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ব্যক্তিগত খণ্ডৰ শিক্ষানুষ্ঠানৰ বাহিৰে উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক, স্নাতক আৰু স্নাতকোত্তৰ বৰ্ষত নামভৰ্তি কৰা চৰকাৰী আৰু ভেদগৰ শিক্ষানুষ্ঠানৰ ছাত্ৰীসকলক উদগনি যোগোৱা এক অভিলাবী আঁচনি

কামৰূপ (মহানগৰ), কামৰূপ আৰু মৰিগাঁও জিলাৰ আটাইকেইটা বিধান সভা সমষ্টিৰ ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ বাবে প্ৰৱাহাৰ্চীত কেন্দ্ৰীয় অনুষ্ঠানত অনুদান প্ৰদান কৰা হ'ব

নিযুক্ত মইনা আঁচনি হৈছে **বাল্য বিবাহৰ** দৰে সামাজিক ব্যাধি প্ৰতিৰোধৰ উদ্দেশ্যে গ্ৰহণ কৰা এক শক্তিশালী পদক্ষেপ

আগন্তুক তিনিটা বৰ্ষত এই আঁচনিৰ জৰিয়তে **১০ লাখ** ছাত্ৰীক সামৰি লোৱাৰ লক্ষ্য

প্ৰথম বছৰৰ মুঠ ছাত্ৰী **১,৫৯,০৯৩**
উচ্চ শিক্ষা : ৫৭,৬৩৫
মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা : ১,০১,৪৫৮

চলিত বিত্তীয় বৰ্ষত **২৪০** কোটি টকাৰ অনুদানৰ ব্যৱস্থা

চলিত বৰ্ষৰ নৱেম্বৰত **দ্বিতীয় কিস্তি** (ডি বি টি বোগে)

বিধান সভা সমষ্টিভিত্তিক কাৰ্যসূচী

সমষ্টিৰ নাম (নতুন)	স্থান	ছাত্ৰীৰ সংখ্যা	স্থান	স্থান	ছাত্ৰীৰ সংখ্যা
গোসাঁইগাঁও	গোসাঁইগাঁও মহাবিদ্যালয়, গোসাঁইগাঁও	৮৯২	ছিপাৰা	খোঁৰাবাৰু দেউল খলা, ছিপাৰা, দৰং	১৪২৩
দতমা - (এছ টি)	জনতা মহাবিদ্যালয়, সেৰকাংগুৰি, কোকৰাঝাৰ	৭৮৪	মঙলদৈ	জিলা পুথিভঁৰাল, মঙলদৈ	১২০৩
	ইউ এন ব্ৰহ্ম মহাবিদ্যালয় - দতমা	৬৭৯	দলগাঁও	দলগাঁও ৰাজহ চক্ৰ বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয় পনিসৰ	৭০২
কোকৰাঝাৰ (এছ টি)	বড়োলেণ্ড বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কোকৰাঝাৰ বড়োফা সাংস্কৃতিক কমপ্লেক্স	১৬৯৪	ধিং	ধিং মহাবিদ্যালয়	১১৪২
বাগুছাংগী	কোকৰাঝাৰ ছোৱালী মহাবিদ্যালয়	৮০১	কপাহীহাট	জুৰিয়া মহাবিদ্যালয়	৯৪৫
পৰ্বতঝোৰা	ফকিৰাগ্ৰাম মহাবিদ্যালয়, ফকিৰাগ্ৰাম	৪০১	কলিয়াবৰ	কলিয়াবৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৭৬১
গোলকগঞ্জ	টিপকাই উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়	৪৩৮	চামগুৰি	চামগুৰি মহাবিদ্যালয়	১০৫৯
	খণ্ড উন্নয়ন বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয় চৌহদৰ সমূহীয়া কেন্দ্ৰ, গোলকগঞ্জ উন্নয়ন খণ্ড, গোলকগঞ্জ	২৩৩৭	বঢ়মপুৰ	ড° বি কে বি মহাবিদ্যালয়	৬৮৪
গৌৰীপুৰ	আলমগঞ্জ ৰঙামাটি মহাবিদ্যালয়	১০৮৪	নগাঁও	কামপুৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৬২৩
বুৰুৱী	বি এন মহাবিদ্যালয়	১৬৮১	নগাঁও	নগাঁও মহাবিদ্যালয়	৯০৯
বীৰসিং জাৰুৱা	হামিদাবাদ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৮৩৬	নগাঁও	নগাঁও ছোৱালী মহাবিদ্যালয়	৮৭০
বিলাসীপাৰা	বিলাসীপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়	২০৩১	বহা	বহা মহাবিদ্যালয়	১১৭৭
মানকাচৰ	এ এ লক্ষি গাৰ্ভ ইনষ্টিটিউচন	৪২২	বিন্দুকান্দি	নীলবাগান আদৰ্শ উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়	৩২০
জলেশ্বৰ	জনতা উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয় খেলপথাৰ	১১৩০	হোজাই	দেশৰক্ষা বিদ্যাপীঠ উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়	৮০৭
পশ্চিম গোৱালপাৰা	পশ্চিম গোৱালপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়	১৩৯৫	লামডিং	লামডিং মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫৫১
পশ্চিম গোৱালপাৰা	লক্ষীপুৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫৭৭	সম্ভাৰনা ভৱন, খণ্ড উন্নয়ন বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয় চৌহদ	১২৭১	
পূব গোৱালপাৰা	লক্ষীপুৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫৭৭	ঢেঁকিয়াজুলি	ভোটপাৰা ষ্টেডিয়াম	১১২৩
	দলগোমা আঞ্চলিক মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫৮০	বৰছলা	প্ৰজাপতি উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়	৩৪১
	নটসূৰ্য ফৰী শৰ্মা ভৱন	১৪৬৪		চন্দ্ৰনাথ শৰ্মা উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়	২৪৬
দুধনৈ	দুধনৈ মহাবিদ্যালয়	২১৭১	তেজপুৰ	দৰং মহাবিদ্যালয়	১৫৪৭
অভয়াপুৰী	অভয়াপুৰী গান্ধী ময়দান	১৭২০	ৰঙাপাৰা	ৰঙাপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়	৯০৯
সুজনগ্ৰাম	চলন্তপাৰা উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয় খেলপথাৰ	৪৬৭	নদুৱাৰ	ত্যাগবীৰ হেমচন্দ্ৰ বৰুৱা মহাবিদ্যালয়	৬৯৩
বড়াইগাঁও	বৰপাৰা ৰাজহুৱা খেলপথাৰ	১৬৯৬		নেত্ৰিল উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়, চাৰিদুৱাৰ	২৯৬
ছিদলী	ইউ এন ব্ৰহ্ম মহাবিদ্যালয় প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহ, কাজলগাঁও	১৩০৫	বিশ্বনাথ	বিশ্বনাথ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৭৩১
বিজনী	লক্ষী মন্দিৰ খেলপথাৰ, বিজনী	৬৯৯	বিহালী	বিহালী স্নাতক মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫২৬
ভৱানীপুৰ-সৰভোগ (সৰভোগ অংশ)	বৰনগৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়, সৰভোগ	৯২৯	ছয়দুৱাৰ	ছয়দুৱাৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৭৫২
	বি এছ মহাবিদ্যালয়, হাউলী	১৩৫২	কলাবাৰী	কলাবাৰী মহাবিদ্যালয়	৮৯৫
মদিয়া	নৱজ্যোতি মহাবিদ্যালয়, কলগাছিয়া	১৬৭৭	বিহপুৰীয়া	মাধৱদেৱ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়	১৩৬০
	চৰকাৰী আদৰ্শ মহাবিদ্যালয়, বাঘবৰ	১২০৩	ৰঙানলী	লালুক মহাবিদ্যালয়	৯৯৫
চেঙা	এম কে মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫১০	নাগৰৈচা	পানীগাঁও আৰু পি ডি মহাবিদ্যালয়	৭৯৮
বৰপেটা (এছ টি)	এম চি মহাবিদ্যালয়	৯৭৪	লখিমপুৰ	নৰ্থ লখিমপুৰ মহাবিদ্যালয় (স্বতন্ত্ৰ)	১৩৯৪
	বৰপেটা মহাবিদ্যালয়, বৰপেটা	৪৭৪	চকুৰাখনা	চকুৰাখনা মহাবিদ্যালয়	১৬৩১
পাকা-বেতবাৰী	ৰাপুজী মহাবিদ্যালয়	৭৭২	ধেমাজি	ধেমাজি মহাবিদ্যালয়	১৮৪৬
	হৰেন্দ্ৰ-চিভা মহাবিদ্যালয়, ডুব্ৰডোৰা	৮৪৮	চিচিবৰগাঁও	দহক্ৰি পহল কমপ্লেক্স, চিলাপথাৰ	২৮২২
বজালী	ভগৱতী ফ্ৰেণ্ড, পাঠশালা নগৰ, বজালী	১৬৯৩	জোনাই	মিচিং কৃষ্টি ভৱন, মুৰ্খংচেলেক	১৫৬৬
বৰফেঙী	বৰফেঙী মহাবিদ্যালয়	২০৩০	শদিয়া	শদিয়া মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫৭১
নলবাৰী	দেৱীৰাম পাঠশালা উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়	১৯৬৪	পদ্মনাথ গোহাঞি বৰুৱা চৰকাৰী আদৰ্শ মহাবিদ্যালয়	২৭৪	
টিহু	কামৰূপ মহাবিদ্যালয়	১২৪১	ডুমডুমা	ডুমডুমা মহাবিদ্যালয়	৭৩০
মানস	শালবাৰী মহাবিদ্যালয় খেলপথাৰ, শালবাৰী	৮২১	মাৰ্ঘেৰিটা	মাৰ্ঘেৰিটা মহাবিদ্যালয়	৪৪৩
ৰাজা	বাতৌপুৰী খেলপথাৰ, (জিলা আৰু সত্ৰ ন্যায়াধীশৰ কাৰ্যালয়ৰ বিপৰীতে)	১৪৬৪	ডিগবৈ	ডিগবৈ মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫১৬
তামূলপুৰ	শ্ৰীশ্ৰীগোপাল আৰু জগন্নাথ খান সমূহীয়া কেন্দ্ৰ	১৭০৩	মাকুম	মাকুম মহাবিদ্যালয়	২০৮
গোৱেশ্বৰ	মহৰীপাৰা সমূহীয়া কেন্দ্ৰ	৭১৭	তিনিচুকীয়া	তিনিচুকীয়া বাণিজ্য মহাবিদ্যালয়	১২৯৭
ভেৰগাঁও	খৈৰাবাৰী মহাবিদ্যালয়, খৈৰাবাৰী, ওদালগুৰি	২৬৮	চাবুৱা-লাহোৱাল	লাহোৱাল ছিনিয়ৰ ছেকেণ্ডাৰী বিদ্যালয়	৬০৬
ওদালগুৰি	ওদালগুৰি মহাবিদ্যালয়, ওদালগুৰি	১০০৫	ডিব্ৰুগড়	ডিব্ৰুগড় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়	৭৭৯
মাজবাট	২নং নলবাৰী উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়, ওবাং, ওদালগুৰি	১২৩৯		এম ডি কে জি মহাবিদ্যালয়	৯৭১
টংলা	টংলা মহাবিদ্যালয়, টংলা, ওদালগুৰি	১৩০৩	খোৱাং	এজাৰগুৰি প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহ	৪২০
			দুলীয়াজান	দুলীয়াজান আইল ক্লাব	৮০৫
			টিংখাং	টিংখাং মহাবিদ্যালয়	৫৯০
			নাহৰকটীয়া	নাহৰকটীয়া মহাবিদ্যালয়	৬৫৮



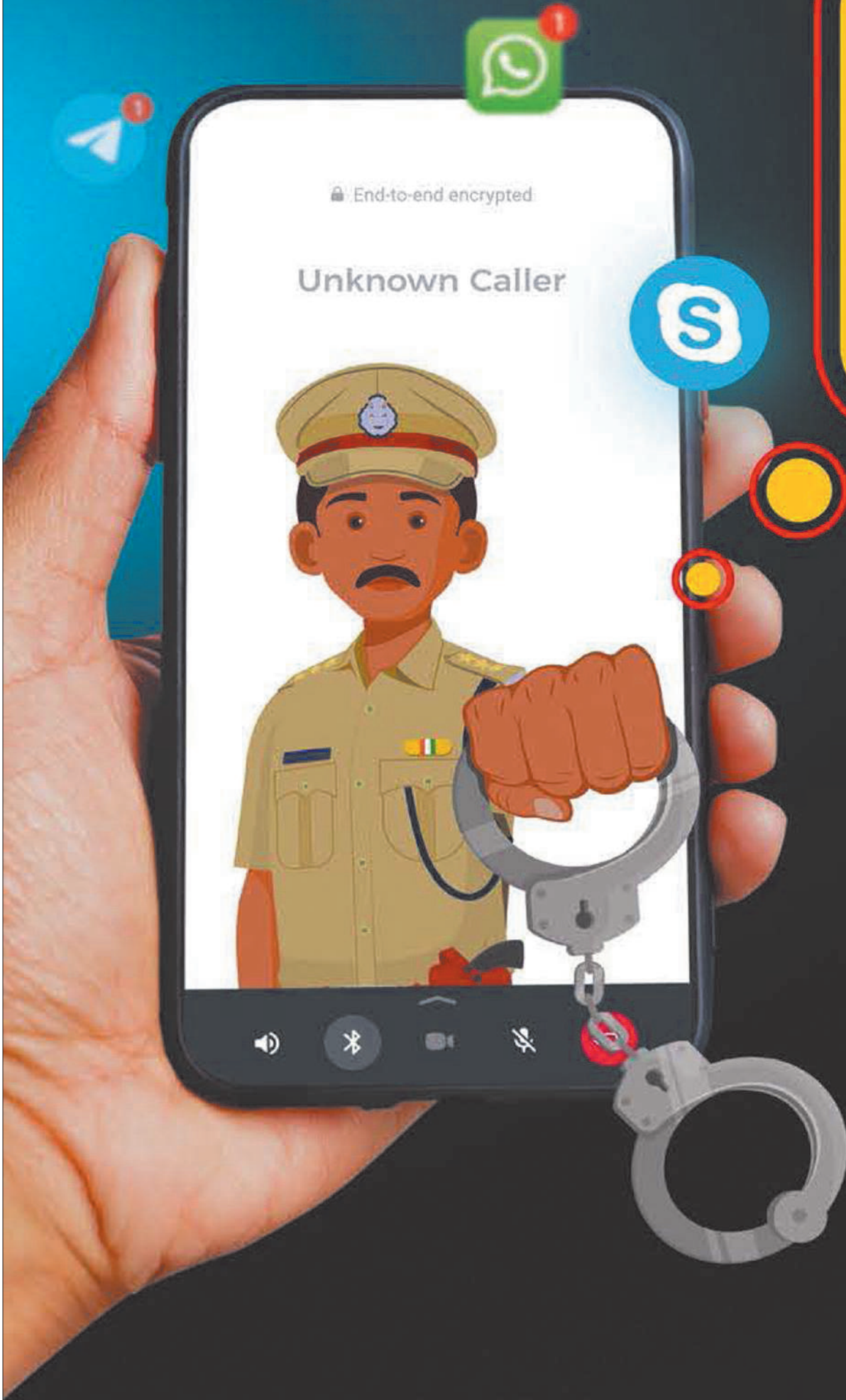
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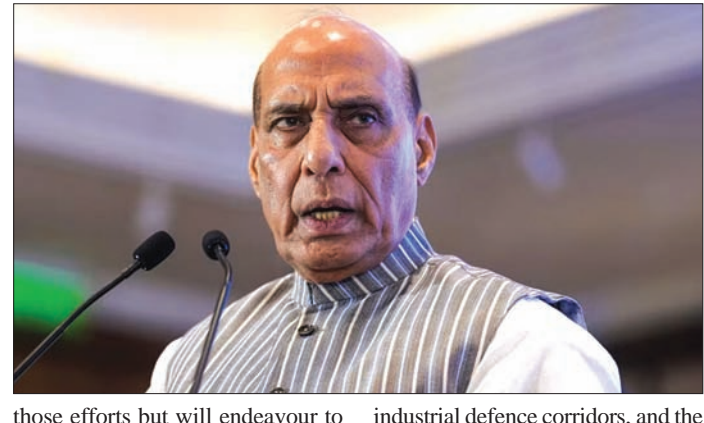
GUWAHATI, Oct 4: Twenty-one newly created co-districts in Assam were inaugurated on Friday by different ministers, an official release said. The Assam government has created 39 new co-districts in the state in a bid to take the administration to the doorstep of the citizens. Of the 39 co-districts, 21 were inaugurated on Friday while the remaining 18 will be inaugurated on Saturday. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was scheduled to inaugurate Jalukbari co-district (also his assembly constituency), under Kamrup Metropolitan, on Saturday. Assam is the first state to set up co-districts which will serve as smaller administrative units below the district level, it said. The co-districts have been set up with the objective of timely access to essential government services by citizens, to improve efficiency bringing governance to the grass-roots and streamlining citizen-centric services.



Mahanta at Kaliabor in Nagaon district, and minister for housing and urban affairs Ashok Singhal at Sipajhar and Dalgaon in Darrang district. Minister for water resources Pijush Hazarika inaugurated the co-districts of Naduar and Behali in Sonitpur district, minister for sports and youth affairs Nandita Garlosa at Gohpur in Biswanath and Education Minister Ranaj Pegu at Jonai in Dhenaji district. Industry and commerce minister Bimal Borah inaugurated the co-districts of Margherita and Sadiya in Tinsukia district and revenue and disaster management minister Jogen Mohan at Khowang in Dibrugarh district. Finance minister Ajanta Neog inaugurated Titabor in Jorhat district, agriculture minister Atul Bora at Bokakhat while labour minister Sanjoy Kishan was at Dergaon and Sarupathar in Golaghat district. In Barak Valley, (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

The co-districts will deal with land revenue matters, development works and welfare schemes, food and civil supplies, excise, panchayat and rural development and disaster management. Minister for panchayat and rural development Ranjeet Kumar Dass inaugurated the two co-districts of Bilasipara and Golakganj in Dhubri district, while minister for handloom and textiles U G Brahma was present at Goalpara (West). Minister for environment and forests C M Patowary inaugurated the co-district of Rangia in Kamrup district, transport minister Keshab

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said at least 50 per cent of the country's total defence production should come through the participation of the private sector. Addressing an event by the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) here, he said the Russia-Ukraine war proved that the importance of a defence industrial base has "not lessened," rather there is a need to expand it. Singh underlined that India was an "import-dependent nation" earlier in the defence sector, but the country is taking strides towards defence exports. He urged the stakeholders in the defence sector to keep seeing the export and import figures, and said with a target-oriented approach, the ratio between the two can be reduced. "You know well our thinking and policy in the defence sector. Our government will not only continue



those efforts but will endeavour to accelerate them as much as possible. Efforts to achieve self-reliance will be made more vocal, this is a firm conviction of our government," Singh said. The defence minister highlighted government initiatives like the corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board, the establishment of two industrial defence corridors, and the encouragement of private industry by the DAP to enhance the role of the private sector in defence manufacturing. "We created an environment of ease of doing business in the country," Singh said. He also spoke of the "record growth" in the value of defence production in the country (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Political parties welcome granting of classical language status to Assamese

'Status will place Assamese in a distinct place in the world'
GUWAHATI, Oct 4: The Centre's decision to grant Assamese the status of classical language along with four others was welcomed by all political parties in the state. Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday said that for years, there were many controversies and movements regarding the Assamese language. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, however, ended this controversy forever by 'declaring Assamese and Bengali as classical languages. For this, the people of Assam will always be grateful to Modi ji,' Sarma said in a post on X. He said that last night he had spoken to Modi and conveyed the gratitude of the people of Assam to the Government of India for according to Assamese the status of a Classical Language. The chief minister said that he was elated to learn that alongside Assamese, Bengali has also been recognised as a classical language by the Union Cabinet. Over the years, Bengali, spoken by crores of people worldwide, has inspired many personalities and played a key role in the history of India, he said. 'As a language spoken by many in Assam, it is a double joy for us to have both Assamese and Bengali being recognised as Classical Languages on the same day. My best wishes to all Bengalis on this momentous occasion,' Sarma said. Besides Assamese and Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit were declared as Classical Languages on Thursday by the Union Cabinet. Assam Pradesh Congress president Bhupen Borah said that the declaration of Assamese as a classical language (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Militant groups mushroomed in NE due to Congress' neglect: Rijiju

NAGPUR, Oct 4: Union minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday alleged that the Congress did not pay attention to Manipur and other north-eastern states during its rule, which led to the rise of many militant groups in the region. The recent violence in Manipur was not the first such incident that happened in the state as 500 to 800 lives were lost in the ethnic clashes in the past, but the previous governments at the Centre never paid attention. The parliamentary affairs and minority affairs minister was talking to reporters here. When asked about violence-hit Manipur, Rijiju blamed the Congress for its "misgovernance" in the state. "Congress people did not pay attention to Manipur and the entire north-east India, due to which many militant organisations cropped up there. Nowhere else in the world are there so many militant groups as there are in the north-east," he said. But in the last 10 years, more than 10,000 militants surrendered by laying down their weapons, and came into the mainstream in the north-east, he claimed. "The incidents that happened in Manipur were not against the Indian government. It is the result of a conflict between the Meitei and Kuki communities. It is not the first incident in Manipur. Around 500 to 800 lives have been lost in the clashes between Naga and Meitei and Meitei and Kuki communities earlier and the past governments at the Centre never paid attention to it," he added. "But when the incidents (of violence) took place this time, Union Home Minister (Amit Shah) stayed there for four days and Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) said in his Independence Day speech from the Red Fort that the entire country was with the people of Manipur," he said. One should not go by the perception being created to defame India with the help of Maoists and foreign powers, he said. Normalcy is returning to Manipur slowly and efforts are being made to end the age-old rivalry and differences between the two communities. This cannot be finished by the Army or (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)



SC directs SLSA to conduct surprise visits at Matia transit camp

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Assam State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) to conduct surprise visits at the Matia transit camp for foreigners to check the facility's hygiene and food quality. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih asked the secretary of the State Legal Services Authority to nominate appropriate officers to make visits to the camp without prior notice to the authorities for the purpose of verifying cleanliness. The top court directed the state legal services authority to file a report after inspection within one month from today. The matter has been posted for hearing on November 4. Flagging the "sorry state of affairs" at a detention centre for declared foreigners in Assam, the apex court had on July 26 said that it lacked adequate water supply, proper toilets and sanitation. The bench, which was hearing a plea concerning the deportation of those who have been declared as foreigners and the facilities provided at the detention centres in Assam, said the report does not speak about the availability of food and medical help. It had directed the secretary of the Assam State Legal Services Authority to ensure one more visit to ascertain the quantity and quality of the food supplied at the centre if cleanliness is maintained in the kitchen and the existence of medical and recreational facilities. While hearing the matter on May 16, the apex court observed that the Centre must take immediate steps for deporting 17 declared foreigners at the detention centre in Matia. It had said that priority should be given to deport four, who have spent more than two years in the detention centre. The plea has also sought a direction to the Assam government not to detain any person declared a foreigner by a foreigners tribunal until it can show proof of possible deportation in the foreseeable future. (PTI)

Govt freed 22,000 bighas in Orang National Park: CM

GUWAHATI, Oct 4: Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday said that the state government has removed encroachments from 22,000 bighas of land in Orang National Park. Taking to X, Sarma said, "In Assam, we are scripting a new success story in wildlife conservation. Despite opposition from usual suspects, we freed 22,000 bighas from encroachments in Orang National Park." The area of Orang National Park has now increased manifold and the park has become directly linked with Kaziranga and Burha-Chaporli Wildlife Sanctuary, creating an unhindered 180-km-long protected area for animals to thrive, he said. "This huge area will now sustain diverse forms of flora and (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Security forces kill 28 Naxalites in Bastar region
185 Maoists eliminated so far in 2024

DANTEWADA, Oct 4: In one of the biggest operations against Maoists in Chhattisgarh, security personnel killed 28 Naxalites in a fierce encounter in the Bastar region on Friday, a senior police official said. The gunfight broke out at around 1 pm in the forest between Thulthuli and Nendur villages in Abhujmaad on the Narayanpur-Dantewada inter-district border, when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P told PTI over the phone. Personnel belonging to the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF) were involved in the operation, he said. Sundarraj informed that 28 Naxalites were gunned down in the encounter. A cache of weapons, including an AK-47 rifle and one SLR (self-loading rifle), were also recovered from the encounter spot, he said. Earlier, Dantewada Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rai had said around 30 Naxalites were killed in the gun battle. After the latest encounter, 185 Maoists have been gunned down by security forces in separate gun battles in the Bastar region comprising seven districts, including Dantewada and Narayanpur, so far this year, police said. On April 16, as many as 29 Naxalites, including some higher-ranking cadres, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Kanker district. Meanwhile, Union home minister Amit Shah during his review meeting of the inter-state coordination committee in Raipur in August this year declared that the country will be free from the Maoist menace by March 2026. (PTI)



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Peace-loving nation like India should have enough teeth: CDS
'Conflict is an inevitable part of human life'

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan said the current geopolitical environment is in a "flux" and every nation is hedging a bet due to "this uncertain kind of a future" on Friday. His remarks at an event hosted by the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) here come in the backdrop of a prolonged Russia-Ukraine war and escalation in conflict in parts of West Asia. The CDS, in his keynote address, also said the Israel-Hamas and Israel-Hezbollah conflicts are likely to "escalate further." "The world we see around us is actually going through an unprecedented kind of a crisis... The basic question that comes to everyone's mind is whether wars will continue to remain instruments of states' policy to resolve political disputes, the simple answer to all this is yes," Gen Chauhan said. He told a gathering of defence industry leaders that he believes "conflict is an inevitable part" of human life and human nature, and wars and warfare have

been part of civilisations. "War and warfare are as old as human civilisation and they will continue. The current geopolitical environment is in flux and everyone, every nation is hedging a bet because of this uncertain kind of a future," he said. "Another important maxim about wars is that there are no runners-up and the winner takes all. Hence, all nations are actually, trying to, as they say, keep the powder dry. India too has to follow that suit," the CDS added. In his address, he also alluded to the first Joint Commanders' Conference held in Lucknow in September. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while addressing the conference, had said that India is committed to peace but should be prepared for a war, to preserve it. Gen Chauhan said, "A deterrence that is credible is the only way to preserve peace. Peace-loving nations like India should have enough teeth." He also quoted a couplet from a poem (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Gauhati HC sets aside selection of 14 District Malaria Officers

GUWAHATI, Oct 4: The Gauhati High Court on Friday set aside the selection of 14 District Malaria Officers conducted by the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) in 2016. A division bench, comprising Chief Justice Vijay Mishra and Justice N Unni Krishnan Nair, ruled that since eight years have passed after the issuance of the select list by the APSC and no appointment has been provided to any of the selected candidates, it is deemed appropriate to set aside the selection process for the posts of District Malaria Officer. APSC had issued an advertisement on December 15, 2012, inviting applications for filling up various posts which included 14 District Malaria Officers under the Assam Health and Family Welfare department. Subsequently, a screening test was conducted by APSC in (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Amazon India registers 25% YoY growth in Assam

GUWAHATI, Oct 4: E-commerce giant Amazon India on Friday said it has registered double-digit growth of 25 per cent YoY across the home, kitchen and outdoors business in Assam, especially its largest city Guwahati. It also affirmed its commitment to continue expanding its association with local producers and provide them the market linkages. "As the festive season kicks off, we remain committed to offering our valued customers a wide selection of products, unparalleled convenience and exciting deals. In Guwahati we have seen a remarkable growth of 25 per cent YoY in our home, kitchen and outdoors business," KN Srikanth, director, home, kitchen and outdoors, Amazon India, said. The demand for home décor products has risen by 30 per cent YoY in Guwahati and 35 per cent YoY in Assam. Large furniture saw a surge in demand by 50 per cent YoY. Additionally, a notable 30 per cent YoY increase in kitchen essentials, driven by rising demand for products such as pressure cookers, gas stoves and cooking pans, emphasised the focus on convenient kitchen solutions, Srikanth added. Underlining the importance of this northeastern state for the online platform, he said Amazon India will continue to work with local stores and MSMEs across the state and country, bringing new tools, technologies, innovations and initiatives to boost entrepreneurial spirit. "We remain dedicated to supporting our brand (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

Living standards to see steepest rise in coming decades: FM Nirmala

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: India will witness the steepest rise in living standards of the common man on the back of the government's initiatives and the efforts towards doubling per capita income in a few years, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday. Addressing the 3rd edition of the Kautilya Economic Conclave, the minister stressed that inequality in India has declined with the Gini coefficient, a statistical tool to measure inequality, showing improvement in urban as well as rural areas. "I expect these improvements to continue as the effects of the last ten years of economic and structural reforms manifest more thoroughly in the data in the coming years as the Covid shock fades from the economy," Sitharaman said. "The upcoming decades, the minister said, "will see the steepest rise in living standards for the common man, truly making it a period-defining era for an Indian to live in." "While it took us 75 years to reach a per capita income of USD 2,730, as per IMF projections, it will take only five years to add another USD 2,000," she mentioned. "The upcoming decades will see the steepest rise in living standards for the common man, truly making it



a period-defining era for an Indian to live in," she added. The Indian government, she said, will try to double the per capita income in a matter of a few years for its 1.4 billion strong population (which makes up 18 per cent of the global total) notwithstanding the geopolitical challenges threatening world peace. By 2047, as India crosses the 100-year mark of independence, she said, the new Indian era will have core characteristics similar to developed countries. The Viksit Bharat will usher prosperity not just to

Indians but to the rest of the world by becoming central to a vibrant exchange of ideas, technology, and culture, she added. Speaking on the country's financial system, she said the soundness and resilience of India's banking sector have been underpinned by a sustained policy focus on asset quality improvements, enhanced provisioning for bad loans, sustained capital adequacy, and a rise in profitability. NPA (non-performing asset) ratios are at a multi-year low, and banks now have efficient debt recovery mechanisms. Ensuring that the financial system stays healthy and the cycle lasts longer is another of our core policy priorities, the minister said. Highlighting the forces that will shape the Indian era, Sitharaman said, the country's youthful population provides a large base for total factor productivity improvements, savings, and investment. While India's share of the young is set to rise over the next two decades, several other developing economies are past their demographic peak. This will drive domestic consumption in the coming decade, she said, adding, "as of now, 43 per cent of Indians are younger than 24 years old, and they have yet to explore their (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

People of Haryana will strike blow to break 'chakravyuh' of PM's 'crony capitalist' policies: Rahul

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Alleging that the BJP has "failed" the economy in Haryana, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday said the people of the state will soon strike the next blow to break the 'chakravyuh' of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'crony capitalist policies'.

He also alleged that the "disease of unemployment" spread by the BJP has put the future of the state's youth in "deep danger" and a Congress government will ensure that employment returns and every family is prosperous.

Gandhi shared on X a video of his interaction with a group of women during his recent Vijay Sankalp Yatra.

Along with the video, he said in his post in Hindi on X, "The disease of unemployment spread by BJP has put the roots of Haryana, the future of the youth and the security of the state in deep danger."

"Some sisters of Haryana gave shelter during the Vijay Sankalp Yatra, fed homemade rotis with great love and also explained the complex problems of the state," Gandhi said.

Today, Haryana has the highest unemployment in India, he said.

"The reason for this is - BJP has broken the backbone of every system that provides employment to the youth of the state in a decade," he alleged.

The BJP has broken the back of small businesses with flawed GST and demonetisation, Gandhi said.

It has broken the spirits of youth preparing for the army with AgniVeer, he said.

The BJP has broken the courage of those doing agricultural business with black laws and broke the dreams of sportspersons by snatching their support, Gandhi further alleged.

It has broken families by stopping government



recruitment with 'Parivar Pehchan Patra', he said. "The result of this: Youth talent getting wasted in the grip of drugs. Disappointed youth taking the path of crime. Families getting destroyed by the journey of dangers like Dunki," he said.

The Congress government coming to power in the state will provide 2 lakh permanent jobs and make Haryana drug free, he said.

"I have promised the sisters of Haryana that I will stop this devastation, I will protect their children - employment will return, and every family will be prosperous," Gandhi asserted.

In another post on X, the former Congress chief recalled that he recently spoke about delicious jalebis in Gohana and the opportunity to sell them more widely.

India has 5,500 clusters of similar small producers who can market their products to the world if given the right support, he said.

They need policies to provide them with finance, technology, networks, branding and better organisation, Gandhi stressed.

"With this support, the world can enjoy not only our mithai but apples from Sopore, jeans from Ballari, Kolhapuri chappals, pineapples from Meghalaya, makhana from Bihar, brassware from Moradabad and many more. The global success of Banarsi saris is a great example of what is possible," he said. (PTI)

Heightened activities in Cong as Siddaramaiah faces rising political heat over MUDA case

BENGALURU, Oct 4: With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah facing rising political heat over a probe against him in the MUDA case, the Congress party in Karnataka is witnessing heightened political activities behind the scenes with a section of leaders seeking to position themselves in the event of his exit.

Amid demands by the BJP and JD(S) for his resignation over the MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) 'scam', the Chief Minister has repeatedly asserted in recent days that he won't quit as he hasn't done anything wrong and would fight the case legally.

The Lokayukta police and the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) have initiated separate investigations against Siddaramaiah and others into the alleged irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife Parvathi B M by the MUDA.

Senior leaders and Ministers G Parameshwara, H C Mahadevappa (both from SC communities) and Satish Jarkiholi (ST) met recently, fueling speculations about their collective strategy in case

the party high command opts for leadership change over the 'scam' which has cast a shadow over the 16-month-old Siddaramaiah government.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who is also the state party chief, also had separate meetings with Parameshwara and Jarkiholi.

"Parameshwara and Shivakumar are seen to be front-runners for the top post in case Siddaramaiah is forced to go," a senior party leader said.

Jarkiholi has said in the past that he will be in the race for CM's post only in 2028 when the next Assembly elections are due in Karnataka.

The Congress leadership has backed Siddaramaiah on the MUDA issue and sees no reason for his resignation. The ruling party has accused the BJP of misusing the central agencies and the Governor's office to destabilise an elected government. Leaders such as R V Deshpande and M B Patil have openly aired their Chief Ministerial aspirations adding to the discomfiture of the ruling dispensation but some in the party see nothing wrong in that. (PTI)

BJP eyes hat-trick, Cong a comeback after a decade as Haryana votes today

CHANDIGARH, Oct 4: The fate of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Vinesh Phogat of the Congress besides JJP's Dushyant Chautala and 1027 other candidates will be decided on Saturday as elections to the 90-member Haryana assembly will be held with over 2 crore people eligible to vote.

The ruling BJP is eyeing a hat-trick of wins in the state while the Congress is hoping to make a comeback after a decade. Counting of votes will be held on October 8.

Haryana's Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal said 2,03,54,350 voters, including 8,821 centurions, are eligible to exercise their franchise and the voting will be held from 7 am to 6 pm.

A total of 1,031 candidates are contesting in all 90 assembly constituencies, including 101 women. Among these candidates, 464 are contesting as independent.

A total of 20,632 polling booths have been set up for voting, Agarwal said on Friday.

The key contesting parties in the fray are BJP, Congress, AAP, INLD-BSP and JJP-Azad Samaj Party.

The high-octane campaign came to an end Thursday evening. The BJP's campaign was spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who addressed four rallies, where he attacked the Congress on several issues and said they kept every matter important for the country entangled, including the Ram temple issue.

He also said corruption runs in veins of the Congress and alleged it has "turned into a party of 'dalals' (middlemen) and 'damad' (son-in-law)".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also addressed many public meetings where he asserted that a "Congress storm" is on its way in Haryana and his party would form the government which will be one for the poor and farmers, and a 'mohabbat ki dukan' will be opened in every corner of the state.

In the previous assembly polls in 2019, the BJP had won 40 seats, the Congress 31 and JJP 10.

The Congress has left the Bhiwani assembly seat for its INDIA bloc partner CPI(M) while the BJP is not contesting the Sirsa seat, from where Haryana Lokhit Party chief Gopal Kanda is seeking re-election.

Most seats are likely to see a direct fight between the BJP and the Congress.

Prominent among those in fray include Chief Minister Saini (Ladwa), Leader of Opposition Hooda (Garhi Sampla-Kiloi), INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala (Ellenabad), JJP's Dushyant Chautala (Uchana Kalan), BJP's Anil Vij (Ambala Cantt), Capt Abhimanyu (Narnaund) and O P Dhankar (Badli), AAP's Anurag Dhanda (Kalayat) and Congress's Phogat (Julana).

From Tosham seat, former MP Shruti Choudhry of BJP and Anirudh Chaudhary, both cousins, are contesting. (PTI)

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Never felt like it was not my story: Sreemoyee Singh on her Iran-set documentary 'And, Towards Happy Alleys'

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Filmmaker Sreemoyee Singh says she discovered Iranian feminist poet Forugh Farrokhzad's works when she was a university student and that gave shape to a desire to visit the country and document the stories of its people in "And, Towards Happy Alleys". The 75-minute documentary is a peek into the struggle of women, artists, and political dissidents in Iran. It is streaming on MUBI India.

The first-time filmmaker believes "And, Towards Happy Alleys" is as much about India as it is about Iran. The movie, shot in Tehran, is political but tackles issues of censorship in the country through the lens of cinema, music and poetry, she said.

"I have been singing and writing poetry all my life. Being able to express something in the right way matters to me. When I read Forugh Farrokhzad, I knew I had to go to Iran and meet these people, artists and understand how they find ways to be inspired," Singh told PTI in an interview. "I knew that I had to film their stories and, hopefully, something will shape up. We have seen so many political things around us where we have not been allowed to preserve who we are through our

art. It never felt like it was not my story to tell," she added. Not having the baggage of expectations helped Singh capture moments of truth, whether it was meeting ordinary people on the streets or interacting with Iranian directors like Jafar Panahi and Mohammad Shirvani, known for resisting government censorship at great personal risk. Singh, a PhD degree holder in film studies from Kolkata's Jadavpur University, considers the film her love letter to Iranian cinema and filmmakers because the first window to its culture was through movies. She remembers being surprised at how these films challenged her perception of the country which was known to her as a place of conflict.

"You don't think you will see such hopeful stories. I was curious to know where they found the inspiration to just have so much hope and the idea that life must go on despite what's happening around."

"I was reading Persian poetry because when you are taught the Iranian new wave, hopefully, good teachers will read out the poetry that inspired this cinema. Poetry, as a form of art, preceded everything else in Iran. It is the most important method of expression in a place like

Iran." Farrokhzad's poetry, she said, spoke to her younger self, with its expression of desire which could be "just to have a Coca-Cola, warmth of the sun or desire as we understand it".

The director was surprised that Farrokhzad, whose poem has inspired the title of the documentary, spoke of desire in a place like Iran through her writings. Farrokhzad died in a car accident in 1967 at the age of 32.

Singh also found it easy to learn Persian, a language that once connected India and Iran, and that gave her an access to the culture, which would not have been possible had she been a regular tourist or someone from the West.

"I was expecting the kindness of the people that I saw in films but people were even kinder there. They made me so comfortable. They protected me and became like family. "And people are crazy about our cinema. Like Hindi cinema that reaches Iran... Films of Raj Kapoor, 'Sholay' and everything... They are just crazy about it..."

India is not even a land they consider far off from their country. So, I was loved even more." (PTI)



Salman Khan, Sajid Nadiadwala team up for 'Kick' sequel

MUMBAI, Oct 4: Superstar Salman Khan and filmmaker Sajid Nadiadwala on Friday announced the sequel to their 2014 blockbuster movie "Kick".

The duo are currently working on "Sikandar", which is being directed by A R Murugadoss and produced by Nadiadwala's production banner Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment.

The studio shared the news of "Kick 2" on Instagram by posting Khan's photo from the sets of "Sikandar".

"It was a great Kick 2 photo shoot Sikandar....!!! From Grand Sajid Nadiadwala @beingsalmankhan @wardakhannadiadwala #Kick2 #Sikandar," read the caption.

"Kick", a comedy action movie, marked Nadiadwala's directorial debut and emerged as one of the biggest blockbusters of 2014. It was also Khan's first film to enter the Rs 200 crore club.

Also starring Jacqueline Fernandez, Randeep Hooda and Nawazuddin Siddiqui, the movie was an official remake of Telugu star Ravi Teja's 2009 film of the same title.

Khan is playing the titular role in "Sikandar", scheduled to be released in theatres on Eid 2025. The movie will also feature Rashmika Mandanna, Sathyaraj, Prateik Babbar and Kajal Aggarwal. (PTI)



'Paris Has Fallen' to premiere on Lionsgate Play on October 18

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: "Paris Has Fallen", a spin-off show to Gerard Butler's "Has Fallen" movies, will make its debut on Lionsgate Play on October 18, the streamer announced on Thursday.

Created by Howard Overman, the eight-episode show features an ensemble cast of Tewfik Jallab, Ritu Arya, Sean Harris, Emmanuelle Bercot, Ana Ularu, Camilla Rutherford, Jeremie Covillault and Karl Collins.

"Paris Has Fallen" follows the gripping story of a protection officer and an MI6 operative teaming up after a terrorist attack.

"When a terrorist group led by the villainous Jacob Pearce (Harris) attacks a high-profile event, with the French Minister of Defence as their target, protection officer Vincent Taleb (Jallab) finds himself working with street-smart MI6 operative Zara Taylor (Arya) to save the day."

"But when events take a dark turn, Vincent and Zara soon realise that the plan extends beyond just one politician. When they suspect that one of their colleagues in the security services is feeding information to Jacob, Vincent and Zara find themselves needing to rely only on each other," read the official plotline. Jallab said the opportunity to play Vincent in the action thriller series was nothing less than a gift.

"There is everything for an actor. There is a good balance between action, personal lives, love story too. I think there is.. everything. It is the kind of show for everyone. They're gonna love it," he added.

"Paris Has Fallen" is co-directed by Oded Ruskin and Hans Herbots. (PTI)

Govinda discharged from hospital, says revolver just fell and went off

MUMBAI, Oct 4: Actor Govinda was discharged from hospital on Friday, three days after he injured his leg when his revolver accidentally went off, and answered the top of mind question of what exactly happened. "Voh giri aur chhal padi," he chuckled. The accident happened early on Tuesday morning when he was about to leave for the airport and he underwent a surgery the same day.

The 60-year-old actor, known for films such as "Love 86", "Swarg", "Dulhe Raja" and "Partner" and back in the spotlight, came out of the Criticare hospital in Juhu on a wheelchair and had a cast on his left leg.

The actor, a member of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, was accompanied by his wife Sunita Ahuja and daughter Tina Ahuja. He greeted media persons and fans with folded hands.

"I was about to leave for a show in Kolkata. It was about 5 in the morning. Aur uss time par vo giri aur chhal padi (and it just fell and went off). I was shocked by what happened and when I looked down, I saw a fountain of blood. Then I made a video and spoke to the doctor and got admitted," he told reporters waiting outside his home. Asked why a fun-loving actor like him has a revolver, he said, "When you have fame, you have to be cautious as there are people who love you and then there are those who envy you."

Describing himself as an easy-going and fun person, the actor said his fans will hopefully learn from this and be alert as this could happen to anyone.

Govinda, known for his dancing skills and impeccable comic timing from his films in the late 1980s and 1990s, thanked his fans, Maharashtra Chief Minister Shinde, members from politics and film world for their well wishes. Sunita Ahuja told reporters earlier in the morning that her husband had been advised rest for at least six weeks.

"He is fine and will start dancing again in a few days. Everyone has prayed for him and we have the blessings of Mata rani," she said. (PTI)

'CITADEL' A DIALOGUE WITH INDIA OVER STORYTELLING, FILMS AND SHOWS: FILMMAKER ANTHONY RUSSO

NEW DELHI, Oct 4: Anthony Russo, the one half of the Russo brothers, says it's thrilling for them to join forces with Indian filmmakers for their globetrotting "Citadel" spyverse after witnessing India's passion for cinema first hand on their visits to the country to promote "Avengers: Endgame" and "The Gray Man". Anthony and his younger brother Joe Russo enjoy a massive fan following in India since they directed "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" in 2014.

Prime Video series "Citadel" is their most ambitious project and is led by Indian star Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Richard Madden of "Game of Thrones" fame.

"We are cinema lovers. We are very passionate. We were fanatical cinema goers before we became filmmakers. So we respond very strongly to film lovers and India has such a massive passion for film. It's electrifying," Anthony told PTI in an exclusive interview.

"Citadel: Honey Bunny", which releases in India on November 7, is directed by Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK. The India chapter stars Varun Dhawan and Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

"It's a dialogue with India over storytelling, films and shows. It has been one of the most exciting parts to what we have been able to do as filmmakers is to be able to engage with Indian audiences," Anthony said about the India chapter of the series, which has an Italian companion in "Citadel: Diana", slated to release on October 10.

"Citadel", which saw Priyanka play Nadia Sinh, premiered last year on Prime Video and is already filming its second season.

But before that, the Russos are bringing the action to India through "Citadel: Honey

Bunny", written by Sita Menon.

"Now the great thrill here with 'Citadel', we really get to partner with Indian storytellers and filmmakers as well with DK and Raj and Sita. It's not only with the audiences but now with the creators. And that is thrilling to us," said the director.

Growing up in Ohio, the US, Anthony said he and his brother would often be found watching "obscure" films from every corner of the planet at the Cleveland Cinematheque, an alternative and repertory film theatre.

Bringing multiple cultures of countries like America, India and Italy together through "Citadel" could very well become a blueprint of diversity both in front of and behind the camera, he said.

"Citadel" presents an entirely different opportunity for us to do something we have never done before... We connect with people everywhere through this show, through this show's storytelling.

"The process of creative collaboration and co-creation is really intimate, powerful and strong and it's a very involved form of human communication so the fact that we can do that and share that dialogue with the audiences

is the greatest thrill," he added.

"Citadel: Diana", which has Anthony, Joe and their sister Angela Russo-Otstot (AGBO) on board as executive producers, is the second series to debut from the world of "Citadel".

The show follows Matilda de Angelis' titular character, a spy in Manticore who is working undercover as a mole for its rival agency Citadel to unearth the truth behind her parents' death. Between "Citadel" and "Citadel: Honey Bunny", where does "Citadel: Diana" fit in the grand scheme of things?

Angela said the two shows are set in different timelines and pay homage to their own cinematic histories in "wonderful" ways.

"Citadel: Diana" takes place in the near future, in the year 2030. It's about eight years

after the fall of 'Citadel' which we witnessed in season one. So we are roughly in a similar timeline as 'Citadel' season one and 'Diana'.

"However, in 'Honey Bunny' we are going to go back many decades to experience the childhood of Priyanka's character Nadia. So that series largely takes place in the 1990's and also 2000's. The two timelines which we will be tracking," she said.

According to An-

gela, "Citadel: Honey Bunny" has a retro feel and is a bit more analog, whereas "Citadel: Diana" is slick and futuristic in terms of technology.

"The level of execution from all our filmmakers, DK, Raj, Gina Gardini (showrunner) and Arnaldo Catinari (director) in 'Diana' is really exquisite. It is really thrilling for us," she added. Davil Weil, co-creator of "Citadel", said the new show allows the makers to answer many "thrilling" fan questions that emerged from the first series.

Through this long-format of global storytelling, the writer said they got a chance to "peek" between the different chapters of what they created in one series and shine a light on it in another one.

The connection is personal in both "Citadel: Diana" and "Citadel: Honey Bunny".

"People fell in love with Nadia, who wouldn't? It's Priyanka Chopra Jonas. What was so thrilling to see in 'Honey Bunny' is really diving into her origin story, who her parents were and it is a really beautiful love story at the centre... 'Citadel: Diana' allows us to peek inside Manticore, the antagonist to the Citadel spy organisation and really put a human face and a family at the centre of Manticore," David, who also serves as an executive producer on "Diana", said.

"Citadel: Diana" also honours Russo siblings' Italian roots. "Italy has a very special culture that influences so many people around the world but certainly the fact that our family history is rooted there, it has always spoken very powerfully to us. And we've been very tuned into it. So to be able to collaborate with them is a thrill for us," Anthony said. (PTI)



EAST BENGAL SEEK REVIVAL AGAINST IN-FORM JAMSHEDPUR FC

JAMSHEDPUR, Oct 4: Reeling from three straight defeats, East Bengal will seek to rejuvenate their campaign under interim coach Bino George when they face a confident Jamshedpur FC in the ISL on Saturday.

After the resignation of Super Cup-winning coach Carles Cuadrat following the team's disastrous start to the season, East Bengal are in desperate need of points to lift themselves from the bottom of the table.

This match marks the Indian coach's first assignment at the helm, and he is determined to instill belief in his players.

"I have full faith in our players and their quality. They have been working very hard. Yes, the last three matches didn't go our way, and we made some mistakes. But I know the boys can come back stronger. That's what East Bengal is all about. They know their responsibilities well," George said.

In contrast, Jamshedpur FC heads into this match with momentum, having not lost to East Bengal in their last three encounters, including a 2-1 victory in February.

Despite this encouraging trend, the 'Men of Steel' are yet to secure back-to-back wins over their Kolkata rivals in the ISL.

Jamshedpur's head coach Khalid Jamil remains optimistic despite their recent loss to Odisha FC. "Every match is an opportunity to grow, and we are ready to give our best effort to secure a positive result," Jamil said.

East Bengal's captain, Cleiton Silva, is the highest goal-scorer in this fixture with three goals as he will be eager to break his scoring drought, having gone without a



contribution in his last four ISL appearances. Jamshedpur forward Jordan Murray has emerged as a big competitor, consistently contesting over 10 duels in each of his

last six matches.

East Bengal's goalkeeper Debjit Majumder has been impressive this season, averaging 3.4 saves per game.

However, with only three clean sheets to his name, he will need to elevate his performance to thwart Jamshedpur's attacking threats.

The two teams have faced off

eight times in the ISL, with Jamshedpur claiming three victories, East Bengal two, and three matches ending in draws.

Match starts 5pm IST. (PTI)

Target set to take India among top-5 Olympic medal winning countries by 2047: Mandaviya

GWALIOR, Oct 4: Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday said target has been set to position India among the top five Olympics medal-winning countries by 2047, when it celebrates the centenary of its independence.

In order to achieve this target, the country needs a talent-pool of world-level coaches and training, the Youth Affairs and Sports Minister told reporters here after taking part in the 10th Convocation ceremony of Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNPIE) here.

"I am happy to be in Gwalior as it is the workplace of late Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia. The country is marching ahead in the sports sector."

"When India hosts the Olympics in 2036, it should rank among the top 10 nations in sports," Mandaviya said.

"And when the nation celebrates 100 years of independence in 2047, the country should rank among the top five countries in the field of sports," he said.

"For achieving this target, the country needs a talent pool of world-level coaches and training and the LNPIE in Gwalior is playing a major role in it," the minister added.

The country needs good coaches, training, and sporting

talent should be identified and given opportunities, he said.

Good coaches are being groomed in LNPIE by offering diploma, graduation, post-graduation and PhD degrees to them, and they will play a major role in nurturing the new generation in the sports sector, according to him.

Addressing the convocation ceremony earlier, Mandaviya said it was a matter of pride that he was taking part in a programme at the institute that is named after Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi, who started the battle for freedom and fought against the British, and stood as a symbol of valour.

He said that as a sports minister he has set the target of taking India among the top 10 sporting nations by 2036 and among top five by 2047.

Physical education teachers should have the feeling of "nation first" and resolve to make the country a developed, he said.

Degrees were offered to 121 students during the convocation ceremony.

Mandaviya also inaugurated a 400-bed capacity hostel and a digital studio on the occasion.

Union minister Jyotiradiya Scindia welcomed Mandaviya on his arrival at the Gwalior airport for taking part in the convocation ceremony. (PTI)

David Skinns opens with a 60 to lead Sanderson Farms Championship

JACKSON, Oct 4: David Skinns of England set a personal best and a course record with a 12-under 60 to lead the Sanderson Farms Championship. And he couldn't help but be a little disappointed.

Skinns ran off six birdies on the back nine and six more on the front nine at the Country Club of Jackson, and he faced one last birdie putt from just inside 10 feet on his final hole. It never had a chance, missing on the low side. Skinns, a 42-year-old from England, still had a three-shot lead over Michael Thorbjornsen.

"How many 9-footers are you going to get to shoot 59?" Skinns said. "I'm sure I'm not going to get many. Tough not to be a little bit disappointed, but I really want to just look back on how in control mentally I felt, how I kept attacking. Wasn't really thinking about the future at all, which is kind of the thing I'm going to take away from today."

The future is a big part of the Sanderson Farms Championship, one of eight PGA Tour events in the "FedEx Cup Fall" that deter-

mines the 125 players who keep a full card for next year.

Skinns was at No. 108, and his 60 gives him a big step in the right direction.

Former U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland, making steady progress from brain surgery a year ago, played-bogey free for a 64 and was tied with Ben Griffin.

Rickie Fowler, playing for the first time since the British Open because he missed the FedEx Cup playoffs and his wife gave birth to their second daughter, hit two shots in the water and rallied for a 69.

Fowler is at No. 110 but has another year of full exemption from winning the Rocket Mortgage Classic last year.

Skinns hit only five fairways, but he was rarely out of position. The two times he was not on the putting green in regulation he made birdie. He also holed birdie putts of 55 feet and 25 feet during the round, and five other birdies outside 10 feet.

"Great to see a couple go in that maybe some days don't," Skinns said. (AP)

Buoyant Mohammedan Sporting gear up for Mohun Bagan challenge

KOLKATA, Oct 4: Fresh off their maiden ISL victory in an away match against Chennaiyin FC, debutants Mohammedan Sporting will aim to carry the same momentum when they square off with heavyweights Mohun Bagan in a lesser known 'Kolkata Derby' this Saturday.

With bragging rights as well as points on the line, Mohammedan Sporting will be eager to prove themselves against one of Indian football's most dominant forces and resume their rivalry in the ISL.

The black and white brigade secured their maiden win in the ISL by defeating Chennaiyin FC 1-0 last week with Lalremsanga Fanai scoring the decisive goal.

Despite Chennaiyin's attempts to fight back in the second-half, Mohammedan's defence led by Joseph Adjei and Vanlalzuidika Chhakhuak remained resolute to take home full three points that has kept them ahead of the city rivals on goal difference.

Mohun Bagan, who are the League Shield Winners, on the



other hand are coming on the back of a 0-3 loss to Bengaluru FC as they will be looking to regroup and infuse fresh energy to their attacking duo of Dimitri petratos and Jason Cummings. Petratos is on the brink of his 50th ISL appearance for the Mariners, and his experience will be vital in guiding the team through in

pressure cooker scenario.

The key for the midfield marshalled by Greg Stewart and Manvir Singh will be to dominate possession, pressing high up the pitch and using their full-backs to provide width.

Lalengmawia Ralte has been flawless defensively, winning all 14 of his attempted tackles

this season, which will be crucial in stopping Mohammedan's attacks.

Despite their attacking prowess, Mohun Bagan head coach Jose Molina has expressed concern about his team's defensive frailties.

The Mariners have conceded seven goals in their three matches so far, which has put pressure on their ability to secure results.

Molina has identified that many of their defensive issues stem from mistakes in attack, emphasising that improving their offensive play will help tighten the defense.

"We're conceding too many goals, and some of them are due to mistakes at the back, but most are because of errors in attack. To improve defensively, we need to attack better," Molina said.

Mohammedan Sporting, however, may opt for a more cautious approach as they are likely to sit back, absorb pressure, and hit on the counter using the pace of Alexis Gomez and Franca up front.

Kick-off 7.30pm. (PTI)

Mumba Masters bounce back as Anand's Ganges Grandmasters stumble

LONDON, Oct 4: Five-time world champion Vishwanathan Anand went down to former world blitz champion Maxime Vachier-Lagrave as upGrad Mumba Masters registered a 14-5 win over Ganges Grandmasters on day two of the ongoing Global Chess League here on Friday.

Both teams came into this match seeking their first win, having lost their opening games by identical scores. The headline icon matchup on board one pitted the Anand against Vachier-Lagrave.

Despite holding a better position, Anand blundered a tactical sacrifice, allowing Vachier-Lagrave to turn the tables.

Although facing time pressure, the French star tapped into his blitz champion instincts, tightening his control over the game and ultimately clinching a vital victory.

upGrad Mumba Masters, who played the match as Black - took control from there, with a win on the youngsters' board and a draw on the second women's board, pushing them into the lead.

Ganges Grandmasters couldn't catch a break, and despite world number three Arjun Erigaisi's best efforts, he could only manage a draw against Vidit Gujrathi, despite being ahead on the clock.

The situation worsened when Koneru Humpy overcame Vaishali R, clinching the match for the upGrad Mumba Masters.

While Parham Maghsoodloo secured a hard-fought victory against Peter Svidler to salvage some pride for the Ganges, it wasn't enough to save them from a 14-5 defeat.

With the upGrad Mumba Masters claiming their first points, Ganges Grandmasters face an uphill battle after back-to-back losses.

The situation is even worse because this is their second defeat with white pieces. They'll need to regroup quickly if they hope to stay in contention for the top places.

Both teams will be in action again later tonight. The match between American Gambits and Triveni Continental Kings is underway.

upGrad Mumba Masters will play Alpine SG Pipers in the third match, while Ganges Grandmasters will be up against Triveni Continental Kings in the last match of the day. (PTI)

EU's top court says some FIFA rules on int'l transfers are contrary to the bloc's law

WASHINGTON, Oct 4: The European Union's top court said Friday that some FIFA rules on player transfers are contrary to European Union legislation relating to competition and freedom of movement, in a ruling that will likely lead to a shakeup of the soccer market's regulations and change the sport's economy.

The court's ruling came after former France international Lassana Diarra legally challenged FIFA rules following a dispute with a club dating back to a decade ago. Diarra argued that FIFA's restrictions meant he was unable to find a new club after his contract with Russian club Lokomotiv Moscow was terminated in 2014.

FIFA's rules state that if a player terminates his contract without "just cause," the player and any club wishing to sign him are jointly liable for paying compensation to the previous club.

"Those rules hinder the free movement of players and competition between clubs," the court said in a statement. "The rules in question are such as to impede the

free movement of professional footballers wishing to develop their activity by going to work for a new club."

The court added that current rules "impose considerable legal risks, unforeseeable and potentially very high financial risks as well as major sporting risks on those players and clubs wishing to employ them which, taken together, are such as to impede international transfers of those players."

Diarra had signed a four-year contract with Lokomotiv Moscow in 2013. The deal was terminated a year later after Diarra was unhappy with alleged pay cuts.

Lokomotiv Moscow applied to the FIFA dispute resolution chamber for compensation and the player submitted a counterclaim seeking compensation for unpaid wages. The Court of Arbitration for Sport found the Russian club terminated the contract with Diarra "with just cause" and the player was ordered to pay 10.5 million euros (\$11.2 million).

Diarra claimed his search for a



new club was hampered by FIFA's rules stipulating that any new side would be jointly responsible with him for paying compensation to Lokomotiv.

The former Real Madrid player also argued that a potential deal with Belgian club Charleroi fell through because of the FIFA rules, and sued FIFA and the Belgian federation at a Belgian court for

damages and loss of earnings of six million euros (\$7 million). With the lawsuit still going through Belgian courts, the case was referred to the European Court of Justice for a ruling.

Although the court said FIFA transfer regulations can help maintain a form of stability within professional squads and help guarantee the regularity of compe-

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titions, it insisted that in Diarra's case "the rules in question nevertheless seem, subject to verification (by the Belgian court) in a number of respects, to go beyond what is necessary to pursue that objective."

The Diarra case, which is supported by the global players' union FIFPro, went through FIFA judicial bodies before the 2016 election of FIFA president Gianni Infantino, who has made it a priority to modernize transfer market rules.

Concerning competition rules,

the court slammed FIFA's rulings for restricting and preventing cross-border competition between European clubs.

"The Court recalls that the possibility of competing by recruiting trained players plays an essential role in the professional football sector and that rules which place a general restriction on that form of competition, by immutably fixing the distribution of workers between the employers and in cloistering the markets, are similar to a no-poach agreement," it said. (AP)

