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NEWS IN BRIEF

Illegal timber

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Guwahati, July 27 :

A huge quantity of illegal timber worth several lakhs of rupees was seized from Baghbor area in Assam's Barpeta district. The seizure was made by a team of Assam forest department led by Divisional Forest Officer Jitendra Kumar on Tuesday during a raid at seven illegal sawmills at Baghbor Chapori. "The forest department has been continuously launching operations against illegal sawmills," said Jitendra Kumar, DFO of the Goalpara division.

Artist died

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

Artist Chandana Devi who performed dance numbers in several Assamese movies and music videos breathed her last on Tuesday night. As per sources, she was suffering from kidney disease, which resulted in her untimely death. Ex BJP MLA Angoorlata Deka in a tweet paid her condolences to the bereaved family. "It's heartwrenching to hear about the demise of Smt. Chandana Devi, well known dancer of Assamese Film Industry. My deepest condolence to the beavered family, may the departed soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti," Angoorlata Deka tweeted.

OC arrested

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

The officer in-charge (OC) at Kharupetia police station in Assam's Darrang district was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly raking in money fraudulently. The tainted officer has been identified as OC Utpal Bora of Kharupetia PS. According to reports, the police officer registered fake cases against people to demand money from them. This had been going on since long, police said. Bora allegedly did the dirty work while in-charge of Dhula police station in the district. Meanwhile, it has come to the fore that the tainted officer had demanded bribes after filing fake complaints against a doctor and a teacher. Police said that he had demanded Rs 5 lakhs in bribe from the two.

Japanese Encephalitis claims Three more deaths ; toll climbs to 44

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

The death toll due to Japanese Encephalitis in Assam rose to 44 on Tuesday after three more deaths were reported in the past 24 hours. Out of the three deaths, two were reported from Nagaon and one from Chirang. Meanwhile, eight new cases of Japanese Encephalitis were reported in the northeastern state on Tuesday. According to Assam's National Health Mission, the total number of cases climbed to 274 in the state this year. Three fresh cases were detected in Nagaon, two from Tinsukia and one each from Chirang, Jorhat and Kamrup, reported PTI. All the district administrations have



formed rapid response teams to curb Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis. Also Read: Japanese encephalitis deaths in Assam: Symptoms- all you need to know about this viral infection! The standard operating

procedures and guidelines by the state's National Health Mission are being followed by all the districts for detection, management and referral

of Japanese Encephalitis cases. On Monday, two deaths were reported due to the infection, while 14 news cases were detected in Assam. Japanese Encephalitis is a viral brain infection that spreads by mosquitoes during the monsoon flood season in Assam between May and October every year. Many people die of the viral infection and malaria during this period. Earlier on Tuesday, Assam Tourism and PHED Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah reviewed the flood situation in Barak Valley. Till now, close to 200 people have died due to floods and

landslides in the state this year. The flood situation in the state improved considerably. Japanese Encephalitis has become more critical in Assam post floods. In the last 24 hours, three people died in the state - two in Nagaon district and one in Chirang district, officials said on Tuesday. A total of 274 cases of Japanese Encephalitis have been detected in the state in the last 26 days. The NHM, Assam data also revealed that eight new cases of Japanese Encephalitis have also been detected in the state over the last 24 hours - three in

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Legendary Assamese writer Atulananda Goswami is no more

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

A Legendary Assamese writer, Atulananda Goswami, died on Wednesday at the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital. He was 87. Since last week, the acclaimed novelist has been receiving treatment at a hospital. The death sent shivers through the state's literary community. Himanta Biswa Sharma, the Chief Minister of Assam, offered his condolences on the death of the acclaimed writer. "We will never forget his contribution to Assamese lit-



erature and society. I pray to God for the eternal peace of the great writer's departed soul and express my heartfelt sympathies to the family during this difficult moment" Sarma

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CM Dr. Sarma attends closing ceremony of Assam Youth Olympic

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Guwahati, July 27 :

The curtain of the seven day Assam Youth Olympic held in Guwahati across 12 venues was put down today, with Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma saying that the Assam Youth Olympic Games has become successful in providing a potential platform to the young athletes from grass root level to identify and groom future medallists. Speaking at the closing ceremony which was also attended by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Water-



ways etc. at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra here today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the Assam Youth Olympic held for the first time in the state has become a pow-

erful podium for the athletes from 35 districts of the state to show their sporting acumen and prepare themselves for the national and international events. He also said that the venues of the sports event also turned out to be miniature Assam where athletes, support staff and other officials belonging to different socio-cultural communities as-

sembled. He also congratulated all the medal winners as well as the participants in the event. He thanked Assam Olympic Association for organizing this event which is using sports as a means for unifying the people and society. He also said the Sports Policy of Assam will be made more attractive and accommodative for the promotion of

sports and sports personnel in the state. The Chief Minister said MP Sports Competition to be organised in the state to unearth sports talents in the state. The Chief Minister further said that as a government's gesture for the promotion of sports, posts will be reserved in all government jobs for sports personnel and all the 126 stadia being built across 126 constituencies in Assam will also be working as training centres to promote area specific games in Assam. He also released 'Sports Jyotishpur' a souvenir on this occasion and presented awards to the best athletes both male and

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Assam Governor mourns death of Atulananda Goswami

Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi mourned the death of eminent author Atulananda Goswami. In a condolence message here today, Prof. Mukhi said, "I am really saddened by the demise of the Sahitya Akademi Award-winning litterateur Atulananda Goswami. An eminent

litterateur, novelist and short story writer, his creations reflected the varied and rich aspects of Assam's social and cultural life". Prof. Mukhi also said that his demise is a loss to the State who had immensely contributed to the enrichment of Assamese literature. His death is an irreparable loss and will create a

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Gaurav Gogoi Writes To Amit Shah regarding Disburse of NDRF Funds For Assam



Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

Congress leader from Assam Gaurav Gogoi wrote to Union home minister Amit Shah demanding the release of funds for flood relief from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). In a letter dated July 26, Gogoi wrote, "I am writing this letter with regard to the catastrophic floods ravaging Assam, and, immediate and long-term solution in reference thereto. Rising global temperature is increasing instances of flash floods in Assam affecting biodiversity as well as

infrastructure." He wrote, "8% of land has been eroded since 1950 and erosion is still increasing due to heavy water flow, widening the Brahmaputra Around 3000 wetlands act as reservoirs for excess water in Assam, but encroachment and destruction of them have prevented the absorption of the overflow causing more floods Each day is a battle for survival in the state during monsoon." The son of former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi, Gaurav highlighted in the letter that Gujarat had received Rs 1,000 crores from the NDRF in advance during 2021-22 in the aftermath of cyclone Tauktae, while Rs 600 crores were immediately released for relief work after floods in Madhya Pradesh. Gogoi wrote in the letter, "The state of Assam is facing one

of its worst floods this year, affecting more than 20 lakh people. Over 5 lakh children are affected, more than 60,000 residing in relief camps. Reports suggest massive loss of shelter, basic amenities and essentials. More than a 100 deaths are also recorded. In

light of this grim reality, when we are paying in human lives every day, I urge you to visit the state and announce financial aid for the affected." The Congress leader further

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Former Assam Minister Ardhendu Kumar Dey died



Assam Rising
Guwahati, July 27 :

Former Assam minister, Ardhendu Kumar Dey passed away in Guwahati on Wednesday aged 84

years. The former Congress leader was admitted in Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) where he was undergoing

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Spurious liquor claims more than three lives in India every day

New Delhi, July 27 :

The hooch tragedy in Gujarat's Botad district adds to the ignominious list of deaths from consuming spurious liquor in India. The death toll is now 36 and counting in a state where alcohol is prohibited. It comes barely days after a similar tragedy took a dozen lives in West Bengal's Howrah district. Earlier this year, consumption of spurious liquor during Holi celebrations claimed around 40 lives across Bihar, an-

other state where alcohol is banned. Hooch is made when 'country alcohol' or cheap distilled liquor (desi daru) is adulterated with industrial alcohol or methanol to increase its intoxicating potency. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data show that 6,172 people died between 2016 and 2020 due to the consumption of illicit hooch in India. This translates to more than three deaths every day. Madhya Pradesh alone accounts for a fifth of

India's hooch deaths, with 1,214 fatalities in the same period. This means, that two people die every three days in the state due to illicit hooch. Madhya Pradesh is followed by Karnataka (909), Punjab (725), Chhattisgarh (505), and Haryana (476). Delhi recorded 94 deaths, Gujarat 50, and Bihar 21 during the same period. The Botad incident is Gujarat's deadliest hooch tragedy since the 2009 alcohol poisoning that

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The 'New Ozone Layer' That Scientists Claim To Have Found Over Tropics



London, July 27 :

Ozone depletion has been one of the most urgent concerns regarding climate change. The issue has been the subject of long discussion and controversy in the scientific realm. Recently, a significant ozone hole that

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Flung pickle token: artist asks \$10,000 for McDonald's burger ingredient

Auckland, July 27 : A NZ\$10,000 artwork consisting of a single slice of

Guest House

A/C Non A/C Rooms with Car Parking At POGL Brahmputra, Chandmari, Guwahati-21 Ph. WA : 9678009493/9707183470

NAME CORRECTION

MY ACTUAL NAME IS MD. JAHIDUL ISLAM AND DOB 1.06.1978 ACCORDING TO MY ALL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS. BUT ON ELECTOR PHOTO IDENTITY CARD VIDE NO. MSR3035323/ PAN CARD NO. ABGP1692G/ AADHAR CARD NO. 360487290813/ DRIVING LICENCE DL NO. AS15-2008000445 INSTEAD OF MD JAHIDUL ISLAM WRONGLY PRINTED AS JAHIDUL ISLAM AND DOB 16.06.1978. It is true to the Affidavit of Notary public Barpeta

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Name Correction

Declared by Affidavit (Nagaon court) that my actual and correct name is Azibur Rahman which is recorded my official and non official documents including Aadhaar card . But in my certificate of H.S.L.C examination my name has been wrongly recorded as md..Azibur Rahman instead of "Azibur Rahman .This is true.

Azibur Rahman. Ph. No.- 9101104583

Name Changed

I have changed my name from Mohammed Zahan Alom to Jahan Alom. My new name is Jahan Alom. Now people know me as-Jahan Alom.

Jahan Alom Vill- Barhawar P.O.- Barhawar P.S.- Murajhar, Hojai, Assam, Pin-782439.

Name Changed

I have changed my name from Mohammed Akbar Ali to Akbar Ali. My new name is Akbar Ali. Now people know me as Akbar Ali.

Akbar Ali Vill- Barhawar P.O.- Barhawar P.S.- Murajhar, Hojai, Assam, Pin-782439.

Name Changed

I have changed my name from Mohammed Shamsul Hoque to Samsul Haque. My new name is Samsul Haque. Now people know me as-Samsul Haque.

Samsul Haque Vill- Barhawar P.O.- Barhawar P.S.- Murajhar, Hojai, Assam, Pin-782439.

Name Changed

I have changed my name from Mohammed Kabir Hussain to Kabir Hussain. My new name is Kabir Hussain. Now people know me as Kabir Hussain.

Kabir Hussain Vill- Barhawar P.O.- Barhawar P.S.- Murajhar, Hojai, Assam, Pin-782439.

pickle plucked from a McDonald's cheeseburger and flung on to the ceiling of an Auckland art gallery is a deliberately "provocative gesture" designed to question what has value, the artist's gallery says. The work, titled Pickle, belongs to Sydney-based Australian artist Matthew Griffin, and is one of four new works in Fine Arts, Sydney's exhibition in Auckland hosted at Michael Lett Gallery. Some fans are relishing in the work calling it "genius" and "brilliant"; others have called it "moronic". "Part of a rich late-night tradition," said one post on social media. Another

pointed out the gulf between the way the gesture is handled in a gallery versus the restaurant: "I got kicked out of a McDonald's by the police for doing this when I was a teenager, now it's art." Writing for ArtForum, Wes Hill said: "Griffin has garnered a singular reputation for what we in Australia call 'taking the piss' - a sardonic undercutting of self-seriousness and spin." The piece calls to mind Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan's infamous artwork titled Comedian - a ripening banana duct-taped to the gallery wall during Art Basel

in Miami, in 2019, which sold for US\$120,000. It was then plucked from the wall and eaten by the New York performance artist David Datuna. Generating different responses to the work is part of the work's joy, said Ryan Moore, the director of Fine Arts, Sydney, which represents Griffin. "A humorous response to the work is not invalid - it's OK, because it is funny," Moore said. Griffin's work appeals to Moore because as well as using humour as a device, it follows in the traditions of contemporary art and questions "the way value and meaning is generated between people".

Police appeal for information after 'unusual' death of two Saudi sisters in south-west Sydney

Sydney, July 27 : The deaths of two sisters from Saudi Arabia, found dead in separate rooms in their apartment in Sydney, remain a mystery to police more than a month after their bodies were found. The women, identified as 24-year-old Asra Abdullah Alsehli and 23-year-old Amaal Abdullah Alsehli, were found in their beds in the south-west Sydney suburb of Canterbury on 7 June. There were no visible signs of a break-in, nor any injuries to the bodies, but police are treating the deaths as "suspicious" because no cause of death has been identified. At a press conference on Wednesday, Det Insp Claudia Allcroft appealed to the public to come forward with any information on the sisters, conceding authorities still knew very little about them. "We're appealing for information because we don't know a lot about the girls. Our



investigation is ongoing, and in consultation with the coroner, we have decided to release their names and have appealed for information." Despite a strike force being established by Burwood detectives, very little is known about the circumstances in which the sisters died. Allcroft told reporters police had only spoken to two people who knew the sisters, adding that authorities believed the women "seemed to keep to themselves". The two women had arrived from Saudi Arabia in 2017. Police have conceded they do not know the cause of

old and died together in their home. We don't know the cause of death, and it's unusual because of their age and the nature of the matter," she said. Police are still waiting on toxicology reports, and confirmed they attended the unit in mid-March following a phone call from the building manager, who was concerned after some food was left in the building's common areas. They said that at that stage "no issues were raised". It is understood that one of the sisters owned a business, although police could not expand on what kind of business it was, and whether there were any leads there. The



Shows a Z15 (AC352) helicopter in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province

Ministry of Women and Child Development Invites Applications/Nominations for Nari Shakti Puraskar-2022

New Delhi, July 27 : The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has invited Applications/ Nominations for the Nari Shakti Puraskar-2022. The applications/nominations for Nari Shakti Puraskar, 2022 will be accepted only through the designated website i.e. www.awards.gov.in. All Applications/Nominations received upto 31st October, 2022 will be considered for Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2022. Nari Shakti Puraskar 2022 will be conferred by the Ministry of Women and Child

Development on the occasion of International Women's Day i.e. 8th March, 2023 to individuals in recognition of their service towards the cause of women empowerment, especially vulnerable and marginalized women. For eligibility criteria and other details, the Guidelines for Nari Shakti Puraskar are available on the website of the Ministry of Women & Child Development <https://wcd.nic.in/acts/guidelines-nari-shakti-puraskar-2022-onwards> as well as the Applications/ Nominations portal i.e. www.awards.gov.in.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa expected to return to Sri Lanka, minister says

Colombo, July 27 : Sri Lanka's beleaguered former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled the country after mass protests

and resigned this month, is expected to return home, according to a cabinet minister. Rajapaksa fled Sri Lanka under the cover of darkness in a military jet earlier this month after protesters took over his house and presidential offices, demanding he resign. He and his wife fled to the Maldives and then to Singapore, where he has remained since. Rajapaksa's resignation letter was dispatched from Singapore to Sri Lanka and formally accepted by the cabinet on 15 July. Many had presumed that Rajapaksa would remain out of the



country in self-imposed exile in order to avoid possible prosecution for accusations of corruption and historic war crimes allegations that date back over a decade. While he

was president he enjoyed immunity from prosecution, but now he is no longer in office, efforts have begun to attempt to investigate and arrest him and there are widespread calls on the streets of Sri Lanka for him and his family to face charges. Rajapaksa's final destination has therefore been the source of much speculation. The Singapore authorities confirmed that he was there on a short visitor visa and had not applied for asylum, though his visitor visa was extended recently by another 14 days, so he can stay in the country until 11 August. His apparent decision to return to Sri

Lanka could be in part because he has few other options for travel. Human rights groups and lawyers said they had been pressuring countries behind the scenes not to accept him and, according to reports, the US embassy declined to give him a visa. The US was seen to be Rajapaksa's favoured final destination as his son and grandchild live there and he is a former citizen. It had also been reported that he intended to travel to the United Arab Emirates, long seen as a favoured destination for disgraced and exiled leaders and where the Rajapaksa family reportedly have assets. But speaking to reporters on Tuesday, the cabinet spokesperson Bandula Gunawardana gave the strongest indication yet that Rajapaksa intended to return to Sri Lanka. He insisted that the former president was not in hiding. "To my knowledge, he is expected to come back," said Gunawardana. He gave no timeline for Rajapaksa's expected return.

Buzz Aldrin Apollo 11 jacket sold at auction for record \$2.7m

Washington, July 27 : The jacket worn by Buzz Aldrin on his first mission to the moon has become the most valuable American space artefact ever sold at auction, fetching \$2.77m (£2.3m). The article was sold by Sotheby's in New York on Tuesday as part of the most valuable single sale of space exploration items ever staged, which achieved a total of \$8.2m. The sale at \$2,772,500 also makes the item the most valuable jacket ever sold at auction. The white inflight jacket displays Aldrin's name tag on the left breast above the Apollo 11 mission emblem and the American flag on the left shoulder. Aldrin wore it while travelling in the Apollo 11 command module Columbia, the BBC reported. It is made of a fire-resistant material known as beta cloth that was

incorporated into spacesuits in response to the fire that killed three astronauts onboard Apollo 1 in 1967, according to Sotheby's. The jacket was bought by an anonymous bidder who participated in the auction by phone. "Today's result is a testament to the legendary career of Buzz Aldrin and his lifelong dedication to the exploration and understanding of the universe," said Cassandra Hatton, Sotheby's global head of science and popular culture. "It has been a privilege to work alongside Buzz to bring such prestigious objects to market for the first time, and today's record-breaking outcome proves the ongoing and everlasting significance of the Apollo 11 mission, some 53 years since man first walked on the

moon." Other notable items in the sale included the Apollo 11 summary flight plan, containing a complete summary of the entire mission from launch to splashdown.

Air pollution is 'likely' to raise dementia risk, find UK government experts

London, July 27 : Air pollution is likely to increase the risk of developing dementia, a government research group has said. The Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants has published its findings after reviewing almost 70 studies that analysed how exposure to emissions affect the brain over time. The 291-page report concludes that air pollution is likely to increase the risk of accelerated "cognitive

decline" and of "developing dementia" in older people. Experts believe this is due to the impact of pollutants entering the circulatory system, affecting blood flow to the brain. The authors said: "The epidemiological evidence reviewed fairly consistently reports associations between chronic exposure to air pollution and reduced global cognition and impairment in visuospatial abilities as well as cognitive decline and increased risk of dementia." Results are heterogeneous as regards to other cognitive domains such as executive function, attention, memory, language and mild cognitive impairment. The identified neuroimaging studies consistently report associations between exposure to air pollution and white matter atrophy. "It adds that studies are split over which pollutant is most associated with these effects. The committee said it had made recommendations for further research to help develop the evidence. About 850,000 people in the UK suffer with dementia, according to the NHS. There is also more well-established evidence to show that exposure to air pollution increases the risk of heart disease. Breathing in emissions

can damage the blood vessels by making them narrower and harder - increasing the likelihood of clots, abnormal heart rhythms and heart attacks, according to the British Heart Foundation.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Superintendent, Central Jail, Tezpur invite e-Tenders in two bid system (Technical Bid and Financial Bid) affixing Court Fee Stamp Rs.8.25 from the interested suppliers/ dealers/ firms for supply of dietary items i.e. Group —A & non-dietary items of Group —E (Office - stationary), F & G (Jail Manufacture) required for Central Jail, Tezpur for the Financial Year 2022-2023 through the e-Procurement Portal for Government of Assam (URL:<https://assamtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>) on or before 11-08-2022 up to 1.00 P.M.

The tender documents/Bid indicating the details of specification of the dietary articles, terms and conditions etc. can be downloaded from the Govt. website URL:<https://assamtenders.gov.in>

The participating bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate of Class-II (minimum) & bidders are required to enroll on the e-Procurement module of the E-Procurement Portal for Government of Assam (URL:<https://assamtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>) by clicking on the link "Online bidder Enrollment" on the E-Procurement Portal for Government of Assam which is free of charge. The bidders are responsible to ensure that they do not lend their DSC's to others which may lead to misuse.

The participating bidders should have deposit tender processing fees and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through Online :

- Last Date & Time of online submission of Tender 11-08-2022 at 1.00 PM.
- Last Date & Time for submission of Hard copy of Technical Bid : 11-08-2022 at 2.30 PM
- Date & Time for opening e-Tender: 12-08-2022 at 1.30 P.M.
- Document download start : 28-07-2022
- Document download end : 10-08-2022
- Place of opening e-tender : The Office of the superintendent of Central Jail, Tezpur

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Superintendent
Central Jail, Tezpur



Dancers perform during the celebration for the 697th anniversary of the foundation of Tenochtitlan at Zocalo square in Mexico City, Mexico

MLA Bhuban Gam inaugurated mustard oil mill at Natun Bokora



Assam Rising, Majuli, July 27: Bhuban Gam, MLA, Majuli LAC along with District Com-

missioner and officials of District Agriculture Department visited the office of "Majuli Riverbank Farmer Producer Company Limited" at Natun Bokora and attended the inauguration of the newly connected mustard mill on July 27. The more efficient mill will produce more sweetened oil at lower prices which will meet a long-standing demand in the region. The mill will undoubtedly contribute to the realization of the goal of "Yellow Majuli" under the flagship program of the district administration "Amar Majuli" will be able to provide. The Common Service Center of the pharma producer company was inaugurated at the same function today. MLA and District Commissioner inaugurated

the construction of the Common Service Center of Jengraimukh Agri Farmer Producer Company Limited at 2nd Bopomua village at 3 pm. The establishment of two Farmer Producer Companies Limited in the mainly agricultural district is very promising. The Commissioner said the two companies will be able to open up new horizons in exporting locally produced agricultural products to the open market and at national and international levels. Such initiatives will also help in socio-economic development of the people of the district and attract the younger generation towards scientific agriculture. Later, the Commissioner visited the paddy procurement center of Food Corporation of India at Phuloni with the Hon'ble MLA and took stock of the progress of paddy procurement work. The Food Cor-

poration of India (FCI) has procured about 853.20 quintals of paddy at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) at the center so far during the current crop season. The shop was inaugurated by the Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission near the Commissioner's office today in conjunction with the "Azadi Ka Amrit Festival". The shop was inaugurated by Additional Commissioner Kartik Kalita. Arrangements have been made for the purchase of flags produced by self-help groups. The program will be held at Gaon Panchayat offices, government affordable shops and permanent shops of self-help groups in the district on August 13-15.



Keerthi Jalli took over the charges of DC of Kamrup

Assam Rising, Guwahati, July 27: Keerthi Jalli, an Indian Administrative Service's officer today took over the charges of Deputy Commissioner Kamrup District today. On this occasion, a welcome ceremony was held at the Conference Hall of Integrated DC Office, Kamrup, Amingaon where the new Deputy Commissioner was given a warm welcome. At the same function, outgoing Deputy Commissioner Kailash Karthik N was also felicitated and given a ceremo-

nial farewell. Participating in the programme, Chandra Mohan Patowary, Minister, Forest & Environment and Guardian Minister of Kamrup District praised the ability, leadership quantity and innovative ideas of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner, Kailash Karthik N. He also hoped that under the proactive leadership of the new DC, Keerthi Jalli, Kamrup District's development journey would find a new momentum. The meeting was also attended by Superintendent of Police, Kamrup, District Development Commissioner, Kamrup, Chief Executive Of-

ficer, Zila Parishad, all Addl. Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Circle Officers, Senior Officials and employees of various Departments of the District. Later on Chandra Mohan Patowary, Minister, Environment & Forest, Dr. Om Prakash, Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Mission, Kailash Karthik N, Outgoing Deputy Commissioner and Keerthi Jalli, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup also took part in a plantation programme at Integrated DC Office Campus, Amingaon under Chief Minister's Institutional Plantation Programme.

Kakopather Press Club submits memorandum to DC

Assam Rising, Kakopather, July 27: Kakopather which is known as 'Land of Unity and Culture' is also flooded with tons of issues and problems. Kakopather Press Club has come forward to step against a few of these problems specially related to the Daily Market and Town of Kakopather. Although the Kakopather Daily Market which has an yearly auction of twelve to fourteen lakhs and the Kakopather Town falls under the management of Tinsukia Zila Parishad and Kakopather Anchalik Panchayat, no work on development and sanitary is seen taken till date for which it has transformed to look like a municipal garbage dump yard rather than a daily market. Therefore a team of officials of Kakopather Press Club has submitted memorandums to the Deputy Commissioner of Tinsukia District and to the Chief Executive Officer of Tinsukia Zila Parishad. The memorandum contains a few demands by the club to take strict action against the ill issues of the market. Their first demand is to make the daily market of Kakopather clean as soon as possible which has already transformed to a gar-

bage dump yard, including the area where the bazar committee tolls taxes from the vendors and hawkers. They have also urge the administration to set a strict law towards the market to keep it clean, healthy and hygiene permanently as Kakopather Higher Secondary School is beside the daily market and the dirt and smell of the garbage has created a question towards the health of the students including the public of Kakopather shopping and marketing in the daily market. Their second demand is to evict the illegally established public houses occupying the area of the Kakopather Daily Market. The third demand is to allot a room in the market to one of the powerful press organizations of the district 'Kakopather Press Club' legally, to set up their office house. The fourth demand on the memorandum urges to set a strict law and action against all the illegal liquor business that has been seen rising dramatically in the Kakopather Daily Market. Moreover it



is also seen that few businessmen and street vendors on both sides of the highway of Kakopather

Town have extended their business houses or shops so far to the near of the highway that a major traffic issue has arisen

creating the town a great havoc thereby welcoming major accidents in near future. So The fifth and

the last demand of the Club is to set strict laws against it and evict the illegally extended business enterprises and shops so as to make the highway free from traffic and accidents. A time period till August 5 is given to the administration for their strict action regarding the demands or issues mentioned on the memorandum by the Kakopather Press Club or else a vigorous protest by the club along with all the other union bodies of Kakopather will be carried out as all these issues were previously informed to the administration by many, but no action is seen taken till date. People of Kakopather are seen admiring Kakopather Press Club for taking such great initiatives.

Palasbari - Chandubi two-lane road project almost complete

Assam Rising, Palasbari, July 27: The construction work of the ongoing two-lane road between Palasbari and Chandubi has achieved 92% of the target (February 2023) set by Assam PWD. The work has been assigned to Class 1 (A) contractor Anil Das under supervision of Kartik Biswas, executive engineer of Mirza-based PWD (R), South Kamrup Territorial Road Division. If all is as per schedule, the two-lane road will open for communication, six months ahead of target date Feb 2023, during Durga Puja festival. Gifted with natural beauty and medicinal plants, Chandubi, situated along Assam-Meghalaya border, is no longer an isolated place; it attracts tourists in hordes. Chandubi, which is at a distance of 70 km from Guwahati, will be only one-and-half hour drive from Guwahati. Earlier, it took 3 hours to cover the distance when the road was two-lane. The Assam Govt under its 'Asom Mala' scheme laid the foundation stone on Feb 24, 2021 for a two-lane road covering a distance of 29 km from Palasbari, along the Brahmaputra river bank, Mirza, Barihat, Loharghat, Barduar tea garden up to Chandubi. Notably, former Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of the road at the cost of Rs 164.55 crore in presence of current CM Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma. The drain will be 15 meter wide on the proposed two-lane road and 14 meter wide where there is no drain. Before the drain was only 7.50 meters on a single lane. Notably, due to cutting of valuable trees for the construction of the two-lane road, saplings of trees like Krishnachura, Radhachura, Sonaru, Azar etc. have been planted by the staff of Assam Forest Dept to restore the ecological balance. Road safety measures and modern engineering have been initiated on the newly built two-lane road to check accidents.

ASSU organized special felicitation ceremony

Assam Rising, Margherita, July 27: All Assam students Union (ASSU) Doomsdoom regional Committee on Tuesday felicitated HS & HSLC 2022 passed students of Doomsdoom At Doomsdoom College Kallul Auditorium. The Felicitation programme was presided by Ajun Baruah Senior journalist of Tinsukia District Journalists Association, where All Assam Students Union General Secretary Shankarjyoti Baruah made an inspiring speech to the students while present as the Chief Guest at the felicitation ceremony. Vice President of All Assam Students Union Vinay Dubey, Executive Member Rana Sonar, Doomsdoom College Principal Dr Prakashjyoti Barthakur, Vice Principal Dr Champa Rao Mohan, Tinsukia District Journalists Association President Anuj Kalita,

Bir Raghav Maran Government Model College Principal Dr Amarjit Saikia, Doomsdoom Revenue Circle Circle Officer Ranammay Bhardwaj, Dumduma Police Station In-charge Divyajyoti Dutta, All Assam students union Tinsukia District president Raja Balimara, secretary Samarjyoti Gohai, Doomsdoom Press Club secretary Manoj Baruah and many more distinguished persons were present. All Assam students union



Dumduma Regional secretary Pratim Neog explained the purpose of the entire event hosted by eminent journalist Avijit

Khatnia. The students were felicitated with an Assamese Traditional Phoolam Gamosha and a Citation by the present persons.

Seminar on integrated pest management held

Assam Rising, Golaghat, Jul 27: North Eastern Tea Association (NETA) organized a seminar on Integrated Pest Management to effectively control the pests and diseases in tea plantations at its headquarters in Golaghat. The topic of the seminar was 'Climate Smart Advance Integrated Pest Management for Tea Plantation: A Sustainable Approach'. Dr Somnath Roy, renowned Entomologist and In Charge of Dept of Entomology, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Jorhat was the resource person in the seminar. In tea plantations there are a wide spectrum of pests and diseases which need to be dealt with so that there is no crop loss. Moreover, the cost of pest management has been spiraling over the years and is a burden for tea farmers. Also pests are getting immune and resistant to pesticides.

Keeping that in mind, it was found that Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Nutrition Management (INM) is the way forward for sustainability of tea plantations. Healthy plants are always less susceptible to pests infestation. Healthy plants can be produced on healthy soil. Therefore focus on improvement of soil health is a major outcome of the seminar. Use of Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK) is also discussed at length in the seminar. Locally available trees and vegetation like Mahaneem, Ghora Neem, Dhopat Tita etc have anti insect properties. Also cow urine diluted with water is effective in controlling some pests and acts

as a growth promoter of crops. Botanicals fermented in cow urine also help in controlling pests. Less use of pesticides, rejuvenation of soil health, adopt more ecological practices, creating an environment for natural predators to survive, planting of some fruit trees, growing of some variety of flowers, use of some vegetation and flowers as natural barriers against pests and proper implementation of cultural methods were key takeaways from the seminar. The seminar ended with a strong conviction that yes we can bring down levels of pest incidence by an eco-friendly approach, said Bidyananda Borkakoty, Adviser, North Eastern Tea Association.

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India's hope in Commonwealth Games

Commonwealth Games will start from 28th July, 2022. Its best-ever medal haul was in the 2010 edition when it hosted the Games in New Delhi. Heading into the 2022 edition of the Games in Birmingham, England, the hopes of more than 1.3 billion people rest on the shoulders of more than 200 players that have qualified for the quadrennial showpiece. In the last Commonwealth Games held in Gold Coast, Australia, in 2018, India secured a total of 66 medals which included 26 Golds. The gold winners were spread across major sports such as shooting (7), weightlifting (5), wrestling (5), boxing (3), table tennis (3), badminton (2) and athletics (1). However, this edition has removed shooting from the sports list. Hence, India's medal tally might not be as big as the last edition. Here is a list of players and teams that could be prospective gold medal winners in the upcoming event, which begins on July 28, 2022. Neeraj Chopra will be India's best bet to win a yellow metal with an Olympics Gold swinging around his neck. His competitors, the Germans and Polish throwers would not be in the fray here; thus, he has a clear shot at gold. Apart from Chopra, Annu Rani, a woman Javelin thrower, who even made it to the Olympics final at Tokyo 2020, would also be looking to win gold. However, it would not be easy for her against Australian and Jamaican competitors. In badminton, India has a great chance of winning at least four gold medals. Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth would face tough competition from Loh Kean Yew, the current world champion from Singapore and Lee Zii Jia of Malaysia. PV Sindhu has less competition as her best-ranked competitor is Michelle Lee from Canada, who has not beaten Sindhu even once. Men's doubles is another discipline in which India could very well win gold. Satwik Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are in great form, and their biggest competitors, the Malaysians, are ranked just one spot ahead of them in BWF World Rankings. Thus, if India can ace these three disciplines, they can win the mixed team gold too, which involves a best of five matches between two nations in five categories of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Nikhat Zareen, the reigning world champion, will be the poster lady of the Indian boxing contingent, including World Championships silver medalist Amit Panghal and Olympic bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain. These are three gold medal prospects for India, while Shiva Thapa and Mohammad Hussamuddin could also surprise people with their determination. Winning gold in the women's T20 competition, the cricket event played at the CWG 2022, would be a tough ask for India.

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India insults women's modesty in a million ways. Ranveer Singh's nude photoshoot isn't one

Ranveer Singh's nude photoshoot for Paper magazine has apparently insulted the modesty of some Indian women, if you were to believe the FIR filed by a Mumbai-based NGO and a lawyer against the Bollywood actor. I can make a list of a million other things happening in the country every day that would amount to insulting a woman. But the photo of a male actor without clothes would never make it to that list. The complainant lawyer Vedika Chaubey, who is also a former journalist, clearly has a misplaced idea about what hurts a woman's sentiment. But then it is the season of offence-taking in India. First it was religion, now it is nudity. What's next? Naked animals? Ranveer Singh's over-the-top sartorial choices and his frankness about topics like sex are definitely performative and a part of his brand. But why does it matter? He challenges traditional, desi toxic masculinity. He is a performer who owns every bit of himself. The idea the complainant seeks to perpetuate is that



women should enjoy nude pictures of men. Only men have the sole, exclusive right to do as they please. Even the language used by the NGO, one Shyam Mangaram Foundation, in its complaint letter adopted an authoritative voice with self-entrusted power to decide what constitutes 'shame' in society. "Freedom of expression... doesn't mean that you should roam nude in the society," its letter to the Chambur police station read. The police registered an FIR under IPC Sections 292 (sale of obscene books, etc), 293 (sale, etc of obscene objects

to young person) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman). You can find the shoot distasteful or not pleasing to the eyes, but I do not think a woman's 'modesty' - so termed by the patriarchal society - is so fragile that it could be 'insulted' by a man's nude photoshoot. It's extremely rare that a male, mainstream Bollywood actor poses nude. Milind Soman and Madhu Sapre created a storm in 1995 with their naked photoshoot for Tuff shoes. The other instance was in 2020 when Soman faced

an FIR for running naked in Goa on his 55th birthday. While Soman has remained a brand of his own since the Made in India song video by Alisha Chinai, he still isn't as mainstream as Ranveer Singh - a Yash Raj Films (YRF) product, and married to another Bollywood powerhouse, Deepika Padukone. Ranveer wears his flamboyance on his sleeve, unlike most other cinestars. He was the first mainstream Bollywood actor to endorse a condom brand. That ad steers clear of objectifying women and focusses on loving sex and being prepared. It also shifts the responsibility for safe sex in an interesting way. The #DoTheRex campaign was hugely popular, more so because, finally, someone said it-sex is not just about increasing population, STDs, or unwanted pregnancies; it is also about enjoyment. In his Koffee With Karan episodes, Ranveer never shied away from talking about his dating life or the sexual side of it. In a country like ours, a mainstream actor doing that helps people shed their own barriers, and own up to their sexualities and quirks and kinks. Even the actor's clothes, memed constantly and initially

criticised, have created a space for more quirky, gender-fluid clothing. That does not take away the fact that his positioning gives him the kind of power the queer community would never get. But again, who else had dared to take risks like him when he could have played safe? A nude photoshoot by a man raised hackles. But it also probably gave confidence to a lot of people to do something similar. If not to be published or shared, then simply to be oneself. He discomforts society at large because he does not adhere to our notions of what an actor with a shredded body should look, dress, or act like. If one reads the interview accompanying the shoot, things become clear - we are definitely a nation of hypocrites. We want a man to lead the way. But only if he conforms to the kind of masculinity we are comfortable with. Otherwise, he insults the 'modesty' of masculinity, disguised as 'the modesty of women'.

NEP has lofty goals to promote research culture. UGC undermining its basic tool-publishing

Recent media reports about the UGC planning to scrap the mandatory requirement of publishing research papers in peer-reviewed journals for submission of PhD is bad news for India's university system in the same sense as it was for engineering when maths and physics were made optional. Today, the relaxation is for PhD, tomorrow it could mean devaluing research and academic publications in general. Why is it important for a researcher in a university to have their work published in a respectable journal in the first place? Because when a research project is published in a reputed journal, it benefits both the researcher as well as the institution hosting the journal. It allows researchers, practitioners and institutions with similar interests to interact, which in turn helps in the advancement of human knowledge and its application in the real life world for the benefit of all. These publications also play an important role in benchmarking quality research. The accredited journals are differentiated on their impact factor, which is a way to rank them. It measures the frequency with which an average article has been cited over a certain period of time and thereby judges the quality and reputation of the researcher. Every article goes through a blind peer-review process, which is a quality control mechanism. They are verified for their correctness and reliability, both in postulations and results. In the process, the academic credentials of the institution hosting the publication are also enhanced. For the faculty, they are used as qualifiers for recruitment, performance assessment, promotion, research fellowship and award.



Publishing the research work also ensures their authenticity or that they are not copies of the work done elsewhere. It is said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. The Seventh Pay Commission report was released in 2015 with the lofty goal of attracting good faculty by substantially increasing their pay packages and also making PhD mandatory for associate professors and professor-level posts. Since then, there has been a spurt in the award of doctorate degrees across India as several private universities and institutions sensing a business opportunity moved in to fill the vacuum with the express purpose of offering research programmes and PhDs without adequate checks and balances. They enrolled the so-called research scholars, most of whom were their own faculty, by the thousands. Several cases were reported in media, where officials at private universities such as CMJ University in Shillong, Meghalaya, or the Spicer Adventist University in Pune, Maharashtra, either used fake PhD degrees themselves or

Ashok Thakur

were found selling them to students. The Vice-Chancellor of Shillong institute and the Chancellor of the Pune institute were arrested. The UGC Regulations, 2016 mandates PhD scholars to publish at least one research paper in a UGC approved/peer-reviewed journal before their dissertation/thesis is accepted by the university. Of course, it is not easy to publish in quality international or even national journals. To bypass this, several "predatory journals" sprung up that published articles against a payment. Making their way into the list of "approved journals" of UGC did not seem to have posed much of a problem. The underwriters of these "journals" as well as the institutions were only too happy to actively promote the farce, since it provided them all an additional revenue stream. The process

now took an art-form with the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and the accreditation agencies actively seeking the numbers both on PhD registrations and the publications. Such rankings are useful to the universities for getting ever larger numbers in admissions. Unfortunately, many universities and professional colleges lack the environment that motivates the faculty to do research. Unless the quality of research and knowledge created is of a high order, a paper cannot be published in a top-ranking journal and get cited by others. To write such a paper, faculty members constantly have to update themselves by reading, experiencing, experimenting and innovating, in inter and multi-disciplinary areas and create consultancy linkages with the industry. Research is a philosophy and must be practised like a religion. Enormous funding is required, facilities need to be created and a research ambience has to be provided so that

teachers are motivated enough to spend time on social problems and in the laboratories. On the one hand, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 talks of lofty goals like multidisciplinary, inter- and intra-departmental research in a bid to promote research culture that boosts productisation; in reality, we seem to be undermining the basic tool in research, that is publishing. The time is not to dither but to have belief in oneself. Instead of floating ideas like doing away with the mandatory requirement of publication in journals, what stops the UGC from taking down such paid journals from its list and create an audit mechanism for research outcomes? As per the UNESCO Institute of Statistics data, there are only 156 researchers per million inhabitants in India and currently we spend only 0.7% of GDP in research and development (R&D). Compare this against Israel, which spends 4.95%, South Korea 4.81%, Germany 3.1%, and even China 2.14%. Only 26 Indian companies as compared with China's 301 are among the top 2,500 R&D companies in the world. According to Nature Index Rising Stars, 51 of the top 100 Universities with improved research are from China. None from India. Almost all of our R&D spend is by Gol with nothing from the states. The argument that, in India, research is done in standalone institutions and universities need only be teaching institutes is the most fallacious and dangerous one. Universities without research, knowledge creation and sharing are as good as a dead duck. If we continue diluting our standards in this fashion, the Indian universities will become a retreating image in the world's Higher Education rear-view mirror sooner than we can imagine.

Imagine the culture war the 2012 Olympic opening ceremony would spark now

It still makes me cry. Especially, perhaps, the very first moments, before it really began, when skeins of filmy blue fabric rippled across the excited crowd to the sound of Nimrod from the Enigma Variations - Elgar at his truest, most melancholic self. Looking back on it now, it really was the music of the opening ceremony of the London Olympics, 10 years ago today, that was at the heart of Danny Boyle's brilliant and bonkers production. It wound all the way round from Handel to Hey Jude, via David Bowie and Dizzee Rascal. There was a boy soprano

singing Jerusalem. There were the Sex Pistols. It was vaunting, ecstatic, angry, cheeky and reflective by turn, setting the tone for everything. Incredibly slickly produced, the ceremony felt, at the same time, deliciously anarchic. I wrote at the time that the ceremony forged a new mythology for Britain. It did: it was a national story that managed to weave together the NHS and the Industrial Revolution, maypoles and Windrush, suffragettes and cricket, Fawlty Towers and Blake, The Tempest and punk. It was (to me) thankfully low on military glory, but it did not fail to

include the Red Arrows and Winston Churchill: his statue in Parliament Square was seen to wave his cane at Daniel Craig's James Bond and the Queen as they apparently helicoptered from Buckingham Palace before parachuting into the stadium. It was a mythology that

Charlotte Higgins

isot on benign national stereotypes: it did not take itself too seriously, in those days before Boris Johnson ruined not taking yourself too seriously. It zoned in on what



Britons can be proud of (pop music, inventing the web, universal healthcare and children's literature). It felt inclusive, even if stitching together the United Kingdom-ism of it all by means of Danny Boy and Flower of Scotland and Cwm Rhondda was a little artificial. Yeah, well. Remember how everyone laughed at a Conservative MP called Aidan Burley for tweeting that it was "lefty multicultural crap" (a man who'd been sacked as a ministerial aide for attending a Nazi-themed stag night)? It felt as if he had utterly misread the public mood. From the perspective of 2022, though, he feels like a time traveller from the future. I have no doubt that if the ceremony were to be staged now, agitators would be all over it in a similar vein, never mind the cricket and the Dambusters theme and the Chelsea pensioners, the obviously careful attempts to be encyclopaedic. It is often said (and I suppose I used to say it myself) that what Britain needs now is a post-imperial narrative as confident as that of the 2012 Olympics opening ceremony. But it's too easy to look back on that time as somehow antediluvian: as a gilded moment before the traumas of the Scottish and Brexit referendums; before JK Rowling (who read that night from Peter Pan) became divisive; before the lurch to the right of the Conservatives. But Britain was already well into the process of fracturing. In an in-

terview earlier that summer of 2012, Theresa May, who was then home secretary, had announced her desire to create "a really hostile environment for illegal migration" - the very same "hostile environment" that would target the Windrush families honoured at the opening ceremony; the same hostile environment that has flowered grotesquely into the Rwanda deportation scheme. Above all, the financial crisis had set in motion far-reaching changes to British society. Inequality, not least generational inequality, was deepening. The scene was set for the rise of the politics of identity, which sharpen when there's less economically to go around. The Olympics opening ceremony was seductive. It picked a delicate path through a thicket to present a narrative that was comforting and funny and true, sort of, but at the same time gilded and polished and intensely selective. To create a myth is to tell a story that may have some deep truth about it - but it's also, often, about suppressing elements that threaten the smooth running of the story. An ancient Greek myth told in Aeschylus's Oresteia illustrates this process in a beautiful, literal, dramatic way. It's a story about how a series of seemingly endless revenge family killings is, eventually, resolved by a reasoned judicial process, offering a stirring origin story for Athenian democracy.

Maguri Motapung bill : an imortant bird area



The Maguri Motapung bill is an Important Bird Area (IBA) recommended by Bombay Natural Historical Society, an Eco-Tourisim NGO. Maguri Motapung Bill is situated to the 11 km.North of Tinsukia and South-East of Dibru-Saikhowa National Park under Tinsukia district.

The Motapung and Maguri bill is a catchment area joining Hajpan, Guijan, Dibru rivers and several tributaries, which are unified before joining the Brahmaputra river near Guijan. Earlier there were numerous moors, swamp areas and dead courses of the Dibru river. But after the immediate engulf of the greater Brahmaputra through Dhola-Hatighuli, the whole low and swamp are continuously flooded by the submerge of the Brahmaputra river. The story behind the name "Motapung" is very interesting and fabled one. In general "Mota" means male and "Pung" means ore. Probably in sixteen century there was a aquifer in the Motapung bill and interestingly the water of that Pung was salty in test, moreover at that time nearby people used the water just in the place of crystal salt. In old days the native people of that area used to purchase salt from the Naga people

of Nagaland. The Naga people used to come here

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for works like Jhum cultivation, jungle cleaning etc. Somehow the people of that nearby area came to know about salt preparation from that Pung and gradually they stop to purchase salt form the Naga people or Nagaland. So they came that place and very secretly stopped the aquifer with an emolition of white male buffalo. Since then aquifer did not give salty taste and it became a barren source of salt or Mota-pung.

Main attractions of the Maguri Motapung bill are great varieties of resident birds species, migratory bird, general and ornamental fishes, amphibians reptiles, insects, western hollock Gibbon etc. The wet land is full of different types of resident and migratory birds like whistling teal, coots, water hen, moor hen, jakanas, bittern heron, cormorants, pelican, mallard, tufted duck, gadwall, falcate duck, Rudy shell duck, Eurasian wizen, bar headed goose etc. from the month of October to March the whole part of Motapung bill covered by thousands of migratory and resident birds, which is really a precious sight of birds. At the

same time the wet land produces more than 300 matric tons fishes in every year. By which the local people can improve their economic conditions as well. More-over 4 to 6 species of amphibians like great great turtle, roof turtle, python different types of insects are easily available in the Maguri Motapung Bill. Availability of Western hollock Gibbon in nearby villages of Motapung bill also an additional surprise for the tourists. Apart from that wild buffalo, Malayan civet cat, hornbill, cuckoo, robbin, owl, drongo, dove, pigeon, mongoose flying squirrel also easily visible in Motapung bill.

Neither government nor any other NGO's supports for preservation and development of infrastructure for this most hopeful and important tourist place. A few young educated people formed an NGO called Wildlife and Environment Conservation Organisation, in short WECO, they are taking care of the Maguri Motapung bill with their physical, mental and financial contribution. Now a days almost all the people busy with their personal works or can say over selfish, in this scenario these young people are really an example for our society. Though they are not taking any personal benefit from the Maguri Motapung Bill, they are very aggressive, mind and vision is very clear for conservation of this important tourist place. We should support them at our level end for their continuous involvement toward the bill.

Artificial flood in Assam

The city of Guwahati is located at the banks of the river Brahmaputra and several of its tributaries pass through the city. Urban growth in the city of Guwahati has been rapid, with uncontrolled development activities. These activities have had a detrimental impact on the ecology and environment of the city. The city is surrounded by wet lands that under threat due to the encroachment and unplanned urban development of the city. The city is prone to floods and landslides and is located on the earthquake prone (zone V) belt. In addition to being vulnerable to these natural hazards, the city of Guwahati and is frequently affected by seasonal flash floods, which are not entirely caused by natural factors alone. There are many sectors which are directly related with the resilience of Guwahati city against floods and their related impacts. Following are the key sectors that should be studied to understand the risk profile of the city for devising suitable strategies for resilience. These include, housing and urban planning; urban infrastructure and services (water supply, sewerage, natural and storm water drainage, solid waste management, electricity, health); informal settlements and slums; poverty and livelihood; ecosystems and land-use; emergency response capacity. Based on the above-mentioned situation (hazards and vulnerabilities), number of agencies (government, humanitarian and development) several experts have conducted studies on or linked with Guwahati and floods. These studies differ in their scope, timeframe and

focus on different aspects such as socioeconomic factors, climate change, city development plans, disaster management planning, focus on single or multiple hazards etc. These studies reflect useful and micro level findings that are relevant to Guwahati and the surrounding areas. There are different studies which reflect the same findings with minor changes in the recent development of new vulnerabilities. Instead of conducting new study, it is better to conduct review of studies that focus on Guwahati and floods. This serves as the rationale behind conducting this study. The exercise is to bring all the flood study works in one place and review the same for arriving at the short term and long term measures for Guwahati for finding a solution to the problem related to risk of floods in the city. Urban flooding is one of the most recurrent hydro-meteorological disasters presently in the world. A sizeable portion of the world's population suffers from floods every year in major towns and cities. Conveyance of floodwaters in wash corridors and arroyo floodplains that were once predominantly overland sheet flow or flow in rills and gullies, are now obstructed by houses, fences, small buildings, streets, and other obstructions inhibiting their free flow. Guwahati city situated in the north-eastern state of Assam is fast becoming one such victim of flash floods that occur due to unplanned growth. Traditional one-dimensional

backwater models are inadequate to predict the unconfined flow behaviour in such urban environments like Guwahati and if used, require too many assumptions regard-

sectioning of existing channels, construction of storm water drains to carry off excessive flow into the main channels, clearing the existing channels from waste disposal and restricting the

learning curve: Guwahati urban areas present unique challenges in terms of complexity and scale, and many existing ways of working were originally developed to address



ing flow diversions and potential confinement. Two-dimensional flood routing programs can efficiently simulate these complex urban flood environments with accuracy and detail. Flood hazard mapping and flood inundation modelling are the vital components in flood mitigation measures and land use planning, and are prerequisites for the flood insurance schemes. As flood itself cannot be prevented but the damages due to floods can be mitigated with proper planning and preparedness at community level. For that it is very important to identify the degree of hazard associated with various portions of a flood plain. Hence flood hazard zonation is an important component of overall flood management strategy. During monsoon season, the river Brahmaputra flows over the danger level and the low lying areas of Guwahati City face problems of water logging and floods. The feeder drains to the main channels run overflowing, and because of siltation problem of drains, the carrying capacity is also reduced significantly. The water resource department in response to these existing problems took some effective remedial measures like construction of flood walls, installation of high capacity pumps in low lying areas, providing sluice gates on the channels to control flow of water and other significant measures. Some more proposed interventions are under way, which will address the existing flooding problem like re-

drop of sewer in those channels. The remedial recommendations are provided at several levels covering structural and non-structural aspects. The proposed structural measures include: Inter basin transfer of load, so that in case of excessive flow in one channel, the flow can be directed to other river with lesser load. The capacity of existing drain channels need to be increased as the amount of excessive water coming to them will be beyond the handling capacity of these channels currently. Defining the sections of existing channels, so that the problem of encroachment over them and the waste disposal in them can be checked. The action points in this report are derived from a literature review that considered evaluations, reviews, reports, lessons papers and existing practices relating to the city of Guwahati and floods. Most of these documents relate to particular issues of Guwahati with different direct or indirect link with urban floods with focus on humanitarian and development aspects, as this is where government and humanitarian actors are most likely to be involved in disaster response and risk reduction. Many factors, such as rapid urban growth and a potentially increased risk of extreme weather events (especially floods), suggest that government and other development actors will increasingly be involved in urban humanitarian response in the city. This will be a steep

these challenges. However, the situation currently appears to be a topic with several unanswered questions, and where many lessons have not been tested in the context of Guwahati. As a result, this report should be seen as an attempt to capture what is known at a specific point in time and based on existing studies. The report based on different studies shows that the existing vulnerabilities are too debilitating for Guwahati and addressing these now, will also help in building resilience in the long run. The last two chapters have listed recommendations and measures for undertaking actions at different levels. There are some efforts that concern departments can incorporate in their response and ongoing actions. The state and district government could support some of the suggested actions. A mainstreaming plan has been provided by TERI to implement the sectoral strategies in a recent (2013) study for climate resilience in Guwahati. A policy level support from the state government will ensure sustainability of the initiatives and also lead to encouraging implementable actions. The implementation of recommendations would lead to identification of missing points at different levels as Guwahati city (and in general many cities of India) face pressing and unique challenges (unanswered questions) as they navigate through the mire of complexity, unbridled growth and rapid change to achieve sustainable development.

Haflong-white ant hillock

Haflong is the only hill station of Assam, laced with lush greenery, scenic views and mist-covered hills. Sitting at an altitude of more than 600 m above the sea level, it is one of the best places to escape when the sun is beaming with pride in the plains. This hilly terrain is complemented with panoramic landscapes is not only a nature lover's haven but also a place for those seeking tranquillity. There is another element that makes it a favoured destination for its visitors; its location, i.e., Northeast India, which further offers you ample options to have an exciting trip itinerary. All in all, it is an ideal getaway option for a memorable vacation. If you are in for a trip that will offer both tranquillity and adrenaline rush, Haflong, also known as White Ant Hillock, is a must-visit place. Read on to get all details about this beautiful destination from Northeast India. Located in the heart of the town, Haflong Lake is a beautiful place for spending some quiet and memorable hours. In fact, it is one of the best scenic spots in this region. Here, you will get an opportunity to indulge in some leisure water activities and also boating facilities. Fish lovers can go for angling, whereas one can even opt for spending some time in solace by the lakeside. Jatinga, also known as the 'valley of death for birds', is located around 9 km from Haflong town. The shocking phenomenon of migratory bird suicides attracts visitors and ornithologists to the south of Haflong, a

20-km drive to Jatinga. "That used to absolutely fascinate us as children; it usually happened on those moonless, foggy nights, and this huge number of birds just flew straight down towards the searchlights, completely dazed, and died. Unfortu-



nately, they were often captured and killed by locals using bamboo poles," explains Dey. The mystery remains largely unexplained by ornithologists, and can be viewed from an observatory tower between the months of August and November. There is also a variety of species of flowers and fruits to enjoy at Jatinga, famous for its hills covered with the gorgeous and rare purple orchid species, Blue Vanda. One can also take a look at and relish the delicious fruits grown here at the weekly farmers' market, such as pineapples, peaches, and oranges, which are also sent to other parts of India. The hot springs at Umrangso, also known as Garampaani, are an exceptional gem that tourists can enjoy, especially as a delightfully contrasting relief during winter snowfalls. The water here is be-

lieved to have medicinal properties. Located nearby in Panimoor, the Kopli River gushes and rolls over the rocks, turning into a thrilling waterfall. This is surprisingly one of the least explored waterfalls in Assam, and provides the perfect

Mahur Lake, Ramchandi Temple and other ruins. These, unfortunately are the only remnants of a once flourishing city. If you were seeking to experience nature from close quarters, this is the ultimate place to enjoy it. One cannot ignore the fact that if this region is surrounded by mystery, it is not devoid of merits. Famous for its oranges, there are other charms of Jatinga that wait to surprise its visitors all the time. This not-so-popular town is gaining grounds with the growth of tourism in Northeast India. To get an in-depth idea about the reign of Dimasa Kingdom, Maibang is the right place to be. It was the place that served as

the capital of Dimasa Kingdom, and its ruins can still be visited here. Visiting this town will let you revisit history and enjoy a tour of this 16th-century kingdom. The scenic view of this place is a delight to watch, and the pleasant weather that blesses this region throughout the year further makes it a perfect recreational spot. This waterfall can rightly be called the Niagara of Northeast India because the very sight of this majestic cascading waterfall will take your breath away. A tip to remember - there is a Forest Inspection Bungalow in this area, which should be booked in advance if you want to plan a trip there, as it is capable of housing just a few visitors. This is also a place, where some shots from Kanganana Ranaut and Shahid Kapoor starrer 'Rangoon' were filmed. Few scenic villages

are also situated in and around this place for trekking in case you are interested. The nearest airport is Silchar Airport. Thereon, cabs and buses are available that you can opt as per your convenience. Else, there are direct trains to Haflong from Guwahati and Silchar. These journeys will be a bit slow, yet you will be able to enjoy nature at its best. Haflong is also prominent for its plethora of outdoor activities. For an exciting break from sightseeing, tourists can enjoy paragliding through the charming hills of Gunjung Paragliding Point. Instructors provide safety and training here to help travellers partake in the breath-taking views of the iconic cotton clouds resting on its peaks. A more tranquil experience can be enjoyed at the pristine Haflong lake, characterised by its mirror-like, crystal clear surface, where tourists can engage in water sports or simply take boat rides - the calm water amidst the vivid greenery boasts a romantic feel perfect for couples. It is also the perfect spot for angling enthusiasts. As award-winning, Guwahati-based author Tapati Baruah Kashyap wrote in her poetry collection, 'In Love With Jatinga,' the cool tropical breeze, the lush greenery of the surrounding hills - in short, the "spotless nature" of this seemingly unknown, quaint small town, truly makes it a "little paradise on Earth".

Manas National Park: Project Tiger reserve

Manas National Park is a beautiful place, located in the two districts Bongaigaon, & Barpeta, in the state of Assam. Manas is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Biosphere Reserve, National Park and also a Wildlife Sanctuary. Manas National Park is a national park, Project Tiger reserve, biosphere reserve and an elephant reserve in Assam, India. Located in the Himalayan foothills, it is contiguous with Royal Manas National Park in Bhutan. The park is known for its rare and endangered endemic wildlife such as the Assam roofed turtle, hispid hare, golden langur and pygmy hog. Manas is famous for its population of the wild water buffalo. The name of the park is originated from the Manas River. The Manas river is a major tributary of Brahmaputra River, which passes through the heart of the national park. The Manas

National Park was declared a sanctuary on 1 October 1928 with an area of 360 km². Manas bio reserve was created in 1973. Prior to the declaration of the sanctuary, it was a reserved forest called Manas R.F. and North Kamrup R.F. It was used by the Cooch Behar royal family and Raja of Gauripur as a hunting reserve. In 1951 and 1955, the area was increased to 391 km². It was declared a World Heritage Site in December 1985 by UNESCO. Kahitama R.F. the Kokilabari R.F. and the Panbari R.F. were added in the year 1990 to form the Manas National Park. In 1992, UNESCO declared it as a world heritage site in danger due to heavy poaching and terrorist activities. On 25 February 2008, the area was increased to 500 km². On 21 June 2011, it was removed from the List of



World Heritage in Danger and was commended for its efforts in preservation. There is only one forest village, Pagrang, in the core of the national park. Apart from this village 56 more villages surround the park. Many more fringe villages are directly or indirectly dependent on the park. Political Geography: The park area falls in the following districts: Chirang, Baksa in the autonomous territorial region, i.e. BTR in the state of Assam in India. The park is divided into three ranges. The western range is based at Panbari, the central at Bansbari near Barpeta Road, and the eastern at Bhuiyapara near Pathsala.

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Legendary Assamese writer

said. The renowned author was born in 1935. In 2006, he received the Sahitya Academy Award for his novel 'Seneh Jorir Ganthi.' 'Namgharia,' 'Hamdoi Pulor Jon,' 'Rajpaat,' 'Polatok,' and 'Ashray' are among his other significant works. Goswami also received the Kumar Kishore Memorial Award, and in 1992, he received the Katha award for creative writing for his work 'Boliya Hathi.' He was well-known as a short story writer, litterateur, and novelist. Many English, Bengali, and Odia texts were translated into Assamese, as were Assamese texts into English. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the death of noted writer Shri Atulananda Goswami. He died on Wednesday 26th of July in GMCH hospital, where he was admitted. PM tweeted, 'Saddened by the passing away of noted writer Shri Atulananda Goswami Ji. His works received great acclaim and are admired for their diversity and sensitivity. He made great efforts to popularise Assamese literature in English. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti.' Atulananda Goswami is known for his contribution to literature & has written several highly acclaimed short stories & novels in the Assamese language.

Japanese Encephalitis claims Three

Nagaon, two in Tinsukia and one each in Chirang, Jorhat and Kamrup districts, officials said on Tuesday. According to the data of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Government of India, 660 people died in Assam due to the disease during the period from 2015 to 2021. A total of 135 people died of it in 2015, while 92 people died in 2016, 87 in 2017, 94 in 2018, 161 in 2019, 51 in 2020 and 40 in 2021.

CM Dr. Sarma attends closing

female as well as best performing teams on the occasion. Dr. Sarma also called upon everybody in the state to participate in Har Ghar Tiranga and hoist the National Flag in their respective houses. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways etc Sarbananda Sonowal also spoke on the occasion. Revenue Minister Jogen Mohan, MLAs Rupjyoti Kurmi and Hemanga Thakuria, General Secretary Assam Olympic Association Lakhya Konwar, Mayor GMC Mrigen Sarania, Arjuna awardees Monalisa Baruah Mehta and Kamallesh Mehta, Athletes Allen Deuri, Ankushita Bodo and hosts of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Assam Governor mourns death

void. Moreover, his creations will be a source of inspiration to the posterity. "My deep condolences to the bereaved family members and pray to God to be with them at this trying time. I also pray to the Almighty for eternal peace of the departed soul", the Governor added.

Gaurav Gogoi Writes To Amit

wrote, "No funds have been announced under NDRF for the state of Assam yet. However, it is not unprecedented to allocate funds from NDRF to flood relief and I urge you to conduct an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) assessment for release of funds under NDRF urgently During cyclone Tauktae in Gujarat (2021-2022), financial assistance of Rs 1000 crores for immediate relief was announced and released in advance from NDRF, also, Rs 600 crores have been disbursed from NDRF for floods in Madhya Pradesh (2021-2022).""In light of these precedents, I request you to take Assam's plight into account and either disburse funds from NDRF or announce an independent financial relief package for the state at the earliest," he added. "Additionally, I urge you to build a tenable framework for long-term solutions for floods in Assam, as also suggested by the Standing Committee on Water Resources in 2021. Firstly, funds for long-term erosion management must be released to vulnerable areas, especially Lewramukh, Borghuli, Muwamari, Taatikata. Flood plain zoning in the state should be incentivised as a priority by the government. River erosion should be included in the admissible list of calamities for availing assistance under NDRF and SDRF, and appropriate bodies such as River Basin Organisations should be set up. It is also necessary to fill vacancies in the Brahmaputra Board for effective administration," wrote Gogoi in the letter to Amit Shah. Gogoi further requested the Union home minister to visit Assam and take stock of the flood situation and provide relief accordingly. "Therefore, I request you to kindly intervene in the matter, visit the state and provide immediate relief to the lakhs of people affected by the calamity," he concluded.

Spurious liquor claims more

claimed 136 lives. Primary investigations have revealed that some small-time bootleggers of different villages of Botad district had made spurious liquor by mixing water with methyl alcohol or methanol and sold it to villagers at Rs 20 per pouch. The tragedy came to light on early Monday (July 25) morning when some people living in Rojid village in Botad and other surrounding villages were referred to government hospitals in the Barvala area and Botad towns after their health conditions started deteriorating. Maharashtra, Goa, Ladakh, Lakshadweep reported zero deaths due to spurious liquor. According to NCRB data, Maharashtra, Goa, Ladakh, and Lakshadweep are the states and Union territories that have reported zero deaths due to consumption of spurious liquor. Several north-eastern states have also fared well on this front, with Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland recording one death each. Overall, hooch deaths have been declining in the country since 2017, statistics show. India recorded 1,510 deaths in 2017; 1,365 in 2018; 1,296 in 2019; and 947 in 2020, the latest year for which data is available. A breakup of the 2020 data shows 895 males and 52 females died after consuming spurious liquor. Widely considered Mumbai's worst ever hooch tragedy, 106 people, mostly construction workers, sewage cleaners, and sweepers, died at a slum in Malvani after consuming poisonous alcohol in June 2015. Forensic analysis of the liquor revealed that it was pure methanol diluted with water. Another hooch tragedy at Sangrampur in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district in 2011 claimed 172 lives. In May 2008, around 180 people died in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu after consuming spurious liquor from illegal shops. One of the main reasons why poor people opt for cheaper alternatives is heavy taxation on liquor in various states.

Former Assam Minister Ardhendu

treatment. In the Assam cabinet, he had held the portfolios of supplies and irrigation as a minister. Dey had completed his MBBS degree from University of Calcutta. He was elected as MLA for the first time in Assam Legislative Assembly election from Hojai constituency in 1991. He had served as an MLA between 1991 and 2006 as a Congress member. Later, in April 2021 he joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In 2011, he was again elected to the state legislative assembly.

The 'New Ozone Layer' That Scientists

can harm 50% of the world's population has been discovered in the lower stratosphere over the tropics. In a recent study that was published in AIP Advances, it was revealed that the new ozone hole is seven times larger than the Antarctic ozone hole, which only appears in the spring. Professor Qing-Bin Lu of the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, claims in his research that this all-new ozone hole has been since the 1980s and, unlike the Antarctic one, is perpetually present. Lu claims in his study, "the depth of this tropical ozone hole is equivalent to that of the well-known spring-time Antarctic ozone hole." The study, entitled "Observation of substantial and all-season ozone losses across the tropics." Additionally, it claims that with the rise in the amount of ultraviolet radiation, the whole-year large tropical ozone hole may harm 50% of the Earth's surface. Scientist Lu has also hypothesized that whereas the Antarctic one often arises in the spring, the tropical one should do so year-round. In technical terms, "ozone hole" does not literally refer to a place where there is no ozone; rather, it refers to an area where the ozone layer is particularly low. The term "ozone hole" refers to an area where the amount of ozone drops below 220 "Dobson Units," which is a measurement of the number of ozone molecules in a certain column of air that extends from the surface of the earth to space. According to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the ozone layer is currently on the road to recovery after the 1987 Montreal Protocol, an international convention intended to phase out the manufacture of ozone-depleting chemicals like CFCs was passed in response to the finding of ozone holes. However, Lu warned in his recent study that the lives of billions of people living in the tropics may be at serious risk to a recently discovered ozone hole. In place of the standard definition, Lu stated that an ozone hole is "an area of O3 loss larger than 25% compared with the undisturbed atmosphere." Lu told Live science that the North Pole ozone hole was identified by an approximately 25% decrease in ozone, hence the new definition is accurate. Since the overall ozone levels over the tropics exceed the 220 Dobson Unit cutoff, Lu stated in his report that "no ozone hole over the tropics would be observed using the usual definition of an ozone hole." "Good Ozone: Ozone is a substance that naturally exists in the stratosphere, the highest atmosphere of the Earth, where it creates a barrier that protects humankind from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. This "good" ozone is being steadily destroyed by man-made substances known as Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS), such as methyl bromide, carbon tetrachloride, halons, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), and methyl chloroform. Then there is Bad Ozone. Near the surface of the Earth, in the lower atmosphere (troposphere), pollutants emitted by vehicles, power plants, industrial boilers, refineries, chemical industries, and other sources react chemically with sunlight to produce ozone. The term "ozone layer depletion" describes chemically induced stratospheric ozone layer destruction that goes beyond natural processes. Ozone in the stratosphere is continuously produced and destroyed by natural cycles. However, a number of ODS accelerate the process of ozone breakdown, leaving ozone levels lower than usual. These compounds were formerly utilized and sometimes still are used in coolants, foaming agents, fire extinguishers, solvents, insecticides, and aerosol propellants. These ozone-depleting chemicals degrade very slowly after being discharged into the atmosphere. In fact, they can survive for years as they travel through the troposphere and into the stratosphere. There, the UV radiation from the sun breaks them down, releasing chlorine and bromine molecules that deplete the stratospheric ozone. Increased ground-level UV radiation from the protective layer may raise the risk of skin cancer and cataracts in people. Furthermore, it can also weaken human immunity and reduce agricultural productivity. Other scientists who were not involved in the study have expressed concern about its conclusions. Martyn Chipperfield, Professor at the School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds, told Down to Earth, "One of the concerns is that the theory of ozone loss proposed by Lu has been discredited." The other problem, in Chipperfield's opinion, is that this study used the ozone change dataset from the 1960s. He noted that the issue is that there weren't many observations made in the 1960s and those that were made were based on poor model reconstructions. He also pointed out, "Ozone trends from the 1960s can be evaluated using other, better datasets that are extensively used in the community. They don't exhibit this large drop in ozone." Susan Solomon, a Climate Science, and Atmospheric Chemistry professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told DTE, that a significant proportion of the decline in tropical ozone is likely a result of changes in the stratospheric winds that carry up ozone-deficient tropical air. A significant proportion of the decline in tropical ozone is likely a result of changes in the stratospheric winds that carry up ozone-deficient tropical air. She told DTE that she remain unconvinced that cosmic rays were the primary cause of the ozone layer's deterioration in the poles. She continued by saying that the putative cosmic ray claim was not supported by any specific chemical calculations.

Preparatory workshop on Maths Olympiad held

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, July 27: A day-long preparatory workshop on Maths Olympiad was held at Blue Pine English High School, Dekorai under Biswanath district on Tuesday. The workshop convened by the Biswanath branch of Assam Maths Society was chaired by Dr. Arun Chaliha. Shibu Majumdar, principal of the educational institution inaugurated the preparatory workshop on Maths Olympiad was attended by nearly 200 students from various educational institutions of the greater Naduar area. Ripunjay Bordoloi, science teacher of Chengamari High School and secretary of Biswanath branch of Assam Maths Society graced the occasion as a resource person. The maths Olympiad was held in three categories. Pranjal Bordoloi conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session. The educational workshop was attended by teachers from various educational institutions and guardians. The conscious people of the area have praised the initiative taken by the Biswanath branch of Assam Maths Society.

Oath taking ceremony of ASSP held at Biswanath

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, July 27: The oath taking ceremony of newly constituted Biswanath district committee of Assam Sankhyalghu Sangram Parishad was held at the conference hall of Sahitya Sabha



bhawan here at Biswanath Chariali with Abdul Hakim Sikdar on Tuesday. Md. Ali Khalifa, central president of ASSP administered the oath taking ceremony wherein the executive members and office bearers of the Biswanath district committee read out the oath. A panel discuss regarding various issues including erosion, flood, poverty, issues related to education, rehabilitation, child marriage, polygamy etc was held followed by the oath taking ceremony. The ceremony was attended by Najir Hussain, Najir Ahmed, Kuddush Ali Sarkar, Jomuddin Ahmed, Nur Hussain, Rejaul Haque Choudhury, Nur Mohammad beside others. Abdul Rahman and Aman Khan conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

Former Assam Minister Ardhendu Kumar Dey dies at 84



Assam Rising, Hojai, July 27: People from all walks of life in Hojai mourn the death of their beloved leader Dr. Ardhendu Kumar Dey. Former Minister during Congress regime, three times MLA from Hojai LAC, one time from Lumding LAC and noted social activist Dr. Ardhendu Kumar Dey (85) breathed his last while undergoing treatment at GMCH in Guwahati on Wednesday night. His body was brought here in Hojai on Wednesday morning, where hundreds of his well wishers and followers were waiting to see him for the last time thereby to bid adieu for forever which was followed by a tribute rally taken out from his residence in Gobindapally which traversed through major thoroughfares of the town. Dr. Dey was the firebrand leader, candid, soft spoken, friendly and masses leader who always thought of the downtrodden first. In the year 2021, he formally joined Bharatiya Janata Party and remained politically active till the last months of his demise. He was associated with many social organizations too. To pay him rich tributes, people kept their establishments closed in Hojai. Condolences messages were poured in from all around the State. Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that Deeply saddened by the demise of veteran leader, former Minister and MLA of Hojai Dr Ardhendu Dey. In his long political career, he contributed immensely towards public welfare. My condolences to the bereaved and prayers for the departed soul. Om Shanti! he added. MLA Ramkrishna Ghosh, former MLA Shiladitya Dev, DC Anupam Choudhury, Assam Nagarik Manch General Secretary Bijoy Chakraborty, AIUDF Supremo Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, Prof Amalendu Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University and many other organizations paid him homage and condoled his death and prayed almighty for the eternal peace of the departed soul. They all said Dr. Dey's contribution will always be remembered, he has contributed immensely in the development of Hojai. His last rites were performed at Shantiban in Hojai. He has left behind his Son and a host of relatives.

AJYCP protests in front of Khatangani forest office

Assam Rising, Tinsukia, July 27: AJYCP today staged a strong protest against the Khatangani forest office



under Digboi forest division. Wild elephants coming out of Digboi forest in search of food have often caused nuisance in the Pengeri area. Especially in Khatangani, Lalmati, Mamoujjan, Nagapathar villages, houses are broken and damaged. There are multiple examples of wild elephants demolishing the same family home three or four times a year. The forest department has promised to solve the terror of wild elephants at various times but has not taken any useful action till date. In view of which today the AJYCP Margherita Regional Committee implemented a protest programme with the help of local people. More than half a hundred protesters protested in front of the Khatangani forest office with slogans like Khatangani forest office alas! Alas! Forest Minister alas! Alas! The Assam government Alas! Alas! The protesters threatened to launch an even stronger democratic movement against the forest department if the forest department could not solve the wild elephant menace in the coming days.





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Kyprios denies heroic Stradivarius in thrilling race for Goodwood Cup



London, July 27 : Three outstanding stayers produced a compelling drama through the final three furlongs of the Goodwood Cup here on Tuesday and though Stradivarius came up a neck short in his attempt to win the race for the fifth time, he did more than enough to keep him on the track for another race at least. "We are not going to say

goodbye, not when he is at the top of his game and ran like that today," Bjorn Nielsen, Stradivarius's owner, said after his narrow defeat by Kyprios. "We will go on for at least one more." A head-to-head between Stradivarius and Trueshan, the most successful stayers of recent years, on ground that suited the pair of them had been postponed several times over the past couple of seasons, because the going was either too fast or too slow. When it finally arrived,

neither horse had quite enough to overhaul Kyprios, after Ryan Moore sent last month's Ascot Gold Cup winner into a narrow lead well over a quarter of a mile out. But few of those watching from the stands will ever forget the thrill of watching them try. Trueshan and Hollie Doyle were first to challenge Kyprios, the 6-4 favourite, on his outside, before a roar swept through the crowd as Andrea Atzeni moved Stradivarius into a position to challenge towards the far rail. He was within half a length of the leader at the furlong pole and pressed him all the way to the line, but Kyprios showed a champion's courage to keep him at bay.

London, July 27 : On the eve of the 10th anniversary of the London Olympics, Sebastian Coe is reminiscing about the one that got away. "We got so close to giving Sir Alex Ferguson the job to coach the football team," he says, sighing, and his mind is catapulted back to the time he asked Sir Bobby Charlton to discreetly sound out the Manchester United manager. "I came up with the idea because we were having a bit of fragility around our Celtic cousins," says Lord Coe, the London 2012 organising committee

chairman. "It was ostensibly an English team, although there was a smattering of Welsh players. But it suddenly occurred to me that the one unifying influence would be having a not necessarily English coach. And I couldn't imagine any club having a problem with their Under-23 players having a four, five or six-week tutelage - a masterclass - from Alex Ferguson on the training ground." Weeks went by. I was in a Tesco in Cobham on a Friday night, filling baskets full of food for my kids, and I got a call.

It was a 'No ID' and I was at the butter and fats counter and he said: 'Seb, it's Alex here'. I threw a load of cash at one of my daughters to keep filling the trolley and I said: 'This is the stuff for a long conversation, I'm in the supermarket.' I explained my theory because Bob hadn't actually told him; he'd just asked him to give me a call. So Alex rang and said: 'Oh, I thought you were looking for tickets'. I put him through the idea and he said: 'Well, I don't know.' Then there was a gap and then he went: 'Oh Jesus, I'm already picking the team in my head.' Coe says he didn't mention it to a living soul, but when he saw Ferguson at the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year awards, Ferguson looked at him and said "the answer's yes". It wasn't to be. To this day Coe is at a loss to explain how it got away. But then Ferguson said he didn't have the time, while the British Olympic Association told Coe it wasn't his job to choose a coach. "The BOA decided



that Stuart Pearce probably had better credentials," says Coe. "That was a slight disappointment." When the Games finally began on 27 July 2012, with the Queen apparently parachuting into the Olympic Stadium with Daniel Craig as James Bond by her side, Britain soon

revelled in a 16-day sporting bender. The action was staggering, with Team GB winning 65 medals to soar to third in the medal table. Such was the mood in London it was if serotonin was being pumped into the water supply.

Premier League wants Championship to house loan players in new finance deal

London, July 27 : Premier League clubs want Championship sides to commit to developing young British loan talent as part of a restructuring of the finances in the English game. At a lengthy shareholders meeting in central London on Tuesday plans for "a new deal for football" were discussed which would bring changes to the controversial parachute payments system and greater redistribution down the pyramid, including investment in infrastructure at League One and League Two grounds. In return Premier League clubs would like better opportunities for their young players to develop. Frustrated by the lack of competitiveness at under-23 level, and with Brexit having reduced loan opportunities in Europe for British players, the lower leagues are an increasingly important place for player development. Some directors, however, feel that the more physical demands



of lower league football are not best suited to developing Premier League skills, particularly among players who have not fully developed physically. They believe this could change, perhaps if Championship sides were obliged to field a certain number of under-23 players in their first teams. Such ideas chime with the Football Association's ambition to further reinforce development pathways for potential England

internationals and come as the game attempts to find a collective solution to the challenges raised by the fan-led review of football governance. The government has promised to publish a white paper laying out terms for introducing an independent regulator into

the English game by the end of the summer. Some within football feel they are in a holding pattern, however, with government effectively paused as the Conservative party seeks a new leader. The Premier League is confident the pieces are now in place for a response to one of the government's key demands: an increase in redistribution from the top flight down the leagues. The overall level of funding is likely to increase, with Championship clubs receiving money determined by their league position. This will mean clubs relegated from the Premier League still avoid the "cliff edge" of a massive drop in TV revenue, but there will be less disparity with the rest of the second tier, a key problem for the EFL. Whether merit

payments will apply to League One and Two clubs remains unclear, but top-flight clubs are expected to commit to explicit funding arrangements for improving infrastructure for clubs in those divisions. A decision was taken by clubs on voluntarily removing gambling sponsors from the front of shirts. But the Premier League did confirm the identity of its new chair, with Alison Brittain taking up the role from the interim chair, Peter McCormick, early next year. Brittain joins from Whitbread and has served on the prime minister's advisory board on economics. "I have been a football fan since I was a child and so am absolutely delighted to be appointed chair of the Premier League," Brittain said

How Wimbledon spotlight is helping Cameron Norrie plan for US Open



New York, July 27 : Cameron Norrie arrived at

Wimbledon one month ago still searching for the big result on the biggest stages that could garner the attention his performances seemed to deserve. It is fair to say he succeeded. As he prepares for the North American swing of hard court tournaments from his training base in France, Norrie says the difference in how he has been received by the public since he reached his first grand slam semi final has been palpable. Many more people are recognising him, congratulating him on his performances and appreciating his efforts. "It was funny. You go down to get a coffee and the barista recognises you: 'Oh, don't worry about it, today, it is all right.' I am like: 'Mate, I can pay for it, it's fine.' He says: 'Ah, don't worry about it.' I went to get my dry cleaning and they were like: 'Ah, great Wimbledon. You know what? This time don't worry about it.' I am like: 'Man, it's fine, I can pay for it.'" Norrie said, laughing. "A couple of times I went for breakfast and people asked for photos and congratulated me in a very nice way. It is cool that people were watching and following and supporting. It's cool I was getting some recognition. With this Wimbledon, a lot more people know who I am now. It's great for me." In the same breath, though, Norrie is clear. He may have broken new ground, but he asserts that nothing has changed, and such a result certainly hasn't changed him. He is only further motivated to succeed. "The biggest thing is knowing I can do it at slams now," he said. After the physical and emotional efforts of reaching the

Wimbledon semi-finals, Norrie took a week off and lay low before going to France to begin preparations for the hard court swing. He spent time last week training with the world No 1 Daniil Medvedev, although he decided tactfully not to bring up Wimbledon's decision to ban Medvedev and his compatriots in light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Norrie will compete next in Los Cabos, Mexico, then Montreal and Cincinnati before the final grand slam tournament of the year at the US Open in New York. Norrie will be back on home soil for the Davis Cup finals group stages in Glasgow from 13 to 18 September, with tickets now on sale. The location has extra meaning for Norrie: his Scottish father, David, is a Rangers fan who grew up in the city. "He actually took me to the exact road and little apartment he grew up in. The last time I played the Davis Cup there," Norrie said. "So, it was pretty special to see that, to have that moment with him. Obviously I have not spent a massive amount of time there. I am looking forward to going back and they did a great job with the venue the last time we played there." Having not been picked for numerous Davis Cup teams, Norrie is now the leader of the team as the British No 1. With a Wimbledon semi-final, a greater target on his back and increased attention, the stakes have only risen. His response is again clear: "I always try to hold myself accountable for everything. I won't change anything. I don't feel any differently. My game is improving, which is exactly what I need to focus on."

Tears of joy for Cecilie Uttrup Ludwig after Tour de France Femmes stage win



God, it just doesn't get better." The succession of short, sharp climbs through the hills overlooking Épernay whittled down the lead group on the approach to the sharpest of all, the Côte de Mutigny, 15 kilometres from the finish and famously the platform for Julian Alaphilippe's stage win in the 2019 men's Tour. But the Mutigny climb was almost Vos's undoing, as she slipped back following an

acceleration from Ashleigh Moolman-Pasio, of Team SD Worx. But after distancing Vos, Moolman-Pasio's leader, Demi Vollering, then slid on a left-hand bend, and lost her advantage. Vos was soon chasing the front group of six, which included the Giro Donne winner, Annemiek van Vleuten of Movistar. "I gave it my all to stay in contention," the race leader said. "It was just, 'try to get back to the first group.'" Van Vleuten, who

has been depleted by a stomach bug, again had a fatiguing day, having lost fifty seconds on stage two. Forced to chase after a toilet stop, with 30 kilometres to race, things got worse on the final climb, Mont Bernon, when she lost contact with the front group of favourites. Although the Dutch rider chased back to the rear of the select front group, she again lost ground in the sprint, ceding a further 18 seconds to Vos.

England and Wales confirmed as hosts of Women's T20 World Cup in 2026



London, July 27 : England and Wales will host the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup, the International Cricket Council has confirmed. With four major tournaments announced from 2024 to 2027, England will host the competition for the

London, July 27 : Despair turned to celebration on the champagne roads of the Marne for the effervescent Cecilie Uttrup Ludwig (FDJ Suez) who won stage three of the Tour de France Femmes, from Reims to Épernay, after she outprinted the overall race leader, Marianne Vos. The Dane, who was in tears after crashing and losing time on stage two, was in tears of joy, after her explosive acceleration took her clear of Vos in the last 100 metres. It is hard to imagine a more exuberant winner in the long history of the Tour de France. "It feels like a such a good comeback after what, I have to say, was a fucking shit day yesterday," Ludwig said. "I just love how the team kept the fighting spirit and we knew that today was a super-good day [for us]." "If I had the legs, I could go for the win, but to actually do it and be a Tour de France stage winner, in this Danish national champion's jersey! Oh my

first time since the inaugural event in 2009. Although venues are yet to be confirmed, the competition will take place in June with the finals expanded from 10 to 12 nations, meaning a total of 33 fixtures will be played. "We're absolutely delighted that we've been selected to host the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026," said Clare Connor, interim chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board. "We saw back in 2017 how hosting the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup captured people's imagination and I'll never forget watching Heather Knight lift the trophy on that magical day at a sold-out Lord's." With the women's international calendar now mapped out for the next five years, the ICC also confirmed the other host nations for upcoming events. Bangladesh will host a major women's tournament for the first time when they stage the T20 World Cup in 2024, with India then the location for the Women's World Cup a year later. Once England then takes centre stage with the 2026 T20 Women's World Cup, the inaugural Women's Champions Trophy is scheduled for Sri Lanka - subject to qualification - for February 2027.

England turn on style to rout Sweden and reach Women's Euro 2022 final

London, July 27 : The Lionesses roared into a first major tournament final since 2009 with a scintillating 4-0 unpicking of Europe's highest-ranked team, Sweden. England had not reached a major final since their 6-2 defeat by Germany in Helsinki at Euro 2009 and this team's terrier-like midfield trio of Fran Kirby, Georgia Stanway and Keira Walsh took half an hour



before they worked out how to shrug off some physical and snappy Sweden marking which kept the crowd of 28,624 on edge. But Beth Mead's sixth goal of the tournament lifted the pressure of the occasion before a Lucy Bronze header, an outrageous backheel from Alessia Russo and a Kirby chip booked the team a place in Sunday's final at Wembley in style. Sweden fans had

been waiting expectantly for their players to click at this European Championship. Bar a 5-0 drubbing of Portugal, the team that was called up in place of Russia, the Scandinavian side had looked a shadow of the team that humbled England in the bronze-medal match at the World Cup in 2019 and were a penalty kick away from Olympic gold in Tokyo last summer. But anyone writing

off Sweden would have been naive to do so. Because while they have not looked at their best, Sweden's rare struggles in recent years have come against teams that have sat back. A 92nd-minute winner against Belgium spared them an embarrassing quarter-final exit to relative European minnows - but in England, they were handed a semi-final opponent far better suited to the way they

play. "We're going to leave everything on the pitch, every drop of sweat," warned the returning Kosovare Asllani, who had recovered from Covid. "England have played some fantastic football in this tournament so far but at the same time we feel like that it is a game that will suit us. We're very well prepared." Asllani brimmed with indignant confidence at questions that she might

not be fit and ready for the fight at Bramall Lane, a home ground for England but a familiar one for Sweden too, with the side having played two group games there. That indignation spilled on to the pitch, the influential midfielder engaged in a physical and fiery battle with the scorer of England's extra-time winner against Spain, Stanway.

Commonwealth Games 2022: things to watch out for in Birmingham

Birmingham, July 27 : The world championships has only recently finished in the US, yet a hectic summer continues for some of the top athletes in the world. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Elaine Thompson-Herah and Shericka Jackson - the three faces of sprinting so far this year - are all expected to compete in Birmingham. Dina Asher-Smith, a 200m bronze medallist and a member of the 4x100m relay gold medal-winning team in 2018, will naturally be the focal point if she is fully fit after pulling up during the 4x100m in Oregon. While Katarina Johnson-Thompson will look to inch back to top form, athletes such as Jake Wightman, Keely Hodgkinson and Laura Muir will be aiming to consolidate their successes. Adam Peaty, the world-record holder and Olympic champion in the 100m breaststroke, was forced to remain at home during the World Aquatic Championships in June after sustaining a fractured bone in his foot. His withdrawal from the event broke a run of five successive Olympic and world titles over 100m breaststroke, dating back to 2015. It is fair to say Peaty returns with even greater motivation as he looks to extend his unprecedented dominance over the field. A two-time



defending Commonwealth champion from 2014 and 2018 over 100m breaststroke, the three-peat is on. For a few fleeting weeks in May, Rhys McClenaghan and his fellow Northern Irish gymnasts had to come to terms with being barred from competing at the Commonwealth Games after being informed by the International Gymnastics Federation that their representation of the Republic of Ireland in other competitions meant they were ineligible to represent Northern Ireland here. After widespread and entirely appropriate outrage, the decision was overturned on appeal. McClenaghan, a charismatic 23-year-old who won gold in 2018 and has marked himself as one of the best gymnasts in the world on pommel horse, will especially be seeking

redemption after both those stressful few weeks and a bitter 2021 season at the Olympics and world championships. For so long, few nations could answer to the dominance of Australia and New Zealand in the world of international netball. Until 2018, all but one of the major trophies at the Netball World Cup and Commonwealth Games had been split between them, with Trinidad and Tobago's three-way tie with the two nations at the World Cup in 1979 the one anomaly. But finally, in 2018, England clinched a historic Commonwealth Games gold medal, defeating Australia 52-51 in an unforgettable classic. England will return on home soil with a great target on their backs as they look to defend the title and ensure the country can build a

permanent presence at the very top table. The stakes are stratospheric. For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth Games, women's cricket will take centre stage, marking the return of one of the favoured sports of many participating nations. The last time cricket was included in the Commonwealth Games programme was the 1998 men's event in Kuala Lumpur, but now the women will take the baton. It will also mark the first time the Twenty20 format is used at the Games, showcased on the iconic surrounds of Edgbaston with Australia, Barbados, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka all present. For the first time in the history of major multisport events, more medals will be awarded to women's ath-




letes than to men's at the Commonwealth Games. In total there will be 136 women's medal events and 134 for men, a further departure from the 2018 Games that offered an equal number of medals for both. There will also be 13 mixed events, a blossoming concept across all sports and the most there has ever been, with events such as synchronised 3m springboard diving and synchronised 10m platform diving joining the more established mixed events in swimming, athletics and triathlon. The full absorption of para sports into the Games continues in Birmingham as para competitions will again be showcased side by side with non-disabled competitions, marking the largest united para sport schedule in the history of the Games. There will be a record 283 medal events across eight para sports - athletics, cycling, weightlifting, swimming, table tennis, triathlon, 3x3 wheelchair basketball and lawn bowls. Paralympic champions such as Hannah Cockcroft and Maisie Summers-Newton will be present and pursuing more glory. No event underlines the Commonwealth Games' push for modernisation quite like the inaugural Commonwealth esports championships, which will be held at the International Conven-

tion Centre in Birmingham. The games will include efootball, Dota 2 and Rocket League, and they will be split into open and women's categories. There will additionally be a Commonwealth esports forum, bringing together various figures within the industry. One prominent sport will not be taking place in the West Midlands - 10 years since the 2012 London Olympics, track cycling will again be held at the Lee Valley VeloPark at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London. As they look to pursue more medals, the England cycling team will be led by the five-time Olympic gold medallist Laura Kenny, Great Britain's most successful female Olympian, with Kenny returning to the site of two of her gold medals and even staying in converted flats that previously formed the Olympic village. One of the most well-received competitions of the Olympic Games last year was triathlon, which included the thrilling debut of mixed triathlon and Alex Yee's rise to prominence with an Olympic silver in the individual event and gold in the mixed. All of those features will be on show once again in Birmingham as, among many other tough competitors, Yee duels with Hayden Wilde of New Zealand in the men's individual race.



Hima Das is one of India's biggest medal prospects at Commonwealth Games 2022

New Delhi, July 27 : One of the biggest names in Indian athletics right now is Hima Das. However, despite her numerous achievements, she is yet to win a medal at any big multi-sport event like the Olympics, Asian Games or Commonwealth Games. The 22-year-old has qualified as a part of the 4x100m women's relay team at Birmingham, and will be looking to win a medal. Hima Das is one of the biggest names right now when it comes to athletics in India. However, she was an unknown quantity to the general public back in 2018 when she was selected for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Das was, however, one of the biggest rising names in the Indian athletics circuit having won the bronze medals at the national junior meet in the 100m race. She also had impressive showings in the Asian and World Youth Championships in 2017. However, in 2018 she debuted in the international stage at the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, and impressed one and all. She qualified for the finals, and in the final race she finished sixth. In both the races she clocked her personal best timings. However, the 2018 Commonwealth Games was just a stepping stone for Hima. Later that year, Hima clocked a timing of 51.46 seconds in the 400m finals of the IAAF World U-20 Championships, thus clinching a gold medal at the event, becoming the first Indian woman to do so. Since then her stocks have risen through the roof, garnering appreciation from all quarters including the legendary PT Usha who called her a generational talent. She now even holds the 400m national record of 50.79 seconds which she achieved at the 2018 Asian Games. However a medal at one of the prestigious multi-sport events still haunts the 22-year-old. In fact one of the biggest setbacks of her career happened in 2021, when she could not qualify for the Tokyo Olympics due to an injury.

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