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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Man killed by elephant

**Assam Rising**  
Guwahati, July 22 :

A man was trampled to death by a herd of elephants in Assam's Goalpara district. The incident was reported near Lakhimpur town of the district in the wee hours of Thursday. Sources said the herd of wild elephants had strayed into the area in search of food and subsequently they became agitated after locals panicked and made a run for it. During the ordeal, a man, identified as Nizamuddin, was killed. It is suspected that the elephants had strayed in search of food as incessant rains and floods have majorly affected their food source. Later, forest officials and local police reached the spot and recovered the body of the deceased.

### Youths arrested

**Assam Rising**  
Guwahati, July 22 :

Two youths were taken into custody in Assam's Hailakandi for allegedly raping a minor girl, police informed. According to the officials, the incident took place at Kanchiala village under the Ramnathpur police station on July 15. The accused have been identified as Abul Hussain and Salim Uddin. They were arrested after continuous raids, a senior official said. The Hailakandi district superintendent of police (SP) Gaurav Upadhyay said, "Two youths had raped a minor girl in the forest area of Kanchiala village."

### Japanese Encephalitis

**Assam Rising**  
Guwahati, July 22 :

One more person has died due of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in Assam on Thursday, taking the death toll to 36. The deceased has been identified as one Allaiddin Ahmed, a resident of Dabaka under Hojai district. Sources said Ahmed died while undergoing treatment at Gauhati Medical College Hospital (GMCH). Yesterday, a total of 24 fresh cases of JE were detected and three deaths, according to the National Health Mission (NHM).

## Satellite Pics Show China's Inroads Near Doklam, India reacts



**New Delhi, July 22 :**

India on Thursday said it keeps an eye on all developments having a bearing on national security, days after NDTV accessed new satellite images that indicate that a Chinese village - constructed 9 km east of Doklam plateau where Indian and Chinese forces faced off in 2017 - is now fully inhabited with cars parked at the doorstep of every home. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi told reporters the government then takes measures accordingly.

"Please be assured that the government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard the same," Mr Bagchi said in reply to a question on the new satellite images. Alongside Pangda is a newly marked all-weather carriage-way, part of China's extensive land-grab in Bhutan. This cuts 10 km into Bhutanese territory, along the banks of the fast-flowing Amo Chu river. For India, construction along the Amo Chu means that Chinese

forces could end up getting access to a strategic ridge in the adjacent Doklam plateau. This would give them a direct line-of-sight to India's sensitive Siliguri corridor, the narrow sliver of land that connects the northeast states with the rest of the country. In 2017, Indian soldiers had physically prevented Chinese workers from getting to this ridge in Doklam called the Jhamperi. There is now a concern that China is trying to bypass Indian defences to the West by approaching the same ridge through this alternate axis. "Pangda vil-

lage and the ones to its North and South are classic examples of the Chinese trying to establish their legitimacy over the Jhamperi ridge and the Doklam plateau," says Lt General Praveen Bakshi (retired), who was India's Eastern Army Commander when the Doklam face-off took place in 2017. Widespread Chinese efforts at constructing villages along frontiers that it disputes is "essentially a manner of giving legitimacy to its territorial claims." Sources in the Army Headquarters told, "The Army maintains a continuous and seamless vigil on all activities along its borders, especially those that impinge upon the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the nation. For this, necessary

mechanisms and safeguards to meet any contingencies are in place." The new satellite images, sourced from Maxar, indicate that a second village in the Amo Chu river valley is now virtually complete while China has stepped up construction of a third village or habitation further South. A bridge across the Amo Chu has been constructed at the site of this third village with excavation activity clearly visible. The foundations of six buildings here are visible." The speed and development of this remote area is noteworthy, underlining how China is extending its borders uncontested," says Damien Symon, a

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## Rahul Gandhi slams Centre over no rail concessions to elderly



**New Delhi, July 22 :**

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday slammed the Narendra Modi-led BJP government at the Centre for not granting rail ticket concessions to the elderly and alleged that while it can even reach for the stars for its "friends", it will make the common people yearn for every penny. The Con-

gress Wayanad MP also listed out the money spent by the government on advertisements, a new aeroplane and tax concession to "friends" in a tweet in Hindi. "Advertising expenses: Rs 911 crore. New plane: Rs 8,400 crore. Tax exemption for capitalist friends: Rs 1,45,000 crore per year.

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## CBSE Class 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Result Declared: Noida boy Mayank Yadav Tops with 500 out of 500 marks

**CBSE Class 10 Results: Guwahati Logs Lowest Pass Percentage**



**Assam Rising**  
Guwahati, July 22 :

The Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE 10th Result 2022 has been declared today, July 22, at around 2 pm. CBSE has declared both Class 10th and

Class 12th results today. Candidates can check the Class 10th CBSE results directly on cbseresults.nic.in. Students can check their CBSE 10th marksheets quickly from the official website by typing their roll number, school number

and admit card number on the CBSE Result 2022 homepage. Mayank Yadav from Amity International School, Noida, topped the CBSE 10th board exam 2022 with 100% marks that is 500/500. For CBSE Class 10th Result 2022, CBSE did not release the toppers list. For the past two years, CBSE has not released the merit list for both class 10th and class 12th board exams. However, students can check school-wise toppers from respective principals and teachers. Girls have outperformed boys by 1.41% this year. As many as 95.21% of girls passed the

exam, among boys, it is 93.80% and 90% of transgender category kids have passed the exam. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Friday announced the Class 10 exam results and the overall pass percentage is recorded at 94.40 per cent. Earlier today, the board had announced the Class 12 exam results. Similarly like Class 12, Trivandrum region students have recorded the best pass percentage with 99.68 per cent in Class 10 too followed by Bengaluru with 99.22 per cent, Chennai

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## Gorkhas of Assam Demand 'Indigenous' Tag, End to 'Discrimination'

**Assam Rising**  
Guwahati, July 22 :

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma at a government function said that OBCs, STs, SCs including Gorkhas should not be questioned about nationality while issuing caste certificates since these communities are indigenous to Assam. After the Himanta Biswa Sarma government granted indigenous status to five Assamese Muslim commu-



nities, Gorkhas residing in the state have demanded

that the Nepali-speaking population of Assam

should be given the same place. "Gorkhas are no less indigenous than any other communities in Assam so the Government of Assam should immediately declare Gorkhas as indigenous community of Assam without any delay. Government should also address the two-decade-long demand of Gorkha Autonomous Council (GAC) and create it soon," said Harka Bahadur

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## 4 From Assam Die After Car Falls In Deep Gorge In Arunachal Pradesh: Cops



**Assam Rising**  
Guwahati, July 22 :

Bodies of four people from Assam were found in a deep gorge in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district on Friday, a police officer said. They were members of different motorcycle riding clubs of Assam, and were on the way to Tawang in

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## 68th National Film Awards announced : Aimee Baruah's Film Samkhor gets Best Dimasa Film award

**Suriya's Soorarai Pottru wins big, Best Assamese Film: The Bridge, Best Environment Film: Manah Aru Manuh**

**New Delhi, July 22 :**

The winners of the 68th National Film Awards were announced today in New Delhi. Established in 1954, the prestigious awards are administered by the Government of India's Directorate of Film Festivals. Because of Covid-19-related delays, this year's ceremony

honoured films from 2020, across several categories. Earlier today, a 10-member jury led by filmmaker Vipul Shah met Information and Broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur and submitted its report on the 68th National Film Awards. Speaking about the awards to ANI, Thakur said, "I want to congratulate all the jury members and

all those people whose work was reviewed and would like to congratulate those recipients who will be awarded with the National Film Awards. A word of appreciation for everyone who has done an outstanding job." He added, "I am glad that this year we will be holding the 68th National Film Awards since we could not hold the awards for two



years because of Covid." Here are the winners: Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru

**Best Director:** Sachy, Ayyappanum Koshiyum

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (L) extends his congratulations to Droupadi Murmu who won the presidential election in New Delhi, India

## Plan for Shinzo Abe state funeral faces growing opposition

**Toyko, July 22 :** Opposition is mounting to plans to hold a state funeral for the former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe, who was shot dead earlier this month. The cabinet on Friday approved arrangements for the funeral - only the second of its kind for a former Japanese leader in the postwar period - on 27 September. Abe, the country's longest-serving prime minister, died a fortnight ago after being shot from behind while making a campaign speech in the western city of Nara. His violent death shocked a country with negligible rates of gun crime and sparked a debate over how best to honour the memory of the influential but divisive politician. Abe served as prime minister for

more than eight years over two terms, and was hugely influential in the ruling Liberal Democratic party even after he resigned in 2020. Government officials have argued in favour of a state funeral, to be held at the Nippon Budokan in central Tokyo, claiming Abe had shown "outstanding leadership" in reviving Japan's economy, strengthening its security ties with the US and overseeing the reconstruction of the region destroyed by the March 2011 triple disaster. "We made this decision ... due to Abe's record as the longest-serving prime minister, during which he exerted leadership skills distinctive from others and bore heavy responsibility for dealing with a number of serious domestic and

international issues," the chief cabinet secretary, Hirokazu Matsuno, said on Friday. Matsuno said the event would be "non-denominational, simple and sombre", adding that the estimated cost and number of attendees had yet to be decided. Opposition politicians and civic groups questioned the use of taxpayers' money for the funeral, where guests are expected to include foreign leaders. They have also said the public was deeply divided over Abe's legacy. "It clearly violates freedom of thought and conscience protected under the constitution," Mizuho Fukushima, who leads the opposition Social Democratic party, told about 200 people protesting outside the

prime minister's office on Friday. The Asahi Shimbun said it opposed any attempt to pressure people into mourning Abe. "We cannot help but worry that according [him] such special treatment will only widen the gap between those who supported Abe and those who didn't, and hinder an objective evaluation of a political leader," the newspaper said in an editorial. On Thursday, 50 people filed for an injunction with the Tokyo district court seeking a halt to the use of public funds for the event, saying a state-sponsored funeral without parliamentary approval violated the constitutional right to freedom of belief.

president, Ursula von der Leyen, as a "strong signal". The "reinforced, prolonged EU sanctions against the Kremlin" send "a strong signal to Moscow: we will keep the pressure high for as long as it takes", Von der Leyen tweeted. In Kyiv, however, Ukraine's president was withering about the incremental moves by the EU, where the central concern for politicians and officials in recent days has been the Russian threat to gas supply this winter. "This is not enough and I am telling my partners this frankly," Zelenskiy said in a late-night address in response to the latest round. "Russia must feel a much higher price for the war to force it to seek peace." The latest measures agreed in Brussels have been nicknamed the "six and a half package" owing to their limited ambition. On Monday, Josep Borrell, the EU's foreign policy chief, admitted that leaders had been increasingly concerned that the bloc's sanctions were self-

harming. "There is a big debate about are the sanctions effective, are the sanctions affecting us more than Russia," he said. "Some European leaders have been saying that the sanctions were an error, was a mistake; well, I don't think it was a mistake." Those concerns were reflected in the relatively modest set of measures, including a ban on Russian gold imports, that were agreed by written procedure on Thursday morning. The G7, the world's seven biggest economies, including the UK, France, Germany, and Italy, have already prohibited the imports of Russian gold but that will now be enforced across the EU. Forty-eight individuals and nine entities have also been targeted. According to a draft paper circulated before formal approval, they include Russia's biggest lender, SberBank,



and the actors Vladimir Mashkov, who had appeared in the 2001 film Behind Enemy Lines and 2011 film Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol, and Sergey Bezrukov. Mashkov had also "performed during the propaganda rally in support for the illegal annexation of Crimea and the war against Ukraine, which took place on 18 March 2022 at Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow", according to the leaked text. Also on the list is Andrey Bobrowskiy, who is described as "a member of

the nationalist motorcycle club Nightwolves MC and leader of the Roads for Victory branch of Nightwolves MC". The EU claims that Bobrowskiy "organised several Nightwolves rallies in Berlin, Poland and Russia" in support of Putin's war in Ukraine. The full details of the sanction measures will be published this week in the EU's official journal. In addition to the restrictive measures, the EU also decided to grant €600m (£420m) in military aid to Ukraine.

## Dover port declares 'critical incident' as travellers face six-hour queues

**London, July 22 :** The Port of Dover has declared a "critical incident", blaming "woefully inadequate" French border control staffing for queues of up to six hours as the busiest summer getaway in years kicks off. The Kent port apologised to travellers facing long waits to cross the Channel on what was also expected to be an extremely busy day for air, road and rail



travel as most schools across England and Wales break up for the holidays. Its chief executive, Doug Bannister, declared a critical incident, telling the BBC the port had been "badly let down" by French border controls that were "insufficiently resourced" and working slower than normal, causing traffic to queue for miles. Dover is directly affected by any French staffing shortages because of "juxtaposed controls", where travellers clear French entry requirements at the port before crossing the Channel. P&O Ferries, one of the main passenger operators from Dover, told customers: "There is

heavy traffic at border control in the port of Dover. If you are booked to travel today please allow at least six hours to clear all security checks." The ferry operator DFDS, which runs up to 30 sailings each day on the Dover-Calais route, tweeted a warning to passengers to allow four hours to complete the check-in process and border controls. The company said it would work to get checked-in travellers on to the next available sailing. The Port of Dover said: "We are deeply frustrated that the resource at the French border overnight and early this morning has been woefully inadequate to meet our predicted demand and even more deeply regret the consequences that will now be felt by so many." We know that resource is finite, but the popularity of Dover is not a surprise. Regrettably, the Police Aux Frontières (PAF) resource has been insufficient and has fallen far short of what is required to ensure a smooth first weekend of the peak summer getaway period. "One passenger, who had been due to sail from Dover on Friday, decided at the last minute to spend £400 on alternative travel arrangements to dodge the port queues. John Till, a

railway manager from west Dorset, was worried about being stuck in a tailback for hours with his 87-year-old mother, Edna Johnson, on the way to visit friends in Germany. "At half four this morning I made the snap decision to rebook travel with Brittany Ferries and travel from the Port of Poole, which is a lot more expensive," Till said. There was "no way I was going to let my mum down", he added. Kent residents were warned earlier in the week that the county's roads were getting busier amid the start of the summer getaway. The Kent Resilience Forum, a partnership of agencies and organisations, told locals they needed to be prepared for journeys to take longer than normal. Residents and businesses have already been snarled up in traffic chaos on several occasions this year, as tourist travel has rebounded after the pandemic, while cross-Channel freight volumes have increased. Dover was hit by particularly long queues ahead of the Easter school holidays, when parts of the coastbound M20 motorway were turned into a lorry park for HGVs waiting to reach France. The disruption was caused by a shortage of ferries, following P&O Ferries' mass sacking of crew members, and poor weather conditions, combined with the temporary outage of a key post-Brexit customs IT system. The port has previously said the post-Brexit trading regime has prompted longer processing times at the border, including time-consuming passport and paperwork checks.

## 'Hypocrisy Zindabad'

## Congress TOP leader attacks PM Modi after his tweet on Pandit Nehru-Tricolour

**New Delhi, July 22 :** Rajya Sabha MP and Congress leader Jairam Ramesh has taken a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi while replying to his tweet. Jairam Ramesh wrote, 'Hypocrisy Zindabad!' Let us tell you that on the same day of July 22, 1947, the tricolor was adopted as the national flag of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had tweeted about this. Jairam Ramesh also raised questions on the role of Rashtriya

Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) during this period. He asked the question that why did it take 52 years for the Sangh to hoist the national flag in Nagpur? Congress leader Jairam Ramesh tweeted, "Hypocrisy Zindabad! They are destroying the livelihood of those who made the national flag from Khadi, which Nehru described as the dress of India's independence. He has been the campaigner of the organization which took 52 years to hoist the national flag in Nagpur." PM Modi had tweeted that today, 22nd July has a special significance in our history. Our national flag was adopted on this day in 1947. I am sharing some



interesting facts from history about the committee related to our tricolor and the hoisting by Pandit Nehru for the first time. In another tweet, PM Modi wrote that

today, we remember the great courage and efforts of all those who dreamed of a flag for independent India, when we were fighting the colonial rule. We reiterate our

commitment to fulfill their vision and build the India of their dreams. Also Read: PM Narendra Modi urges people to strengthen Har Ghar Tiranga movement, hoist and display tricolour at home between Aug 13-15. In his next tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that this year, when we are celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, let us strengthen the tricolor movement at every home. Hoist the tricolor from 13 to 15 August. This movement will deepen our association with the national flag.

## Japan urges 'highest level of vigilance' as Omicron subvariant drives record Covid surge

**Tokyo, July 22 :** Japan's government has urged people to exercise the "highest level of vigilance" after the country reported a record number of new Covid-19 cases in a new wave of infections driven by the highly transmissible BA.5 subvariant. More than 186,000 cases were recorded nationwide on Thursday, while Tokyo easily beat its existing

daily record with 31,878 cases. The capital, along with Osaka and Fukuoka, were among 30 of the country's 47 prefectures to report record highs this week. People living in the southern prefecture of Okinawa, which saw a record 5,250 new cases, would be asked to avoid non-essential outings from Friday until mid-August, the public broadcaster

NHK said. In addition, groups of up to four diners would be permitted to eat at restaurants for a maximum of only two hours, while older people and those with underlying health conditions would be advised to meet only family members with whom they lived, NHK said. Okinawa has a hospital bed occupancy rate of about 60%, prompting the local medical association to warn that the islands' health infrastructure

was on the verge of collapse and to ask people not to make emergency visits if they have light, cold-like symptoms. The central government said there were no immediate plans to return to restrictions seen during previous waves of the virus, but urged people to exercise caution amid fears that further surges could raise pressure on health services.

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### ADVERTISEMENT

As per W.T. Message No. DSC/P.M/I TO VIII/794/2021/107-A Dtd. 06/07/2022 received from the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Caste, House Fed Complex, Block -II, Assam, applications are invited from intending eligible SC students (Class - I to Class -VIII) for Pre-Matric Scholarship to SC for the financial year 2022-23.

The Head of the institutions can collect the forms from the office of the undersigned from 11/07/2022. The last date of submission of application form is on 25/08/2022. No application will receive after the last date.

### Selection Criteria :

1. The students should belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) community.
2. The Annual Income of parents should not more than Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh).

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## Elvis actor Shonka Dukureh dies one month after big screen debut

**London, July 22 :** The actor Shonka Dukureh, who recently made her big screen debut as Big Mama Thornton in Baz Luhrmann's new film Elvis, had died at the age of 44. Dukureh was found dead on Thursday in a bedroom at her home in Nashville, which she shared with her two young children, the Metro Nashville Police Department said. One of the children found her unresponsive and went to the apartment of a neighbour, who called 911. Police said there were no signs of foul play. Autopsy results are pending from the medical examiner. Dukureh portrayed the blues singer Big Mama Thornton in the Elvis Presley biopic, which was released around the world in June. Dukureh's performance of the song Hound Dog, which Thornton recorded in 1952, four years before Presley, went viral online after the film was released. This article includes content provided by Instagram. We ask for your permission before anything is loaded, as they may be using cookies and other technologies.



People enjoy their leisure time at the seaside corniche in Beirut, Lebanon



# NFR emphasized in Track Renewal works



**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, July 22:** In a bid to enhance safety of railway track and provide a much more comfortable travel to rail passengers, Northeast Frontier Railway has marked continuous progress towards track renewal works. The basic objective behind this rapid progress in track renewal activities is to further gear up the

safety in train operations. N. F. Railway has carried out several track maintenance works to enhance safety and increase speed of train running. 8.61 Km of plain tracks has been deep screened by cleaning impervious layer of dust, sand ashes etc from ballast during the month of

June, 2022 making a cumulative progress of 27.66 Km from April to June this year. Through Sleeper Renewal of more than 8 TKM has been done during the month of June, 2022 making a cumulative progress of 13.15 TKM up to the month. Through Turnout Renewals of 11 equivalent sets have been done during

the month of June, 2022 making a cumulative progress of 25.50 sets up to the month. A total of 91.62 Km of track renewal works have been done up to June, 2022. Maintenance of tracks at regular intervals have resulted in smooth operations of trains and providing better riding experience for passengers. Moreover, 1758.15 kilometres of track have been tested by USFD (Ultra Sonic Flaw Detection) machine during the month of June, 2022 making

a cumulative progress of 5200.99 kilometres up to the month. USFD technique is carried out to detect flaws like cracks and timely removal of defective rails for safety. NFR is focusing on upgrading tracks for safe operations of trains. Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. The process of track renewal with the help of track machines save time and good quality work can be achieved in the least possible time with minimal effect on normal train movement.

## Bodies & vehicle spotted of victim youths in Zero

**Assam Rising, Nagaon, July 22:** Four youths hailing from Nagaon, Morigaon and Tezpur were killed in a tragic road mishap near at Zero in Arunachal Pradesh. Bodies of the victim youths as well as the unfortunate vehicle have been spotted in a 200 feet ditch on a National Highway near Zero in Arunachal Pradesh this morning, sources added. The tragic accident took place when the Volkswagen car fell down into a 200 feet ditch from the road due to dark foggy across the road, sources added further. The youths identified as Vedanta Bormohila of Nagaon Laokhuwa road, Nayan Basumotary of Kandali Borkocharigaon, Hirok Bodo of Jagiroad in Morigaon district and Sanjeev Das of Tezpur went to Arunachal Pradesh for a summer tour in a Volkswagen car bearing registration number AS 01 BP 0605 on July 18 last and since then they all went missing. Their mobile phones were also being switched off since after they left for which the family members of those youths could not contact with any of them. Meanwhile the family members of Nayan Basumotary as well as Vedanta Bormohila filed an FIR in context to missing youths in Nagaon PS on Thursday afternoon. It is noteworthy to be mentioned here that Vedanta Bormohila is a meritorious student and completed his engineering degree recently and a leading sports bike rider. He frequently visited Arunachal Pradesh and other parts of Northeast on bike. The unfortunate death of those four youths have casted a pall of gloom in the entire district.

## CLPF organized roundtable discussion

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, July 22:** The ultra-processed food sale in India is witnessing an exponential growth and experts are worried about its impact on the rising prevalence of NCDs in India. At an event organized in Guwahati by Consumers' Legal Protection Forum, Assam in association with Consumer VOICE, New Delhi, industry leaders, doctors and government officials from Assam called for simple, mandatory and interpretive front of pack labels on food and beverages. Simple warnings can help consumers make informed choices and be a first step towards a healthy food system. As per the latest NFHS 5 data non-communicable diseases account for 65% of total deaths in India. Dr. Munindra Narayan Baruah, Director, North East Cancer Hospital & Research Center said, "High burden of diabetes, obesity, stroke and cardiovascular diseases are linked to the increased consumption of



unhealthy packaged foods that are High in Salt, Sugar and Fats that are readily available in the market." India has the ill-fated title of the diabetes capital of the world with the figure expected to rise to an alarming mark of 69.9 million by 2025 and 80 million by 2030. With 1 in every 4 persons obese according to NFHS 5, early adoption of right food labels will help consumers make healthy food choices. Warning labels with High In sign are an effective tool in identifying unhealthy foods. Representatives of popular edible oil, FMCG, confectionary, snacks and sweets like Repose, Sitajakhala, Nivaz recognized the need for effective measures in curbing the rising incidence of NCDs in the state. As important stakeholders for a healthy nation, they lent their support to a people friendly FOPL. Swapam Nath, General Manager, REPOSE said that "We are committed

in ensuring healthy food to our consumers and will take necessary steps as guided by FSSAI and the scientific community in ensuring that our products meet global standards." "A key step in this is to ensure that ingredients that like salt, sugar, and fats are used within permissible global limits" Dr. Birendra Kumar Das, Chairman, NIVAZ said. Front-of-pack food labeling is considered to be a powerful and simple tool for discouraging excessive consumption of processed foods. Nilanjana Bose from Consumer VOICE, New Delhi said that "Front-of-Pack warning labeling represents a key component of a comprehensive strategy to promote healthier lives. Every year more than

5.8 million Indians die of NCDs and most of these fatal diseases could be prevented by changing dietary habits and transforming the food industry." Recognizing the importance of measures like high taxes on sugary foods and Front of pack labels, Hrishikesh Acharyya, Managing Director, SITAJAKHALA said that "We welcome the idea of a strong FOPL that will help consumers quickly understand and identify healthy foods." Speaking at the event, Samiran Baruah, Designated Officer and Anupam Gogoi, Food Analyst, Commissionerate of Food Safety, Govt. of Assam said, "We will ensure that food companies are abiding by the standards which will improve the health of consumers of the state."

## Drunken son hacked to death at Nagaon

**Assam Rising, Nagaon, July 22:** Sensation prevailed at Nagaon Borkula village after a drunken youth was hacked to death by his father in the village last night. Meanwhile Raha police rushed to the spot this morning and arrested the accused father, sources added. Sources claimed that Bijendra Singh was a habitual drinker and created ruckus every evening at his house. Being intoxicated with

alcohol, he created an inconvenient situation in his home on Thursday evening too and indulged in a quarrel with his father Samser Singh like other days. Amidst the quarrel, Bijendra leaped on his father and tried to attack him with a sword. Having no options, the father Samser Singh too attacked with another sword in self defense. As a result, the son Bijendra died on spot, sources said.



## Adivasi organisation marks vijay utsav after Murmu's victory

**Assam Rising**  
**Gossaigaon, July 22:** To mark the grand winning of Presidential Post by Draupadi Murmu as the 15th President of India from a tribal indigenous community various Adivasi organisation in Adivasi dominated area like in Srirampur, Mornai Tea Estate etc. have celebrated the victory. The various Adivasi organisations were seen in an ecstatic joy and happiness for securing the Presidential post for the first time by a Santal woman after independence. The Adivasi Community people were seen coming out at large with traditional attire beating the drum, dancing and singing in chorus over the victory. While Sajal Kumar Singha, MCLA, Srirampur BTC constituency also seen in ecstatic mood cheering the victory with the Adivasi people enjoying the dance and singing by bursting crackers with young women, youth, old people in Srirampur High school playground. Later on, a massive bike

rally from the Srirampur High School playground carried out by Sajal Kumar Singha, MCLA Srirampur and stopped at Mornai Tea Estate and celebrated the victory with the tea garden workers therein. On the other hand, on receiving the highest honour of the nation by a tribal women like Draupadi Murmu as the 15th President and as a mark of respect a procession was also carried out from UPPL party office, Srirampur in Gossaigaon. Speaking on the occasion, BTC nominated Executive Member Wilson Hasda termed Draupadi Murmu's victory as a glorious and historic event for the tribals. He thanked the top NDA leaders including BJP party president JP Nadda, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah for selecting Draupadi Murmu as candidate for Presidential Post and

thanked the MP,s and MLAs. Attending the victory celebrations, Gossaigaon Jiran Basumatary, MLA 28 Gossaigaon LAC said the BJP government is a government with equal rights and equal status irrespective of caste, creed and religion. It is a great pleasure for us to have Draupadi Murmu as our President. This is a rare event in the history of India that a tribal women have been able to win the presidential seat which she never dreamt off. While celebrating vijay utsav with draupadi murmu's victory in Gossaigaon Jethmal Malu congratulated Draupadi Murmu and cheered with party workers in its office premises. There arose a festive atmosphere among the Adivasi Community in Gossaigaon and Srirampur after getting Draupadi Murmu as their 15th President of India.

## Dhing College celebrates 57th foundation day

**Assam Rising, Nagaon, July 22:** In a joint venture, alumni association and college students union body of Dhing College celebrated the 57th college foundation day with a day long programmes at the college on Wednesday last. The programme was initiated with unfurling the college flag by Dr Biman Hazarika, principal of the college during which NCC cadets of the college displayed the guard of honour and also garlanded the statue of the founder principal of the college Prof and noted Assamese litterateur Pradeep Saikia. During the programme, the organizers felicitated 6 former general secretaries of students' union body with college mementos. Similarly, the organizers also felicitated 10 meritorious and successful students who cleared HS Final Examination this year with flying colours. Besides, college union body also distributed monetary assistance in cash among 4 poor students of the college in the first phase. The rest of the poor students of the college will be provided the monetary assistance respectively in next phases, a release added. Earlier, the NSS Unit of the college carried out a massive tree plantation drive in the college campus too under CM Special scheme.

## Road safety drive: 20 cases registered, 31 buses seized in Guwahati

**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, July 22:** Following complaints from commuters, the Transport Department conducted an intensified drive to check if city buses are following road safety and other norms. In the wake of complaints from commuters about misdemeanours and other offences committed by drivers and conductors, an intensive drive was conducted by DTOs and enforcement officials in the city buses on different routes in the past three days. The primary objective was to ensure that motor vehicle rules, permit conditions and road safety norms are being followed and the drivers and conductors of the city buses behave politely with the commuters. Officials disclosed that altogether 20 numbers of cases were registered against the city buses for various offences and 31 numbers of buses were seized. "Challans were issued to owners of 20 city buses during the three-day-long drive," said Rafiqul Islam, DTO cum Secretary, Regional Transport Authority. Clad in plain clothes, the DTOs and enforcement officials hopped from one city bus to another to book the offences committed with impunity by the bus drivers and conductors. Some of the offences committed for which challans were issued to the city bus owners included non issuance of ticket, boarding through front door, doors

flung open while running, haphazard parking on stoppages, non display of route number, permit number, route diversion, waiting at a stoppage for more than a minute, rash overtaking, undue halt on non designated stoppage and misbehaving with passengers. It is worth noting that there are 22 set of rules for the bus drivers and conductors to abide to. The Gauhati High Court has also passed directions in this regard. "Violation of any rule will not only result in imposition of penalty but also suspension or cancellation of permit," said Himangshu Das, DTO (enforcement). It is learnt that the transport department officials are planning to launch a drive against traffic violations including not wearing helmets, not using seat-belts, over-speeding, overloading, rash driving and vehicles plying without valid fitness certificates. Meanwhile, in response to a twitter complaint filed by one Pranjal Sarma regarding rash driving of a bus with registration No.ASO1 FC5298 from Guwahati to Barpeta, Transport Minister Parimal Suklabaidya immediately intervened and directed Transport Secre-

tary, Adil Khan to act upon it. The bus was subsequently intercepted by DTO, Barpeta and a fine for 79,000 was levied through e-challan for various offences under the MV Act. Offences that were charged were disobedience of order of authorities; racing and trials of speed; using horn needlessly in prohibited areas and non wearing of uniform by both driver and conductor.

## Excise raid against Illicit Liquor in Margherita

**Assam Rising, Margherita, July 22:** An excise search, patrolling and raid were conducted against the Illicit Liquor Den on July 21 in Bongaon area under Margherita Police Station. The exercise was executed by Margherita Excise Circle led by Prasanta Dutta, DSE, Margherita. Two cases were detected and approximately 310 litres of Illicit Distilled Liquor and 3200 litres of fermented wash were seized and destroyed by the excise team.

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Whereas,  
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The Borrower / Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs.3,30,36,504.00 (Rupees Three crore thirty lac thirty six thousand five hundred four only) as on 28.04.2022 with further interest and other incidental expenses thereon.

The borrower's and Guarantor's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the immovable property:-**

i) Equitable Mortgage over a plot of land and building measuring 1 Katha 3 Lechas vide Dag No.87, 540(O)/ 710 (N) of KP Patta no.: 1, 94, 376(O)/389 (N) of village Bamunimaidam under Ulubari Mouza in the District of Kamrup Metro, Assam, PIN 781021 in the name of Smt. Bina Neog and the property is bounded by:  
**North:** Private Road, **South:** Maniram Dewan Road,  
**East:** Land of Biswajit Bardoloi, **West:** Land of Krishna Ch. Bardoloi.

ii) Equitable Mortgage over a plot of land and building measuring 1 Katha 3.83 Lechas vide Dag No. 87(O), 711 (N) of KP Patta no.: 1, 3(O)/548 (N) of village Bamunimaidam under Ulubari Mouza in the District of Kamrup Metro, Assam, PIN 781021 in the name of Smt. Bina Neog and the property is bounded by:  
**North:** Land of Dr. B. C. Bardoloi, **South:** G. N. B. Road,  
**East:** Land of S. Borah, **West:** Land of Bina Neog.

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**North:** Land of Dr. B. Bardoloi and others, **South:** Barnachal Road,  
**East:** Tea stores near house, **West:** Barnachal Road.

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SBI, SARB, Guwahati

**\*After issuance of notice dated 30.04.2022 under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, the amount of Rs.30,00,000.00 is deposited in the account.**



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## Why are glaciers melting?

Glaciers around the world can range from ice that is several hundred to several thousand years old and provide a scientific record of how climate has changed over time. Through their study, we gain valuable information about the extent to which the planet is rapidly warming. They provide scientists a record of how climate has changed over time. Today, about 10% of land area on Earth is covered with glacial ice. Almost 90% is in Antarctica, while the remaining 10% is in the Greenland ice cap. Rapid glacial melt in Antarctica and Greenland also influences ocean currents, as massive amounts of very cold glacial-melt water entering warmer ocean waters is slowing ocean currents. And as ice on land melts, sea levels will continue to rise. Sea ice forms and melts strictly in the ocean whereas glaciers are formed on land. Icebergs are chunks of glacial ice that break off glaciers and fall into the ocean. When glaciers melt, because that water is stored on land, the runoff significantly increases the amount of water in the ocean, contributing to global sea level rise. Sea ice, on the other hand, is often compared to ice cubes in a glass of water: when it melts, it does not directly change the level of water in the glass. Instead, depleting Arctic sea ice triggers a host of other devastating consequences - from depleting available ice on which walrus can haul out or polar bears hunt to changing weather systems around the world by altering the pattern of the Jet stream. Since the early 1900s, many glaciers around the world have been rapidly melting. Human activities are at the root of this phenomenon. Specifically, since the industrial revolution, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions have raised temperatures, even higher in the poles, and as a result, glaciers are rapidly melting, calving off into the sea and retreating on land.

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Editor,  
The Assam Rising  
Guwahati, Assam

## Weeks of Truss and Sunak tearing lumps out of each other should bring nothing but joy for Labour

The Duke of Wellington, surveying his troops, said he didn't know what effect the spectacle would have on the enemy, "but, by God, they frighten me". What's left of the serious elements of the Conservative party are frightened as they view the battlefield ahead - and they don't expect to win a Waterloo. "If the Tories lose the next election, they may well be out of power for a generation," warns the Spectator's political editor, James Forsyth. The progressive forces of Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Greens would bring in electoral reform and voting at 16. Even under a single transferable vote system, according to Forsyth, the Tories would only have won twice since the second world war, and not even Margaret Thatcher could have governed on her own. That frightener is designed to drag Tory party members into Rishi Sunak's camp, as the safer pair of hands. For outsiders, the pleasure of this campaign is watching the best lines of attack come from the contestants. Safe, hisses Liz Truss - or more of the same, business-as-usual, failed economics that led us here? The Sunak camp responds by blowing up her plan for a gigantic £30bn tax cut on day one (the mysterious alchemy of which would generate golden growth), axing green levies from energy bills and, above all, "deregulation" (unspecified). The only economist she could quote as a backer when questioned on BBC Radio 4's Today programme was

far-right maverick Patrick Minford, once an adviser to Margaret Thatcher. In the heat of Brexit rows in 2018, when Theresa May was in the throes of struggling with her party over her EU plan, I asked him to spell out Brexit's benefits. As leader of the then Economists for Brexit, he claimed that Brexit would bring in 6.8% growth, or £135bn. (So far, it's a 4% drop in GDP.) Abolishing all tariffs, he said, would cut 20% off food prices, while throwing Britain open to world free trade's cheapest goods. Removing all regulatory barriers would cut another 20% off prices.

## Polly Toynbee

What of food quality? As long as it was labelled, let consumers decide on safety. What of bankrupting UK farming? Big farmers will switch to biotech and GM; inefficient small ones will go to the wall. What of manufacturing killed by off by floods of cheap imports? Doesn't matter, let cheaper countries do "metal bashing", he said. It would mean, he said, "reallocation of labour" just like those "reallocations" under Thatcher in the 1980s that never happened, instead abandoning "left behind" communities in their deserted shipyards, steel works and mines. Yes, it would mean another "shock" like those, but clearing out overprotection from global competition would bring a huge economic boost in lower prices. Short-term pain means long-term gain: a second coming of Thatcher's 1980s. He was an adviser who most

strongly advocated the poll tax to Margaret Thatcher, whereby a duke paid the same flat-rate local tax as a dustman, and which caused her downfall. In her imitation of Thatcher, that's the advice Truss has opted for, so it's clear why she has given "levelling up" short shrift. If she is moulding her ideas on Minford's - and she quoted his Express article today - then she is indeed a revolutionary. As she said on Radio 4: "We need someone with the toughness, the grit," who is prepared to "take on the Whitehall machine and drive through change". Sunak was "the continuity economic candidate" who had taken the UK in the "wrong direction". He, along with the entire Treasury economic establishment, was "peddling a particular type of economic policy for the last 20 years" that had not delivered. Others might agree - but from radically different perspectives. Citing Minford, Truss justified far higher borrowing, and that should warm the cockles of Labour's heart. The one attack that Prime Minister Truss couldn't launch against Labour at an election would be fiscal laxity. Weeks more of this campaign will yield nothing but joy for Labour as the candidates tour hustings from Exeter to Darlington, Belfast to Norwich, tearing lumps of flesh off each other. As their opposing economics mean they could never sit in one another's cabinet, there's nothing to stop them fighting to the political death.

## Chola period wasn't golden age of Tamils. Modern obsession with their glory is misplaced

With the release of teasers and trailers for Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan, social media has erupted in jubilation over this cinematic celebration marketed as a "Golden Age for Tamils". In this sense, the film is part of a decades-long attempt to reclaim the medieval Chola dynasty as icons of muscular nationalism. The books upon which the film is based, written by freedom fighter Kalki R Krishnamurthy between 1950-54, are certainly among the most important works of modern Tamil literature. Kalki's utopian optimism about the dynasty is understandable, given the century's need for national icons around which to build political consciousness. What is less understandable is modern media's increasing yearning for Chola 'glory.' Their unceasing appetite for expansion and frequent violence against women were written about even during Kalki's time. Since then, decades of scholarship have shown that the Chola polity was not only as brutal as any other, but that even its own subjects had a much less rosy picture of it than we do. Imagine a history of modern India based only on advertisements of ruling political parties. We would conclude that every single party has been efficient, incorruptible, and transformed India and all its people for the better. Of course, this is completely untrue. We all have families and friends who have lived through disastrous governmental incompetence, and generations of journalists have exposed the foibles of state power. Yet this is exactly how we see medieval India - most of the sources that writers like Kalki rely upon are inscriptions



of royals praising themselves, or poetry, drama and ritual texts written by their propagandists. To understand the realities of Chola rule, we thus need to look at the testimony of commoners who were affected by it. Folk ballads are one such source of evidence. The Ananmar Kathai, an epic of Tamil Nadu's Kongu Vellalar community composed between 1000-1500 CE, sings of a family of upper-caste landlords. They are sent by an unnamed Chola king to claim a nearby territory, though it is already inhabited by artisans and Adivasis. As soon as they arrive, the Vellalar family begin to fight with both groups. In the Kathai, the god Vishnu helps subjugate the artisans himself. He then commands that they will be henceforth paid not in gold, but in grain, as decided by their landlords. The landlord family gradually grows in power. Though they were initially allies and vassals of the Chola kings, a pair of twins born to the family decide that this is not enough. First, in a show of machismo, they slaughter almost all the artisans in their lands. Next, chafing at the Chola ruler's tyranny and insults, they assassinate him in his palace and burn it down. Then,

## Anirudh Kanisetti

they go to war with the Adivasis of their region, killing dozens and attaining victory before being commanded by Vishnu to commit ritual suicide. The twins are still worshipped today. The Kathai shows us that Tamil history is rather more complicated than the Chola kings being glorious, righteous heroes. Here, we have a narrative from the powerful landlord castes that made up the backbone of the Chola tax and military apparatus; clearly, the landlords were not in much awe of the Cholas, and would not hesitate to kill a king when needed. Indeed, medieval landlords (including temples) were completely unafraid to use brutality to keep their tenants, serfs and slaves in line. In the Annual Reports of South Indian Epigraphy 1926, inscriptions 94 and 95, we see a mention of runaway slaves branded with the trident of Shiva. In texts from medieval Gujarat such as the Lekhapaddati (letters 58 and 59) we see pun-

ishments such as dragging by the hair and kicking and beating with sticks. If female slaves died by suicide, they were cursed to be reborn as donkeys, bitches, or Dalits, while their masters were declared blameless. (Medieval attitudes to caste, as seen here, were every bit as disturbing as today's.) Furthermore, as shown by professor Brenda EF Beck, the world's leading scholar on the Ananmar Kathai, medieval landlords of the 'right-hand' castes were brutal to artisanal groups of the 'left-hand' castes. In Resistance versus Rebellion in a South Indian Epic, Beck examines archaeological evidence from sites close to where the Ananmar Kathai was composed. She finds that artisans were paid in gold in the early centuries of the common era, before agrarian states were the norm. However, their material conditions declined steeply in the medieval period, when agrarian states such as that of the Cholas were expanding. In such circumstances, it is not surprising that the 'left-hand' castes spearheaded major medieval revolts, especially the Virashaiva or

Lingayat movement in 13th century Karnataka that shook the temple-based agrarian politics of the region to their foundations. Many rebellions are also documented in Chola period Tamil Nadu in MD Rajkumar's Struggles for Rights During the Later Chola Period. The Chola polity was at its heart a group of elites - including local strongmen, landlords, temple institutions, and Brahmins assembles - that collaborated to generate revenue from land, often fighting to keep as much wealth for themselves as possible. This "network of lords", consisting of overlapping layers of authority, was led by the Chola king. The Cholas claimed their right to rule through their family's prestige, expressed through temple building and patronage of poets, priests, and artists, but much more significantly, through military accomplishments. The conquests of the Cholas are perhaps what they are best known for today, with many claiming that the Cholas "colonised" Southeast Asia. More recently, some have even made absurd claims of the Cholas defeating Mahmud of Ghazni and of "peacefully" conquering vast territories. While the former is not based on a single contemporary source, the latter conveniently ignores the fact that Chola kings took great pride in destroying cities and seizing and killing women. For example, in the Karandai Tamil Sangam Plates verses 53-54, Rajendra Chola I describes his burning of the city of Manyakheta. "While that great city was burning amidst thousands of flames thrown by his army, the women, moving in the open spaces of high palatial residences inlaid with jewels, appeared, on account of the nets of smoke rising from the fire, like lightning moving amid clouds.

## Kannada author Devanoora Mahadeva fills the silence, takes RSS head on in his 68-page book

We were travelling back from camp during the 2017 Karnataka assembly elec-

tion. Unhappy about a certain candidate from our party, and not satisfied with explanations that I had heard, I turned to him: "Devanoora saar (thus spoken, 'sir' becomes a kannada word), what's the matter? You don't need to be diplomatic. You can now afford to be truthful." From his front seat in the car, he turned around and faced me: "I am always truthful." I don't recall the rest of what he said, but this has stayed with me. This was not a retort, nor a boast, nor a reprimand. Just a plain statement: I am truthful. Just as someone would say: I am an early riser. That is Devanoora Mahadeva for you. An iconic Kannada literary figure, a towering public intellectual and a revered political activist in Karnataka. Shy and self-effacing to a point that you begin to wonder why he is in public life. He has a knack of disappearing from any public attention. As you suddenly notice his absence from the dais, someone helpfully explains: he may have stepped out for a smoke. Invariably and annoyingly late, even by my standards, Mahadeva is always a little out of sorts, a bit disheveled. His is not a carefully designed carelessness of a bohemian poet. It is just that his life has a different rhythm and radically different set of priorities than you would imagine a famous man to have. Oh, I forgot to say, he is Dalit. But now don't rush to call him a Dalit writer or a Dalit activist. That would be a serious misrecognition, a category mistake. We don't describe Shekhar Gupta as a bania intellectual, notwithstanding his touching, unadulterated faith in the markets. I am not described (hopefully) as an OBC intellectual, despite my strident position on reservations or caste census. Similarly, calling Devanoora Mahadeva a Dalit intellectual won't tell us much about him, except his social origins, the social milieu that he writes about, and the cultural resources he draws upon. Unlike many Dalit activists, he refuses to play the angry Dalit and limit his horizons to one section of humanity. He aims



## Yogendra Yadav

at nothing less than truth in its entirety. In doing so, he refuses to accept the age-old division of intellectual labour that has continued seamlessly in our times. The outcasts, modern Dalits and OBCs can at best aspire to be their own advocates, in-charge of a slice of truth. Brahmins are meant to be non-partisan arbiters of truth, transcending their accident of birth, extending their empathy to everyone, including the Shudras. Mahadeva defies these roles and extends interpretative charity to everyone, including the upper caste characters in his fiction. His politics embraces entire humanity and beyond, including nature. These days Devanoora Mahadeva is in the news. In the Kannada literary circles he needed no introduction - you don't need one if your fan club includes A.K. Ramanujan, U.R. Ananthamurthy, D.R. Nagaraj, and Sheldon Pollock. But this time his fame has finally hit the Delhi-based 'national' media, including the Hindi newspapers. His small book, a 64-page tract for our times, is creating waves. Within the first month of its publication, RSS:

Aaala Mattu Agala [RSS: Its Depth and Breadth] has sold over 1 lakh copies. Its English, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and, hopefully, Hindi translations are on. [Full disclosure: I am involved in the publication of its Hindi version.] True to his faith in decentralisation, he opted for open source publication. Several publishers in Karnataka were allowed to bring out the book simultaneously. Groups of students and homemakers have pooled money to print their own copies. The author asks for no royalties. What accounts for the instant success of this book? I

turned to my friend Professor Chandan Gowda, a sociologist deeply invested in the cultural history of Karnataka, especially the socialist tradition that Mahadeva comes from. The timing matters, he said, what with the intensely charged communal atmosphere in the state. So does the subject: very few writers, even the progressive critics of the BJP, are willing to take the RSS head on. There is a spiral of silence. That is why this forthright critique of the RSS has grabbed attention. Above all, Gowda reminds me, the book works because of its author. Everyone who knows Kannada knows that Devanoora Mahadeva is truthful. Everyone knows that he had turned down the coveted Nrupatunga Award in 2010 and refused the nomination to Rajya Sabha in the 1990s. He has also returned his Padma Sri, and Sahitya Akademi award in 2015. He is not a prolific writer. All his literary output is just about 200 pages. His essays are short, his speeches even shorter, usually written, that he just reads out without any effect. But Kannadigas hang on to every word he says. His words are not for sale. You cannot bend him. You cannot sweet-talk him. Even his critics do not point fingers at him.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

As expected, Droupadi Murmu has been elected as 15th President of India. She is from Dalit family from Odisha.

She was Governor of Jharkhand earlier. The Dalit population in India looks forward, for her contribution for their welfare.

BJP is celebrating her victory till 25th when she will take oath of office. She is a person of unassuming nature. I expect her to accept honorarium in lieu of fat salary and live in a normal official quarters instead of Rashtrapati Bhawan as a good gesture (like Late Neelam Sanjeev Reddy past president)

Let us wait and watch her contribution, as President of India.



Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao

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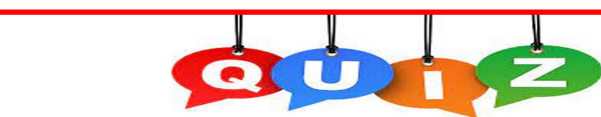




**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
Congratulations! **Antariksha Priyam** for answering all five correct answers of last week's quiz. **Antariksha** is a student of Class IV of **LFS, Guwahati**. We wish you success in future.



**AFSANA HASSAN, Class IV, St. Mary's High School, Lakhimpur**



- Q.1- How many primary colors are there?  
Ans-  
Q.2- What do you call a house made of ice?  
Ans-  
Q.3- Which festival is called the festival of light?  
Ans-  
Q.4- Who is the power minister of Assam?  
Ans-  
Q.5- How many medical colleges are there in Assam?  
Ans-

Those who will give all the 5 correct answers, his/her name and photo will be published next week. You can send your answers to : [assamrising@gmail.com](mailto:assamrising@gmail.com)

**Last week quiz Answers** IPL stands for Indian Premier League, hockey, 6 Players, Thailand, Zoo (also called zoological garden or zoological park)



**Bhargab Buragohain, Class V, Mon ati akha group, Sivasagar**

**Short Story**

## Ugly face

There was an young man named Mohan whom everyone thought to be very unlucky. They avoided him and misbehaved with him. Everybody thought that they would meet bad luck during the day if they saw Mohan's face in the morning.



Akbar also heard about Mohan and felt sympathy for him. One day, he ordered Mohan to come to the court in order to test of himself. Mohan came next morning. Akbar met him and began talking kindly to him. Just then, a man rushed in an said, "My Lord, the queen has taken ill."

Akbar at once went inside the palace asking Mohan to wait. The queen was really very ill. The royal physician gave her medicine. The emperor sat beside the bed till the afternoon.

A servant came and informed the emperor that his lunch was ready. Akbar felt hungry but he found the food was tasteless and cold. Being very much angry, he left the food without eating a piece of them.

When he saw Mohan waiting for him in the court, he, too thought him to be unlucky. So, at once ordered his guards to put Mohan in prison. Birbal witnessed what happened to Mohan. He felt very sorry for the helpless young man. He took Mohan aside and whispered a few suggestion in his ear.

In the meantime, Akbar had eaten fresh lunch prepared again for him. He was in a good mood. But he got angry when he saw that the jailor brought Mohan in front of him.

"My Lord", said Mohan, "You have sent me in prison because you think my face is unlucky. What do you say to my question that your face has brought imprisonment for me?"

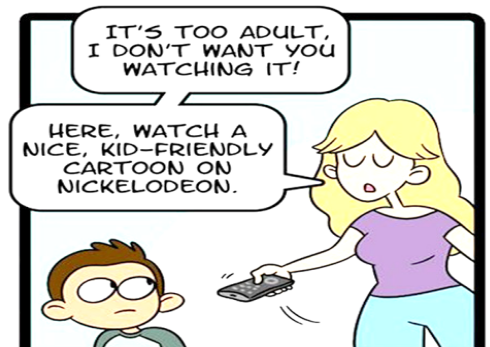
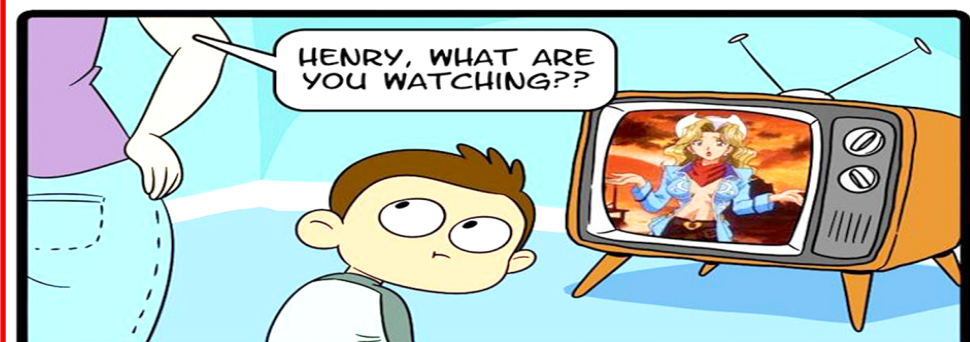
Akbar thought for a while and then began to laugh loudly, "You are right, young man", said Akbar, "I will surely spare you and I can guess from whom you have got such idea."

So Mohan was set free with some gifts. Later, Akbar thanked Birbal for checking him in right time when the emperor was about to do wrong. Birbal too felt happy and laughed.

Home work : Fill the picture with colour



**Alok Borgohain, Class VI, Mon ati akha group, Sivasagar**



## The Birth of Stars

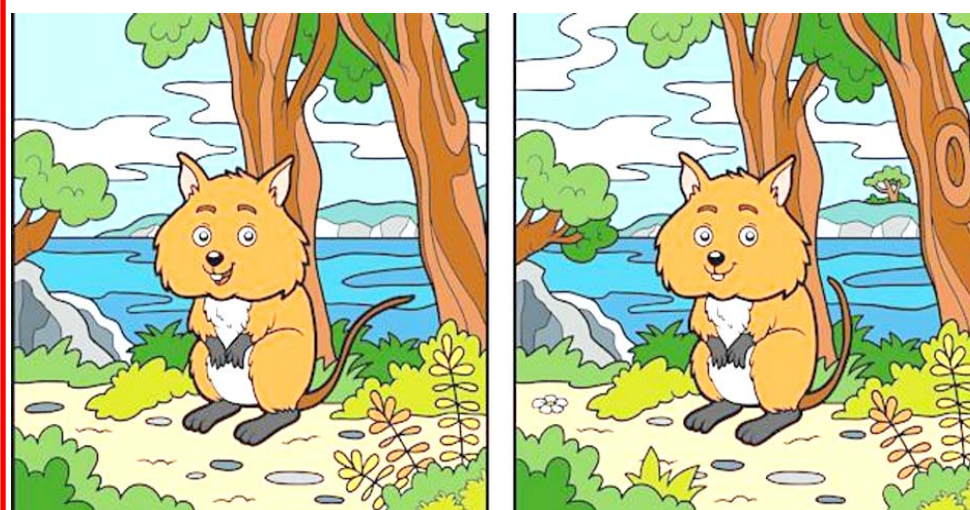
A cat, large, gray and devilish, a Machiavellian glint in his yellow-irised eyes, and a mouse, small, brown, cherubic yet cheeky, chase each other around a kitchen, demolishing the ice box, ironing board, plate rail, a whole sink full of dishes and littering the floor with egg shells, dripping yolks and oozing jam. The kitchen battle wages on, its final outcome unknown to the participants. But to the people watching in the warm darkness of the theater, there is little doubt as to the identity of the victor - it will be the little mouse.



For the cat and mouse are Tom and Jerry, and this, of course is a Tom & Jerry cartoon. The ever-dueling duo have chased each other from the Hollywood Bowl to

Hungary to out space and back, and fifty years after their movie debut, are still going strong. Vintage Tom & Jerry cartoons still play at the cinema, on television, and are packaged for sale or rental on videotape. Born in Hollywood, Tom and Jerry have captured the delight, and the laughter, of audiences around the globe, garnered enough Academy Awards to make any movie star selfishly smug, and starred in motion pictures, television and comic books. And, Tom and Jerry have very definite personalities. Tom is a fiendish opportunist, always anxious to ingratiate himself with the powers that be, whether housekeeper, dog, or even, on occasion, mouse; while Jerry, the impish schemer, is happy minding his own business until cornered, piqued or generally provoked. To discover their secret, one must turn back to the place of their creation, the MGM main lot in Culver City, California. Here, in a round-cornered, two-story, cream-colored stucco building containing a rabbit warren of rooms for animators, layout artists, in-betweeners, ink and paint girls, cameramen and moviola machines, Tom and Jerry leaped magically to life.

## FIND OUT 10 DIFFERENCES



### Little Parrot

Sweet little parrot  
Do you want carrot?  
I shall give you that  
If you sit on my hat  
You are green in colour  
Before you all things are discolour  
I love your red beak  
Which helps you to pick  
The red chilly and fruit  
You are very cute.



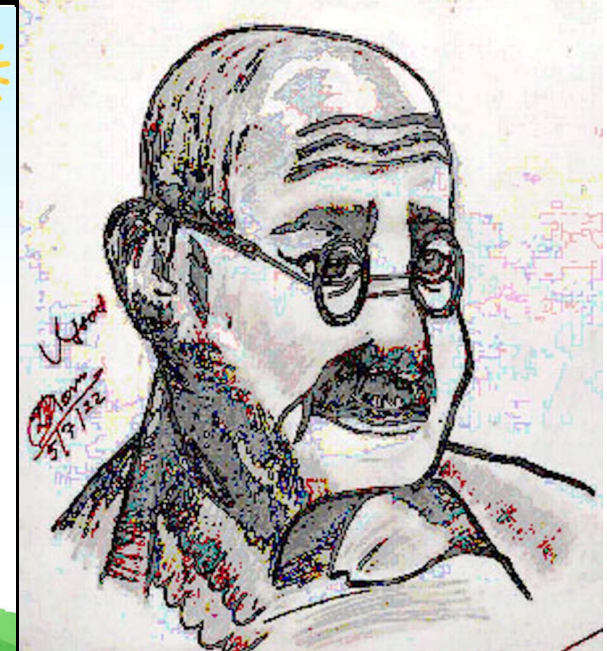
### A Happy Child

My house is red - a little house;  
A happy child am I:  
I laugh and play the whole day long,  
I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,  
To shade me from the sun;  
And under it I often sit,  
When all my play is done.



Your  
Abhi mama.



**Kridoy Koushik Gogoi Class-V St Mary's High School, Lakhimpur**



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## Gorkhas of Assam Demand

Chetry, chairman, Gorkha Autonomous Council Demand Committee. Communities of the Himalayan mountain range, as per studies, are aborigines of the region. Gorkhas being a Himalayan community claim to be aboriginal community in Assam as a conglomerate of Khas and Kirats. "Himalayan communities are the evolution of Sivapithecus or Ramapithecus, stages of evolution of Homo erectus, which later led to the formation of Homo sapiens - today's humans," added Chetry. Elaborating on the issue, he said, "Himalayan communities like Mikir (Karbis), all the Naga tribes, Mizos (Lushai), Lalungs (Tiwa), Miri (Mishings), Momp, Apatani, Gorkhas (a conglomerate of Khas and Kirats) and others are descendants of Homo erectus. The Khas, Kirat communities of the Himalayan mountain range are the aborigines and direct descendants of Ramapithecus or Sivapithecus found in anthropological studies." Harka Bahadur Chetry is a lifelong student of anthropology, a gold medalist in the subject from Dibrugarh University. He is the founder president of Gorkha Autonomous Council Demand Committee (GACDC) who had undertaken an almost 650 km foot march from Murkungelek Jonai in Dhemaji district to Dispur in Guwahati, demanding Assamese identity and indigenous status for Gorkhas after the community faced discrimination in the of Original Inhabitants (OI) status during the National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise. "Calling Gorkhas indigenous in public meetings alone won't suffice since the administration needs official notification. I request CM Sarma to take a cabinet decision in the next cabinet meeting and declare Gorkhas as an indigenous community of Assam on lines of indigenous Muslim communities," said Nanda Kirati Dewan, president of Bharatiya Gorkha Yuva Parishangh. "It needs to be recalled that Gorkha Parishangh had submitted a white paper on the matter to the Government of Assam in support of indigenous status through the chief secretary in 2020 while the demand began following Gorkha Autonomous Council Demand Committee (GACDC) chairman Harka Bahadur Chetry's 650 km Marathon March," added Dewan. Chief minister Himanta Biwa Sarma at a government function for the inauguration of a 25 MW solar power plant at Lalpul in Udalguri BTR on Tuesday stated that OBCs, STs, SCs including Gorkhas should not be questioned about nationality while issuing caste certificates since these communities are indigenous to Assam. The CM was explaining to the gathering about Mission Bhoomiputra, which will enable OBC, ST, and SC students to get caste certificates at their respective schools. "I have been receiving complaints that the DCs seek NRC documents and question Gorkhas' nationality while issuing OBC certificates. This should immediately stop. Gorkhas are Indian, there shouldn't be any doubt, and district administration shouldn't harass them," mentioned Himanta Biswa Sarma while talking about the ease of the process of issuing caste certificates under Mission Bhoomiputra, which will start on August 1. The Assam cabinet in August 2021 took a decision to not file any new cases against the Gorkha community under the Foreigners Tribunal Act or under various Foreigners' Acts. "STs, SCs, and OBCs are indigenous to Assam, so they should be issued caste certificates without any questions on nationality. From August 1, 2022, the district administration should issue caste certificates to the students of classes VIII to XII at their respective schools. From next year, the Government of Assam will give caste certificates to the students as they reach class VII as a gift from the government," the CM added. An office bearer of Assam Tribal Sangha on condition of anonymity expressed apprehension that Mission Bhoomiputra might give rise to a lot of fake ST certificate holders and the case will be similar for SCs, OBCs, and MBCs. "The Government of Assam should develop a mechanism to check the issue of original caste certificate to bona fide candidates only," he said. He also suggested seeking caste certificates of both parents even if the candidate or the students apply for caste certificates online and it should be properly verified. "Similar verbal assurances from the chief minister on earlier occasions too were turned down at government offices. Even after verbal communication from the CM while applying for caste certificates, permanent resident certificates for education purposes, the district, and subdivisional administration ask for 951 NRC, names of ancestors enrolled prior to 1971 or names in present NRC," lamented Harka Bahadur Chetry. Mission Bhoomiputra Assam 2022 is a mission mode scheme of the state government to issue caste certificates to all individuals and students of Assam belonging to SC, ST, OBC, and MBC castes in a simplified manner. The features or highlights of Mission Bhumi Putra Assam 2022 are a single application form for all castes, digital caste certificate, storage in DigiLocker, transparency of caste certificates, and a special drive to issue caste certificates to students of class VIII to XII this year by district collectors. To ensure uniformity and make the procedure of applying for a caste certificate in Assam easy, Mission Bhoomiputra will have a single application form and it will be the same irrespective of caste.

## 'Not betrayal of Uddhav Thackeray

and 30 years old. Today, Uddhavji has to travel without mask and visit party's shakhas (branches). We revolted to restore the party's lost glory."

## 4 From Assam Die After Car Falls

Arumachal Pradesh in a car, he said. Their families lost contact with them after they entered Arumachal Pradesh on July 19, he added. Their car, which was completely damaged, along with the bodies were found in a deep gorge near a river bank a few kilometers ahead of Sessa waterfalls near Bhalukpong, West Kameng's Superintendent of Police (SP) Sangey Norbu said. The area witnesses heavy fog, and their car might have skidded off the road due to it, he said. The exact cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained, Norbu said. "The police have launched an operation to retrieve the bodies from the gorge," the officer said. The victims were identified as Nayan Basumatari (30) and Bedanta Bormahela (30) – both from Nagaon district of Assam, Hirak Boro (32) from Sonapur in Kamrup district and Sanjiv Das (34) of Rangapara in Sonitpur district. Their families have been appealing on social media for information after they lost contact with them.

## CBSE Class 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Result

with 98.97 per cent, Ajmer with 98.14 per cent and Patna with 97.65 per cent. Guwahati is at the bottom of the table with 82.23 per cent. In class 10 exams too, the girls outperformed boys by 1.14 per cent. While the boys secured an overall pass percentage of 93.80 per cent, the girls outshined them with 95.21 per cent. A total of 2093978 students appeared for the exam of which 1976668 have passed the CBSE Class 10 exam. Over 64908 students scored above 95 per cent, while 236993 lakh got above 90 per cent. Students can check their results directly on <https://cbseresults.nic.in/class-tenth/class10th22.htm> or visit the official website, [cbseresults.nic.in](https://cbseresults.nic.in) and [results.cbse.nic.in](https://results.cbse.nic.in). CBSE 12th result on [results.cbse.nic.in](https://results.cbse.nic.in), [cbse.gov.in](https://cbse.gov.in), DigiLocker: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) today released the class 12 exam results 2022. The results are now available at official website - [cbse.gov.in](https://cbse.gov.in), [cbseresults.nic.in](https://cbseresults.nic.in). Students can also check their marks via SMS, UMANG app and DigiLocker. This year, the board recorded an overall passing percentage of 92.71 per cent. Trivandrum has emerged as the best performing region with a pass percentage of 98.83 per cent. Girls have outperformed boys by 3.29 per cent while all registered transgender students managed to pass class 12 board exams. CBSE also announced that while equal weightage was given to both terms for practicals, in the theory section, 30 percentage weightage given to Term I and 70 percent to Term II. Meanwhile, the board has also announced the tentative date of next year's Class 12 exams. It will be held from February 15, 2023. "In light of the lessening impact of the covid pandemic across the globe the Board has decided to conduct 2023 examinations from the 15th of February, 2023," reads the Board's press release. CBSE made this announcement along with the declaration of this year's Class 12 Board results. CBSE Board is also likely to declare the class 10 results today, a senior official told The Indian Express. Class 10 results this year are being tabulated along the same lines as Class 12. Unequal weightage will be given to students' performance in Term I and Term 2 exams

## 68th National Film Awards announced

Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Tanhaji  
**Best Actor:** Suriya for Soorai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji  
**Best Actress:** Aparna Balamurali, Soorai Pottru  
**Best Supporting Actor:** Biju Menon, Ayyappanum Koshiyam  
**Best Supporting Actress:** Lakshmi Priya Chandramouli, Sivaranjaniyum Innam Sila Pengallum  
**Best Screenplay:** Soorai Pottru, Shalini Usha Nair and Sudha Kongara  
**Best Screenplay (Dialogue Writer):** Madonna Ashwin, Mandela  
**Best Music Direction (Songs):** Ala Vaikunthapuramuloo, Thaman S  
**Best Music Direction (Background Music):** Soorai Pottru, GV Prakash  
**Best Male Playback Singer:** Rahul Deshpande for Mi Vasantrao  
**Best Female Playback Singer:** Nanchamma, Ayyappanum Koshiyam  
**Best Lyrics:** Saina, Manoj Muntashir  
**Best Audiography (Location Sound Recordist):** Jobin Jayan, Dollu  
**Best Audiography (Sound Designer):** Anmol Bhawe, Mi Vasantrao  
**Best Audiography (Re-recordist of the final mixed track):** Vishnu Govind and Sree Sankar for Malik  
**Best Choreography:** Sandhya Raju, Natyam  
**Best Cinematography:** Avijatrik, Supratim Bhol  
**Best Costume Design:** Nachiket Barve and Mahesh Sherla, Tanhaji  
**Best Production Design:** Anees Nadodi, Kappela  
**Best Editing:** Sreekar Prasad, Sivaranjaniyum Innam Sila Pengalum  
**Best Make-up:** TV Rambabu, Natyam  
**Best Screenplay:** Soorai Pottru, Sudha Kongara and Mandela, Madonna Ashwin  
**Best Stunt Choreography:** Rajasekhar, Mafia Sasi and Supreme Sunder, Ayyappanum Koshiyum  
**Special Mention:** Aimee Baruah for Semkhor, Vaanku, June, Kishore Kadam for Avwanchhit & Godakaath, and Varun Buddhadev for Toolsidas Junior  
**Best Hindi Film:** Toolsidas Junior  
**Best Kannada Film:** Dollu  
**Best Malayalam Film:** Thinkalazhcha Nishchayam  
**Best Tamil Film:** Sivaranjaniyum Innam Sila Pengalum  
**Best Telugu Film:** Colour Photo  
**Best Haryanvi Film:** Dada Lakshmi  
**Best Dimas Film:** Samkhor  
**Best Tulu Film:** Jeetjee  
**Best Marathi Film:** Goshta Eka Paithanichi  
**Best Bengali Film:** Avijatrik  
**Best Assamese Film:** The Bridge  
**Best Child Artist:** Anish Mangesh Gosavi for Tak-Tak  
**Best Children's Film:** Sumi  
**Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation:** Talendanda  
**Best Film on Social Issue:** Funeral  
**Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director:** Mandela  
**Non-Feature Films**  
**Best Non-feature Film:** Testimony of Anna  
**Best Environment Film:** Manah Aru Manuh  
**Best Film on Family Values:** Kukumarchan  
**Best Short Fiction Film:** Kachichimithu  
**Best Investigative Film:** The Saviour: Brig. Pritam Singh  
**Best Promotional Film:** Surmounting Challenges  
**Best Science and Technology Film:** On the Brink Season 2 - Bats  
**Best Exploration Film:** Wheeling The Ball  
**Best Educational Film:** Dreaming of Words  
**Best Film on Social Issues:** Justice Delayed But Delivered and Three Sisters  
**Best Arts and Culture Film:** Naadada Navaneeta DR PT Venkateshkumar  
**Best Biographical Film:** Pabung Syam  
**Best Ethnographic Film:** Mandal ke Bol  
**Best Debut Non-feature Film of a Director:** Pariah  
**Best Direction:** Oh That's Bhanu, RV Ramani  
**Best Cinematography:** Shabbdikunna Kalappa, Nikhil S Praveen  
**Best Audiography:** Pearl of the Desert, Ajit Singh Rathore  
**Best Narration Voiceover:** Rhapsody of Rains - Monsoons of Kerala, Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan  
**Best Music Direction:** 1232 kms: Marengo Toh Wahin Jaakar, Vishal Bhardwaj  
**Best Editing:** Borderlands, Anadi Athaley  
**Best On Location Sound:** Jadui Jangal, Sandip Bhati and Pradeep Lekhwar  
**Special Jury Award:** Admitted, Ojaswee Sharma  
**Best Book on Cinema:** The Longest Kiss by Kishwar Desai  
**Best Book on Cinema (Special Mention):** MT Anunahvangelude Pusthakam, Anoop Ramakrishnan and Kali Paine Kalira Cinema by Surya Deo  
**Best Film Critic:** No winner this year.  
**Most Film Friendly State:** Madhya Pradesh  
 Apart from chairperson Vipul Shah, the jury members include cinematographer Dharam Gulati, National Award-winning Bengali actor Sreelekha Mukherjee, cinematographer GS Bhaskar, A Karthikraja, VN Aditya, Viji Thampi, Sanjeev Rattan, S Thangadurai and Nishigandha.

## Rahul Gandhi slams Centre over

But the government does not have Rs 1,500 crore to give concessions in rail tickets to the elderly. Will even reach for the stars (tare tak tod kar layenge) for friends, but will make people yearn for every penny," the Congress MP said in the tweet. It may be noted that the government used to provide up to 50 per cent concessions to senior citizens in rail tickets but the facility has been suspended ever since the outbreak of Covid-19. In the backdrop of the government's criticism, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday said in Rajya Sabha that "extending the scope of concessions to all categories of passengers including senior citizens is not desirable". Giving a written reply to a query raised by Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh, the Railway Minister said "Indian Railways is already bearing more than 50 per cent of the cost of travel on an average for all passengers including senior citizens on account of lower fare structure for passenger services". Apart from this due to Covid-19, Vaishnaw said that the passenger earnings for the last two years are "less" in comparison to 2019-2020. "These have a long-term impact on the financial health of the Railways," he said. "Cost of granting concessions weighs heavily on Railways. Hence extending the scope of concessions to all categories of passengers including senior citizens is not desirable," said the minister. In spite of these challenges, Vaishnaw further informed, Indian Railways has "continued concession in fares to four categories of persons with disabilities, eleven categories of patients and students". The reply from Rail Minister came when he was asked, "whether it is a fact that Government has not resumed subsidized train tickets and concessions for the elderly".

## Satellite Pics Show China's

geospatial intelligence researcher at The Intel Lab who has analysed the latest images. "The road construction activity in this distant, isolated sector highlights efforts taken by China to ensure all weather, uninterrupted connectivity to remote, new habitats across its frontier," he adds. Bhutan, a small land-locked nation, has virtually no ability to prevent China's 'salami-slicing' of its territory. Bhutan's Ambassador to New Delhi, Major General Vetsop Namgyal, declined to comment on the state of China's construction in the Amo Chu Valley, indicating that Thimpu was involved in protracted border talks. India's Ministry of External Affairs also had no comment on the new developments. China's village and road construction activity in the Amo Chu river valley lies approximately 30 km south of Beijing's biggest land grab, which has been noticed in the last one year. Six settlements have been constructed in a previously uninhabited area in a 110-square km tract of land which Beijing contests. All of these settlements put pressure on Indian defences in Sikkim. "China is stepping up construction of villages, roads and security installations on territory that belongs to Bhutan, thereby strengthening its offensive military capability against India," says Dr. Brahma Chellaney, one of India's leading China-watchers. "Through such build-up, China is militarily positioning itself to threaten a particularly vulnerable section of India's border overlooking a narrow corridor known as the 'Chicken Neck'," he says. The developments on the Bhutan front come at a time when India continues to try to persuade China to withdraw from positions it has occupied in Ladakh since May 2020. There have been 16 rounds of talks so far with no substantial headway reported in the last round held on Sunday.



## Rajnandini Bora shines in state taekwondo

**Assam Rising , Nagaon July 22:** Rajnandini Bora, daughter of Rajib Bora and Jyotirmoyee Gogoi of Kamrup achieved gold medal of her age group in the 37th Assam State Taekwondo Championship 2022 held at Abhayapuri in Bongaigaon district. Rajnandini is the world youngest black belt holder in Taekwondo. Her performance has brought laurels to the entire Kamrup in the district, a release added.

## CBSE Results : Haridra Bora Tops in the North East

**Assam Rising , Golaghat, Jul 22:** Today Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) declared its Class XII Board Results. In the results of Arts and Humanities stream Haridra Bora from Golaghat abled to get top rank in the North East. She also became fourth in the All India Ranking. Haridra Bora had appeared in the Class XII Board Exams from Delhi Public School, Numaligarh and she got 497 marks out of 500. Her percentage is 99.4 percent. Haridra got hundred percent marks in Sociology, Geography and Psychology. It is to be mentioned that Haridra Bora got 6 th Rank in the state in her HSLC exam two years back. She is the daughter of Rubul Bora, HoD, Mathematics, CNB College, Bokakhat and Madhusmrita Saikia, Advocate .



Senior journalist Apurba Ballav Goswami sending a memorandum to Union Minister Gadkari through the DC Golaghat.

## On TMC's decision to abstain from VP polls, Opposition pick Margaret Alva says not the 'time for ego'

**New Delhi, July 22 :** Slamming the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress' decision to abstain from voting in the upcoming Vice Presidential election 2022, Opposition pick Margaret Alva on Friday (July 22) said this is not the time for "whataboutery", ego or anger". Calling West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee an "epitome of courage", Alva urged her to back the Opposition. "The TMC's decision to abstain from voting in the VP election is disappointing. This isn't the time for 'whataboutery', ego or anger. This is the time for courage, leadership & unity. I believe, @MamataOfficial, who is the epitome of courage, will stand with the opposition," the Opposition VP candidate tweeted. The former Union Minister's remark comes a day after senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee said that the party will abstain from the vice presidential election saying the Opposition candidate was decided without consulting Mamata Banerjee's party. "There is no question of supporting the NDA candidate, especially Jagdeep Dhankhar. But after today's meeting with party lawmakers, it has been decided that we will abstain from the vice presidential election," the Trinamool Congress national general secretary said. "We disagree with the process of announcing the Opposition candidate without keeping TMC in the loop. We were neither consulted nor was anything discussed with us. So we can't support the Opposition nominee," Abhishek Banerjee was quoted . Attacking Mamata Banerjee over the decision to abstain from the VP election, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury alleged the West Bengal CM has a pact with BJP. "West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar is a Vice Presidential candidate, he often used to have a spat with the Chief Minister. A few days ago, Governor called Mamata Banerjee in Darjeeling and they had a meeting along with Assam Chief Minister Hemanta Biswa Sarma at the Darjeeling Governor's House. The next day he was announced as Vice Presidential candidate, which means there was a Darjeeling pact among them," Chowdhury told. Meanwhile, veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said the opposition should work unitedly and they will try to find the reason behind TMC's decision on the August 6 vice presidential polls.



# Chess: five-times champion Magnus Carlsen aims high after abdicating title

**London, July 22 :** Magnus Carlsen will not defend his world championship title in 2023 against Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi. The five-times title winner will instead aim for a new record playing level. Carlsen explained, in a podcast for Unibet: "I am not motivated to play another match. I feel that I don't have a lot to gain, and I will simply not play." He said that he had thought about his decision since well before the 2021 series where he defeated Nepomniachtchi without losing a game. The months of work required before a match where many games reach computer-assisted opening preparation are a major negative. In the Bobby Fischer era title matches were staged every three years, but it has since dropped to two, meaning that Carlsen has had to schedule several months of prep every other year. A 40-minute meeting in Madrid on 3 July between Carlsen



and Fide's two top officials seems to have triggered the final decision. Carlsen wanted the world title match to be drastically revamped, with perhaps a set of four rapid games a day counting for a single match point, elements of blitz and bullet, and slow classical games much reduced, while for Fide it was essential to continue the championship's long tradition since 1886 of classical games dominating the format. The decision to walk away was always on the cards, but the shock to chess fans was that Carlsen announced it so early, many

months before a host city or prize fund was announced and a player contract was available. He did it on International Chess Day, thus respecting a Fide deadline which has since been denied. Carlsen's timing may have been a shrewd move in the context of the ongoing question

whether he or Garry Kasparov ranks as the greatest of all time. The Norwegian can now concentrate on the events he likes best, and in the next two months he will be playing in major tournaments in Zagreb, Chennai, Miami, and St Louis. Kasparov, who won seven career titles, said: "Magnus has been a great champion and will continue to be one. Perhaps there was no way to reconcile his need for creative expression and the classical match format I myself favour. Staying on top is harder than getting to the top because you are competing against the

feeling you have achieved your life's goal already. Staying motivated after climbing the chess Olympus is like climbing Mount Everest a second time, or a sixth. Humans need purpose." The 2023 world title match will now be between Nepomniachtchi, the current world No 3, and China's world No 2, Ding Liren. This could prove a low-key affair, with a downside risk that it ends up like the last world women's championship, half in Shanghai and half in Vladivostok. Ian Nepomniachtchi looks on during the first day of the Candidates tournament last month.



## Magull and Popp strike to sink Austria and send Germany into semi-finals

**Berlin, July 22 :** Germany march on, but not as emphatically as appearances suggest. The eight-times champions were given an almighty fright by Austria, who contributed hugely to a pulsating contest, and they may be glad of such a test by the time Wednesday's semi-final comes around. It will take an outstanding opponent to dislodge Martina Voss-Tecklenburg's side but France, the Netherlands and, for that matter, England will have been encouraged by some of the weaknesses that were exposed here. They would have been prised wide open if one of Austria's near-misses had brought greater reward. The underdogs struck the woodwork three times and, while Germany did so on two occasions of their own, it was testament to the way they carried the fight. It was also a reminder that Austria are not really minnows any more: after

finishing third on their debut in 2017 they matched their celebrated neighbours for long periods here and it is unthinkable that their days challenging at this level are over. In the end Germany were simply more clinical and, when given a helping hand, showed no inclination to be polite about it. The Austria goalkeeper Manuela Zinsberger will feel desolate about her part in both goals. A late clearance hammered against Alexandra Popp, the ricochet flying past her and confirming the outcome, will make the blooper reels but she also played an unfortunate part in Lina Magull's opener. While Germany's attack still had plenty to do when Zinsberger rushed a kick under pressure, they would not have had the opportunity to go through the gears if she had successfully launched it upfield. "We fought very hard and managed to

dominate the game in parts," said the Austria coach, Irene Fuhrmann. "In the end we just made a couple of mistakes too many, an opponent at this level capitalises on that, but I'm very proud of my team's performance." The farcical nature of the second goal must not detract from the fact that this felt like a proper tournament game: another high-quality ding-dong between two bright, inventive sides who wanted to have a go. Germany have overwhelmed all comers with their intensity down the flanks but Austria took it upon themselves to push them back, coming close even before Marina Georgieva headed a corner against an upright in the 13th minute. Had that gone in the complexion would have altered deliciously. Instead a harsh lesson followed quickly, all the more frustratingly because Germany had yet to get going.

## Sophia Dunkley swats aside South Africa in T20 to clinch series for England

**London, July 22 :** South Africa's woes continued at Chelmsford as they sank to a fourth consecutive defeat against England, sealing their fate in the multi-format series 10-2 on points, with two T20s left to play. The dominant show by England was built on career-best figures of four



for 15 from Katherine Brunt, as South Africa limped to 111 for nine in their 20 overs. "Digging deep, trying to find another gear to go to is difficult," Brunt said. "When you get older, you have a lot of doubt that creeps in - people say things about you, are you good enough to keep going, and if you listen to it enough you start to believe it. I've had to change my mentality. I feel I've still got it, and as long as I have, I'll keep trying to perform for England." England then reached their target with six wickets and five overs to spare, helped along by a rambunctious innings from Sophia Dunkley (59 from 39 balls). A week on from hitting her maiden international hundred at Bristol, Dunkley showcased her power hitting in this shorter format, smashing three sixes and five fours in an innings which embraced her promotion to the top of the order. Though she was caught in the deep in the 11th over going for yet another maximum, England were only 25 runs away from victory and Heather Knight (24 not out from 18) and Amy Jones (11 not out off 13) wrapped things up with oodles of time to spare. "It's been nice after quite a tough winter to have some easy wins and be quite low-maintenance," Knight said. "We've ticked a lot of boxes that we wanted to do better." In another blow for South Africa, it was announced on Thursday that the all-rounder Marizanne Kapp has left the tour for family reasons. It is unclear whether she will rejoin the squad before the Commonwealth Games begins on 29 July. The Brunt Show had begun with successive wickets in her two opening overs, with Lara Goodall and Sune Luus bowled slashing across the line, by balls that nipped back off the seam to hit off stump. Goodall had been given out caught behind off the third ball of the innings but had the decision overturned on review, though she lasted just one further ball. The Luus wicket was Brunt's 100th in T20 internationals; she is only the second Englishwoman, after Anya Shrubsole, to reach the milestone.

## NFL turnaround rankings: which 2021 also-rans will make the playoffs this season?

**London, July 22 :** After years of treading water, the Broncos were finally able to engineer a move for one of the game's top quarterbacks this offseason, landing Russell Wilson in a blockbuster trade in March. Adding Wilson transforms the Broncos' calculus. Denver already had a strong core prior to Wilson's arrival, including a gifted offensive line and a stacked receiving unit. Wilson should finally be the post-Manning quarterback who can make it all sing in Colorado. There is excitement on defense, too. When you add a superstar at quarterback, things just slot into place, don't they? This Broncos defense is built to play with a lead, the kind they rarely mustered behind Drew Lock or Teddy Bridgewater. There are stars throughout the secondary, and by adding Randy Gregory they've been able to paper over the Von Miller-sized hole that appeared in their front in the middle of last season. There's only one real question mark looming over the Broncos' playoff hopes: How will first-year head coach Nathaniel Hackett handle his debut season? Wilson runs his own, specific



kind of offense, one that doesn't flow naturally with what Hackett, an offensive-minded coach, prefers to run.

## Under-fire All Blacks coach Ian Foster emerges with Rugby New Zealand's backing

**London, July 22 :** All Blacks coach Ian Foster has survived the storm of criticism that followed the mid-year series loss to Ireland, at least for now, and on Friday promised change ahead of two Rugby Championship Tests against the Springboks. Foster's head was on the block after last week's humiliating 32-22 defeat at the hands of the Irish in Wellington, which resulted in the All Blacks losing a home series for the first time in the professional era. Facing the media for the first time since his post-match news conference on Saturday, Foster said that he had never considered stepping down from the job he was handed in 2019. "I am strong. I am resilient," he told reporters in Auckland after announcing his squad for the Rugby Championship. "I believe I have a great feel and relationship with my players. I'm strategic and I'm also accountable. I am really excited to ... show you what this team is made of." Back-to-back losses to Ireland mean New Zealand will go into the Tests against the world champions in Mbombela and Johannesburg early next month with only one win in their last five matches. New Zealand Rugby chief Mark Robinson said in a media release on Friday that "thorough conversations" had been held, and would continue to be held, around the All Blacks set-up. "There's no doubt I'm under pressure, but I'm always under pressure," Foster added. "As an All Blacks coach you live with that all the time. Does it hurt? Yes it does. But the key thing for me is ensuring we've got robust processes to make sure we have the right people in the right



seats. "There was no immediate sign of much change in the playing group with only two alterations to his squad for the Rugby Championship. Despite speculation in the New Zealand media this week that they would be axed, Foster has retained

flanker Sam Cane as captain and gave no indication that he would be changing any of his assistant coaches. "I have faith in Sam Cane," he added. "We all know we have a high accountability when you wear an All Blacks jersey and we need to do that better."

## England's gritty win against Spain bodes well for Euro 2022 chances

**London, July 22 :** England winning all three group games with an aggregate score of 14-0 might have given the impression that tournament football is straightforward, but the quarter-final victory over Spain showed it is far from that. England had to work extremely hard to stay in the game and needed to change tactics to get the better of their opponents, which will be beneficial going into the semis and, hopefully, final. There is no doubt Spain are the best team England have played and offered a very different challenge from those in the victories over Austria, Norway and Northern Ireland. England needed to put into practice a different gameplan to deal with life without the ball. I thought at times they might be playing within themselves and that doubt was



creeping in, but they just grew stronger and stronger as a group as the game went on. Some of the younger players have not played in a major tournament before

and facing Spain made them realise how hard it is this summer and will be at next year's World Cup. The amount of off-the-ball work carried out in the first half

stifled England's attacking play because the wingers had to drop so deep and the No 10s were doing the same because England could not get to grips with the game

## Lewis Hamilton hits 300 GPs but says first F1 race remains the highlight

**London, July 22 :** Lewis Hamilton has said he cherishes his first race in Formula One as the highlight of his career as he prepares to take part in his 300th race at the French Grand Prix this weekend. The 37-year-old added that during his 16-season career in F1 he rated the double world champion Fernando Alonso as his most formidable opponent. Hamilton made his F1 debut in 2007 at Melbourne aged 22, the culmination of a lifelong ambition to reach F1. "The whole realisation



of reaching your dream is a very, very surreal experience, it is always going to be your first, there's only one first," he said. "Just getting to that first grand prix in 2007, the amount of sleepless nights

as a family all of us had had not knowing if we would reach our dream but never giving up nonetheless and being there, that will probably be the real highlight." In bringing up his triple century

on Sunday, Hamilton will join a select group of drivers. Only five others have competed in 300 or more grands prix, with Kimi Raikkonen heading the pack on 349. Alonso with 344 is the only other active driver to have reached the milestone, while Rubens Barrichello raced in 322 and Michael Schumacher and Jenson Button 306 apiece. Hamilton insists he does not pay attention to statistics but it is worth noting that none of those five drivers won a race after they had surpassed the 300 mark. As things stand doing so this season

will be some task, but he remains optimistic despite this being the longest he has gone without victory. "It doesn't faze me because I am working towards getting that win," he said. "I do believe we will at some stage be able to compete with these guys. Whether it is this weekend or in five races' time." In that debut season he joined Alonso, then reigning world champion, at McLaren and the pair had a fractious relationship, such was the intensity of the competition between them.

as Spain dominated possession. They had to learn on the job. In the group games England were flawless but they found a really gritty way to get through against Spain. Tournaments are not about performances, they are about winning and getting the job done. It is good for this group of players to have had a test. Ideally England would have liked to win 3-0 but it shows they have got to learn. Adversity helps a team bond; when you have to dig deep and go to places you have never been in a tournament, that is when a group becomes stronger. The atmosphere in the dressing room and the camp will be awesome after the win. For four games Sarina Wiegman has kept the same side and a player on the bench can feel a little bit distant, but we saw on Wednesday how important the squad is. That dressing room and group will feel bonded and that is invaluable. The great thing about having young, relatively inexperienced substitutes like Alessia Russo and Ella Toone is that they have nothing to lose. In the games they had come on in previously, England had been winning, but against Spain they had to make an impact. They are very raw but they also have no fear, and I see that in how they play. I have seen Russo and Toone a lot for Manchester United but they have raised their level in an England shirt this summer. They have embraced it, they are flying and they deserve all the accolades they are getting because they have made a huge difference.



## 'Not bad': Tahlia McGrath's average hits 247 after latest Australia T20 win



**London, July 22 :** Tahlia McGrath has maintained her extraordinary start to T20 international life with Australia, playing her fourth innings and winning a fourth player-of-the-match award as she and captain Meg Lanning combined to crush Ireland in Bready. McGrath was rewarded for her blistering 70 off 45 balls in the 63-run victory over the hosts at the Northern Irish venue on Thursday. Lanning, leading the way with 74 off 49 balls, also put Ireland's bowlers to the sword as the world champions began to look the part with the Commonwealth Games just around the corner. The pair's imposing partnership of 140 helped Australia pile up 182-4 off their 20 overs, which proved far too much for the outclassed hosts. In reply, Ireland were reduced to 119-7, with Megan Schutt (3-0-16-2), Jess Jonassen (4-0-27-2) and Alana King (3-0-11-2) all doing damage. Schutt became just the second Australian woman to reach 100 T20 wickets after Ellyse Perry. It was Australia's second straight win - their other match was rained off - as they went to the top of their Tri-Nation 20 series table on 10 points, with Pakistan on six and winless Ireland yet to pick up a point. Allrounder McGrath was deemed the star of the show after her 70 was decorated with 11 boundaries. Amazingly, in her eight T20s, the 26-year-old from Adelaide has batted just four times for her country in this format - and been voted player of the match on each occasion where she has produced a dazzling knock. When she was dismissed for 70, it was the first time anyone had ever captured her wicket in a T20, leaving her with the cool average of 247. "There you go ... not bad!" laughed McGrath. "The thing about the T20 format for me is that there's so much freedom. I feel like when I've got to the wicket, I've got a licence to play my shots. "It certainly proved the case batting alongside Lanning, who is so calm and impressive at the crease that it's even left McGrath awestruck. "It was good fun batting with Meg ... if there was one shot I could steal off anyone, it's that flick off the legs for six. It's incredible. She was so calm at the crease, she makes things happen so it's very nice batting with her. "Australia will have one more match in Ireland against Pakistan on Saturday before they travel to Birmingham for the Commonwealth Games, where they'll be strong favourites to become the event's inaugural women's cricket champions. "I think we're shaping up really well," said McGrath.

# Shericka Jackson goes supersonic as Asher-Smith takes world 200m bronze

**Eugene, July 22 :** Over 21.45 extraordinary seconds, Shericka Jackson flew supersonic into golden skies. Meanwhile Dina Asher-Smith found inspiration in the heavens to claim a stunning 200m world bronze medal. Stunning because, as Asher-Smith revealed afterwards, she had been knocked sideways by the death of her cherished 92-year-old grandmother Sislyn Asher, who was part of the Windrush generation, in May. Yet here she was, after a season of doubts and fears and heartache, proving once again that she is one of the world's greatest sprinters. But on a night where most of Kingston appeared to have decamped to Eugene no one was catching Jackson. The Jamaican's staggering time of 21.45sec made her the second fastest 200m athlete in history, behind only the late Florence Griffith-Joyner. Given the doubts surrounding Flo-Jo's performances, Jackson has a legitimate claim to be the fastest 200m runner in history. Silver was claimed by Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, sporting an electric

pink wig, who ran 21.81 to claim the 21st global medal of her career. However Asher-Smith was rightly delighted to win bronze in 22.02. Afterwards she dedicated her win to her grandmother, who came to England from Trinidad after the second world war to work in an NHS hospital in Lewisham. And, as Asher-Smith revealed afterwards, Sislyn not only looked like her - but used to claim she sprinted like her too. "We looked very similar, same mannerisms, birthdays two days apart, my whole life we always had a joint birthday," she said, smiling. "She'd like to claim she was a sprinter, 100%. If you were to ever ask she'd say it's all from me. "That is why her death, after a long illness, cut so deep. "My body has been in great shape, I've hit all my targets and in the gym I've been doing great," said Asher-Smith. "But my brain wasn't in the room. It felt like I was watching myself do stuff." She was an incredible woman, and my whole family wouldn't be who we are without her; without her hard work and her sacrifices for us. I know she is so happy right



now." Asked about her journey from a shock defeat at the British trials in June to winning another major medal here - the 16th of her career - she explained: "I had to take myself from being so profoundly sad to being OK to race. But I knew my grandma would have wanted me to be performing amazingly. "I'm never going to be the same because we were so close," she added. "But I absolutely know she'd want me to stand there with my head held high. She's been giving me great signs all season. Some things have happened and I've been like 'thank you grandma,

thank you', because I know she's sending me these good vibes. "But the biggest vibrations on the night came from the Puma spikes of Jackson as she proved herself the fastest woman alive over 200m. What made her performance all the more extraordinary was that after 100m, the top three were separated by just 0.05sec. But when Jackson hit the straight, she flew home in a stunning 10.41sec. No wonder the vuvuzelas, which made it sound as if an army of mosquitoes were invading Eugene, honked in approval. During her stellar career, Jackson has won 11 global medals

am feeling great," said Jackson. "I came out and put on the show. The fastest woman alive, the national and championship record, I cannot complain." It was hard to argue with that. Over the years, she has absorbed the lessons from her friend and training partner at Fraser-Pryce at the MVP track and field club in Kingston. MVP stands for "Maximising Velocity and Power". Jackson certainly displayed that in abundance. And what made this victory so special for Jackson is that she was knocked out of the 200m heats in Tokyo after slowing down too much when in the lead. It was a lesson so tough it made her cry. But it also taught her something else. "No matter what you keep going," she said. "After the Olympic Games I cried so hard and so much. But it was preparing me for this year and I am so grateful for this moment."

## Caster Semenya out of world 5,000m as Coe signals tougher female sport rules

**London, July 22**

Caster Semenya's first appearance in the world championships since 2017 saw her knocked out without fuss or fanfare after finishing 45 seconds off qualifying for Saturday's 5,000m final. In temperatures that hit 32C, the South African finished 13th out of 16 runners in her heat in a time of 15min 46.12sec, almost a minute behind the winner, Gudaf Tsegay of Ethiopia. But she struck an upbeat note afterwards. "I'm cooking," she told reporters. "It was hot and I could not keep up with the pace. I think it is great to be able to run here. Just being able to finish the 5km, for me it is a blessing. I am learning and I am willing to learn even more. "Semenya had previously won the world title at 800m three times, including in her last appearance at London 2017, but is now barred from running international events from 400m to a mile unless she takes medication to reduce her testosterone levels. That is because in 2019 the court of arbitration for sport ruled that 46 XY 5-ARD individuals with a difference of sex development, such as Semenya, "enjoy a significant sporting advantage ... over 46 XX competitors without such DSD" due to biology. There has naturally been considerable sympathy for the South African, as she was assigned as female at birth and has faced enormous challenges in her career. But Cas noted that Semenya's advantages came because individuals with 5-ARD "have what is commonly identified as the male chromosomal sex (XY and not XX), male gonads (testes not ovaries) and levels of circulating testosterone in the male range (7.7-29.4 nmol/L), which are significantly higher than the female range (0.06-1.68 nmol/L)". Experts from both sides also agreed the other advantages included "greater lean body mass, larger hearts, higher cardiac output ... and larger V02 max than 46 XX individuals".



# Leeds and Newman dismantle Wigan to crash back into the playoff picture

**London, July 22 :** There are some Leeds supporters already casting an eye to next season but on the basis of the past few weeks, that may be somewhat premature. The eight-time Super League champions looked anything like play-off contenders a month ago but now sit only one point adrift of the top six after a third win in four games. This was undoubtedly



their most impressive victory of the season, let alone this encouraging run of form which has hauled them back into play-off conten-

tion. Rohan Smith's team dismantled a Wigan side whose hopes of the treble took a significant hit and who will be six points shy of the league leaders, St Helens, with seven games left if the reigning champions win at Wakefield on Sunday. But this was very much a night about the development of Leeds under Smith. He has steadily improved a youthful side since arriving in April and

while the appointment was seen as a long-term one, there could still be short-term success to come. If they maintain this form in the final few weeks of the regular season, a place in the playoffs will be more likely than not - and anything can happen after that. "A lot of stuff we've been working on for a period of time all came to plan," said Smith. "In terms of the playoffs, we're just

taking each game as it comes: we're off to Catalans next week. "In truth, this contest was all but over by half-time. Leeds were 24-6 ahead and in complete control. Any remaining doubts were ended when they scored the first try of the second half through the outstanding Harry Newman. Matt Peet's side could have few complaints. "We were a different side and we came up against a team that beat

us to the punch in all aspects," the Wigan coach said. "Credit goes to Leeds for the way they defended, teams make mistakes when they get pressured. Leeds went for it and got what they deserved. Leeds looked a very connected team. I always thought they had it in them. The League Leaders' Shield is probably beyond us now." His side were out of contention by half-time.

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