, regardless of how she feels about him." In addition to Knox and Vivienne, Angelina and Brad share four other children, including Maddox, 20, Pax, 18, Zahara, 17, and Shiloh, 16.

Sushant Singh Rajput's Sister Priyanka Calls Out Bollywood



Mumbai, July 21 : It's been two years since we lost Sushant Singh Rajput in an unimaginable way. The actor allegedly passed away due to suicide and his family accused girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty and several others of abetment. As

NCB has charged the actress with 34 others of abetting his drug addiction, sister Priyanka Rajput has come out in the open and called out Bollywood. SSR's death created a huge ruckus in Bollywood. Many started boycotting Bollywood stars and celebrities like Karan Johar, Salman Khan, and Mahesh Bhatt among others were dragged into the scenario. But it was a

role. Molki actor had earlier opened up on his fall-out with Ekta Kapoor and leaving the show Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi. He said, "I told her to give me three-four months more, but she was not ready to wait without Mihir. She wanted Mihir badly, and then that's when she approached Ronit (Roy) who was already doing Bajaj for Kasauti Zindagi Kay. She is the boss, and she owns the show. So it's her decision, and she is right in what she did completely." He added that did Molki for her. He left (Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi) in 2003, and in 2005 he did Kasauti and Kkusum, and all that shows with her, along with 2-3 shows as a cameo just to tell the world that things were okay between him and Ekta Kapoor.

Actor Ram Charan Gets Praises From Hollywood



Mumbai, July 21: Ram Charan and Jr NTR starrer RRR is one of the biggest masterpieces to emerge out of Indian cinema this year. Its been months since its release yet director SS Rajamouli's vision and storytelling and the performance of the lead actors, Ram Charan and Jr NTR, continue to win fans and admirers all over the world. Recently, acclaimed Hollywood director-writer Aaron Stewart Ahn, known for Mandy (2018) and The Witcher: Blood Origin (2022) took to Twitter to express his wish to write a movie for

Ram Charan. He also mentioned that Ram Charan must work in international projects as the lead. "Would love to write a movie for a movie star like Ram Charan, just to work with such a great actor and cinematic presence. But if he works in international productions he must be the lead! Hollywood usually doesn't get that. I'm here for more great Indian movies," the tweet read. But this is hardly the first time that RRR has caught the attention of Hollywood big-wigs. Earlier this month the writer of Hollywood blockbusters

Courtney Cox Seen on Set Of 'Scream 6'

London, July 21: Courtney Cox confirmed in July 2020 that she would reprise her role of reporter Gale Weathers in Scream 5, 24 years after starring in the original film. Then, shortly after the well-received release of the film in January, the next Scream sequel was confirmed, with Courtney, 58, ready to come back again. Now, the first images of her on set in Montreal, Canada have been captured. The photographs, which were obtained by the Daily Mail and can be seen here, show the actress looking smart in a light blue

pantsuit practicing live shots with a microphone in hand outside of what appeared to be city hall. She paired the fashionable outfit with lime green high heels. Courtney has returned for each Scream film, but Scream 6 will be missing one of its key original cast members: Neve Campbell, who played Sidney Prescott in the previous five movies. "Sadly, I won't be making the next Scream film," Nevesaid in a statement to HollywoodLife on June 6. "As a woman I have had to work extremely hard in my career to establish my



value, especially when it comes to Scream. I felt the offer that was presented to me did not equate to the value I have brought to the franchise." She continued, "It's been a very difficult decision to move on. To all my Scream fans, I love you. You've always been so incredibly supportive to me. I'm forever grateful to you and to what this franchise has given me over the past 25 years." Some of Neve's former co-stars reacted to her declination of the role and supported her decision. "I'd love for her to be a part of it. A Scream movie without Sidney's kind of unfortunate, but I understand her decision," David Arquette, 50, said during an interview with ComicBook on June 6. "It's all a business in a way, they have to balance all these elements to fit a budget and produce a film. I get it, she's still alive!" he continued. "She [can] absolutely be in future ones, but I think it's

up to fans to call for that in the future. I respect her decision, for sure." David is one of the original Scream actors, and his character, Dewey Riley, was brutally murdered by Ghostface with two knives in the fifth film, marking his exit from the franchise. Sarah Michelle Gellar, 45, who appeared in Scream 2 as Cici, also weighed in on the situation. "Neve is a really smart, amazing human and I'm sure that for whatever reason, whether personal or professional, I'm sure she had a very valid reason because she loves her audience and she loves her fans and she's very proud of those movies," she told HollywoodLife EXCLUSIVELY on June 24. "So without, without knowing any of the story I can say that." Meanwhile, fans eagerly await the next installment in the franchise. While the details of the plot are largely unknown, Courtney revealed in March that the writing is "really good".

SaasBahuAchaarPvt. Ltd. to third season in Zee5



Mumbai, July 21: ZEE5 Global, the world's largest platform for South Asian content, has geared up to deliver an exciting range of shows and movies across languages and genres this month. With Sona Mohapatra's unapologetic documentary Shut up Sona already streaming on the platform to Kangana Ranaut starrer, action-packed film Dhaakad and the original Series SaasBahuAchaarPvt. Ltd. starring Amruta Subhash, this month's content slate is going to be exhilarating for the viewers. Diving deep into the coalmines of Bhopal, Agni essayed by Kangana Ranaut is set on a mission to eliminate human and arms trafficker Rudraveer played by Arjun Rampal. Produced by

Deepak Mukut and directed by Razneesh Ghai; Dhaakad, mounted on a large scale, is backed by power-packed action sequences designed by Hollywood action directors and is already streaming on the platform. After the successful release of the first two seasons, ZEE5 brings its viewers the third season of the gangster drama Rangbaaz titled 'Rangbaaz - Darr Ki Rajneeti' with Vineet Kumar Singh and Aakanksha Singh in the leading roles. The 6-episode series also stars Geetanjali Kulkarni, Sudhanva Deshpande, Ashok Pathak, Soham Majumdar, Prashant Narayanan and others in pivotal roles. The series, directed by Navdeep Singh, is centered on Vineet's character, Haroon Shah Ali Baig

(also known as Saheb) and charts his rise from a small town in Bihar to becoming one of its most potent strongmen. In its partnership with TVF, the platform is set for yet another original series SaasBahuAchaarPvt. Ltd, starring National award-winning actor Amruta Subhash along with Yamini Das, Anup Soni, Anjana Sukhani and Anandeshwar Dwivedi on July 8. The six-episode series, directed by Apoorv Singh Karki, tells the story of a housewife from a small town and how she embarks on an ambitious journey to become an entrepreneur and

gain financial independence only to win her kids back from her ex-husband, Dilip. ZEE5 Global also has an exquisite line-up of regional digital releases bringing diversity this month. On July 1, the platform launched a thrilling Malayalam story about cyber security in Rahul Riji Nair's Keedam, starring Rajisha Vijayan and Sreenivasan in the leading roles. Promising a fun ride, Telugu actor Sushanth is making his OTT debut with Maa Neella Tank. With comic dialogues and cinematic visuals, the web

Kim Kardashian's Advice To Pete Davidson



London, July 21: Kim Kardashian's shot and heavy romance with boyfriend Pete Davidson, 28, is set to unfold in the upcoming season 2 of The Kardashians. And although the hilarious former SNL star is a pro when it comes to filming for TV, HollywoodLife has EXCLUSIVELY learned that he had a "difficult" time adjusting to this type of TV. According to sources close to the 41-year-old SKIMS founder, however, Kim was able to turn it all around with some words of wisdom from someone who has mastered the art of filming a reality television show - herself! "Doing 'The Kardashians' was different for Pete because he is

not playing a character," one source told us. "He found it difficult in the beginning because he isn't always funny all the time. Pete has a very serious side to him and this is not what his fans know of generally. He was just not sure if this is what would fly for the show since he thought that they were all counting on him to be the comedian that he is." Apparently, this is not what they were expecting of him, after all. "Kim told him that he doesn't have to be funny all the time. That is not why she loves him," the source told us. "Kim reassured him that he will be fine and just to pretend that the cameras are not there. She knows that Pete is a genuine and kind person and that, no matter what, audiences would be able to see this as well." As HollywoodLife previously reported, Pete was on the fence about filming with Kim, as he didn't want their relationship to be affected by living their life in front of cameras. And although Kim did not push him into filming, a second source told us that she was delighted that he ultimately decided to join her family's show. "Kim loves that Pete wanted to be on the show with her and she's so proud of how cute and funny he is," the source said. "He's been super easygoing about whatever Kim wants to share about their relationship on the show, even their Facetime calls and messages are fair game." So what other advice did Kim give Pete prior to filming for season 2, which premieres on September 22 on Hulu? "The only advice she really gave him was to just have fun and be himself," the source said. "Other than that, she just let it happen naturally. The sweetest part about it is that Pete doing the show because he wants to be as much a part of Kim's world as he can, it's definitely strengthened their bond."

Kamal Haasan's Vikram creates records on OTT



Tamil Nadu, July 21: Tamil superstar Kamal Haasan's latest blockbuster Vikram has emerged as one of the top movies on streaming platform Disney Plus Hotstar. The film was made available last week and it has recorded the highest opening weekend in terms of viewership. "#Vikram - The highest ever opening weekend viewership, subscription and watch time on Disney+ Hotstar," read a tweet from Disney+ Hotstar Tamil. Vikram is the biggest ever commercial hit in Kamal Haasan's career spanning over six decades. The movie created a box office storm by raking in more than Rs 400 crore from its worldwide ticket sales. In India alone, the film is said to have earned a whopping Rs 300 crore. Vikram also broke the collection record of Baahubali: The Conclusion, which remained unbeaten for five years at the Tamil Nadu box office. While Baahubali 2 had earned over Rs 150 crore in the state, Vikram surpassed it by collecting over Rs 170 crore within four weeks of its release. Vikram is written and directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. The action drama follows the war waged by a former spy on the drug mafia in Tamil Nadu.

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Guwahati- Congress Protest On Thursday

History win: Draupadi Murmu

5,77,777. Yashwant Sinha secured 1058 votes of the value of 2,61,062. Earlier, the voting was held on July 18 at the Parliament House and across all State Assemblies. As per official sources, 99% of the 4,796 MPs and MLAs cast their votes in the Presidential election. As soon as Draupadi Murmu took a massive lead after the counting of votes in round 1, celebrations erupted at different parts including at her residence at Rairangpur in Odisha. Over 10,000 laddus were prepared to be distributed among the locals following the announcement of the results. Celebrations also erupted in Bhubaneswar after NDA candidate Draupadi Murmu took massive lead in Presidential election. Terming it as a historic day, BJP National Vice-President Baijayant Panda said, "There is tremendous enthusiasm across India including in Assam. Draupadi Murmu has struggled and worked hard and spent long innings in public life. She has also created a superb image." Similarly, folk artists performed tribal dance at Mother Teresa Crescent Road in Delhi, to celebrate as NDA's Presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu's lead earlier in the day. From dancing to exchanging sweets, the BJP party leaders and activists were filled with excitement as they came out in large numbers to celebrate Draupadi Murmu's victory at party headquarters in Bhubaneswar as well as in Delhi. The celebrations reached its peak as Draupadi Murmu inched closer to victory in the presidential election. A resident of tribal-dominated Uparbeda village under Kusumi Tehsil of Mayurbhanj district in Odisha, Murmu passed her matriculation from the Unit II Girl's High School in 1974. She studied there for three years (Class 8, 9 & 10) before joining Rama Devi Women's college for her higher studies. Following her graduation from Rama Devi College, she joined as a Junior Assistant in Irrigation and Power Department from 1979 to 1983 in the Odisha government. In 1994, she joined as a teacher at Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centre, Rairangpur and continued serving at the institute till 1997. She joined the BJP in the same year. Murmu was elected as the councilor of the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat. In 2000, she became the Chairperson of Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat and also served as the National Vice-President of BJP Scheduled Tribes Morcha. During the BJP and Biju Janata Dal coalition government in Odisha, Draupadi Murmu served at several posts as a Minister. Later, Draupadi Murmu took oath as the Governor of Jharkhand on May 18, 2015, and became the first woman Governor of Jharkhand.

Pankaj Pathak Arrested from

Assam: Zubeen Garg admitted to Guwahati hospital after being airlifted from Dibrugarh, health condition stable. There has been no official statement on the entire case by the police yet. As per reports, Pankaj Pathak was arrested based on directions by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. According to report, Pathak was hiding in Muslimpatty at the residence of person, identified as Mridul. Meanwhile, Pathak planned to spend the night at someone else's home in Kaljar. As a result of Mridul's confession, Barpeta police arrested Pankaj. A team of Nalbari police along with Guwahati police raided the factory owned by a self-claimed Pathak in Tihu. The development came after Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma directed the state police to arrest Pankaj Pathak. The police have also seized the mobile phones of the employees working at the factory of Pathak. Pathak allegedly made several posts on his Facebook account assassinating the woman and her husband's character. Following his remarks, several organizations have moved the city police accusing Pathak of harming the modesty of the woman. FIRs were lodged. The accused had recently made some controversial statements against women via a video posted on his personal account which the victim woman's husband who is also a journalist opposed publicly on social media. This triggered the row and Pathak immediately took to his social media account and started uploading posts against the couple using unsavoury comments.

Enforcement Directorate grills

Gandhi and alleged that the government was unleashing a relentless campaign against its political opponents through "mischievous" misuse of probe agencies. Senior Congress leader and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the probe agency should first hold a press conference to spell out under what charges Sonia Gandhi is being probed. "I condemn the ED action of calling Sonia Gandhi for questioning," he told reporters at a press conference. "The ED should have gone to her residence to take her responses to their questions," he said, citing past precedents, adding that this is being done to "harass" her. Sonia Gandhi appeared before the ED here for questioning in the National Herald money laundering case. "All Congress MPs and CWC members have courted mass arrest outside our party headquarters in a show of collective solidarity with Congress President Sonia Gandhi, a target of 'Vishguru's' political vendetta. We are being taken away to a police station in Old Delhi evidently," said Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh. Another Congress leader P Chidambaram said the ED is not higher than the Supreme Court. "What is that the ED wants to 'investigate' that will not be examined by the SC," he asked. "The ED is overreaching the SC and trying to intimidate the Congress party. The Congress party will not bow down to the intimidation," Chidambaram alleged. Congress leader Pawan Khera also alleged that whenever the government feels cornered, it brings in its agencies. "The conspiracy is to silence us and the aim is to make the country opposition-free," he alleged. Referring to the questioning of Rahul Gandhi earlier in the case, Gehlot said never has anyone questioned a leader for five days in a row and long hours of questioning. "Their aim is to demoralise and create problems," he alleged. "They are treating opposition leaders as if they are their enemies," he also alleged. Gehlot said this action comes after the Udaipur declaration of the Congress party, which received a very encouraging response from the public. Earlier in the day, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had claimed that the media was also being prevented from entering the party headquarters. "From the early hours of this morning the Delhi Police, obviously taking orders from the Union Home Minister, is preventing the media from entering the Congress party headquarters. This high-handedness was only to be expected and reflects the mindset of the Modi Sarkar," Ramesh said on Twitter. He also said that the ED action comes to prevent Congress from raising issues of the public like price rise and unemployment, which they will continue. The Congress has organised protests in the national capital and across the country. Gehlot alleged that there are two laws in India, one for the BJP and one for the opposition. He said the ED has carried out 1,700 raids and their conviction rate is 0.5 per cent as due processes are not followed. The Rajasthan chief minister said he wanted to meet the heads of the IT, CBI, ED and CBDT chairman as the credibility of these probe agencies in the eyes of the public is going down.

APCC Protests Over Sonia

the Enforcement Directorate's summons to Sonia Gandhi. Senior Congress leader and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot condemned the ED action of calling Sonia Gandhi for questioning, and said the probe agency should first hold a press conference to spell out under what charges she is being probed. "I condemn the ED action of calling Sonia Gandhi for questioning," he told reporters at a press conference. "The ED should have gone to her residence to take her responses to their questions," he said, citing past precedents, adding that this is being done to harass her.

CM Unveils Three Durand

Sarma elaborated on measures such as construction of new stadiums, coaching camps, employment opportunities for sportspersons, sports pension, etc. Today's event was also attended by Chairman of the Durand Organising Committee Lt. General K.K. Repsawal, Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (101 Area) Lt. General KC Panchanathan and a host of other senior officials from the armed forces and the government of Assam.

Monkeypox outbreak: WHO reports 14,000 cases globally, 5 deaths in Africa

Geneva, July 21 : Around 14,000 cases of monkeypox have been confirmed in over 70 countries this year and a total of 5 deaths have been reported in Africa, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Wednesday. The WHO chief assured that the organization will continue to do everything it can to support countries to stop transmission and save lives. "Almost 14,000 confirmed #monkeypox cases have now been reported to WHO this year, from more than 70 countries and territories. So far, 5 deaths have been reported, all in Africa. @WHO will continue to do everything we can to support countries to stop transmission and save lives," Tedros said in a tweet. Tedros also said that although there are some countries that are registering a decline in the cases, many are witnessing an increase and around six countries reported their first cases of monkey pox last week. "Most cases continue to be reported from Europe, primarily among men who have sex with men," he said. The WHO chief added that the outbreak is harder to track and stop because many countries that are reporting the cases have less access to diagnostics and vaccines. Ghebreyesus also said that the organization is validating, procuring and shipping tests to multiple countries and will continue to provide support for expanded access to effective diagnostics. Information is one of the most powerful tools against the outbreak, he said adding that more information will allow the people at risk to protect themselves better. "WHO is continuing to work with patients and community advocates to develop and deliver information tailored to the affected communities, and more likely to be accepted and implemented," Tedros said. Monkeypox virus is transmitted from infected animals to humans via indirect or direct contact. Human-to-human transmission can occur through direct contact with infectious skin or lesions, including face-to-face, skin-to-skin, and respiratory droplets. In the current outbreak countries and amongst the reported monkeypox cases, transmission appears to be occurring primarily through close physical contact, including sexual contact. Transmission can also occur from contaminated materials such as linens, bedding, electronics, clothing, that have infectious skin particles. Initial cases of monkeypox, detected in several countries in different WHO Regions, had no epidemiological links to areas that have historically reported monkeypox, suggesting that undetected transmission might have been ongoing for some time in those countries. The majority of confirmed cases of monkeypox are male and most of these cases occur among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in urban areas and are clustered social and sexual networks.



Golaghat- Minister Ajanta Neog foundation stone for MDTW scheme on Thursday

Tea Worker Moina Nayak Injured in Factory in Dibrugarh Battles with Life at GMCH

Guwahati, July 21 : A woman was seriously injured while working at Lepetkatta tea factory in Dibrugarh when her hair got stuck in the CTC machine. The worker has been identified as Moina Nayak (24), who accidentally entered into the dryer machine of the tea garden and sustained serious injuries. The incident has sparked tension among the workers of the tea factory. The woman was rushed to Assam Medical College and Hospital for treatment but doctors referred her to Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). ATISA, Dibrugarh district secretary, Lakhindra Kurmi said, "Due to the negligence of the garden management, the incident happened. The woman injured herself by entering into CTC machine. The garden management is responsible for the incident because how the management has given her the permission to work at dryer machine." "We demand a high level inquiry into the incident. The garden management advocate on safety first, but there is no safety in the tea factory. The labour department has failed miserably to check the safety measures. We hold the manager responsible for the incident," he added. Kurmi further said, "The garden management has violated all the safety norms and engaged a woman to work in dryer machine. There is no protection for the workers in the tea factory but the labour department after knowing all this thing remains a mute spectator." "We demand full compensation of the injured worker and permanent job should be given to her in the tea garden," Kurmi added. Superintendent of GMCH Dr. Abhijeet Sarma said that they are trying their best for Moina Nayak. She has been hurt in eyes, ear and nose for which she will have to undergo plastic surgery. "The Plastic surgery will be conducted after one month and the entire treatment process will take more than one and a half month as she sustained severe injuries," Dr. Sarma said.

Maharashtra politics: Hurt by rebellion, Uddhav Thackeray seeks 50 lakh 'loyalty affidavit' from Shiv Sena workers

Mumbai, July 21 : Uddhav Thackeray, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, whose MVA government recently collapsed after a rebellion led by Eknath Shinde along with 40 other Sena leaders, is now reaching out to party workers and wings to save Shiv Sena. According to the Times of India, in reaction to the power twist in Maharashtra, Thackeray has sought 50 lakh loyalty affidavits from all the Shiv Sena workers across the country to prove their determination toward the party constitution and its founding father Bal Thackeray. Shiv Sena district heads have been given the responsibility to collect the affidavits from the workers in their respective regions within a few days, the media reports said. As per the media reports, the move aims to prevent Eknath Shinde and his camp to claim control over Shiv Sena, which was founded by his father Bal Thackeray. Thackeray's move came as he lost the Maharashtra Assembly floor test to Eknath Shinde, who is now the chief minister of the state after many of his MPs switched sides. Later, Eknath Shinde claimed that as most Sena MLAs are with him, the real Shiv Sena lies with his faction.



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'One-sided crackdown on Opposition...': AAP's Sanjay Singh targets Enforcement Directorate, Centre

New Delhi, July 21 : Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh on Thursday accused the Modi government of increasingly misusing the Enforcement Directorate against opposition leaders and said this is a "major threat" to democracy. He made the remarks in a notice he raised in Rajya Sabha during Zero Hour. The development came on a day when Congress president Sonia Gandhi appeared before the Enforcement Directorate here for questioning in a money laundering case related to the National Herald newspaper. Earlier, the ED had arrested Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a money laundering case. "Cases are being registered arbitrarily by the central agency (ED) against Health Minister Satyendar Jain and leaders of the Opposition... In the last 14 years, the Enforcement Directorate has registered more than 16,000 cases but could prove the charges against only 15 people," Singh stated in his notice. The "increasing political misuse" of the central agencies is "a major threat" to democracy, he said. "The increasing misuse of the central probe agency Enforcement Directorate and the one-sided crackdown on opposition leaders raises a question mark on the functioning of the agency," he added. Jain, 57, was arrested by the ED on May 30 under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). He remains in judicial custody.

Arvind Kejriwal Defies Lt Governor, Says Will Go Ahead With Singapore Trip

New Delhi, July 21 : Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, blocked a second time from attending a summit abroad, has declared that he would "go ahead" with the visit. In his response to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, he also mentioned that if one goes by his logic, then "the Prime Minister will also not be able to go anywhere". Kejriwal was invited for the "World Cities Summit" back in June by Singapore High Commissioner Simon Wong. He is expected to address the meet on August 1. But with the clearance getting delayed, he wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week, saying it was "against the interest of the country to stop a Chief Minister from visiting such an important stage," he had added. "This is the program of the mayor, the Chief Minister should not go into it," was by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena's response to the Delhi government's request for clearance that has now come. "I humbly beg to differ with the advice of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor," Mr Kejriwal wrote in response. "Human life is not compartmentalised into the subjects mentioned in the three lists of the Constitution. If the visit of each constitutional authority in our country were to be decided on the basis of what subjects fall within the jurisdiction of that authority, it would create a funny situation and practical logjam. Then the Prime Minister would not be able to go anywhere because in most of his visits, he also discusses subjects which fall in state list and do not fall in his jurisdiction," the letter added. In his letter, he also advised the Lieutenant Governor to "Kindly apply for political clearance from the Central government". "After Delhi LG blocks Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's Singapore visit, the CM has now written to the Ministry Of External Affairs for 'political clearance'. We hope that the Centre will give this clearance as this visit will make India Proud at World Cities Summit," Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has said. "The LG has advised Kejriwal to not attend the conference since it is a conference of mayors. The chief ministers of other states have attended this conference in the past. Even the prime minister goes for state-related issues. This is mean politics at work," Mr Sisodia told reporters. In 2019, the Centre had withheld permission to Mr Kejriwal for a similar visit, saying it is unbecoming for a Chief Minister to participate in a meet meant for Mayors. Mr Kejriwal finally had to address the meet online.

Lulu Mall controversy: 'Madrasa-Connection' established with culprits who offered namaz at the Mall

Patna, July 21 : The controversy started after offering Namaz at Lulu Mall in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, something is constantly cooking on this issue. Under the revelations made in this matter, the 'Madrasa-Connection' of youths who came into the limelight after offering Namaz in the mall has come to the fore. Meanwhile, the four accused who have been arrested by the UP Police in this case. They are being interrogated. Meanwhile, search is on for the other accused in the case. It is worth mentioning that the Lulu Mall administration had filed a case against those offering Namaz at the Sushant Golf City police station. In the meantime, what has come to the fore in the interrogation of the arrested youths and what is the relation of the accused with the madrasa, let us understand that. According to information received from police sources, the first accused Mohammad Rehan is a resident of Indira Nagar in Lucknow and he studies in a Madrasa.



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Police chief on Paris final 'independent review' is Uefa security officer

Amsterdam, July 21 : The Amsterdam police chief appointed to sit on Uefa's "independent review" into the chaos at the Champions League final in Paris is a senior security officer at Uefa, raising further concerns about the independence and governance of the review. Frank Paauw, an experienced, senior Netherlands police chief and football match commander, worked as a Uefa safety and security officer at four club finals and at the European Championship tournaments of 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Although he has not worked in that capacity since, his career biography, issued by the Amsterdam police, which he has headed since 2019, Paauw is still described as "senior security officer at Uefa". The revelation Paauw also has a long working relationship with Uefa means that all four of those appointed to assist the review's chairman, the



Portuguese MP Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, have worked for Uefa for years. Kenny Scott, like Paauw well respected in football policing, is the former head of Uefa's safety and security operations until he retired last year, and he has continued to work for Uefa as a matchday security officer at international matches. The two Portuguese stadium events professionals appointed to provide administrative support to Rodrigues, Daniel Ribeiro and Luis Silva, have worked extensively for Uefa, as the

Guardian has reported. In the announcement on 1 July of these appointments on to the review of the near-disaster at the final between Liverpool and Real Madrid, Uefa provided no information on Ribeiro or Silva. It stated Paauw and Scott "have, at various times, served as Uefa security officers for individual club competition

matches", but did not mention the international games or work at the Euros, nor any ongoing work with Uefa. Liverpool and their supporters have raised concerns about Rodrigues's independence and relevant expertise and experience since Uefa appointed him as the review chairman without consultation on 30 May, two days after the final. In his previous capacity as education minister, which in Portugal includes responsibility for sports, Rodrigues worked closely with the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) whose president, Fernando Gomes, is a close ally of the Uefa president, Aleksandr Ceferin. The former FPF chief executive Tiago Craveiro moved as recently

as March to become an adviser to Ceferin at Uefa. Both Uefa and the FPF have declined to say whether Craveiro and Gomes were involved in discussions about setting up the Uefa review, or appointing Rodrigues to chair it. The Liverpool supporters' trust Spirit of Shankly (SoS) wrote a strong open letter to Rodrigues on Tuesday, saying it was "unacceptable" he had not yet engaged with them and emphasising questions about the Uefa connections of those assisting him. "We also remain concerned about recent revelations regarding many undeclared links, past working arrangements and relationships, all of which offers little or no confidence in trust and independence," the letter said.

'Monumental': Russian tennis player Daria Kasatkina praised for coming out as gay

Moscow, July 21 : Russian human rights activists and fellow athletes have described the decision to come out as gay by the country's highest-ranked female tennis player, Daria Kasatkina, as a monumental and symbolic moment for the rights of LGBTQ+ people in the country. "When I heard the news about Kasatkina, I couldn't believe it, I was so proud," said Nadya Karpova, a footballer, who became the first openly gay Russian national team athlete when she came out last month. "I was ecstatic, jumping around like crazy in my flat." Kasatkina said in an interview on Monday with the Russian blogger Vitya Kravchenko that

Karpova had served as an inspiration in her decision to come out. "It is so important for younger people to have role models who are like them. For them to see that there is absolutely nothing wrong with them," Karpova added. "The timing is so symbolic as well, with all the fucked-up things happening in Russia." Just hours before Kasatkina's interview, six Duma deputies introduced a new bill that would ban public discussion of LGBTQ+ relationships in a positive or neutral light, and any LGBTQ+ content in cinemas. The new law would expand on the country's so-called "gay propaganda" bill passed in 2013, which banned the "promotion of non-traditional sexual relations" to minors and has been used to stop gay pride marches and arrest gay rights activists. Under the proposed changes, any event or act regarded as an attempt to promote homosexuality could result in a fine. The bill came after the influential parliamentary speaker Vyacheslav Volodin earlier this month said that since Russia had left the Council of Europe human rights



watchdog, it would now be able to ban the promotion of "non-traditional values". "Demands to legalise same-sex marriages in Russia are a thing of the past," Volodin said. "Attempts to impose alien values on our society have failed." The bill was introduced as the Kremlin appears to adopt an increasingly conservative line following the country's invasion of Ukraine, positioning itself as a global bastion of "family values". Besides Moscow's stated goals to "denazify" and "demilitarise" Ukraine, Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has also framed the invasion as a definitive battle against "western values", a notion that has been eagerly picked up by the country's conservative segments - including the Orthodox church, with Patriarch Kirill of Moscow in a sermon blaming gay pride parades for the country's invasion of Ukraine.

'It's all been worth it': Jake Wightman in dreamland after emulating Cram's gold



Eugene, July 21 : Jake Wightman plans to target a historic treble of medals after his stunning 1500m world championship gold by going for the Commonwealth 1500m title and the European 800m crown over the next five weeks. Never before have three major championships been held so closely together, which gives the 28-year-old a unique opportunity to further write his name into the history books. Jake Wightman crosses the finish line in the men's 1,500m final at the World Athletics Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene. Wightman also revealed the sacrifices to his social life that he had made after the first gold medal of his career, before adding: "When I'm retired, fat and enjoying life a little bit I can look back on this and feel very proud that I did everything I could. It's all been worth it." Wightman had been regarded as an outsider in Eugene but no one had an answer to his sprint finish as he became the first British man since Steve Cram in 1983 to win a world 1500m gold medal - and the first since Sebastian Coe in the 1984 Olympics to win a global title. What made the moment even more special was that his father, Geoff, was doing the commentary in the stadium. "Jake Wightman has just had the run of his life," he said as his son crossed the line, before saying: "My voice has gone." Afterwards, Wightman Sr admitted he had been thinking about the moment for a long time. "But when it came to it, it wasn't that bad because there's a script, and you just follow it. So it's just another name, but I just didn't want to mess it up for him by doing anything wobbly." Wightman Jr, meanwhile, said he did not hear his father's words as he powered down the final straight. "I didn't hear him. Hopefully that's because he was a bit emotional. One of the first things he said was: 'Get ready for Commies now.'" Jake Wightman celebrates with the union jack after running the race of his life.

Tour de France: Pogacar wins stage 17 as Vingegaard holds on and Thomas fades

Paris, July 21 : Geraint Thomas's hopes of winning this Tour de France evaporated into the thin Pyrenean air as the infernal pace set by his rivals Jonas Vingegaard and Tadej Pogacar kept him at a distance him on the road to Peyragudes. But on a day when the Dane and the Slovenian rode so fast that it made their peers look pedestrian, the Welsh rider fought hard to consolidate his third place overall and with one mountain stage to come, can now begin to think of a podium finish in Paris. "I didn't feel quite as light on the pedals as I had done earlier in the race," Thomas said. "I wasn't feeling tip-top today, but I was there." The 2018



champion admitted that rather than risk losing third place by chasing the relentless Vingegaard (Jumbo-Visma) and Pogacar (UAE Emirates), he had ridden within himself on the gruelling final kilometres. "I made the call to wait for the group behind, rather than try and battle, go into the red to get back to that

group, but maybe risk blowing up and losing even more time. I saved the legs a bit and then was able to just ride a solid pace all the way to the line." Ahead of him, on the 16% slopes to the finish line, Pogacar and Vingegaard duelled for the stage win, with the double Tour winner outstripping the race leader, albeit without

making the significant time gains he needed. Thomas, grinding his way across the finish line two minutes later, finished best of the rest and conserved his third place overall. He now leads fourth placed Nairo Quintana (Arkea Samsic) by almost three minutes, which given their relative time trialling strengths is a gap that is unlikely to diminish between the Pyrenees and the Champs Élysées. Even with a depleted team, Pogacar still put Vingegaard under intense pressure. His bid to dethrone his Danish rival began in earnest on the penultimate climb, the Col de Val-Louron Azet, where his American teammate Brandon McNulty set a record-breaking pace. Pogacar has

now lost four of his eight teammates, including the mountain-climbing specialists George Bennett, Marc Soler and now Rafal Majka, who failed to start the 17th stage because of injury. Despite that, he was able to count on McNulty and also Mikkel Bjerg, a rider better known for his time trialling results than his mountain climbing. "Mikkel rode like a climber today," Pogacar said. "He set such a good pace on the climbs, it was unbelievable. I felt so good with that pace, I felt confident and I know he felt confident also." Thomas said: "I didn't really expect that, especially from Berg. He put in a hell of a shift for the rider he is.

London, July 21 : Padraig Harrington has accused Henrik Stenson of doing "what he said he wouldn't do" after the Swede was removed as Europe's Ryder Cup captain before confirming his status as LIV Golf's latest recruit. As another wound was sustained in golf's civil war, Harrington, a member of six consecutive Ryder Cup teams between 1999 and 2010, said he had "no empathy" for the Swede. Stenson was the Irishman's vice-captain at Whistling Straits last year and just four months ago signed a contract to lead Europe into competition in Rome in 2023. Stenson confirmed on Wednesday evening that he would be filling one of three remaining spaces at the LIV invitational taking place at the Donald Trump-owned Bedminster course in New Jersey next week. The contract on offer from the Saudi breakaway competition is reported to



be around £40m. Harrington said he understood that the offers made by LIV had been tempting for many players. "The financial incentives are quite impressive," he said. "I do think it's different in Henrik's case. He signed a contract not to do that, he was specifically asked not to do that. So, no empathy there." He took the Ryder Cup job when LIV was in doubt, he told the Scotsman. "Now LIV is pretty much mainstream normalised, he's jumped ship. Sometimes when you sign up to something you have to accept you made

a decision at the time and you've got to stick with it. He's done what he said he wouldn't do." In a lengthy statement released on Twitter, Stenson confirmed he had joined the LIV tour but said he had sought to retain the captaincy at the same time. "After much consideration I have decided to join several of my fellow professionals and play in the LIV invitational series," he said. "Unfortunately my decision to play in LIV events [means] it is not possible for me to continue in my role as

James Harden reaches two-year, \$68.8m deal to return to Philadelphia 76ers

London, July 21 : Free agent James Harden has agreed on a two-year, \$68.6m contract to return to the Philadelphia 76ers and will make about \$14.5m less this coming season than he could have earned under his previous deal, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said Wednesday. The 2018 NBA Most Valuable Player and three-time scoring champion will take less salary this season, having previously declined a \$47.3m option to become a free agent, with the



aim of helping the team improve and chase the championship he still seeks. ESPN first reported the agreement being finalized between the 76ers and the 10-time All-Star guard. According to the report, Harden, who turns 33

in August and has battled a lingering hamstring injury over the last two seasons, will earn \$33m for the 2022-23 season with a \$35.6m option for the 2023-24 season. Harden averaged 22.0 points, 10.3 assists and 7.7 rebounds in 65 games with the 76ers and Nets last season, after moving from Brooklyn to Philadelphia as part of the blockbuster trade that freed the Sixers of disgruntled guard Ben Simmons. Harden injured the hamstring playing for the Brooklyn Nets in the

2020-21 season. The first serious injury of his 13-year career was "a wake-up call" that had Harden thinking about life outside of basketball. Finally healthy again, he's spending the summer in his hometown of Los Angeles. Relaxing barefoot in a fully furnished, nine-bedroom, 14-bathroom rented mansion perched on a hillside above Beverly Hills with panoramic views stretching to downtown LA, Harden is eager to put the past behind. "I'm looking to have an unbelievable season," he told the AP on Sunday. "I don't want to just go out there and be running around and not being efficient and looking old out there. I still want to be really, really, really good." The 10-time All-Star confirmed to the AP that he made the decision to allow the 76ers the flexibility they needed to go after other players. If he hadn't declined the option, the team would have been hard-pressed to bolster its roster led by NBA scoring champion Joel Embiid. "Taking less money this year to sign as many players as we needed to help us contend and be the last team standing was very, very important to me," Harden said. "I wanted to show the organization, the Sixers fans and everybody else who supports what we're trying to accomplish, what I'm trying to accomplish individually, that this is what I'm about.





Neeraj Chopra can break 90m barrier at World Athletics Championships by doing THIS

New Delhi, July 21 : Neeraj Chopra at World Athletics Championships: Neeraj Chopra, the star javelin thrower from India and the gold medallist from Tokyo Olympics, returns to action at the World Athletics Championships on Thursday night in Eugene (Friday morning in India) with an aim to clinch the elusive gold medal. The 24-year-old star athlete from Haryana has never won a medal at the Championships, failing to even qualify for the final last time in London in 2017. But this time, Neeraj vows to make up for all the mistakes and come on top in a field that includes world's best javelin throwers. One of the other aims of Neeraj will be the 90m mark, again something which he has not conquered so far. Last month, Neeraj broke his own national record twice. He fell short of 90m by a small margin of 0.6 cm at the Stockholm Diamond League meet. In sport like javelin throw, such small margins sometimes decide the colour of your medal and overcoming this gap takes months and years. Neeraj ran against time when he started training in December after being busy attending functions and felicitations post his Olympics heroics. He has done remarkably well despite very less time in his hand to get back in shape and playing form. He finished with a silver medal at the season-opening Paavo Nurmi Games. And then at Kuortane Games, he clinched season's first gold medal before finishing second at Stockholm Diamond League. Although Neeraj and his coach Klaus Bartonietz are not too bothered about crossing the 90m mark, it is something that his fans are waiting for. Neeraj had mentioned it before his season began that he wants to cross the 90m mark at some stage this season. However, his focus is not on the number currently, but on doing the best of his ability in Eugene. There is one area of improvement, Neeraj says, that can help him overcome the 90m mark and that is the angle of release. In the three events before the Worlds, his angle of release was not right. If the angle of release is right and is combined with massive power on the throw, then the javelin will go 2-3m extra. "At at Paavo Nurmi Games, the javelin got stuck in the wind a bit. In Stockholm Diamond League, the throws were going slightly left. So, he (Klaus) tells me that the throws are good but I need to perfect my angle of release to add 2-3 meters."

London, July 21 : Joe Root has described England's white-ball problems as "the perfect storm" after they were beaten by South Africa in the first of the three-game one-day international series, a fifth reverse in seven matches at home this summer. Root top-scored with 86 as England were bowled out for 271 at the Riverside on Tuesday to lose by 62 runs, but said he was "not too concerned" at following series defeats against India in 20- and 50 over formats with another setback. England are dealing with injuries, a wildly congested schedule, a lack of form among key players and a hot, dry summer that is producing wickets and playing conditions unlike those normally faced in this country, all while being led by a new captain. But Root, the former Test captain, insisted none of these issues is genuinely serious, and that the second game at Old Trafford on Friday is more likely to see his side end the sequence than prolonging the agony. "Our dressing room has got quite a lot of experienced players that, like myself, have been through it and seen the lowest of the low," he said. "We know how quickly things can change, so I'm not too concerned." It's like that Chumbawamba song, you get knocked down and you get up again. That's exactly how we've got to go about things. "The schedule is hard, it is, but as a player you can't really change it. So if you want to play you crack on, unfortunately. With games coming quite thick and fast, it gives you an opportunity to put anything you want to improve straight into a match scenario. It's another opportunity for us to do that when we turn up at Old Trafford. "That will be the team's first game after the retirement from 50-over cricket of Ben Stokes, Root's great friend and his replacement as Test captain, and the Yorkshireman criticised a schedule that makes it difficult for any individual to play in all three formats. "I want to play as much as I can, as often as I can, but the schedule makes it very hard for players to do that," he said. "It's sad in many ways that Ben's had to come to this decision. "You want to see your best players playing as many formats and you don't want to dilute the product. But credit to him for being able to come to that decision and understanding himself so well, his body and the responsi-

Robert Lewandowski slammed by Mexican model for Barcelona move



London, July 21 : Robert Lewandowski broke the internet in the last few weeks during and after his long-awaited move from Bayern Munich to FC Barcelona. The Poland international left the Bundesliga champions after a period of 8 years where he won numerous titles and individual trophies. Barca's fans were delighted with the signing of the prolific striker but there was one person who wasn't happy with the 33-year-old moving to FC Barcelona. It is

Vanessa Huppenkothen, who is an ESPN presenter and model. Huppenkothen tweeted explaining her disappointment in Lewandowski about how the striker showed disrespect to the German club in asking a move away from the club in a different manner. "My time at Bayern is over", "Something died inside of me", quotes like these from Lewandowski can be one of the reasons Vanessa was disappointed from him. Robert Lewandowski left Bayern Munich as a legend to continue his journey at FC Barcelona. Barcelona agreed to a 42.5 million-pound deal to sign the

Bayern Munich striker. "It was very easy to decide to come to Barça," the Poland player said after joining his teammates in Florida. "Barça is back. I think I can help to put the team back at the top of European football." Lewandowski only had one year remaining on his Bayern contract but was eager to sign for FC Barcelona. He announced the previous month that his career for Bayern has come to an end and he will be looking forward to other opportunities. The 33-year-old had achieved a lot in his time with Bayern Munich. He won eight league titles and one Champions League trophy at Bayern scoring 312 goals in his 384 matches played in the Bundesliga.



Butler. "I know Jos has got a great cricket mind, he understands this game brilliantly. He's going to be a great captain. I don't think these results are a fair reflection on the way that he's going about his business as a leader. Sometimes it does take time for things to bed in. I don't think it will take that long with Jos." As well as playing on what Root described as "very unusual white-ball wickets

for England", one reason why the team have seemed to approach the ODIs as if complete strangers to the format is that in relative terms that is what they have become. In 21 years between the start of 1999 and the end of 2019 England averaged 22 50-over games a year, with a low of 14 in 2001 and a high of 34 in 2007. Since then they have not got into double figures, playing nine in 2020 and 2021 while the match on Friday will be their eighth game of this year. "I just think that we haven't had a lot of the format," Root said. "We've had a very busy schedule. There's still a lot of players that aren't available for selection at the minute through injury. And in the last series, you didn't have big senior players step up with performances, like myself. "It's like the perfect storm of everything coming together. And when it doesn't go well it's really important that you stay strong, you stick to how you want to approach things as a group, and you fully believe it and back it. We've shown that we can do that before and I'm very confident we'll be doing that again in the near future."

Magnus Carlsen will not defend his World Chess Championship title in 2023

London, July 21 : Magnus Carlsen says he will not defend his World Chess Championship title in 2023 against Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi. The five-times winner is not retiring but promising "to be the best in the world" even if that means taking no part in chess's showpiece event. China's world No 2, Ding Liren, will now step up and face Nepomniachtchi, who Carlsen beat last year in Dubai. The 31-year-old Norwegian grandmaster, who has spent over a decade as the top-ranked player in the world, said in a podcast for his sponsor Unibet: "I am not motivated to play another match. I simply feel that I don't have a lot to gain. I've spoken to [governing body] Fide, I spoke to Ian as well. And the conclusion is, it's very simple, that I am not motivated to play another match." Bobby Fischer in 1975 was the last grandmas-



ter to give up the title rather than defend it in a match. However, Carlsen's decision is more like in 1993 when Garry Kasparov broke from Fide, and for more than a decade there were rival world champions. Fide's president Arkady Dvorkovich said Carlsen deserved nothing but respect. "Only a handful of people in history can understand and assess the tremendous toll it takes playing five matches for the title," Dvorkovich said in a statement.

World Athletics Championships 2022 Norah Jeruto wins 3000m steeplechase with 3rd-fastest time in history

New Delhi, July 21 : Steeplechaser Norah Jeruto came up with a cool way to celebrate her victory at the end of a sizzling hot day at the world championships. A pool party. Everyone was invited, too. The Kenyan-born runner who recently began representing Kazakhstan moved to the

backstretch following her win Wednesday and took the plunge - straight into the event's water pit. A moment later, the Jeruto was joined by her two Ethiopian competitors, runner-up Werkuha Getachew and bronze medalist Mekides Abebe. Not wanting to be left out, Legend, the mascot for these championships,

jumped in, too. Jeruto finished in a championship-record 8 minutes, 53.02 seconds to hold off Getachew by 1.59 seconds. "The weather was good here. I enjoyed my race today," Jeruto said. "At the starting line, I was afraid of my friends from Ethiopia. They are also champions like me so I was scared of them. I

tried my best to win the race and it was not easy. It was tough. "It was a tough day for Emma Coburn, a two-time world medalist in the event who faded late and finished eighth. "Disappointing," Coburn said. "I went for it and it didn't pay off." It was a warm one at Hayward Field with temperatures hovering around

91 degrees Fahrenheit (33 Celsius). To stay cool, many athletes donned ice vests before competing, wore sunglasses while racing and wrapped cold towels around their shoulders when finished. But Jeruto may have had the best solution - go for a swim and splash around.





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