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NEWS IN BRIEF

Youth died

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Guwahati, July 25 :

A youth from Assam's Dhubri district, who went missing after drowning in a river, was recovered on Monday morning. Sources said the locals had found the youth's body floating in Gangadhar river near Golakganj today morning after ten days. The deceased youth, identified as Nayan Abedin, had been missing since July 15 after he went for a bath in the river located near Golakganj. Following the recovery, police reached the spot and sent the body for post-mortem. Recently, two students of Dibrugarh University in Assam drowned in the Siang River in Arunachal Pradesh's Pasighat area. As per reports, the incident happened when five students went to the river at Raneghat to have a bath on the ill-fated day.

LPG transporters

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 25 :

The LPG transporters in Assam on an indefinite strike from Monday (July 25) due to which the locals in the state are very likely to face shortage of LPG cylinders in the coming days. The proposed strike is likely to hit supplies in the neighbouring north-eastern states. The Northeast Packed LPG Transporter Association (NEPLTA) has alleged that their long-pending demands have been ignored by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), despite several meetings with the IOCL officials. Kumud Nath, the chief advisor of NEPLTA, said that IOCL had cancelled the previous tender for carrying LPG cylinders in response to a direction from the Union Petroleum Ministry. The transporters' body objected to it, and following that there were meetings between IOCL and NEPLTA to find a way out to solve the issue.

Unidentified miscreants

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 25 :

A father-son duo has been grievously injured after unidentified miscreants attacked them inside their house on Sunday night. The incident has occurred in Gohpur in Assam's Biswanath district. The victims have been identified as Pratap Das (50) and his son Rahul Das (18). According to reports, unknown miscreants entered the house of Pratap Das at night and attacked the father-son duo when they were sleeping. Both father and son are undergoing treatment at the Lakhimpur Medical College. According to reports, Pratap Das is in a very critical condition. Meanwhile, the police have registered a case and an investigation is underway into the incident.

Droupadi Murmu Swearing-in

My election is the greatness of India, mother of democracy, says President Murmu

New Delhi, July 25 :

Addressing the nation after being sworn in as the 15th President of India, Droupadi Murmu Monday stated that she was honoured to take charge at a time India is completing 75 years of Independence. She added that she was the first President to be born in independent India. She also said, "My election is the greatness of India,



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AIUDF MLA Terms 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign as 'Hypocritical'

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 25 :

Terming the Centre's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign as 'hypocritical', Assam AIUDF MLA Aminul Islam said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is from the RSS which "never raised the Indian flag in its office." Speaking to ANI, Islam said, "Proud that



we have completed 75 years of Independence...It (Har Ghar Tiranga) doesn't prove it'll spread patriotism. Mr

Modi has come from RSS which never raised the Indian flag in its office. So, I think it's a hypocritical decision." "Patriotism is in the heart," he added. On Friday, PM Modi launched the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to encourage people to bring the tricolour home and hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence. The idea behind the

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Ram Nath Kovind moves out of Rashtrapati Bhavan, arrives at new residence

New Delhi, July 25 :

Ram Nath Kovind, the now-former President of India, vacated Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday, after his successor in the highest office, Droupadi Murmu, was sworn-in as the country's fifteenth President. However, before he left, Kovind received one final tri-services guard of honour. Kovind and his wife Savita will now stay at 12,



Janpath, in the national capital. Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who resides

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'If anyone is guilty, he should be JAILED for life, but...', Mamata Banerjee opens up amid Partha Chatterjee arrest row

New Delhi, July 25 :

ED arrests Partha Chatterjee in SSC corruption case. But so far Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee has not

opened her mouth on this issue. However, on Monday, Mamata Banerjee said, "I do not support any injustice," without mentioning any name directly, Mamata during the award ceremony

program of Banga Bhushan and Banga Vibhushan program at Nazrul Manch said, "However, mistakes can happen unintentionally. If anyone is guilty, he should be jailed for life." After that,

Mamata attacked the BJP and said, "BJP is playing slander by showing mountains of money. Money was found in a woman's house.

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Aaditya Thackeray in Trouble! Modi government takes step amid Shiv Sena crisis

Mumbai, July 25 :

Aaditya Thackeray in Trouble! Modi government takes BOLD step amid Shiv Sena crisis. The difficulties of Aaditya Thackeray, son of former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, have increased. The central government has ordered an audit of Aaditya



Thackeray's ministry. Their work for the last two and a half years will be audited. Aaditya Thackeray was the Environment Minister in the Uddhav government. Let us tell you that the tussle between the BJP and the Thackeray family is increasing continuously. Meanwhile, the audit step taken by

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Tokyo Olympics medallist Lovlina Borgohain makes harassment claims against Boxing Federation of India

New Delhi, July 25 :



Tokyo Olympics medallist Lovlina Borgohain makes harassment claims against Boxing Federation of India. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain has accused Boxing Federation of India (BFI) of mentally harassing her by constantly changing her coaches. Lovlina, who

became the first Assamese female to represent India at the Olympics, is currently preparing for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, but as per the boxer, BFI is playing dirty politics with her. The 24-year-old claimed that one of

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Governorship, Rajya Sabha seat for Rs 100 crore! CBI busts multi-state racket

New Delhi, July 25 :

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday busted a multi-state racket of imposters and arrested four of them for allegedly attempting to cheat

people of Rs 100 crore with false promises of arranging Rajya Sabha seats and governorship to them. The central agency had conducted searches recently



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CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's daughter scores 92.7% in ISC Results 2022

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 25 :

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's daughter's ISC Results 2022 news has gone viral on social media. Sharing a family picture, Assam CM has congratulated his daughter for scoring 92.7%

in CISCE 12th Results. The proud father's post has received thousands of likes so far. See here. The recently announced ISC 12th Results 2022 have made many parents proud of their wards. Such is the case with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa

Sarma as well. Taking to Twitter, Assam CM, the proud father announced his daughter's scores in CISCE 12th Results 2022. In the viral Twitter post, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma mentions that his daughter,

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আগবাটো একেলগে প্রগতির বন্ধনে

প্রগতির পথত আজি আগুৱাই গৈ আছে অসম, আৰু এই প্রগতিৰ পথত অসমৰ লগত থাকিবলৈ পাই আমি গৌৰৱান্বিত। আমাৰ ক্ষুদ্ৰ ঋণ আৰু স্বনিৰ্ভৰশীল প্ৰকল্পৰ মাধ্যমেৰে অসমৰ উন্নয়নৰ এই যাত্ৰাক আমি গতিশীল আৰু শক্তিশালী কৰিছোঁ। সেই বাবেই অসমৰ প্রগতিৰ সৈতে প্ৰাণৰ বন্ধন আগতেওঁ আছিল, বৰ্তমানেও আছে আৰু অনাগত ভৱিষ্যতেও থাকিব।

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Chinese military has become more aggressive and dangerous, says US chief of staff

Beijing, July 25 : The Chinese military has become significantly more aggressive and dangerous over the past five years, the United States' top military officer said during a trip to the Indo-Pacific that included a stop in Indonesia. Gen Mark Milley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said on Sunday that the number of intercepts by Chinese aircraft and ships in the Pacific region with US and other partner forces had increased significantly over that time, and the number of unsafe interactions has risen by similar proportions. "The message is the Chinese military, in the air and at sea, have become significantly more and noticeably more aggressive in this particular region," said Milley, who recently asked his staff to



compile details about interactions between China and the US and others in the region. His comments, made en route to a meeting with Indonesian defence chiefs in Jakarta, came as the Indonesian president, Joko Widodo, prepared to set off to Beijing for a two-day visit on Monday where he will meet the Chinese president, Xi Jinping. It will be the first

time in two years that a foreign leader has been received individually by Beijing aside from February's Winter Olympics. Milley's trip to the region is sharply focused on the China threat. He will attend a meeting of Indo-Pacific defence chiefs this coming week in Australia, where key topics will be China's escalating

military growth and the need to maintain a free, open and peaceful Pacific. US military officials have also raised alarms about the possibility that China could invade Taiwan - possibly by 2027. China has stepped up its military provocations against the self-ruled island as it looks to intimidate it into unifying with the communist mainland. The US and others are also worried that a recent security agreement that Beijing signed in April with the Solomon Islands could lead to the establishment of a Chinese naval base in the South Pacific. The US and Australia have told the Solomon Islands that hosting a Chinese military base would not be tolerated. "This is an area

in which China is trying to do outreach for their own purposes - and again, this is concerning because China is not doing it just for benign reasons," Milley told reporters travelling with him. "They're trying to expand their influence throughout the region. And that has potential consequences that are not necessarily favourable to our allies and partners in the region." The Biden administration has been taking steps to expand its military and security relationship with Indo-Pacific nations as part of a campaign to build a stronger network of alliances in China's backyard and counter China's growing influence. Milley, who met on Sunday with Gen Andika Perkasa, chief of the Indonesian military, said Pacific nations like Indonesia wanted the US military involved and engaged in the region. "We want to work

with them to develop interoperability and modernise our militaries collectively," Milley said, in order to ensure they could "meet whatever challenge that China poses". He said Indonesia was strategically critical to the region, and had long been a key US partner. Milley, who spent the afternoon at Indonesia's military headquarters in Jakarta, was greeted with a massive billboard bearing his photo and name, a military parade and a large television screen that showed a video of his career. At the end of the visit, Andika told reporters that Indonesia had found China to be more assertive and "a little bit aggressive" with naval vessels in connection with territorial disputes with his country.



Screen image captured at Beijing Aerospace Control Center

France orders air-conditioned shops to save energy by shutting doors

Paris, July 25 : Air-conditioned shops in France will be ordered to keep their doors closed or risk being fined, a minister said while announcing a rule to combat energy wastage. Leaving the doors open when the air conditioning is on leads to "20% more consumption and ... it's absurd", the



French minister of ecological transition, Agnès Pannier-Runacher, told RMC radio on Sunday. The minister said there were also plans to restrict the use of illuminated signs. "In the coming days, I will issue two decrees: the first will widen the ban on illuminated advertising, whatever the size of the city, between 1 am and 6 am," with the exception of airports and stations, Pannier-Runacher told the Journal du Dimanche. "The second will ban shops from having their doors open while the air conditioning and heating are working. 'Some cities in France, which like other parts of Europe have been gripped by a heatwave, passed municipal bylaws in July, imposing fines for offending air-conditioned shops. The government plans to extend this to the whole country, with a fine of up to €750 (£639) - but will emphasise the education of shopkeepers in the first instance."

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Tunisians vote in referendum on handing president almost total power

London, July 25 : Tunisians have begun voting in a referendum on a new constitution that critics of the president fear will dismantle the democracy that emerged from a 2011 revolution by handing him nearly total power. The vote is being held on the first anniversary of Kais Saied's

results are published, and has not said what happens if voters reject it. Saied has hailed the foundation of a new Tunisian republic to end years of political sclerosis and economic stagnation. However, while nearly all major political parties and civil society organisations have



ousting of an elected parliament, when he established emergency rule and began governing by fiat. Tunisia's divided opposition parties have called his moves a coup that risks a return to the kind of autocratic rule that characterised Tunisia before the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings. Few people were out in the humid early morning streets, but at Rue Marseilles polling station in downtown Tunis, Illyes Moujahed was first in line, saying Saied was the country's only hope. "I'm here to save Tunisia from collapse. To save it from years of corruption and failure," he said. It is not clear when the results will be announced after polls close at 9pm GMT, but with little apparent enthusiasm for the vote among most Tunisians and a boycott by major parties, analysts expect a yes vote with low turnout. Standing outside a cafe in downtown Tunis, Samir Slimane said he was not interested in voting. "I have no hope of change. Kais Saied will not change anything. He only seeks to have all the powers," he said. Under Saied's own rules for the referendum, no minimum level of participation among the 9.2 million registered voters is needed to approve the new constitution. He has only stipulated the constitution will come into effect once the final

denounced his unilateral approach to rewriting the constitution and the legitimacy of the referendum, they have failed to build a united front. The protests attracted fairly small numbers, but rallies organised by Saied supporters have also had only modest attendance and there has been little sign of excitement around the campaign. Most Tunisians seem more focused on the dire economy and rising prices. The economic decline since 2011 has left many people angry at the parties that have governed since the revolution and disillusioned with the political system they ran. "I don't support Saied, but I will vote yes in the referendum because those protesting against it are the main cause of our problems for the past decade," said Mohammed, a Tripoli resident. Of the three parliamentary elections and two presidential elections since the revolution, the lowest turnout, of 41%, was in 2019 for the chamber that Saied has dissolved. A turnout on Monday far below that rate would further call into question the legitimacy of Saied's new constitution and his project to remake Tunisian politics.



Brunei's Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (2nd L, front) attends a meet-and-greet event in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.

Dover ferry passengers advised to arrive early amid fears of summer-long disruption

London, July 25 : Cross-Channel ferry passengers were being told to arrive in good time at Dover as queues built at the Port of Dover amid fears the severe disruption of recent days could return to Kent throughout the summer. The ferry operator DFDS told passengers there were queues of about an hour for French border checks on Monday morning and to "allow a minimum of 120 minutes before your departure to complete all controls". P&O Ferries tweeted: "The queues have picked up and it is taking approximately one hour to clear passport control. 'Holidaymakers faced queues of up to 11 hours over the weekend with the British foreign minister, Liz Truss, blaming the French for shortages of passport control staff but others blaming red tape caused by

Brexit. The Port of Dover is confident, however, that it can cope and that the weekend was a nightmare combination of a five-fold increase in car numbers and a lack of French passport control staff on Friday morning that resulted in a huge backlog of cars trying to access the ferries. Last weekend is typically the busiest of the year but this is the first year since Brexit the impact of extra passport checks could be seen because of the decline of passenger volumes during the pandemic. Dover said it handled 11,000 cars on Friday compared with 2,000 on the equivalent weekend last year. On Saturday, the numbers were just under 12,000, compared with 2,400 on the equivalent day in 2021, and on Sunday the port handled 10,000 compared with 1,900 in 2011. The port said it had planned for the



huge spike in numbers, which are also being experienced in airports in the UK and the rest of the world. It had made nine passport booths available for car numbers with a triage system also prioritising tourists over hauliers. But on Friday only six of those booths were staffed because of a shortage of French passport control officers. This was rectified by Friday afternoon but at that stage the queue was already "out of control", said one Dover source. Toby Howe, the senior highway manager at Kent county council and the tactical lead at Kent Resilience Forum, said the queues at Dover were "normal for a Monday morning". However, there are fears queues could build up

again next weekend, one of the busiest of the year for holidaymakers. Howe told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that next weekend was likely to be "very busy". He said: "It's the second busiest getaway weekend of the summer holidays." As we've just found out the weekend just gone, traffic numbers travelling across the Channel were back to pre-pandemic levels and with the increased checks it is slower to get through, so it takes very little to cause those tailbacks. "On what the rest of the summer could bring, he said: "It's a very vulnerable situation, it takes very little to cause further issues. "One of the causes of the delay over the weekend was the need for

Whale sharks are world's biggest omnivores, study finds

London, July 25 : Researchers have made a surprising discovery about the dining habits of whale sharks, handing the largest fish in the sea another world title. It turns out the ocean giants routinely enjoy a seaweed salad alongside hefty helpings of krill, meaning they have officially dethroned the Kodiak bear as the world's biggest omnivore. Scientists made the discovery while studying whale sharks off Western Australia's Ningaloo reef and say it is cause for a re-think about what is really sustaining the super-sized species. "Everything we thought we knew may not actually be true," Dr Mark Meekan, fish biologist from the Australian Institute of Marine Science, said. "We've seen them coming to Ningaloo and we've seen them feeding on krill and we've thought, 'Boom



there's the answer.' " But with sophisticated methods that look at the microchemistry of these animals, this story becomes much, much more complex. "Scientists carefully analysed possible food sources, ranging from tiny plankton to large seaweed, for amino and fatty acids. Then they looked at what was present in skin samples from whale sharks. "This study suggests they are feeding on quite a bit of plant material, more so in fact than krill," Meekan said. He believes the size of the whale shark has prompted an evolutionary response that has effectively turned by-catch - such as the brown sargassum seaweed common at Ningaloo - into food. "These are very big animals and when you're a huge animal you need lots of food," he said. "But it costs lots of energy to push their mouths - open like a huge net - through the water. When you get a gut full of food but there's also a lot of algae what do you?" "Do you throw it up? Energetically that's a very costly thing to do because you've just spent all this energy collecting it. "Whale sharks have simply got round this in an evolutionary sense by being able to digest the seaweed."

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CLPF organized roundtable discussion

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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 signs are an effective tool in identifying unhealthy foods. Representatives of popular edible oil, FMCG, confectionery, 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. Swapna 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."

Seminar on Minority Rights & Gender Justice held at USTM



Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 25: A two-day long National Seminar on "Minority Rights & Gender Justice in India: A Qualitative Discussion on Academic & Social Policy" was held on Friday and Saturday at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM). The seminar was organized by the Department of Sociology, USTM in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society and was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research. It was participated by sociologists from across the nation including Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Hyderabad, Banaras Hindu University, Maharishi Dayanand University,

Haryana, Lovely Professional University, Indian Council of Medical Research and so on. Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari, renowned sociologist from Jamia Millia Islamia delivered the keynote address on intersectionality of problems among minority community specially women in India. Prof. Ajaliu Niumai from the University of Hyderabad was the guest of honour during the inaugural session and she spoke on trafficking in NE India and how it is a problem of minority community. Some of the resource persons of the seminar include: Prof. Shweta Prasad from Banaras Hindu University, Prof. Pranjal Sharma from Dibrugarh University, Prof. Bhup Singh Gaur from M.D. University, Haryana, Dr. Rajni Bala, BUC College Punjab, Dr. Imtiaz A. Ansari, Jamia Millia Islamia and Dr. K. M. Ziauddin, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. The resource persons of the seminar provided their valuable inputs on bridging the gap of knowledge on minority issues and

gender rights between academic and administrative platforms. Through this seminar, an attempt was made to understand how women in India belonging to various minority groups such cultural, religious, ethnic as well as sexual minority groups are victims of marginalization and exclusion from the broader political, economic and social framework. Also, the seminar touched upon certain critical questions such as how women themselves as a minority group is dually minoritized and marginalized through the process of communalism, radicalization of religion and discrimination on the grounds of caste, race, ethnicity or sexuality grounds. The technical sessions were thematized on various contemporary issues concerning minority rights and issues from policy perspectives. The seminar was convened by Dr. Trishna M. Thakuria, Assistant Professor of Sociology from USTM. The Chancellor of USTM, Shri M. Hoque extended words of appreciation and gratitude towards the Indian Sociological Society for collaborating with the USTM. It is also to be mentioned that this seminar has worked as a milestone regarding the upcoming 47th All India Sociological Conference which will be organized by USTM in December this year.

IIE conducts Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 25: Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati an organization under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India organized eight



days residential training and certification programme for SVEP-BPMs from July 18-25. The program sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India aimed at providing in-depth knowledge about the Implementation of the Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme and creation of micro and nano enterprises in rural India. Participants from Assam, Nagaland, Sikkim, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Bihar took part in the program. Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India recognized Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati as National Resource Organisation (NRO) for Sup-

porting & Implementation of Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), and the sub-scheme under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Live-

participants on successful completion of the training programme and motivated the BPMs to incorporate their learning in the field. He also described the importance of the BPM in implementation of the SVEP program, and the importance of SVEP in promoting rural entrepreneurship in India. Dr. Sripama B. Baruah, Sr. Faculty Member and Head, CIE, IIE briefed about the objectives and importance of the training programme and highlighted how SVEP is one of the flagship programmes in changing the rural livelihood and economy in the country in the coming future. Director and representatives of National Mission Management Unit (NMMU) DAY-NRLM, MoRD were also present online in the session and addressed the participants. The programme concluded with feedback from the participants and experience sharing.

lihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) programme supports the Self-Help Group (SHG) and their family members to set-up small enterprises in the non-farm sector. State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) is the implementing agency for the project. SRLM will work hand in hand with the National Resource Organization (NRO) for implementation of the program. In order to felicitate the participants IIE organized a valedictory program on 25 July, 2022 at its premise. While addressing the gathering Dr. Lalit Sharma, Director IIE congratulated the

Translated Novel BIJUWA released at Udalguri



Assam Rising
Udalguri, July 25: Bijuwa, a translated novel from Hindi into Assamese, was released amidst a function held at Udalguri. Bijuwa, a novel written by Basu Sarma the Londonite writer and translated into Assamese by Arpana Hazarika Kalita was released by Hareswar Kalita the President of Udalguri Jila Sahitya Sabha. The meeting was presided over by Nabin Malla Boro the renowned litterateur and the session was begun with the lighting of a lamp by Bidyapati Dahal the renowned Sanskrit scholar. Releasing the book Hareswar Kalita outlined the importance of the book to Assamese literature. Tarapati Upadhyaya, the renowned writer addressing the session, stressed on the importance of translation in literature. He thanked Arpana Hazarika Kalita for her endeavour. Nandeswar Daimari

the prolific story writer has also stressed the quality writing of Arpana Hazarika Kalita and Anju Goswami Kalita the President of Udalguri Lekhika Santha has expressed her satisfaction over the progress of Arpana in her writing. The meeting was also attended by Prodeep Kumar Daimary the former Deputy Chief of erstwhile BAC, Nilakanta Goyari the former secretary of Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Baidyanath Upadhyaya the renowned writer, Sahadev Gautam the secretary of Udalguri Arya Samaj among others. Dhiren Baishya the in charge President of Udalguri Press Club has extended vote of thanks to the literary dignitaries attended on that session.

Yoga camp held at Kalabari

Assam Rising
Biswanath Chariali, July 25: A three-day yoga camp organised by the district administration of Gohpur sub-division in association with Biswanath district Patanjali held at Kalabari HSS was concluded on Sunday. The yoga camp was officially inaugurated by Bijaya Bora, principal of Kalabari HSS with lighting of ceremonial

lamps. A total of 250 teachers from various educational institutions under Gohpur sub-division participated in the yoga camp. Niranjan Gogoi, secretary of Biswanath district committee of Assam Yogasan and Sports Association conducted the yoga camp under the supervision of Dipon Barman, ADC, Gohpur sub-division and Shiva Prasad Saikia, Pravari of Biswanath district committee of Bharat Swabhimana. Yoga instructors Bhaskar Phukan and Sanjib Bhuyan also attended the camp as assistants.

Painting competition concludes in Philobari

Assam Rising
Margherita, July 25: Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrated across the country to mark the completion



dian Army based at The painting competition was inaugurated by Major Ankit Kumar of Philobari camp of Assam Regiment No.14. Painting competitions are held in three disciplines A, B and C. first, second and third ranked contestants in each section are rewarded with prizes. On the other hand 15 other contestants are also awarded with incentive awards. The

judges of the painting competition are Samujal Saikia, a graduate of Guwahati Charu Kala College, Kakoli Kalita, a student of Cotton University and Parineeta Saikia, a student studying at Nagaon Women's College. Shankardev Shishu Niketan,

Workshop for recruitment of agniveers held at Nagaon

Assam Rising
Nagaon, July 25: The 8 Assam Battalion of NCC under guidance of Tezpur Group organized a three day long workshop for recruitment of the proposed

agniveers in Indian army and Navy under Agnipath scheme being initiated by the union government since July 21 last at Nagaon police reserve colony field. The workshop concluded on Saturday last. Over 107 NCC cadets from the battalion participated in the workshop. During the first day of the workshop, the desired candidates for the recruitment of agniveers conducted various strengthening exercises and they were taught how to carry out the online registration as well as how the required documents for the recruitment would be checked. Besides, the intended candidates were also given the tips to face the medical screening or test and other tests on current affairs by the experts from the battalion. Apart from this, the experts from 8 Assam Battalion, NCC also conducted the mock written test among the participants during the workshop and also dispelled the ongoing confusion as well as myths about the agnipath scheme across the country, a release added.

WDC conducted flood relief distribution program in Lakhimpur

Assam Rising
North Lakhimpur, July 25: Women Development Centre (WDC), an NGO working in North-East India, organized an emergency flood relief distribution program supported by MANOS UNIDAS, Spain at Gosanibari village under Nowboicha Development Block in Lakhimpur district on Sunday. The flood relief items were

Bhagyawati Bhuyan took the leadership in the program on behalf of the director of WDC Sister Betsy Devasia. A total number of 564 families received emergency flood relief aid in the program. The program coordinator Sanju Singh, the ward member of Gosanibari ward Dipa Saikia, supporting staff Puwaram Borah, Debo Bhuyan and Kaleb



food kit, sanitary kits, detergent kit, plastic mat, water filter, tarpaulin, torch light with battery, baby food, mosquito nets, bleaching powder, fodder for cattle etc. The items were distributed among the flood-affected people of five villages under Nowboicha Development Block. The project director of WDC

Tirkey were the main pillars who made today's emergency camp a great success. The program will be concluded today at the same area, informed the project director of WDC Bhagyawati Bhuyan. It is to be mentioned that WDC are serving the needy people across the state who are affected by the recent flood.

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A fragile compromise

As if defeating Russian aggression was not enough of a challenge, Europe now also faces rapidly rising new "waves" of undocumented asylum seekers. Given the sociopolitical upheavals that ensued after 1 million refugees, mostly Syrians, arrived on Europe's shores in 2015, the EU and UK might be expected to be better prepared this time. Figures published by Frontex, the EU border agency, show "irregular entries" rose to 114,720 in the first half of 2022, 84% up on last year. Many other migrants may have escaped detection. The number attempting entry via the western Balkans rose by nearly 200%. About 60,000 people are expected to cross the Channel in boats this year, double the 2021 total. Strikingly, these figures do not include millions of Ukrainians who have sought EU asylum since February. Most non-Ukrainian refugees and economic migrants classed as irregular come from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Turkey, Belarus, Bangladesh, Egypt and sub-Saharan Africa. That's important for understanding what is driving the new surge. The west's abandonment of Afghanistan last year is clearly reflected in increased refugee numbers. Continuing strife in Syria, including Idlib; the threat of more Turkish cross-border military incursions into Kurdish areas; and various Middle East and African conflicts, plus the legacy of the Iraq war, continue to fuel instability. The cumulative human impacts of the climate emergency also shape the overall migration picture. But right now, it's the threat to food supplies posed by Vladimir Putin's Black Sea blockade, and resulting shortages, price inflation and instability, that is the big new factor. For Putin, migration, like energy and food, is a weapon of war to aim at Europe's heart. A fragile compromise, unveiled in Istanbul on Friday and intended to create safe sea routes for grain from Odesa and two other Ukrainian ports, may ultimately ease pressure on import-dependent developing countries. Yet even if the deal holds, trade will take time to restart, and exports cannot reach prewar levels while the conflict continues. Recalling Putin's repeated assurances last winter that he would not invade, Ukrainian officials do not trust him to keep his word now - especially if the fighting on land shifts southwards. The US is sceptical, too. "What we're focusing on now is holding Russia accountable for implementing this agreement," the state department said. Regardless of whether the blockade is lifted, unregulated migration into Europe is forecast to continue rising through 2023. According to the UN refugee agency, the global total of displaced people has risen above 100 million, and that record will be broken if the Ukraine war drags on. "The first wave of indirect war victims is crashing towards Europe and will almost certainly be followed by more, larger waves," predicted analyst Elisabeth Braw.

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Italy's loss of Mario Draghi is a warning to progressives across Europe - and to the EU

Mario Draghi, the internationally admired former head of the European Central Bank, was never elected but was called upon in 2021 to lead a temporary government of national unity. That unity ended last week. Other European leaders are dismayed; many Italians are incredulous. The Draghi cabinet achieved consistently high approval ratings. And while Britain at least looks destined for a modicum of continuity as it switches Conservative leaders, Italy after a year and a half of apparent political stability is now heading for a September election where hard-right parties including the post-fascist Brothers of Italy party top the polls. The immediate culprits for the collapse of Draghi's administration are easy to identify: his coalition partners the anti-establishment Five Star Movement, the far-right League, led by Matteo Salvini, and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia decided to boycott a confidence vote on a package of measures to ease the cost of living crisis. And yet, the problem is not so much that these parties are selfish and irresponsible for collapsing Draghi's plans: of course they are. The problem is that

top-down government by technocrats does not work in the first place and Italian progressives have failed to craft a viable alternative to the right. Just blaming Five Star or the League is a self-absolving narrative that risks becoming an alibi for further inaction. Draghi's international prestige is no excuse for ignoring the shortfalls of his technocratic approach. Italy was always constitutionally required to have parliamentary elections by next spring. Ahead of that, it is only natural that political parties that had coalesced artificially to form a government to relaunch the economy post-pandemic would begin to raise their voices to establish distinctive identities with the electorate. This is how democratic politics functions: parties represent different worldviews and the electorate wants to be aware of the differences. Draghi brought about his own downfall. Understandably but ultimately self-defeatingly, he refused to yield to pressure and hand over symbolic wins to members of his coalition. Such compromise is what politics is made of. Witness Germany's governing coalition, which agreed to lower the

price of gas to please the free market Liberals and ensure almost-free public transport to allow the Greens also to claim victory. Brushing aside the differences between parties is no way to guarantee the stability of a system. It only places a lid on simmering water until the pot inevitably boils over. Such explosions in democracies are called

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elections. But why is the prospect of an election in Italy right now so worrying? The irresponsible actions of Five Star or the League should not give Italy's progressives a free



pass. They have failed to provide a realistic alternative to either unelected technocracy or the hard-right backlash against it. If such an alternative existed, the prospect of

people to establish that their status, whatever it was, was earned and not bequeathed. Britain is a country of enormous wealth, much of it inherited. In fact, inherited family wealth is fast becoming, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, the most important determinant of how well-off a person will be later in life. Britain is also a place where the alumni of a small number of expensive schools and exclusive universities hold a wildly disproportionate share of the nation's power, wealth and top jobs. The result is a privileged class anxiety. For the one in 10 UK adults born in the 1980s who will inherit from their parents more than half as much money as the average person earns in a lifetime, there is a constant need to pre-empt any impression that they are part of an entitled clique with the sort of money and connections that smooth their passage through life. Research conducted by the LSE last year looked into why almost half of people in middle-class professional jobs identified themselves as working class, even when a quarter of them had par-

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Sri Lanka-type abyss in India? It's a fantasy of the Left that can only be dismissed

All the lefties in India - please note I do not call them left-liberal intellectuals as they are not liberal and are far from being intellectual - are having a field day predicting that India is about to repeat a Sri Lanka. These lefties have friends ensconced in US universities who urged Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to spend more during the days of Covid-19 pandemic. Thank God she did not listen to them. We are all beneficiaries of her sobriety and fiscal rectitude. One can argue that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) could have raised interest rates a little sooner. But quite frankly, this is a fatuous argument. One can never time matters like these perfectly. Incidentally, a study done 10 years from now might end up strongly endorsing everything that the RBI has done so far. Suffice it to say that the RBI has on balance been quite sensible, smart and admirably transparent. The last point on transparency is not a trivial one. It has a direct impact on financial markets. Much as lefties may not like financialisation, trust me financial markets are pretty accurate predictors of coming events. Countries that lose the respect of financial markets will suffer awful consequences in their real economies. That is why we must respect Chandra Shekhar, S. Venkitaramanan, C. Rangarajan and company. They took the risk of mortgaging our gold. But they respected financial markets. Latin American countries and now Sri Lanka who have chosen default over honour doom their citizens to decades of volatility and poverty. Coming back to today or for

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10 'BRO workers' rescued, 9 still missing

Arunachal, July 25 : Two more labourers, who went missing from a camp at a border road construction site in Arunachal Pradesh's KurungKumey district on July 5, were rescued from a forest in between Huri, the construction campsite, and Tapa village on Sunday. Both the labourers were res-



cued by a team of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) with the help of local villagers. The health condition of the duo, Kholebuddin Sheikh (27) and Shamidul Sheikh (19), is stated to be critical. After being rescued, they were immediately brought to the State Bank of India (SBI) camp at Huri and provided first aid, and later shifted to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Damin for treatment. Speaking with

EastMojo, GejumBasar, officer-in-charge of Koloriang police station, said, "The health condition of both Kholebuddin and Shamidul is critical and doctors have advised to airlift them for better treatment by Monday." With this, 10 out of the 19 labourers who went missing have been res-

cued. According to the rescued labourers, three of them reportedly died while being lost in the jungles, but their bodies have not yet been traced by the authorities. The remaining six workers are still missing. According to the Kurung Kumey district administration, search operations to locate the remaining labourers had to be called off on Sunday owing to the threat from venomous snakes in the forests. The Indian Air Force (IAF) chop-

pers could also not join in the search operations on Sunday due to bad weather. However, the search and rescue operations resumed on Monday morning. "As per the statement of the two labourers rescued on Sunday, four others who were with them were left behind as they were not in a condition to walk," the district administration said. The labourers were engaged in road construction for a project allegedly under the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in the remote Huri area under the Damin subdivision. They left the camp for their homes on July 5 without informing their contractors, who had allegedly denied them leave for Eid-al-Adha celebrations. Extensive search operations were soon launched by the Arunachal Pradesh police with the help of locals to track them. The SDRF, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and IAF later joined the search and rescue operations. All of the labourers are from Assam, the majority of them hailing from lower Assam districts, including Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Dhubri and Barpeta.

Northeast engineers mid-term and annual council begins in Kohima

Kohima, July 25 : The Indian Engineers Federation (INDEF) North East Region (NER) mid-term and annual council meeting began on Friday at Hotel Japfü in Kohima, organised by the Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations (FONSESA). President of INDEF (NEF) PuraTupe, informed the gathering of engineers that the meeting is the 26th meeting of the body, the first being conducted in 2005 in Shillong, and is held on a rotational basis in the region. He said that the INDEF is the apex body of all engineering bodies in the country formed in 1983, and is a legal body under the Societies Act. Six regional organisations from across the country are af-

filiated with INDEF namely Eastern, North Eastern, Western, Southern, Northern, and Central. Tupe said that the NER is one of the biggest regional organisations under INDEF. The region which shares international borders, he said, continues to be one of the most backward regions in the country. In this regard, he appealed to the chief ministers of the states to make decisions and consider the memorandum that was submitted by INDEF to bring more development to the region. He also encouraged the engineers to follow a healthy work culture, and maintain transparency of rotational transfers. He also raised a concern stating that so far, there is no legal backing for engineers. INDEF

secretary general Pulak Sharma informed that the body has been demanding for heading and manning of technical departments by technical personnel, removal of disparity in career values of engineers vis-a-vis administrative services, and Constitution of engineering commission. He appealed to the Minister of Rural Development (RD) MetsuboJamir, who attended the event as the special guest, to bring to the notice of the CM its charter of demands. Gracing the occasion, MetsuboJamir said that as every state has their own rules of business, he requested the respective organizations to separately make the state-wise presentations. As for the state of Nagaland, he assured As-



sured FONSESA of the government's support. He encouraged the engineers to address issues in the region, particularly about the developmental activities in the terrain. He also advised them to stay up to date with technology. Most importantly, he encouraged the engineers not to be complacent in their duties and roles, especially while handling engineering projects

that need timely completion. As the NE region is poised to be a centre for the country, he hoped that the engineers would not fail the region in terms of development. He also challenged present-day engineers to work towards protecting the environment. The two-day event was attended by engineers from seven Northeastern states and Sikkim.

Man accused of misappropriating funds arrested in AP

Seppa, July 25 : A 47-year-old man was recently arrested by the East Kameng police from Tripura after he was accused of misappropriating funds of the company he used to work for here. The accused, identified as Sushanta Saha, was working as the manager of M/s Longsa Mangam Enter-

prises, local retail and wholesale business firm, and had allegedly fled away with around Rs 45 lakh belonging to the company on May 25. The matter was accordingly reported to the police and a case under U/S 406 (criminal breach of trust) of the Indian Penal Code was registered at the Seppa police station in East Kameng district. Upon receipt of the complaint, the police formed a team to work on the case and started examining the persons and bank accounts connected with Saha. "Though his phone was kept on surveillance, he kept on changing his sim card and location from Manipur to



West Bengal and then Tripura. He was eventually arrested from Agartala on the intervening night of July 20 and 21 as a result of a raid assisted by the Tripura police," East Kameng SP Rahul Gupta said. The Seppa police team that travelled to Agartala to nab Saha consisted of inspectors Sochi

Don and Sunita Nabam and constables Senia Yangfo, Tagi Gyadi and M Wangsu. The SP said, "An amount of Rs 2.70 lakh, which was available in one of Saha's bank accounts, has been frozen. However, the actual quantum of money involved in the case is being investigated." One mobile phone and three bank passbooks were also recovered from the accused, Gupta said while thanking the Tripura police for their support. The East Kameng police in July last year had travelled to West Garo Hills in Meghalaya to arrest a migrant contractor in a similar case of cheating amounting to Rs 10 lakh.

ONGC inks gas sale agreements for Khubal field in Tripura

Agartala, July 25 : The ONGC has inked gas sale agreements with GAIL India and Assam Gas Company Ltd (AGCL) to monetise its upcoming field at Khubal in North Tripura district, an official said on Saturday. Under the agreement, the GAIL and AGCL will receive 50,000 standard cubic metre of gas each from Khubal Gas Gathering Station (GGS), he said. Once it starts production, Khubal will be the tenth producing field of ONGC in Tripura. Khubal GGS will have a capacity to process 0.44 MMSCMD (4,40,000 standard cubic meters) of gas for

which the process of construction has already been started, he added. "It marks a momentous occasion not just for ONGC, GAIL and AGCL but for the people of Northeast as well, as it means more gas will find its way into industries and people's homes, positively impacting living standards," asset manager of ONGC Tripura Tarun Malik said. "The GSA for gas produced from wells of Khubal means more than just another step in the relationship between ONGC and GAIL. It means the increasing integration of the region with the rest of the country,"

said R Choudhury, CGM-zonal head of GAIL. GSA is an important milestone in the lifecycle of any gas business, signifying commerciality for producers like ONGC, while ensuring the product reaches the end consumers through marketing and transportation intermediaries such as GAIL and AGCL. The Khubal gas field is expected to start production in 2024 in line with the commissioning of the Indra Danush Gas Grid Line (IGGL) pipeline, a critical and massive infrastructure project for the Northeast region's gas sector, officials said.



Schools for up to Class 7 closed till August 7 as COVID cases

Imphal, July 25 : Manipur Governor La Ganesan on Friday ordered the closure of all state schools for students studying up to class 7 till August 7 as a precautionary measure amid the surge of COVID-19 in the state. However, physically classes for classes 8 and above will be reopened from July 25, it said. Earlier, the state government extended the summer vacation for all schools, including government, government aided, private, and schools affiliated to CBSE and closed the conduct of physical classes till July 24. The order stated that the government reassessed the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the state and the rate of vaccination of children twelve years and above.



"Children below twelve years of age continue to be more vulnerable to get infected by COVID-19 as they are yet to get vaccinated," the order stated. The school will remain closed for these students till August 7 in the public interest, it added. Meanwhile, COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, SoP and guidelines issued by the government from time to time will be strictly

observed by all concerned while conducting physical classes for classes 8 and above which are allowed to reopen from July 25, the order added. On Friday, Manipur recorded 79 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the total active cases to 644. Fortunately, no death related to the virus were reported in the state in the last 24 hours. The cumulative number of deaths is 2,124.

Nagaland BJP celebrates victory of President-elect Murmu

Kohima, July 25 : The Bharatiya Janata Party Nagaland state unit on Friday celebrated the victory of President-elect Droupadi Murmu at Mhachaki in Kohima. Addressing the party workers, state BJP president and Minister for Higher education and tribal affairs, Temjen Imma Along said that it is a red letter day and a proud moment for the

probe on Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Along said that the day will be remembered as a day when a powerful lady was summoned by the ED and the party marched on the streets to protest against it, and also as a day where a mother of a minority group was elected to be the constitutional head of the country. What could be more befitting than see-

ter for Soil & Water Conservation, Geology & Mining and Chairman, NSMDC, said the election of a tribal leader to the office of the Indian President is a good opportunity for tribal states like Nagaland. Like Murmu, who had a humble beginning, he encouraged Nagas to also build their foundation properly and do away with the desire of jumping to higher levels. Sangtam acknowledged political parties and all elected members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly for making Nagaland one among three states with 100% voting. Further, he urged the party workers to spread the message that the party is secular and does not stand for one religion alone. The celebration was chaired by Kohima district BJP general secretary Pelengto Peseyie, while State secretary Therali Ezung said the blessings. State spokesperson Ngampa Konyak briefly delivered a welcome address and State Mahila Morcha vice president Tsachola Rothrong highlighted a brief biography of Murmu.



country's tribals. Along said, "Out of 133 crore population, only about 12 crore population are tribals, making it one of the smallest communities. To have a tribal woman as the 15th President of the world's largest democracy is indeed a proud moment for all of us." Referring to the Enforcement Directorate (ED)

ing a tribal woman representing women empowerment as India celebrates 75 years of independence, the BJP president said. He urged the party workers to tell fellow nagas about the visionary goals of the party and the right steps that the party is taking towards inclusive governance. V Kashiho Sangtam, Minis-

Meghalaya govt to release four months' salaries of protesting teachers

Shillong, July 25 : After four days of protest, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan teachers in Meghalaya have been assured of four months' salaries out of the five months' pending salary. On Thursday, Meghalaya deputy chief minister Prestone Tynsong called the SSA teachers for a meeting which was also attended by senior officials from the education department. President of Meghalaya SSA School Association (MSSASA), Aristotle Rymbai,

informed that it was a positive meeting with the deputy chief minister and other officials from the education department. "As for the remaining one month's salary, it will be released once they receive it from the Central Government," said Rymbai. The Chief Minister, along with Deputy Chief Minister, will go to Delhi to meet officials of the Ministry of Finance to ensure the release of the SSA

teachers' salaries. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong mentioned that they were on the same page and urged the teachers to call



off the protest. The SSA teachers had not called off the protest at the time of filing this report.

Delegation from Mizoram meets Union Minister Jitendra Singh

Mizoram, July 25 : A delegation of Lai, Mara and Chakma coordination committee from Mizoram met Union Minister Jitendra Singh here on Saturday and discussed with him some of their pending demands, an official statement said. They also presented a memorandum to the minister. Singh reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to develop the north

ent tribes and communities living in the region. He also told the delegation comprising representatives of Lai, Mara and Chakma autonomous district councils that Prime Minister Modi is keen to resolve the issues of different tribes and communities of north-eastern region with a human touch, which were neglected for long and exploited by successive governments in

also referred to the initiative taken by Shah, as chairman of north eastern council (NEC), to propose allocation of exclusive funds from the council's budget for the deprived sections and neglected areas. Various demands raised by the members of delegation were discussed with the minister, said the statement issued by the Personnel Ministry. Singh said the Modi government has always been very considerate and sympathetic. Prominent members in the delegation included M Laikaw, chairman Lai Mara Chakma coordination committee, Nirupam Chakma, ex-minister, government of Mizoram, Delson Notlia, national secretary, minority morcha, Sapliana Vandiir, ex-MLA and T Zakunga, ex-CEM (chief executive member) & MDC (member of district council), the statement added.



eastern states and bring them at par with other more developed states of the country and at the same time also ensure equitable development of different areas within the north eastern region as well as differ-

Mizoram. Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, also recalled a visit by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Aizawl and his meetings with different sections of people to arrive at a reasonable decision. He

Big announcement for Tripura ADC ahead of 2023

Agartala, July 25 : Tripura Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma on Saturday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss a spate of issues ranging from improving the rural infrastructure to the empowerment of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC). The Deputy Chief Minister, who holds crucial portfolios like Finance, Power, Rural Development, Science and Technology etc., apprised Prime Minister Narendra Modi of the development-oriented works undertaken by the Tripura government after the BJP came to power in 2018. During the meeting that lasted about an hour, Varma is said to have sought assistance from the Prime Minister regarding several under progress schemes. Speaking exclusively to EastMojo after the meeting, Dev Varma said, "The main issues that came up for discussion were rural development, finance

and improving the rural connectivity in Tripura." On being asked whether there is any special development program approved by the Prime Minister, he said, "Schemes are drafted very carefully and it requires a lot of study. Certainly, some proposals are there and we shall wait for the right time to make things public." "Tripura Cabinet has already approved a decision to empower the TTAADC. During my meeting with the Prime Minister, we have discussed the challenges related to the implementation of the scheme and how fast it could be implemented," said the Deputy Chief Minister. Tripura cabinet gave the green signal to a proposal regarding increasing the strength of TTAADC from 28 to 50. Right now, the size of the council is 28, which is likely to be constituted with 50 members in the days to come. For that, delimitation of the constituencies is needed to be done.

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Droupadi Murmu Swearing-in

mother of democracy. "Calling Murmu's swearing-in ceremony a 'watershed moment for India, especially for the poor, marginalised and downtrodden," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished the President luck for her tenure. PM Modi added, "In her address after taking oath, President Droupadi Murmu gave a message of hope and compassion". Murmu, in Parliament, said, "Reaching the Presidential post is not my personal achievement, it is the achievement of every poor in India. My election is evidence that the poor in India can not just dream but also fulfil those dreams." Murmu is the first tribal woman to hold the highest constitutional post in the country. Chief Justice of India N V Ramana administered the oath to Murmu in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, S Jaishankar, Amit Shah, among others. President Droupadi Murmu, who had worked as a teacher decades ago, on Monday said thoughts of Sri Aurobindo on education continue to inspire her. In her acceptance address at the Central Hall of Parliament soon after being sworn in as the 15th President of India, she recalled that decades ago, she had the opportunity to work as a teacher at Sri Aurobindo Integral School in Odisha's Rairangpur. "After a few days, we will observe the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. Sri Aurobindo's thoughts on education continue to inspire me," she said. Aurobindo had proposed that education is nothing but bringing out and nurturing the latent potentialities. The president said she has had an active association with educational institutions, serving in various positions as a public representative and then as Jharkhand governor. Her election is proof the poor can dream and fulfil them too, India's 15th president and its first tribal head of state Droupadi Murmu said after taking oath of office on Monday, a landmark day that melded tradition with the aspirations of a modern nation. President Murmu, who is the second woman in the top constitutional post, succeeds Ram Nath Kovind and was sworn in by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana at Parliament's Central Hall. The tribal leader, India's youngest president at 64 and the first to be born after Independence, took oath of office in the name of god to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law". "It is the power of India's democracy that a girl born in a poor tribal home could reach the topmost constitutional post," she said in her address, marking her journey from Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, one of the most underdeveloped in India, to the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Several world leaders, including presidents of China, Russia, Sri Lanka and Nepal, have congratulated India's new president Droupadi Murmu who assumed office on Monday and expressed their desire to work with her to enhance their respective nations' multifaceted ties with India. Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday congratulated Murmu, 64, on assuming office, saying he stands ready to work with her to enhance political mutual trust, deepen practical cooperation and properly handle differences. Russian President Vladimir Putin also congratulated Murmu and expressed hope that she will further promote bilateral productive cooperation. "We attach much importance to the relations of a special privileged strategic partnership with India," Putin said in the message. "I hope your activities as the head of state will promote the further development of the Russian-Indian political dialogue and productive cooperation in different areas for the benefit of our friendly nations and in the interests of stronger international stability and security," he said in his message on Saturday. Sri Lanka's newly-appointed President Ranil Wickremesinghe congratulated Murmu, recalling the close ties between the two nations and underlining that her leadership offers "fresh impetus" to the joint endeavours to nurture and strengthen the cordial ties they enjoy. Hopes and aspirations are running high among tea-tribe community and several backward groups in Assam as they look up to Droupadi Murmu, who was on Monday sworn in as India's 15th President, for fulfilment of their constitutional rights and socio-economic empowerment. All tribal groups in the northeastern state are elated by her rise to the highest Constitutional post and people belonging to the tea-tribe community are optimistic that Murmu will take steps to ensure granting of the Scheduled Tribe status to them. The tea-tribe community, comprising Mundas, Oraons, Santhals, Bhumij and others, in Assam are descendants of labourers who were brought from Chotanagpur plateau areas by the British to work in tea gardens but they have not been granted the ST status as their brethren in the states of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Adivasi National Convention Committee secretary Bir Singh Munda said Murmu, as the constitutional head, has the power to ensure that the long-pending demand of the Adivasis in Assam for the ST status is fulfilled. Sri Lanka's newly-appointed President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday congratulated India's new President Droupadi Murmu, recalling the close ties between the two nations and underlining that her leadership offers "fresh impetus" to the joint endeavours to nurture and strengthen the cordial ties it enjoys. Murmu, 64, took over as India's 15th president on Monday, the country's first tribal head of state and the second woman in the post. "Your appointment to this chief responsibility in one of the largest democracies is testimony to the trust and confidence the government and the people have placed in your caliber and political acumen," Wickremesinghe wrote in his message. Recalling the close ties between the two nations, Wickremesinghe said, "Your leadership offers fresh impetus to our joint endeavors to nurture and strengthen the cordial ties we enjoy and I look forward to working closely with you towards this end." Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday congratulated his Indian counterpart Droupadi Murmu on assuming office, saying he stands ready to work with her to enhance political mutual trust, deepen practical cooperation and properly handle differences. In a congratulatory message, President Xi pointed out that China and India are important neighbours of each other, and that a healthy and stable China-India relationship is in line with the fundamental interests of the two countries and their people, as well as conducive to peace, stability and development in the region and across the world. Xi said that he attaches great importance to China-India relations, and stands ready to work with Murmu to enhance political mutual trust, deepen practical cooperation, properly handle differences and push bilateral ties forward on the right track, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Murmu, India's youngest president at 64 and the first to be born after Independence, took oath of office on Monday. Chief Justice of India N V Ramana administered her oath at a ceremony held at Parliament's Central Hall.

Governorship, Rajya Sabha seat

in connection with the case, and four members of the gang were arrested, they said. One of the accused fled during the search operation after assaulting CBI officers, the officials said. A separate FIR has been filed against him at the local police station for assaulting agency officials, they said. In its FIR, the CBI has named Kamalakar Premkumar Bandgar of Maharashtra's Latur, Ravindra Vithal Naik of Karnataka's Belgaum, and Delhi-NCR-based Mahendra Pal Arora, Abhishek Boora and Mohammed Ajaz Khan in connection with the case, the officials said. It is alleged that Bandgar was posing as a senior CBI officer and flaunting his "connections" with highly placed officials and had asked Boora, Arora, Khan and Naik to bring any sort of work that he could fix in lieu of payment of huge illegal gratification. They conspired with "the sole ulterior motive of cheating private persons by falsely assuring them for an arrangement of seats in Rajya Sabha, appointment as governor, appointment as chairman in different government-run organisations under central government ministries and departments against huge pecuniary consideration," the FIR alleged. The agency came to know through its source that Boora discussed with Bandgar how the latter's purported connection with high-ranking officials who play "pivotal roles" in appointments be exploited to get the work done. It surfaced that the accused were attempting to cheat people by falsely assuring them of candidature for Rajya Sabha against a huge consideration to the tune of Rs 100 crores, the FIR alleged. The CBI received information that they would drop names of senior bureaucrats and political functionaries to impress clients approaching them for some work either directly or through middlemen like Abhishek Boora, it stated. It also emerged that Bandgar posed as a senior CBI officer and threatened police officials of various police stations to grant favours to people known to him or to influence investigations of ongoing cases, the FIR alleged.

AIUDF MLA Terms 'Har Ghar

earts of the people and to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari. This campaign aims to have flags hoisted across the country from August 13-15. The Prime Minister urged the people to strengthen the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement while recalling the monumental courage and efforts of those who dreamt of a flag for free India. "This year, when we are marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, let us strengthen the Har Ghar Tiranga movement. Hoist the Tricolour or display it in your homes between 13th and 15th August. This movement will deepen our connect with the national flag." PM Modi had tweeted. In Assam, 80 lakh national flags will be hoisted in houses, offices and commercial establishments across the state from August 13 to 15, 2022. The state's the Cultural Affairs Department will also set up stalls at district and village levels so that national flags can be made available for purchase by the public at their nearest locations. The Centre has also tied up with various e-commerce websites and self-help groups to streamline the process of the supply of the flags.

'If anyone is guilty, he should be

I want the truth to come out. I am not in politics to enjoy. I think, giving up should be done in politics. But tell me one thing, is all the students of the school are same? There will be a difference. I do not support any injustice, I do not support corruption. I especially get a parliament pension of Rs 1 lakh for 11 years. I didn't take a penny. I am really sad today. In the behavior of several political parties. Some may make mistakes." Mamata further added, "A verdict should be given based on the truth, within a given time frame. If someone has been involved in wrong activities, none of us will interfere no matter how harsh a verdict they face. We will not support them." CPM central committee member Sujan Chakraborty has appealed to eminent citizens to stand by the 'deprived' teacher candidates who have accused of corruption in the recruitment of teachers in the state. In the letter addressed to the award recipients, he wrote, after independence, such a scandal has not happened before in favor of the ruling party. Trinamool state general secretary Kunal Ghosh also said, "This is a very ugly attitude. CPM has never given due respect to the people of education, art and culture. Incidentally, actor Dev Adhikari is getting 'Banga Bhushan' honor this time. After receiving the Chief Minister's letter, he posted the news on Facebook on Sunday. Actress Rituparna Sengupta, singers Shreya Ghoshal, Kaushiki Chakraborty and Sharod player Devjyoti Basu are also getting 'Banga Bhushan'. Tabla player Pandit Anindya Chatterjee is receiving Banga Vibhushan.

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's daughter

Sukanya has scored 92.75% in ISC Results 2022. Sharing a family picture, Assam CM expressed his happiness on his daughter's success while basking in the glory of a proud father. The post reads, "A moment to cherish! My daughter Sukanya scored 92.75% in her ISC 12th exam. You made us proud! Have my blessings in every step of your life." So far, the post has managed about 23.2k likes and over 1300 retweets. Even the comments section has been flooded with well-wishers wishing Sukanya the best for her future and congratulating the proud father. CISCE announced ISC Results 2022 on July 25, 2022 for over 1.5 lakh students. The results were announced at 5 pm and the link to download ISC 12th scores also went live on the official website - cisce.org. This time, 18 students managed to get AIR 1 in ISC Results. As per the ISC Results 2022 statistics, all these 18 students have topped CISCE 12th Results with 99.75%. The board's overall pass percentage stood at 99.38%, in which girls outshined boys once again by scoring 99.52% and boys at 99.26%.

Tokyo Olympics medallist Lovlina

her coaches, who helped her win medals, has been denied entry to the Commonwealth Games Village while another one has been sent home. Lovlina also said that her training has been halted just 8 days before the CWG 2022. Lovlina took to Twitter to make some serious allegations against BFI. Check her tweet here: "Today with great sorrow I want to reveal that harassment is going on with me. The coaches who helped me win the Olympic medal were removed which hindered my training process. One of the coaches is Sandhya Gurungji, who is a Dronacharya awardee. Both of my coaches have to plead to be included in the training camp and they are added quite late," Lovlina said in her tweet. "I have to face a lot of issues in these training camps and this causes mental harassment as well. Right now my coach Sandhya Gurungji is outside Commonwealth Village and she is not getting entry. My training process was stopped eight days ahead of the Games. Lovlina said that this is happening to her despite a lot of requests she has made to stop this and it has caused her a lot of mental harassment. "My second coach has been sent back to India. In spite of requesting so much I had to face mental harassment. I don't understand how should I focus on the Games as due to this my last World Championships was also spoiled. But I don't want to spoil my CWG because of this politics. I hope I can break this politics for my country and bring a medal as well," Lovlina added. Notably, Lovlina sealed the berth in the Indian team for the CWG in the 70 kg event with a dominating 7-0 win against Railways Pooja in the selection trials held by BFI in June in Delhi. Lovlina scripted history when she won the women's 69 kg bronze medal at Tokyo 2020, becoming the third Indian boxer to win a medal at the Olympics after Vijender Singh (bronze at Beijing 2008) and Mary Kom (bronze at London 2012). The Birmingham Commonwealth Games will begin on July 28 and will conclude on August 8.

Aaditya Thackeray in Trouble!

the central government will add to the difficulties of Aaditya Thackeray. Recently, Eknath Shinde, who rebelled from the Thackeray family with the help of BJP MLAs, has formed the government in Maharashtra and ousted Uddhav Thackeray from power. Significantly, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra is no longer Uddhav Thackeray, father of former Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray. Eknath Shinde has become the CM of the state by removing him from the post. In such a situation, the audit being done by the center is a big blow to Aaditya Thackeray. Uddhav Thackeray's party is divided into two factions, Uddhav Thackeray faction and Eknath Shinde faction. Most of the Shiv Sena MLAs and MPs are with the Eknath Shinde faction. The Eknath Shinde faction has also claimed the party's election symbol and has applied to the Election Commission. In such a situation, there is also doubt on whether the Thackeray family will have the right to exercise authority over the Shiv Sena party or not. In such a situation, Aaditya's Ministry will be audited. Let us tell you that the allegations against former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's son Aaditya Thackeray will be investigated and all the work done by his ministry in the last two and a half years will be audited.

Ram Nath Kovind moves out of

at 10, Janpath, will be a neighbour of the former First Couple. 12, Janpath, was the residence for nearly three decades of the late former Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan, who passed away in October 2020. In March this year, the Paswan family was evicted from the premises after they refused to vacate despite several notices from the directorate of estates under the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA). Meanwhile, M Venkaiah Naidu, the outgoing vice president whose term will conclude on August 10, will move to 1, Tyagraj Marg, after his retirement. This bungalow was previously allotted to former Union minister DV Sadananda Gowda. The vice presidential election will take place on August 6. Of the two candidates - the BJP-led ruling NDA's Jagdeep Dhankhar and the joint Opposition's Margaret Alva - the victor will be announced on the same day, and will be the fourteenth vice president.

Awareness Vahan on Covid Vaccination inaugurated

Assam Rising, **North Lakhimpur, July 25 :** Joint Director of Health Services, Lakhimpur (i/c) Dr. Jagadish Goswami, inaugurated the Awareness Vahan to promote Covid Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav across the Lakhimpur district at the Office of the Joint Director of Health Services, North Lakhimpur on Monday. 75 days 'COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsava' commenced providing free Precaution Dose to all adult (18 years and above) eligible population at Government COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs). Being implemented in a 'Mission Mode' this special COVID vaccination drive is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration. The special drive is aimed at increasing uptake of the Precaution Dose of COVID Vaccine among the eligible adult population. It may be mentioned here, that before this precaution dose was available for free for 60 years people, health workers, and front-line workers. It may be mentioned here that till 25th July, 8,39,853 People have received the 1st dose, 8,29,041 have received the 2nd dose while 50,787 have received the precautionary dose of the Covid vaccine.

10 day Women Football League starts



Assam Rising

Biswanath Chariali, July 25 : Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 Sector and Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) in collaboration with Tezpur District Sports Association inaugurated a women football league to mark the celebration of 75 years of Independence and to promote 'Mahila Yuva Sashaktikaran' initiative pioneered by Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles on July 25. The event will be conducted from July 25 to August 5. During the league a total of 10 matches will be played. The Aim of the League is to promote greater participation of women in sports and bringing youth closer together through common interest of sportsmanship and competition. A total of 5 teams will participate in the match and each team will get an opportunity to play a match with all the participating teams.

Biswanath players shine in state level Taekwondo

Assam Rising

Biswanath Chariali, July 25: A total of eleven taekwondo players from Biswanath who participated in the state level annual competitions of All Assam Taekwondo Association that was held from July 17 to 20 at Bongaigaon brought laurels to Biswanath district by winning a good numbers of medals in different categories. According to information received from Hridayananda Das, secretary of Biswanath district Taekwondo Association, a total number of 1200 players from different districts of Assam participated in the 37th Assam State Taekwondo championship. Out of the participants from Biswanath, 11 players managed to grab gold, silver and bronze medals. Bhumistha Das and Himshikha Das got gold medals whereas Priyadarshini Lama and Nayanee Gogoi begged for silver medals. On the contrary Rishabh Nath, Aradhya Priyam, Adhiraj Hazarika, Rishika Kurmi, Bornil Phukan, Rishabh Nath and Sudipta Nayan Bora grabbed the bronze medals. The team was led by Dinesh Saraniya and Puja Deuri as coaches which was attended by Dipshika Dolley as team manager.

LTK College donated books to NL jail

Assam Rising

North Lakhimpur, July 25: Lakhimpur Telahi Kamalaboria (LTK) College, a premier educational institution of higher education in Northern Assam, situated at Azad, North Lakhimpur donated two hundred books along with a book-self to the North Lakhimpur district jail, North Lakhimpur on Sunday. The ceremony held on this occasion was started by a chorus sung by the prisoners of the jail. Inaugurating the ceremony, the principal of LTK College Dr. Bubul Kumar Saikia wished that the prisoners might be proceeded again to the life of mainstream by developing strongly in intellectual aspect. The chief guest of the ceremony, eminent educationist Dr. Mukunda Rajbonshi delivered a thoughtful lecture while the jailor of North Lakhimpur jail Tarun Sonowal highlighted on the prison life from Mahatma Gandhi to Nelson Mandela, the great personalities of history. The jailor also praised the college authority and the teachers for taking such an exceptional step. Several prisoners performed songs in the event. The event ended with the giving of books and a book-shelf to the jail. The deputy jailors of North Lakhimpur district Jail Debakamal Baruah and Bikash Singha, vice principal of LTK College Bidyut Chutia, professors of LTK College Rumi Dutta, Dr. Swapna Dutta, Biju Kumar Sonowal, Moromi Gohain, Swapnali Borgohain, Rinku Dutta, Diganta Kumar Saikia, Badan Kalita, Siladitya Dutta, Dr. Debajit Dutta, Monuj Neog, Dr. Bhaskarjit Borah and Chiranjib Chaolek were present in the ceremony. The event was anchored by the secretary of teachers' unit Prof. Manas Pratim Borah.



4 Congress MPs Suspended From Lok Sabha For Entire Session After Protests

New Delhi, July 25 : Four Congress MPs have been suspended from the Lok Sabha for the entire monsoon session ending August 12 for holding protests with placards inside the house over price rise. Speaker Om Birla had earlier warned them to behave and hold the placards outside the house if they wanted to protest. After the Speaker's action, the four went near Mahatma Gandhi's statue on the parliament grounds and raised slogans there. The Congress said the government is trying to intimidate its MPs by suspending some of them. "Our MPs were trying to raise issues which matter to people," the Congress said. "The MPs were holding placards raising the issues of rise in prices of gas cylinder, imposition of GST on items such as flour and buttermilk. We moved an adjournment motion demanding a discussion on these issues, but no discussion was held," Congress's Deputy Leader in Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi said. A visibly upset Lok Sabha Speaker had warned opposition MPs that he was willing for a discussion after 3 pm, but won't tolerate any placard protest inside the house. "If you want to show placards, do it outside the house. I am ready for discussions, but don't think my kind-heartedness is weakness," the Speaker said. Later, he adjourned the proceedings till tomorrow. When the session resumed after 3 pm - it was adjourned 20 minutes into Zero Hour earlier - the opposition MPs, however, returned with the placards. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, condemning the conduct of the opposition MPs, requested the Speaker to take action against MPs who brought the placards inside the house again. "The people of the country want the house to run. But it can't run like this. I will not allow such a situation to remain in the house," Mr Birla said. "If you want to show placards, do it outside the house. I am ready for discussions, but don't think my kind-heartedness is a weakness," the Speaker said. Carrying placards and banners, the opposition MPs demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to come to parliament and address their concerns over rising inflation and goods and services tax, or GST, hike on essential items. The opposition has been demanding a discussion in parliament on price rise and had stalled the proceedings in both houses ever since the start of the monsoon session on July 18. Rajya Sabha Leader of the House Piyush Goyal said the government is ready for talks on inflation as it wants people to know what steps have been taken to fight price rise. "Inflation used to be in double digits during Congress/UPA rule but now it is around 7 per cent, which is less compared to other countries considering the problems around the world. The opposition is running away from the debate as they know they will be exposed," Mr Goyal said.

Tobi Amusan shatters 100m hurdles world record to revive super shoes debate

London, July 25 : Nigeria's Tobi Amusan reignited the debate about track and field's new super shoes as she unexpectedly shattered the 100m hurdles world record in Eugene. On a night when Mondo Duplantis also broke

the Adizero Avanti as "like hitting fast-forward" and promise the shoes "provide a snappy, propulsive ride with high traction and reduce fatigue, so you finish 5K and 10K races with a kick". There is nothing illegal about the

Balance's latest model earlier this week. There was also a second world record at the finale of these championships as Duplantis cleared 6.21m as he won another gold medal - and, like Amusan, left Eugene with a bonus cheque of \$100,000. "I've gotta save the best for last," said Duplantis, who beat his nearest rival Christopher Nielsen by an astonishing 27cm. "You get quite a bit of pressure on you when you're the only person competing in the entire track. It's an honour when people stay in their seats when it's literally only me on the track. It was quite a pleasure jumping out there, honestly." Asked how he would celebrate, the Olympic and world champion smiled. "I'll probably stay up kinda late," he said. "Those kinda performances probably call for something fun." Earlier in the day Jakob Ingebrigtsen made up for his 1500m defeat to Jake Wightman with a dominant performance in the 5000m. The race was never fast enough to blunt the Norwegian's speed and he was able to take the lead with 900m to go and gradually ramp up the pace before kicking for home. Dina Asher-Smith (centre) is consoled by teammates Imani Lansiquot and Daryll Neita after injuring herself during the women's 4x100m relay final. Such was his dominance he was even able to celebrate by pointing his finger at the crowd and easing down before crossing the line. "I didn't want a sprint finish because I wanted to prove I am the better guy," said Ingebrigtsen, who beat the Kenyan Jacob Krop into silver by 0.74 sec. "It was a great race but I wanted and I needed that. It felt really amazing." Elsewhere the German Olympic champion Malaika Mihambo continued her dominance in the women's long jump by soaring to a second successive world gold with a final leap of 7.12 metres.



his own pole vault world record, Amusan ran a staggering 12.12 sec to beat Kendra Harrison's old best by 0.08 - and, for good measure, also smashed her personal best in the process by nearly three-tenths of a second. Immediately after the race the former world 200m and 400m record holder, Michael Johnson, wondered whether the timing system at Hayward Field was off. He was far from alone. However it transpired that Amusan had been given a boost by using Adidas Adizero Avanti shoes, which are meant for 5km and 10km runners, rather than track spikes. Great Britain's Keely Hodgkinson pushed American Olympics champion Athing Mu all the way in the women's 800m final at the world athletics championships. After running even faster to win gold nearly two hours later, Amusan revealed she had accidentally stumbled on the idea of using the shoes, which have extra bouncy foam, after injuring her foot. Adidas bill

shoes, with current World Athletics rules dictating that sprint spikes cannot have soles thicker than 20mm - the same as the Adizero Avanti. Until now these shoes have always been used for long races, however the benefits for Amusan were obvious as she flew high over the hurdles and into the record books. "My abilities are not centred around spikes," said the Nigerian, who ran 12.06 in the final, only for the wind speed of +2.5m/s to make it ineligible for record purposes. "But I had patella fasciitis at the beginning of the season so that set me back for a while." I spoke to Adidas and requested if I could get spikes running with a softer sole. They recommended a lot of stuff and I feel comfortable in that so I was using them basically the entire time. "But the new breed of super shoes do appear to particularly help hurdling events, with Sydney McLaughlin also breaking the women's 400m hurdles record wearing New

Chess robot grabs and breaks finger of seven-year-old opponent

Moscow, July 25 : Played by humans, chess is a game of strategic thinking, calm concentration and patient intellectual endeavour. Violence does not usually come into it. The same, it seems, cannot always be said of machines. Last week, according to Russian media outlets, a chess-playing robot, apparently unsettled by the quick responses of a seven-year-old boy, unceremoniously grabbed and broke his finger during a

Chess Federation, told Baza the robot appeared to pounce after it took one of the boy's pieces. Rather than waiting for the machine to complete its move, the boy opted for a quick riposte, he said. "There are certain safety rules and the child, apparently, violated them. When he made his move, he did not realise he first had to wait," Smagin said. "This is an extremely rare case, the first I can recall," he added. Lazarev had a different account, saying the child had "made a move,

very next day, finished the tournament, and volunteers helped to record the moves," he said. His parents, however, have reportedly contacted the public prosecutor's office. "We will communicate, figure it out and try to help in any way we can," he said. Smagin told RIA Novosti the incident was "a coincidence" and the robot was "absolutely safe". The machine, which can play multiple matches at a time and had reportedly already played three on the day it encountered Christopher, was "unique", he said. "It has performed at many opens. Apparently, children need to be warned. It happens." A Russian grandmaster, Sergey Karjakin, said the incident was no doubt due to "some kind of software error or something", adding: "This has never happened before. There are such accidents. I wish the boy good health." Christopher may have been lucky. While robots are becoming more and more sophisticated, with the most modern models capable not just of interacting but actively cooperating with humans, most simply repeat the same basic acts - grab, move, put down - and neither know nor care if people get in the way. According to one 2015 study, one person is killed each year by an industrial robot in the US alone. Indeed, according to the US occupational safety administration, most occupational accidents since



match at the Moscow Open. "The robot broke the child's finger," Sergey Lazarev, president of the Moscow Chess Federation, told the TASS news agency after the incident, adding that the machine had played many previous exhibitions without upset. "This is of course bad." Video of the 19 July incident published by the Baza Telegram channel shows the boy's finger being pinched by the robotic arm for several seconds before a woman followed by three men rush in, free him and usher him away. Sergey Smagin, vice-president of the Russian

and after that we need to give time for the robot to answer, but the boy hurried and the robot grabbed him". Either way, he said, the robot's suppliers were "going to have to think again". Baza named the boy as Christopher and said he was one of the 30 best chess players in the Russian capital in the under-nines category. "People rushed to help and pulled out the finger of the young player, but the fracture could not be avoided," it said. Lazarev told Tass that Christopher, whose finger was put in a plaster cast, did not seem overly traumatised by the attack. "The child played the

De Kock dazzles before rain ruins England v South Africa ODI decider

London, July 25 : A crackle of class from the flashing blade of Quinton de Kock was as good as it got for the sold-out crowd at Headingley, with the third one-day international between England and South Africa abandoned after just two hours of play because of rain. De Kock had stroked his way to 92 not out from 76 balls, and South Africa 159 for two from 27.4 overs, when the second deluge of the day proved terminal and the officials called time at 4.03pm. It meant a series drawn at 1-1, a 50% refund for spectators, and a rather soggy end to England's 50-over programme this summer. After a pair of 2-1 defeats to India in the Twenty20s and the ODIs, missing out on the chance to claim a first series win as full-time captain was a blow to Jos Buttler. He bemoaned a lack of intensity from his side during the first hour of play here - wickets for David Willey and Adil Rashid pegged things back a touch - and pointed to the 38-hour turnaround since Friday's win in Manchester as the

likely reason for this. Indeed the schedule was something Buttler was keen to highlight when assessing his start to life as Eoin Morgan's replacement. England have three Twenty20s against South Africa in the next week - starting in Bristol on Wednesday - to complete a run of 12 white-ball internationals in just 24 days. Thanks to the rearranged fifth Test against India last month, there has been little respite between fixtures. This may be a longstanding lament - the type that prompted Ben Stokes to call time on his ODI career - but for Buttler it has been particularly acute, with just one full training day and thus a lack of time to impart his vision as captain. England, previously so dominant with the bat under Morgan, have been bowled out in all five ODI innings and missed a chance to reassert themselves here. Buttler said: "It's a frustration of mine that we don't have any training days. I think those training days are really important for that team cohesion, the energy within the group, the fielding drills, the

camaraderie around the guys without the pressure of a game. And they're really vital to high performance." A lot of the time around training is when you do your best work, away from the pressures of the game, having good conversations and having a feel for where the group is at. And not just always in game mode, preparing for guys on the day. To get the highest standard of cricket possible, you need to prepare properly. "Hopefully that's something we can look at. As a new captain, just having that time to bed in and do that work around your players and with your coaches. That's been a frustration to be truthfully honest - it would be nice to have that time to do the work. But we don't, so you just have to adapt and find the best way." While the batting didn't truly fire across the five ODI innings - Jonny Bairstow topped the averages with 27 and one of the three half-centuries mustered - the chief positive for Buttler was Reece Topley, who claimed 11 wickets at 12 runs apiece from his five



appearances. "He's looked a threat whenever he's had the ball," said Buttler, while noting three injury absentees in Jofra Archer, Mark Wood and Chris Woakes. England's planning for the defence of their 50-over crown in India next year can be parked for a spell, however, with their next ODI series not until November. Before then comes a heavy diet of Twenty20 leading up to the shortest format's World Cup, with the upcoming three-match series against South Africa followed by seven matches in Pakistan and then three more against Australia. The switch in format sees a handful of changes to England's squad to face the Proteas, with Dawid Malan and Harry

Brook back among the batting options - Joe Root drops out - and Chris Jordan and Richard Gleeson offering a couple of right-arm seamers for a side which finished the ODIs with three left-armers. Buttler stressed the need for players to start grabbing spots in his T20 World Cup starting XI. Though denied an 18th ODI century by the heavens opening, De Kock's return to form is ominous. The opener came into the series without any warm-up cricket and started with scores of 19 and five initially. He now has runs under his belt, gliding 13 fours in wonderfully languid fashion, and a Headingley crowd that was hoping for more at least watched a gem of a player in full flow.

Fran Kirby's England rallying cry 'Let's put a smile on people's faces'

London, July 25 : Fran Kirby hopes that England can give the public some respite from the cost-of-living crisis and rising fuel prices as they prepare to face Sweden in the semi-finals of Euro 2022 on Tuesday. The Lionesses play the highest-ranked European

TVs on, they will have something to cheer about and will see how passionately we play for this country. Hopefully it gives them a sense of pride and they can switch off from everything that is going on." Kirby set up Beth Mead



against Spain. It just shows the country is getting behind us, people want us to do well. We're going out for walks and people are clapping us as we walk past. That's never happened before, especially as all the tournaments have been away previously, so being able to have it at home and to get that buzz from the nation gets you excited and ready to go for the next game. "It's a bit surreal when you're just walking down the street and people are out the windows clapping you. Hopefully it means that we're making people proud and we're inspiring them and showing them what women's football can do in this country." England have failed to get past the semi-final stage at the past three major tournaments, having reached the last four at the 2015 and 2019 World Cups and the European Championship in 2017. Kirby, who was part of all three squads, admitted there is added pressure to go one better. "It's a difficult one because we have been here before and done this previously so you could say there is that expectation there. For us, and me personally, I know how tough tournaments are and how difficult it is. I wouldn't say there is an expectation from us to get there, even if people expect it from us. The standard of women's football is rising every year." We know when we beat a team like Norway like we did [8-0 in the group stage] that people are going to start talking about us winning the tournament."

team in the tournament in a fourth major semi-final in a row and the public has rapidly woken up to the team's exploits on home soil after the thrilling victory against Spain in the previous round. "If we get the chance to win in the semi-final and get through to the final, I think it will be incredible for people in this country to have something to celebrate and enjoy," Kirby said. "As much as we want to win, we want to put a smile on people's faces. They may be going through a hard time in terms of the rising fuel costs and the cost of living right now. Hopefully we can give people an escape for 90-plus minutes when they turn their

for England's winning goal in their opening match against Austria and scored in the 5-0 defeat of Northern Ireland in the group stages but the Chelsea forward was replaced by Ella Toone in the quarter-final with Sarina Wiegman's side trailing 1-0. Toone's late equaliser and a brilliant winning goal in extra time from Georgia Stanway enabled the hosts to complete an emotional comeback in Brighton and Kirby said they are feeling the love of the public. "It did not start at the beginning, but as the tournament has grown," Kirby said. "I saw some amazing videos of people celebrating in Box Park and going crazy when we scored



these two programmes unachievable within the timetable proposed and the current governance framework. "Consequently, we believe we must now step aside to enable the required progress to be made in the coming months."

Lewis Hamilton hints he will prolong F1 stay after best finish of the season

Paris, July 25 : An elated Lewis Hamilton has indicated he has every intention of continuing in Formula One after securing his best finish of the season with second place at the French Grand Prix. The seven-times champion insisted that despite his Mercedes being off the pace he was enjoying F1 more than ever, suggesting the 37-year-old could well race on beyond the end of his contract, which concludes at the end of next

season. "I still feel fresh and there is plenty of fuel in the tank," he said. "I am enjoying the process and arriving everyday and working with this group of people and I am enjoying working with this sport. There are some great people in this sport and I am enjoying my time more than ever." The Mercedes team principal, Toto Wolff, had joked on Saturday that Hamilton could go on for another five or 10 years and

reach 400 races but more seriously did reveal he and his driver had been discussing his future. The team have struggled this year but Hamilton remained motivated and welcomed discussion on extending his career. "I want to get back to winning ways and I am sure we will sit down together soon," he said, before offering his gratitude to some of the key people who have helped him come so far. "This is my 300th GP and I

woke up incredibly grateful for all the people who have been with me. Ron Dennis, Mercedes, Martin Whitmarsh, Toto, Niki Lauda... I have been on an incredible journey with them. "His teammate George Russell was third in France, Mercedes' first double podium of the season, and although the Red Bull of race winner Max Verstappen still held a real advantage, Hamilton felt the team could



be optimistic heading to Hungary next weekend. "We have to keep pushing and I hope we are getting a little closer. This weekend he [Max] was only 10 seconds up the road," he said.

Euro 2022's legacy must be true parity for female footballers in England

London, July 25 : The performances of the England team have led back pages, with the Lionesses playing to primetime TV audiences and packed stadiums full of passionate fans. The comeback win against Spain was pure football drama, capped by a winning goal from Georgia Stanway that would grace any game. Even more of the players are becoming household names. That interest will only intensify if Sarina Wiegman's team lift the trophy in front of their home fans. All of this will, undoubtedly, create a bounce for a domestic game already growing rapidly, inspiring more people to get involved. These successes are the result of a lot of hard work, which deserves recognition. The pace of change is why now is the perfect time for the review into the women's domestic game that the government announced in April. The independent fan led review last year was an excellent piece of work that, with the government accepting its recommendations in full, can lead to real, positive



change. The review into the women's domestic game can do the same. It provides an important opportunity to help shape its future and look in detail at a range of issues. It is crucial that players are right at the heart of this. Along with colleagues at the Professional Footballers' Association, I meet many decision makers who ask about the structure of the women's game and the issues players raise with us. Those conversations are often marked by "raised eyebrow" moments. Did you know that those in the men's game receive a non contributory pension payment of more than £6,000 a year for the duration of their professional career, funded by a levy on transfers? No such mechanism

exists for those in the women's game, and so neither does the pension. Did you also know that a body called the PFNCC (the professional football negotiating and consultative committee), which includes representatives from all stakeholders in the men's game, has to sign off on any decision that would substantively change player contracts, rights or conditions? It's a critical protection for players but no such body exists to protect players in the women's game. There has been some important progress. As a result of negotiations between the Football Association and the PFA, significant policy changes have been achieved relating to mater-

nity provision, injury and illness, and the termination of contracts due to long-term injury. But much more needs to be done as we continue to push for absolute parity for those in the women's game. Some of the recent reforms corrected eye-opening disparities. For instance, a WSL player could previously be dismissed by her club if she sustained an injury that a medic thought would stop them from playing for three consecutive months. The player would have the right only to a three-month notice of termination. For a Premier League player, the injury would need to keep them out for 18 months in any consecutive 20-month period before their contract could be terminated, and they would then have the right to a 12-month notice of termination. These could be two players who represent the same club, working under completely different conditions. Players from the women's game, including some of the most recognisable names from the Women's Super League and the international game, are

among the PFA's most engaged and active members. They know the value of a collective, independent voice for players and they are not afraid to tell us what they want. They also see high-profile colleagues, such as Steph Houghton, Danielle Carter and Fern Whelan, leading from the front through their involvement with their union. The PFA and Fifpro, the global union for professional footballers, are hosting players and other stakeholders from across football at the Raising Our Game event in London on Monday to discuss many of these issues. It is a timely opportunity to share experiences with organisations such as the Women's National Basketball Players Association and to hear from those who have experienced life in the women's game, on and off the pitch. The review presents a chance to address a range of issues that are crucial to the future of the women's game - protecting and empowering those who play it. It's an opportunity that we need to make sure we don't miss.

Daria Kasatkina comes out as gay and speaks out against Russian attitudes

London, July 25 : Daria Kasatkina, Russia's highest-ranked female tennis player, has come out as gay in a video interview posted online on Monday. The current world No 12 told Russian blogger Vitya Kravchenko that she is in a relationship with a woman and found "living in the closet" impossible. Kasatkina, who is not currently based in Russia, also posted pictures on Instagram with her girlfriend, the figure skater Natalia Zabiako. The 25-year-old also spoke out against attitudes towards homosexuality and restrictions on LGBTQ+ rights in Russia. "So many subjects are taboo in Russia," Kasatkina said. "This notion of someone wanting to be gay or becoming [gay] is ridiculous. I think there is nothing easier in this world than being straight." "Seriously, if there is a choice, no one would choose being gay. Why make your life harder, especially in Russia? What's the point?" she added. Russia's existing "gay propaganda" law, passed in 2013, has been used to stop gay pride marches and detain gay rights activists. There is currently an effort by Russian lawmakers to broaden this law with a complete ban on "promotion" of LGBTQ+ relationships in a positive or neutral light, to adults as well as minors, and on showing LGBTQ+ content in cinemas. In her interview, which was filmed in Barcelona, Kasatkina expressed fears that she would "never" be able to hold her girlfriend's hand in Russia. "Living in the



closet is impossible. It is too hard, it is pointless," she added. "Living in peace with yourself is the only thing that matters, and fuck everyone else." 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. To view this content, click 'Allow and continue'. Kasatkina added she was inspired to come out after the Russian footballer Nadya Karpova revealed she was gay last month. "Not only did Nadya help herself by coming out and get this burden off her chest, she has also helped others," Kasatkina added. "I believe it is important that influential people from sports, or any other sphere really, speak about it," Kasatkina, a semi-finalist at this year's French

Open, added. "It is important for young people who have a hard time with society and need support." Kasatkina's Instagram pictures with Zabiako, who was born in Estonia but now competes for Canada in figure skating, drew a positive response. "I'm so PROUD! @kasatkina you go!!!!!!!" wrote Karpova in response, while US tennis player Amanda Anisimova also posted her support. In the interview, Kasatkina also called for an end to fighting in Ukraine. "For the war to end," she said when asked what she wants most in life, describing the conflict as a "complete nightmare." Kasatkina is then shown crying in the video, when asked if she fears she may not be able to return to Russia after the interview.

Lorena Wiebes pips Marianne Vos to win first stage of Tour de France Femmes



London, July 25 : Lorena Wiebes of Team DSM, the most prolific sprinter in the women's peloton, outmanoeuvred Marianne Vos, of Jumbo-Visma, to win the opening stage of the revived women's Tour de France in Paris. Wiebes, winner of the RideLondon Classique in May, accelerated past Vos in the final 100m of the curtain-raiser to the women's race, an 82km stage based on laps of the Champs-Élysées. "I'm really happy that I was finally able to race on the Champs Élysées," Wiebes said. "As I expected it was a hard race. It feels really special to ride here in Paris and even more special to wear the yellow jersey." "Over the next week, the women's peloton will race over a thousand kilometres in eight stages, heading east towards next weekend's climactic climbing stages in the Vosges mountains, with a denouement expected next Sunday on the

ascent of Super Planche des Belles Filles, the gravel finish used in this year's men's Tour." It's really special that the Tour de France is back for women," Wiebes said. "It's a really good course. We have everything - sprint stages, punchy stages, climbing stages. I hope we can inspire a lot of young girls to get on a bike." The Dutchwoman has been untouchable as a sprinter this season, winning race after race, including stages in the British Women's Tour. "This has been an aim since the beginning of the season," she said of her stage win in Paris. "The lead-out was quite chaotic. But I stayed on [team-mate] Pfeiffer Georgi's wheel and Charlotte Kool was still behind me. Our plan was to swap positions after the tunnel but there was too much chaos and Pfeiffer put me in a perfect position." "I was fine with the pressure, because I directly put the most pressure on my-

self. We did everything as normal and I started to become a bit more nervous towards the final bit, but I finished it off." It was an emphatic win and equally, after three weeks of the men's race, rare to see a rider in Jumbo-Visma colours getting beaten. Wiebes admitted she had been relying on Vos starting her sprint early. "I expected it and I was happy that I could accelerate one more time to the finish line," she said. From the Champs-Élysées, the women's Tour convoy heads east, with the 134-km second stage looping through the eastern suburbs of the French capital, with only one fourth-category climb, before an expected sprint finish in Provins. It is ideal territory for another Wiebes success, at least on paper. "If today has not taken too much energy we will also go for the green jersey," she said, "but we're going to put a crazy amount of effort into it." For now, Wiebes is enjoying the moment and has even painted her nails in the colours of her two most likely jerseys, yellow and green. "I wanted to do something special with my nails. Originally, I wanted her to do all the colours of the [rainbow] jersey but my nail artist didn't have enough time in the day! So we decided to do two colours - the most important

colours." For many in the peloton, this will be the greatest opportunity of their career, one for which they have made numerous sacrifices. In fact, Marion Rousse, race director of the Tour de France Femmes, a former professional, has first-hand experience of those sacrifices herself. Rousse, who now works for several major races and is also a regular pundit on French television's coverage of the Tour, quit racing at

25 to work in the media. "I was wearing three hats: racing cyclist, TV pundit and I was also helping out at the town hall in Etampes because my salary as a rider wasn't enough." There are suspicions that some riders in this Tour may also be enduring similar circumstances, unlike their male counterparts. Rousse is well aware of the need for the women's peloton to seize the day.

Brooke Henderson recovers from early four-putt to win Evian Championship

London, July 25 : Brooke Henderson, who led by five strokes midway through the third round and still held a two-shot advantage at the start of action on Sunday, claimed victory in the Evian Championship - but the final round had plenty of drama. The 24-year-old Canadian became the second golfer to win a major championship with a four-putt in 2022 - but whereas Scottie Scheffler's errors on the final green in the Masters prompted laughter, Henderson's quartet of strokes on the 6th green at the



Evian Resort in south-eastern France were met with horrified silence. Within minutes she had been caught by Nelly Korda and within an hour six golfers shared the lead. A Henderson rout had turned into a frantic cavalry charge and most players not only

caught, but embarrassed in the process, would have wilted let alone recovered to post a 17-under total of 267. Henderson parried blows from Japan's Mao Saigo (playing in just her third major), Lydia Ko, Charley Hull, Kim Hyo-Joo and Carlota Ciganda who all finished on 15 under. Sei Young Kim also threatened before a late collapse. Korda, meanwhile, experienced a remarkable day. At the 6th a fan picked up her errant approach shot and waved it around like a

prize in a raffle. It was replaced but she posted a double bogey. Three holes later she drained a bunker shot for an eagle to hit the top before playing the back nine in limp fashion. It was left to the rookie Sophia Schubert to provide the greatest test of Henderson's resolve. The 26-year-old had never finished in the top 10 at this level yet negotiated the front nine in calm fashion, eased free of the pack with three back-nine birdies, and had 12 feet for another at the last. It refused to drop but she claimed second alone on 16 under. Midway through the back nine

Henderson's eyes had narrowed, a sign that her focus had returned. Birdies at 14 and 15 drew her level with Schubert, then she converted a winning birdie from 10ft on the final green with a straightforwardness that made a mockery of her travels 12 holes earlier. I was playing poorly but I was still in it," she said of her chaotic front nine. "The saying is that majors are won on the back nine on Sunday so I kept reminding myself of that." Such clarity in the wake of the grisly four-putt meant the second major victory of her career was hers.

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