



## NEWS CAPSULE

### Defamation suit against Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, May 22: Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today filed a fresh civil defamation suit of Rs 10 crore against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal whose lawyer allegedly used an objectionable word against him in court last week. — PTI

### Babri hearing

LUCKNOW, May 22: A special CBI court has set May 24 as the next date of hearing in the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition case. The court postponed today's hearing as Satish Pradhan, one of the six accused, did not appear before it. — PTI

### Israel supply

GUWAHATI, May 22: Israel will supply advanced long-range air and missile defence systems to four Indian Navy ships under a USD 630-million deal to be jointly executed with Bharat Electronics Limited, Israel Aerospace Industries said. — PTI  
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### Extortion notice

ITANAGAR, May 22: The banned United Liberation Front of Assam (Independent) ULFA-I, which allegedly served an extortion notice on former Arunachal Pradesh minister Bidas Taku, demanding Rs 10 lakh. — PTI

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### Arms recovered

DHAKA, May 22: Acting on a tip-off, army and police recovered one AK series rifle, some ammunition and radio sets from Kaki reserve forest in East Karbi Anglong district on Sunday. — Correspondent

The Assam Tribune on Internet  
<http://www.assamttribune.com> &  
<http://epaper.assamttribune.com>

## Centre likely to take up issue with Bangladesh: CM

### Foreigners' deportation

GUWAHATI, May 22: The External Affairs Ministry is likely to take up the issue of deportation of Bangladeshi nationals from India with the government of the neighbouring country soon, said Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. He also said that though the overall law and order situation has improved, there are challenges before the police and the government is taking care

to provide required facilities to the Tribunals. He said the government is also keeping a close watch on the functioning of the Tribunals and the persons declared as foreigners are being sent to detention camps. He said considering the human rights of the persons sent to detention camps, efforts are being made to improve the condition of the camps.

The Chief Minister admitted that deportation of foreigners is still a major problem. He revealed that he has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the External Affairs Ministry is likely to take up the issue with the Government of Bangladesh shortly.

On sealing of the international border, Sonowal said that he

himself visited the international border to assess the situation on the ground, while teams of legislators and senior officers were also sent to the border areas for on the spot assessment of the ground situation. The reports of the teams were sent to the MHA. The MHA has now decided to raise 'smart fencing' in the areas considered most vulnerable along the international border.

On updating of the National  
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## Terror funding NIA court convicts 15 accused

STAFF REPORTER



Act and the Arms Act. Both Garlosa and Hojai who were out on bail have also been sent to judicial custody along with the other co-accused who were in jail ever since they were arrested.

The other convicted accused are former social welfare department official R.H. Khan, Phoenicia Hojai, Babul Kemprial, Mohit Hojai, Ashringad Warisa, Vanlachanna, Malswankimi, Joyanta Kumar Ghosh, Debasish Bhattacharjee, Sandip Ghosh, Karuna Saikia, Jibangshu Paul (NIA) and Dolan Deulagupta (NIA).

The case was first registered with Basistha police station (April 1, 2009) following the recovery of Rs 1 crore along with two pistols and letter heads of the banned DHDOJ and subsequently, the Central Government handed over the case to the NIA.

Those convicted include former DHDOJ leaders Jewel Garlosa and Niranjan Hojai, who were found guilty under various sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC), Unlawful Activities (Prevention)

## Adulterated seeds behind chaffy grains: Probe

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, May 22: Use of adulterated hybrid seeds sourced from unrecognised dealers led to development of chaffy grains in paddy cultivations in some districts of the

State, an investigation by a team of scientists has found.

"In most cases we have observed that farmers used adulterated hybrid seeds, supplied by unrecognised traders, some of whom are based in Kharupetua. One such outlet has been

shut down in Barpeta. Normally hybrid rice plants grown from second generation seeds do not perform as well. The hybrid vigour disappears after the first generation. But farmers in the hope of getting the same yield, opted for the same variety using the second generation seeds," a Krishn Vigyan Kendra scientist, who was part of the field investigation team, told *The Assam Tribune*.

This apart, continuous heavy rain and hailstorm during the flowering stage – April-May – also affected fertilisation of the crop. High temperatures are required for seed setting, but as the temperatures were down due to the rains, the pollination was disturbed, the investigation team, comprising of experts from KVKS, State

### State flood control

## Effectiveness of dykes questioned since 1940s

AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, May 22: The suitability and effectiveness of the embankments as a flood control measure has been disputed since the 1940s.

In 1947, SC Majumdar, a member of the erstwhile Central Water Irrigation and Navigation Commission, did not favour construction of embankments, rather he recommended removal of the existing ones. He suggested flood moderation with the help of the reservoirs and detention basins.

The High Level Committee on Floods set up by the Union Government in February 1957, said, among others, in general, embankments are satisfactory means of flood protection when properly designed, satisfactorily executed and adequately maintained in localities where construction of embankments is technically indicated.

However, it maintained that a suitable combination of this method with other methods such as storage dams, detention basin, etc., is usually more efficient and should be adopted as resources permit. The Committee submitted its report in December the same year.

The State Government constituted the Bhagawati Committee to go into the doubts expressed on the efficacy and desirability of the embankments. The Committee submitted its report in 1960. It recommended that regular sample surveys of the people in different parts of the State should be carried out annually to assess the impact of embankments and drainage projects. It suggested provision of adequate number of sluices in embankments and recommended the preparation

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## Commendation for Major Leetul Gogoi



File photo of the Kashmiri youth tied to an Army vehicle.

NEW DELHI, May 22: Major Leetul Gogoi, who had tied a man to a jeep in Kashmir purportedly as a shield against stone pelters, has been honoured with the Army chief's 'Commendation Card' for his 'sustained efforts' in counter-insurgency operations.

The award for Major Gogoi is seen as a backing of the action of the officer belonging to the 53 Rashtra Rifles even as the Army maintained that a court of inquiry (CoI) into the incident is 'under finalisation'.

"Major Gogoi has been awarded the Chief of Army Staff's (See page 7)

### 2-year jail term for former Coal Secy

NEW DELHI, May 22: Former Coal Secretary HC Gupta and two serving senior officials were today sentenced to two-year imprisonment by a special court for irregularities in the allocation of a coal block in Madhya Pradesh to a private firm.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1 crore on Madhya Pradesh-based Kamal Sponge Steel and Power Ltd (KSSPL), which was the beneficiary of the allocation of Tengesga-B Rudrapur coal block in the state.

Its managing director Pawan Kumar Ahluwalia was awarded three-year jail term by the court for misrepresenting facts in its application before the Ministry of Coal (MOC), which was then headed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Besides Gupta, who was the Coal Secretary from December 31, 2005 to November

2008, then joint secretary KS Kropsha and then director KC Samaria in the MOC were handed down the punishment for cheating, criminal conspiracy and corruption.

They became the first public servants to be convicted and sentenced for the coal block allocation during the previous UPAs regime.

Besides the jail term, Special CBI Judge Bharat Parashar also imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on the three bureaucrats in the case. Ahluwalia KSSPL managing director, who has been sentenced to a three-year jail term, has also been directed to pay a fine of Rs 30 lakh. — PTI

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## CBSE scrapping of moderation policy unfair: HC

NEW DELHI, May 22: The Delhi High Court today termed as "unfair and irresponsible" the CBSE's decision to scrap its "moderation policy" under which grace marks are given to students in exams for difficult questions and asked why it cannot be implemented from next year.

The CBSE's decision, which would come into effect from this year, "would have a drastic impact on the students," a batch of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal said. Justice Pratibha M Singh said,

Also asked the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) why it cannot implement the change in policy from next year as the results of the 2016-17 exams are expected to be announced in a few days.

Asked if the CBSE to tell it by tomorrow when it would hear a PIL that has contend-

ed that the policy should not be done away with this year, as decided by some states, since it would affect the students of Class XII who have applied for admissions abroad.

The petition, moved by a parent and a lawyer, has said that the policy was changed by way of a notification after the exams for the year were held and hence would have a drastic impact on the students.

The petitioners, Rakesh Kumar and Advocate Ashish Verma, have said that the notification is not yet available on the CBSE's website.

Senior advocate Balbir Singh, appearing for the petitioners, said as a result of the change in policy, Class XII students may not meet the cutoff of the Delhi University as there could be a decrease in marks by at least 15 per cent due to CBSE's decision. - PTI

## Tytler refuses consent for lie detector test

NEW DELHI, May 22: Congress leader Jagdish Tytler has refused to give consent to undergoing lie-detector test in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots case.

It has also said that if there were any conditions attached to the consent, they should appear in person for clarification.

The court was hearing a Delhi Police plea seeking court's permission for the polygraph on Tytler and Verma.

The agency's move came after Verma alleged that Tytler tried to influence a witness, Surender Singh, with money and promised to send his son Narendra Singh to Canada.

The investigating agency had earlier given a clean chit to Tytler but reopened the case following the December 4, 2015, court order in the wake of Verma's allegations.

The court had also directed the agency to find out whether Verma's statement was authentic. - IANS

## Fringe Tamil outfit opposes Rajinikanth entry into politics

CHENNAI, May 22: Members of a fringe pro-Tamil outfit today burnt an effigy of actor Rajinikanth, opposing his entry into politics.

With the "Tamilizh Munnetra Pada" planning to picket the actor's house at Poos Garden, security was stepped up there.

The slogan-raising activists burnt an effigy of the actor at the bus Cathedral Road, police said, adding that scores of members of the outfit were detained.

The activists raised slogans against Rajinikanth's possible entry into politics, an issue which has gained steam following his hints last week that he could take the plunge.

The actor's Kannada origins are often a focal point of discussion in Tamil Nadu, with pro-Tamil groups raising

the pitch whenever the Cauvery river water sharing dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka escalates.

The "Kabali" star had, however, last week asserted his Tamil identity, saying his native place was a village in Krishnagiri district in Tamil Nadu.

They allegedly hurled stones at the police prompt-



Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan distributing handloom uniform to schoolchildren in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. - UNI

## Kashmir issue needs to be resolved on first priority: Abdullah

SRINAGAR, May 22: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah today said the Kashmir issue is "political" and delay in its resolution would deteriorate the situation further.

"Kashmir is a political issue and needs to be resolved on first priority so that people in the state can live in peace. As long as its resolution is delayed, the situation is bound to deteriorate further instead of getting back on track,"

the former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister said interacting with party workers and delegations from various parts of the state.

Abdullah, a Lok Sabha MP, also blamed the "wrong policies" of the Centre and

the state government for the prevailing uncertainty in the hinterland and along the borders in J-K.

"The Centre is playing a vote bank politics by pursuing a hardened policy on Kashmir. The state government, on the other hand, is only concerned to save its chair and dancing to the tunes of the RSS," Abdullah said and accused the PDP-BJP coalition of bringing the state on the path of destruction.

He alleged that the central and the state government have miserably failed to uphold 2003 ceasefire along the borders and improve situation in the state.

"Both the governments are restricted to issuing statements only and least

concerned about the welfare of the people who are facing tremendous hardships and miseries," he said.

He claimed that while law and order situation in the valley was getting worse with each passing day, communal forces were gaining ground in Jamim region.

He cautioned the governments to give up the policy of "oppression and suppression" and honour the wishes and aspirations of the people by initiating necessary measures and address all issues through dialogue.

Abdullah asked his party workers to reach out to the people and help them in redressing their grievances. - PTI

## Left workers, cops injured in clashes during Kolkata rally

KOLKATA, May 22: Several

Left party activists and police personnel were injured in clashes at various places in the city and in neighbouring Howrah during a "March to Nabanna" (state secretariat) programme today.

The march to the secretariat in Howrah district was organised by the Left parties to protest against what they called attack on democracy, unemployment and lawlessness in the state during Trimamkoong rally.

The Left party activists on the other hand said many of their leaders including former state minister Kanti Ganguly, Forward Bloc leader Naren Chatterjee and a number of workers were detained when the police resorted to the "unprovoked batoncharge."

Some journalists covering the programme were allegedly beaten up by the police.

A senior police officer when asked about it said, "I was not there but we have received some complaints in this regard. We will look into it."

Earlier in the day at least 12 CPI-M leaders including three MLAs - Sujan Chakraborty, Ashok Bhattacharya and Tamay Bhattacharjee were detained when they tried to enter the state secretariat ahead of the "March to Nabanna" programme.

The Left leaders headed for the secretariat from the Assembly in three cars and had managed to cross the security cordons. The police, however, recognised them at the north gate of the secretariat and a scuffle took place between them.

The leaders were then detained and taken to Shobpur police station in Howrah.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was not present at the secretariat as she was in Birbhum district for an administrative meeting.

CPI-M state secretary and politburo member Surjya Kanta Mishra and Left Front chairman Biman Bose staged a sit-in at May Road in protest against the police action.

Mishra said, "Everything is being done according to the Chief Minister's instruction. But they (the CPC government) cannot stop us this way. A protest day will be observed tomorrow throughout the state."

Trinamool Congress secretary general Partha Chatterjee called the Left programme a "drama" and said it was nothing but an attempt by the CPI-M to justify its existence.

"The CPI-M has been reduced to a signboard," he said.

"They (CPI-M) do not work for the state. Instead they are holding this programme when the Chief Minister is trying to develop the state," he said. - PTI

## Virbhadrappa, wife appear in court in disproportionate assets case

NEW DELHI, May 22:

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh and his wife today appeared in a special court here in connection with a nearly Rs 10 crore disproportionate assets case and sought bail.

However, the judge posted the matter for argument to May 29 after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) sought time to file a reply to the bail plea by Singh, his wife Pratibha and the others charged in the case.

The CBI chargesheet, running into over 500 pages, has claimed that Singh had

amassed assets worth around Rs 10 crore which were disproportionate to his total income during his tenure as a Union Minister.

The final report, filed against Singh and eight others for the offences including forgery and corruption, arrayed around 225 witnesses and 442 documents.

The report also named as accused LIC agent Anand Chauhan, who is at present in judicial custody.

Chauhan was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on July 9 last year in a separate money laundering case

related to the DA case.

The matter was transferred by the Supreme Court to the Delhi High Court, which on April 6, 2016, had asked the CBI not to arrest Singh and directed him to join the probe.

On November 5 last year, the apex court had transferred Singh's plea from the Himachal Pradesh High Court to the Delhi High Court, saying it was not expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, but "simply" transferring the petition "in interest of justice and to save the institution (judiciary) from any embarrassment". - PTI

## Shatrughan, Sushil Modi locked in twitter war

PATNA, May 22: Senior

BJP leader Shatrughan Sinha and Sushil Kumar Modi were today engaged in a Twitter war over the party's stance on RJD president Lalu Prasad and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on the issue of corruption.

"Enough of negative politics and mudslinging by oppositions on our political leadership. Let it be it Kejriwal, Lalu, Yadav or Sushil Modi," Sinha said in a tweet message drawing sharp reaction from senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi who sought removal of "gaddars" (traitors) from the house.

Actor-politician Sinha, who is a second term Lok Sabha member of BJP from Patna Sahib, has been sulking ever since he was ignored during 2015 Bihar Assembly poll. His statements and frequent exchange of pleasantries with rivals, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD president Lalu Prasad, have on several occasions put the party in an embarrassing situation.

"Our BJP stands for honesty & transparency which seldom go together but must go together. An allegation is ONLY THAT unless proved," Sinha further wrote

on his micro blogging site. His assertions drew sharp criticism from senior party leader Sushil Kumar Modi, who has levelled series of allegations against Lalu Prasad and his family of acquiring "benami properties" worth Rs 1,000 crore.

"Ja Lalu ki Benami sampe bahe jao Nitish Kumar nahi tute, uske baccho mein BJP hi 'Shatr' karo pure" (Lalu, in whose defence against his Benami properties Nitish Kumar did not jump, BJP's 'Shatr' has taken a plunge), Sushil Modi said in a tweet message apparently targeting Sinha. - PTI



Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi being welcomed by tribal people on his arrival at Birsa Munda International Airport in Ranchi on Monday. - UNI

## PM trying to clamp down on Oppn by using agencies: Digvijaya

NEW DELHI, May 22: Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh today launched an attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging he was trying to "clamp down" on the Opposition by using agencies like CBI, NIA and ED.

Singh, a former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, also accused the government of framing innocents in fake cases.

"Modi is trying to clamp down on the Opposition using the tools of CBI, NIA and ED and putting fake cases against them," he said, while talking to reporters outside the Patna

House courts complex here. Singh had come to the court along with Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, who had appeared with other accused in connection with a disproportionate assets case lodged by the CBI.

Their own leaders spent

over Rs 500 crore in marriages when the demonetisation drive was going on and their own people are involved in terrorism," he said. "He is framing innocents. The CBI is a caged parrot. Now so are the NIA and ED. The directors are being given extensions as carrots," Digvijaya Singh said. - PTI

## IED unearthed

RAIPUR, May 22: A powerful IED (improvised explosive device) weighing five kilograms, allegedly planted by naxals, was recovered from Chhattisgarh's Kanke district, police said today.

The explosive was recovered last evening when a team of district force personnel was out on a search operation in Ambeda police station limits awering a major tragedy, Kank

er Additional Superintendent of Police Jaiprakash Badhai said.

A squad of district force was patrolling on Ambeda-Dhanno road, located around 200 kms from the state capital, when it spotted the IED connection beneath a culvert, he said. Later, security personnel unearthed the explosive placed in a steel container and it was destroyed by the bomb disposal

squad, he said. - PTI

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## Rare chance to bring peace: Trump in Israel

TEL AVIV, May 22: US President Donald Trump today said that there is a "rare opportunity" to bring security and peace to the Middle East as he arrived here from Saudi Arabia to reaffirm America's "unbreakable bond" with Israel.

"I have found new reasons for hope," said Trump upon arriving at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

"There is a rare opportunity to bring security and peace to the region, but we can only get there by working together," said Trump who arrived here from Riyadh in what is believed to be the first direct flight between Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Trump went on to say that he met with leaders from across the Arab world in Saudi Arabia and reached "historic agreements" in fight against terror.

"On my first trip overseas as President, I have come to this sacred and ancient land to reaffirm unbreakable bond between us and Is-

rael," Trump said during a welcome ceremony at the airport.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed Trump on what he called a "truly historic" visit, which he viewed as a "powerful expression of your friendship".

Netanyahu applauded Trump's call for nations to do more to fight terrorism during his visit to Saudi Arabia.

"Israel shares the commitment to peace that you made yesterday. The

peace we seek is genuine and durable, in which the Jewish State is recognised, security remains in Israel's hands, and the conflict ends once and for all," he said.

"I hope this trip is a step on the path toward reconciliation and peace," he stressed.

The Israeli leader also noted that it was the first time that a US President has chosen to come to Israel during his first foreign trip after taking charge. - PTI

## High-tech Israeli defence systems for Indian Navy

JERUSALEM, May 22: Israel will supply advanced long-range air and missile defence systems to four Indian Navy ships under a USD 630 million deal to jointly execute with Bharat Electronics Limited, state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries said.

The announcement of the deal came ahead of a possible visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Israel in July.

Israel last month bagged a USD 2 billion deal - its largest ever - to supply the Indian Army and Navy with missile defence systems, with the IAI taking the lion's share of it worth 1.6 billion.

The IAI yesterday said the latest contract was for supplying Long Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (LRSAM) systems.

The LRSAM is a joint development by the IAI and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). It comprises several state-of-the-art elements, advanced phased-array radar, command-and-control system, launchers and missiles with advanced radio-frequency (RF) seekers.

The system provides the ultimate protection against a variety of aerial, naval and air-borne threats. It is currently operational with the Indian Air Force, the Indian Navy and the Israeli Defence Forces. The Indian Army is also likely to deploy it soon.

The LRSAM was last week successfully tested in India as part of an operational interception trial aboard an Indian Navy

ship "demonstrating again the system's operational capabilities in a representative scenario with genuine target", a statement from IAI said.

"All components of the weapon system have successfully met the goals set to them", the company said.

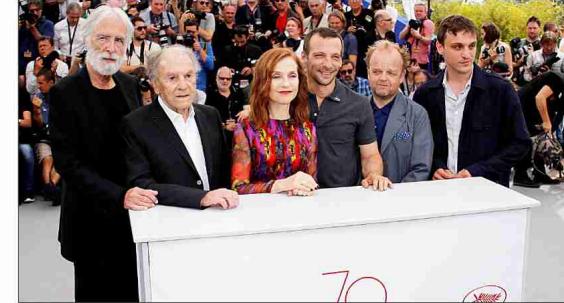
The contract will be carried out, for the first time, with Indian government-owned BEL which will serve as the main contractor in the project as part of the Make in India policy.

"The new contract adds to other deals signed in the last decade by IAI with India's defence forces, reinforcing IAI's global leadership position in air and missile defence systems.

The inclusion of Indian government company BEL for the first time, is a step up in our relationship with the Indian industry as part of the Make in India's policy," IAI's president and CEO Joseph Weiss, said.

"This unique project represents the close collaboration between India's DRDO, IAI and the defence forces of both countries. We will proceed to implementing it with joint efforts," Weiss added.

"We take pride, along with our partners in India, in the great results of the trial conducted last week, which reestablishes the System's reliability and quality as well as its advanced technological capabilities," Boaz Levi, IAI's executive vice president and general manager of systems, Missiles and Space Group, said. - PTI



Director Michael Hanek and cast members Jean-Louis Trintignant, Isabelle Huppert, Mathieu Kassovitz, Toby Jones, and Franz Rogowski pose during 70th Cannes Film Festival Photocall for the film Happy End in competition Cannes, on Monday. - UNI

### Mt Everest's famous Hillary Step destroyed

LONDON, May 22: A famous feature of Mount Everest called "The Hillary Step" has collapsed, potentially making the climb to the world's highest peak even more dangerous and time consuming, mountaineers have confirmed.

The near-vertical 12 metre rocky outcrop stood on the mountain's southeast ridge, and was the last great challenge before the top.

The Hillary Step was named after Sir Edmund Hillary, who was the first to scale Mount Everest in 1953.

British mountaineer Tim Mosedale confirmed the news of the Step's demise on a Facebook post after reaching the summit on May 16, dubbing the loss as "the end of an era".

"It is associated with the history of Everest, and it is a great shame a piece of mountaineering folklore has disappeared," Mosedale said.

It was reported last year, and indeed I climbed it last year, but we weren't sure for certain that "The Step" had gone because the area was blasted with snow," he wrote on Facebook.

"This year, however, I can report that the chunk of rock named "The Hillary Step" is definitely not there any more," he added.

Mosedale believes the victim was most likely a victim of Nepal's 2015 earthquake, the BBC News' reported.

Mountaineers claim that the snow-covered slope will be much easier to climb than the notorious vertical rock-face, but loose rocks could make it difficult and time consuming. - PTI

## India 'reneging on promise' by conducting naval drills

BEIJING, May 22: India which is conducting major naval drills with Singapore in the disputed South China Sea has "reneged" on its promise not to provoke China on the sensitive issue, a Chinese military expert said today.

Judging from the deployment of anti-submarine weapons, the purpose of the drills is clearly aimed at impacting China's submarines in the India Ocean, which India regards as a "threat" to its influence in the area, Song Zhongping, a military expert who used to serve in the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force was quoted as saying by the State-run Global Times.

"India had promised not to take sides and provoke China on the South China Sea disputes. But the country is renegeing on its promise by conducting such major drills in the area," Song said.

Navyies of India and Singapore last Thursday began a seven-day-long mega maritime exercise in the SCS which is being witnessed a growing Chinese assertiveness.

The drill code-named "SIMBEX" (Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise) aims to enhance inter-operability between the two navies.

China had said that if such exchanges and cooperation is for the benefit of regional peace and security, it then has no opposition to the drills.

"We just hope that when the relevant countries conduct such exchanges and cooperation, they should bear in mind such activities should not hurt the interests of other countries or have any negative impact to regional peace and stability," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said on May 19. - PTI

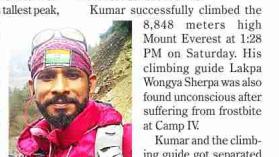
### Missing Indian dies after climbing Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, May 22: A 27-year-old Indian climber, who went missing on Mount Everest, has died after he fell some 200 metres on his return after conquering the world's tallest peak, the fifth fatality on the mountain this season, an official said today.

Ravi Kumar from Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad fell from the 8,200 metre altitude, which is popularly known as Balcony, and died, said Dinesh Bhatarai, Director General of Department of Tourism.

Mosadele believes the victim was most likely a victim of Nepal's 2015 earthquake, the BBC News' reported.

Mountaineers claim that the snow-covered slope will be much easier to climb than the notorious vertical rock-face, but loose rocks could make it difficult and time consuming. - PTI



mit of the mountain.

With this, the total number of people who died from the Nepal side of Mt Everest has reached five.

Kumar successfully climbed the 8,848 metres high Mount Everest at 1:28 PM on Saturday. His climbing guide Lakpa Wongya Sherpa was also found unconscious after suffering from frostbite at Camp IV.

Kumar and the climbing guide got separated during the descent.

Ang Tshering Sherpa, president of Nepali Mountaineering Association earlier had earlier said that "the chances of his survival were slim, as more than 24 hours had elapsed since he went missing in the extreme climate".

"Our liaison officer depicted in Mt Everest has confirmed that he died after he some 150 to 200 metres down from the balcony while he was descending after the summit," he told PTI.

Balcony is the final resting spot before climbers ascend the south sum-

## Israel in rare overture to Palestinians

JERUSALEM, May 22: Israeli ministers have approved setting up a committee to work for retroactive legalisation of wildcat Israeli construction in the West Bank, the official said. - AFP

The security Cabinet also approved setting up a committee to work for retroactive legalisation of wildcat Israeli construction in the West Bank, the official said. - AFP

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## Drake dominates Billboard Music Awards with 13 trophies

LOS ANGELES, May 22: Stealing the lime light on Sunday night at the 2017 Billboard music awards, Drake with a stupendous win of 13 trophies surpassed Adele as the artist with most BBMAs in one night.

The "Hotline Bling" hitmaker, who beat Adele, Beyoncé, Justin Bieber, The Chainsmokers, Ariana Grande, Shawn Mendes, Rihanna, Twenty One Pilots and The Weeknd in the top artist category brought his whole team onstage with him to accept the award, reported Billboard.

While accepting the honour the 30-year-old rapper said, "I wanna say hold tight, Adele, 'cause when a new thing drops yeah I'll fall back to get the record back."

Beyoncé earned top female artist

award, while Zayn Malik bagged top new artist trophy.

Twenty One Pilots and Beyoncé were also big winners on the night, with five BBMAs apiece, while The Chainsmokers earned four.

Vanessa Hudgens and Ludacris' host ceremony featured performances by Cher, Celine Dion, Florida George Line with John Legend.

Cher, who was honoured with the prestigious icon award at the ceremony, gave a high-powered performance for her classic hits "Believe" and "If I Could Turn Back Time".

"I've been doing it for 53 years. This is not an applause thing. I'm 71 yesterday. Yes. And I can do a five-minute plank, just saying," Cher said

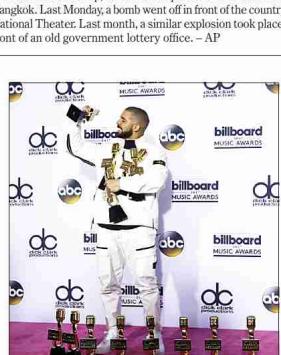
in her acceptance speech.

Nicki Minaj opened the show with a star-studded medley that included her track "No Frauds," which she performed with Lil Wayne.

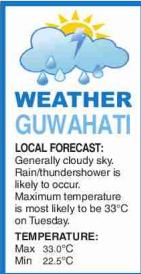
Dion received a standing ovation as she performed her iconic song "My Heart Can't Go On" 20 years after its initial prominence as the main song from the blockbuster Leonardo DiCaprio-Kate Winslet film "Titanic".

Diddy also took the stage to pay tribute to The Notorious B.I.G. on his 45th birth anniversary and debuted the trailer for his upcoming Bad Boy Records documentary "Can't Stop, Won't Stop".

Billboard Music Awards will air tonight on VH1 at 9 pm in India. - PTI



2017 Billboard Music Awards Photo Room - Las Vegas, Nevada, US, on Sunday - Drake with his many awards. - UNI



## City school hosts Model United Nations

GUWAHATI, May 22: Maria's Public School (MPS) hosted Model United Nations (MUN) from May 19 to 21, said a press release here today.

Over 150 student-delegates from the premier schools of Guwahati, Jorhat and Numaligarh engaged in issues which concern the youth of today. Incidentally, the theme of the conference was 'Youth of Today'.

Narcos-state terrorist and drug abuse, sedition and communal politics, hunger and illiteracy that have impacted the youth globally were deliberated upon at the MUN.

There was a 'futuristic committee', 'US Elections 2020', where the students emulated Republican and Democratic Senators vying for the supreme post and debated everything from the Mexican Wall to the standoffs between US and DPRK on the Syria crisis.

The historic committee, 'Congregation of the Balkan States' on the other hand delved into whether the First World War could have been avoided through diplomacy and mutual understanding.

The chief guest of the opening ceremony was Huzefa Kapadia, who presented a documentary *The DNA Journey*, that convinced one and all that we have more in common with the world than we think, and that an open world begins with an open mind.

Smt Tehseen Alam from UNICEF Assam attended the closing function and spoke about the demographic and social reality about India and Assam and inspired the youth to give voice to the multifarious problems that plague society.

### IN THE CITY TODAY

• Inaugural ceremony of Samsung Technical School will be held at ITI Guwahati at 11 am.

• Meet on New Initiative of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will be held at Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra at noon.

## Traffic police don new uniform

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 22: The Guwahati Traffic Police today became one of the first traffic police units in the country to change to colour uniform from the traditional whites.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled the new-look uniform for Guwahati Traffic Police at a function held at the Judges' Field.

"The Chief Minister envisioned a smart traffic police for the city and under his guidance we have brought about changes, which are the result of in-depth research on the subject," said Guwahati (Traffic) Superintendent of Police Amanjee Kaur.

"It will give us great confidence and spirit to serve the citizens while being comfortable in various climatic conditions," she said.

Kaur said the emphasis is on making the force more responsive, sensitive and efficient. "We are also conducting behaviour courses for the personnel. The courses will be conducted regularly from now on," she said.

Chief Minister Sonowal said a smart police force is of paramount importance to cope with modern-day law-and-order challenges and



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal receiving the guard of honour during launch of the new-look uniform for Guwahati Traffic Police at the Judges' Field on Monday. – UB Photos

modernisation of the Guwahati Traffic Police has been initiated through this pilot project.

It may be mentioned that two hundred newly induced traffic constables from different units of Assam Police have been trained as part of this pilot project and they are provided new uniforms of navy blue trousers and sky blue shirts keeping in mind the weather condition of the city. These new police per-

sonnel would be engaged in various traffic management-related activities and the number of traffic constables working as 'friends of pedestrian' will also be increased for the benefit of pedestrians as part of this initiative.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emphasis on building smart police forces in the country at the conference of DGP and IGS in Guwahati in 2014, Sonowal

said smart police would be a reality in the State and a smart police force would be able to handle modern law-and-order challenges. He urged all police officials of the State to be more humane in delivering their duty and become friends with the public in their times of need.

Saying that Guwahati is going to be the 'gateway to South East Asia' and not remain only the gateway to the North East as the increased infrastructure developmental activities under Act East Policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi would catapult the city to the global centre-stage soon, Sonowal stated that in the changed scenario the city police, including traffic police, must gear up to guide the visitors to the city and help them explore Guwahati. He also said that the city's inhabitants had always wanted streamlining of the traffic on the road and this pilot project would bring about the much-needed change.

Commenting that the Assam Police has always been appreciated by public for their dedication and sincerity, Sonowal said they must uphold their reputation by performing duties with honesty and enable all citizens to lead a life of dignity.

## APRO launches skill development programme

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKPUR, May 22: Inauguration of a skill development programme (SDP) of the Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO), accredited by the Department of Electronics and Communication Technology, Gauhati University, was held at the APRO Training School, Juhukhuri today.

R Chandranathan, Addl Director General of Police (Comm) Assam in his introductory address spoke on the objective of the programme, saying that, keeping in view the State government's newly launched policy on skill development, the training programme has been specifically designed and crafted with a view to imparting operating and maintenance skills in the identified areas.

Chandranathan said that this would not only empower the trainees, most of whom come from low socio-economic and educational backgrounds, but would also enhance their employment prospects in the near future and also make quality improvement of the Assam Police and has been trying to extend its capability of skill to the people of Assam. He lauded the approach and initiative of the APRO and cited that collaboration with academic institutes is the most important aspect in skill development. He advised the participants to struggle towards acquiring skill as it gives one self-respect and self-sufficiency. Without self-respect and self-sufficiency nobody can earn skills, he said.

He also spoke about starting summer internship for 2nd semester students of the Dept of Communication and Journalism, Gauhati University from June 1 to help them acquire industry-based IT skills. For this, the process is on a collaboration with IIT Bombay on Continuing Education and Quality Improvement Programmes (CE & QIP) unit for initiating the vote of thanks.

A presentation on the initiative taken by the APRO for the skill development programme was given by Prasanta Saikia, Superintendent of Police (Comm) Training, Dr Umesh Barman, Director of Police (Comm) Assam, offered the vote of thanks.

State DGP Mukesh Sahay

was the chief guest of the function, commanded the role initiated by the APRO on the skill development programme. In his speech he said that the APRO is the technical face of the Assam Police and has

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## citizens' voice

Citizens are requested to express their Guwahati-specific views within 100 words and mail the same to: [citizenvoice36@gmail.com](mailto:citizenvoice36@gmail.com)

Gouri Das, Borjhar

## A step forward to foil 'digital heist'

MAMATA MISHRA

GUWAHATI, May 22: Whether it is the WannaCry ransomware attack that crippled the high-end targets worldwide or the social media accounts hacking and internet banking frauds grabbing the headlines every day – a careless use of internet is costing people more dearly than ever with the unscrupulous elements on the prowl for a single security flaw.

A rather new medium for the masses and expanding usages everyday make it imperative for the internet users to understand the basic security know-how so that their private data remains safe. Understanding the need of majority of internet users, Fofat – a startup by a group of young Assamese IT service providers have come up with a new e-book – Quick Guide for a secured digital life – to help people of the Northeast under-

stand some simple yet useful tips to protect their confidential information.

"The goal of this e-book is to educate people with some simple tips using which they can protect themselves from different cyber security threats. Increased dependence on communication technologies has made people susceptible. Damage could be severe if criminals steal passwords or banking credentials. We have chosen to keep this e-book simple and straightforward so that anybody with no technical background can easily consume it," co-founder of the venture Chaitanya Hazarika told *The Assam Tribune*.

"Cyber-crime in India is up by 300 per cent in the past three years. In this e-book, we are attempting to protect people against different attack vectors in this Digital India age."

The global ransomware attack called 'WannaCry', took advantage of

phishing and out of date software. Also, lack of the habit of data backup makes people more susceptible to such frauds," he added.

The e-book available on the site of Fofat is divided into six parts dealing with password, phishing, malware, software keyloggers, SSL and social engineering. It can act as a personal cyber security guide for the people.

The password segment outlines how to set a secure password, strategies to manage numerous passwords and how to keep them secure. Phishing segments make people familiar with phishing attacks along with measures to avoid it.

Malware, another major threat to the internet security, is covered in the next section of the book covering computer virus, worm, Trojan horse, ransomware, scareware, spyware, adware – the damages they can do and

the protective measures.

Software Keylogger segment introduces people to software keylogger, how it can steal confidential information and how to stay secure. Introducing the net users to the secured domains through SSL, the book also deals with SSL, its importance to identify whether an application is SSL secured.

Further, a segment explains about social engineering, the dangers involved and various techniques somebody can employ to manipulate human mind for malicious activities along with tips to stay protected.

Most of the time people are left utterly clueless after the data theft or an internet fraud with the existing security mechanism also not well-versed to tackle the modern-day e-crime techniques, necessitating the need for understanding and awareness.

## Heavy rainfall to hit State

GUWAHATI, May 22: The city today recorded a day (i.e. maximum) temperature of 33 degree celsius, against the norm of 23.6 degree celsius for the day. It recorded a minimum temperature of 22.5 degree celsius, against the normal of 23.2 degree celsius, said sources in the Regional Meteorology Centre (RMC) here today.

RMC sources said rain or thundershower are likely to occur in the next 24 hours in the State's western and southern parts, under the impact of a trough lying between interior Odisha across north Chhattisgarh and extending up to 9 km above the mean sea level. It originated from an upper air cyclonic circulation, which is persisting over south-east UP and its vicinity since May 12.

There is also a likelihood of heavy rainfall at isolated places over Assam and Meghalaya on May 25 and 26, said the RMC sources. – Staff Reporter

## Discussion on culture, journalism

A CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, May 22: The Assamese culture and the present scenario of journalism were discussed in a programme under the banner of Lok Sahitya Vishardh Shri Ramchandra Das Smarak Balyakita, here on Sunday.

While delivering his speech on the norms whenever they see an opportunity. But the law enforcement machinery under the State Transport Department cannot shy away from its responsibilities. It is because of its casual (and facetious?) attitude towards such drivers that the situation regarding the unruly city bus drivers and conductors has remained unchanged in the city. I urge the authorities concerned to make the errant city bus and trekker operators to fall in line and respect the rules.

Sagarika Bezbauruah, Bamunimaidam

'Bimudon' which means entertainment, Bihu stands for 'Binoj' which is the identity of Assamese people and their politeness. Bihu stands for 'Budhan' which is worshipping of newness in our seasons, culture and changing times."

However, Chakravarty lamented that the new media is forgetting the value of politeness which he believes is a core value in Assamese culture. He added, "We need to remember 'Tathya' and 'Yukt' (information and validation) when we conduct discussions and debates and learn to respect one another when we discuss."

"We should correct the mistakes so that the new generation can be directed towards the right path," he added.

A book – *Jeera Anbeskan*, written by Prabhat Chandra Sabhapandit – was also released on the occasion by renowned journalist Dhiren-

dranath Chakravarty.

Chakravarty after releasing the book shared his views about literature, culture and journalism. Talking about the decreasing popularity of literature, he said that the rate of book releases in Assam is much lesser than the number of babies born in the State every year.

About 90 per cent of Assamese people do not know about Assam. The world has four seasons, the country has six but Assam has eight. No culture has a rich biodiversity as ours," Chakravarty said.

"Sukfa introduced 'secular administration' before the world knew about it. Momai Tamuli Barbaraha introduced 'social planning' 350 years before Russia," he added.

Prabhat Chandra Sabhapandit thanked the audience and the guests for the encouragement and appreciation for his works throughout the years.

## Biodiversity Day celebrated

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 22: Along with the rest of the world the Department of Botany, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya celebrated International Biodiversity Day today at 9th Mile.

International Biodiversity Day is celebrated all over the world every year on May 22 to enhance understanding and awareness about biodiversity issues.

Pradeep Sarma, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Cotton University, was present as a distinguished speaker on the occasion along with Dr PG Rao, Vice Chancellor of USTM, academic and administrative officials, deans, HoDs, faculty members and students.

In his address, Prof Sarma laid stress on different aspects of biodiversity and its conservation with a series of facts and figures. He said that by maintaining a simple lifestyle we can conserve biodiversity as the North East is very rich in it.

Prof Sarma also emphasised promotion of the tourism industry, which is the only eco-friendly industry.

Dr Rao in his address said that students from all disciplines should come forward and use their particular field of knowledge for conservation of biodiversity.

## Condolence meet

GUWAHATI, May 22: The teachers, officials and students of the College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Khanapara campus, held a meeting under the presidency of Dr RN Goswami, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science, to condole the death of Late Dimheswar Das, Library Maintenance Assistant, office of the Deputy Librarian, AAU, Khanapara, who passed away on May 18. The meeting observed one-minute silence and prayed to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul, stated a press release.

## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

You really can change the world if you care enough.

- MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

## The Assam Tribune

### Window of opportunity

Not only is Tamil superstar Rajinikanth one of the finest actors in India, giving other legendary actors like Amitabh Bachchan a run for the money, he is apparently also intelligent and street savvy, as has been mirrored by his decision to enter Tamil Nadu politics. For a long time political power in Tamil Nadu had oscillated between the DMK and the AIADMK, with J Jayalalithaa, popularly known as Amma or mother, scoring more brownie points than her arch-rival M Karunanidhi in attaining power. Her sudden and unexpected demise at a hospital in Chennai marked the end of an era in Tamil Nadu politics and created a significant vacuum. Having begun her film acting career as a child star, her thespian charisma, especially her iconic over two score films pairing with the legendary MG Ramachandran, had taken her to the heights of public popularity, a phenomenon she used to good effect while making her foray into politics. However, developments within the AIADMK following her death, have not served to maintain continuity of that party's hold in Tamil Nadu, a split occurring between the followers of O Panneerselvam, and those of VK Sasikala, close confidante of Jayalalithaa. Adding to the imbroglio has been the imprisonment for corruption of Sasikala, who through manipulation had managed to become the AIADMK's general secretary, a position she had to cede due to her arrest.

However, the DMK under the aged Karunanidhi and his protege Stalin have not been able to take advantage of the fast developing situation, and the political vacuum being created is widening each day. Thus, if he finally does enter politics, Rajinikanth has astutely chosen the most opportune moment to do so. What would be his course of action is not clear – the BJP is lauding all its charms to woo the superstar – also, reportedly he had already indicated that he now regrets having supported the DMK in the past. Only the future will tell what his modus operandi would be, but one thing is clear; his entry into Tamil Nadu politics would be a game-changer. Of course, actions in real-life and real-life are absolutely different, but then in Tamil Nadu film actors in the past like Ramachandran and Jayalalithaa have proved that they can be as efficient while governing as charismatic while acting. Throughout the world actors have often made excellent administrators, Ronald Reagan as one of the all time great US Presidents and NT Rama Rao as Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister being salient examples. Rajinikanth has a phenomenal following throughout the country and abroad and observes that he would be successful in slipping through the window of opportunity. Jay had won Tamil hearts by projecting herself as a mother; it would be interesting to see whether Rajinikanth retains his image of Thalaivar, the Boss.

### Food adulteration

A serious health hazard that is worsening with every passing year, sub-standard and adulterated food items of mass consumption is slowly engulfing in its fold a large segment of the State's population. This is despite there being increased access to information and enhanced public awareness. Among the most adulterated food products in the State happen to be those used by almost every person such as pulses, milk, meat and packaged water. Since the official machinery responsible for keeping a tab on despotic practices has made the revelation, the extent of the menace is all-pervasive. True, there have been the occasional seizures of spurious and adulterated foodstuff but that is little consolation given that it is chiefly the widely consumed items that continue to be most vulnerable to adulteration. Akin to slow poisoning, this silent but deadly health hazard is stalking the State's populace with no immediate relief in sight. While the North-east has traditionally been a happy dumping ground for all sorts of spurious and sub-standard goods, the peril amplifies manifold when it involves foodstuff of mass consumption. Even vegetables and fruits are not spared by the unscrupulous growers and traders with the practice of injecting toxic substances to make those bigger and look fresh being a widespread practice. Officials claim that of late there has been better enforcement of the State Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, but there is obviously a need for a more stringent and efficient deterrent mechanism. The State requires more state-of-the-art labs, including mobile labs, for testing and analysing adulteration of food articles. Also imperative is to have greater consumer awareness as an aware and alert public can be a strong deterrent to such malpractices.

When people are compelled to consume poisoned food in spite of spending a major part of their income on food due to spiralling price rise, it is a case of grave lapse in governance. Since food adulteration negates the prospects of healthy living, it has to be viewed as a serious threat to human life itself. The Government, which is under a constitutional obligation to safeguard the people's lives, has a big role to play to check this criminal act. It needs to be ensured that every stage from production and packaging to marketing and sale is scrutinized for violation of any relevant norms. Even a stricter mechanism is required for foodstuff that is sold in the open. The law governing food adulteration, too, need to be made more rigorous. A higher conviction rate together with harsher punishments could well be a successful deterrent. The low conviction rate can be largely attributed to the fact that the cases are not pursued with the desired level of sincerity and professionalism by the government machinery. Alongside government initiatives, voluntary organizations can help build up a strong consumer movement to ensure greater awareness.

# Maintaining clean water bodies

### Jayatu Kanta Bhuyan

**A**sman, located along the north-eastern margin of monsoon India is a region having one of the highest rainfall in the world. Although the volume of annual precipitation in Assam is among the highest in the world, large seasonal variations in precipitation patterns result in alternating periods of high and low river flows. Thus, there is a necessity to secure water resources during the year involving the use of water facilities such as dams, lakes and at the same time, securing wetlands as well.

Water storage reservoirs and dams, which are an important source of drinking water, usually experience some degree of thermal stratification during the warmest months of the year. A water body is separated into three layers: epilimnion – surface layer; metolimnion (or thermocline) – middle layer and finally, hypolimnion – bottom layer. Metolimnion separates warm surface water from cooler bottom water with increased density gradients. Under such circumstances, it is often found that, in the lower hypolimnion region, the rate of oxygen uptake is greater than the upper enriched regions. In course of time it can lead to anoxic bottom water and deterioration of the water quality throughout the water surface. Another important problem for the pollution of inland waters (such as lakes and ponds) is the enrichment with nutrients. This process of polluting

the water body through nutrients is known as eutrophication which results in mass production of algae, increases water productivity and other undesirable biotic changes. It occurs naturally over centuries as a water-body ages and is filled in with sediments. However, its rate has been accelerated due to human activities of discharging nutrients (such as nitrogen and phosphorus) from various sources.

The main sources of nitrogen pollution are agricultural agricultural land and phosphorus pollution from households and industry. This increase in nutrients leads to growth of harmful algae forming a green sheet of layer on the surface. When organism grows in the upper part of the water and the whole water-body is stabilized, it prevents light to enter the lake which means the plants that are in the bottom tend to die as light is limited. When these things decompose they consume oxygen and we get a state of hypoxia (not enough oxygen) and if it further continues, it reaches a state of anoxia (no oxygen). As a result, the living organisms may die due to absence of oxygen which is same as in the case of stratification. With an endeavour to arrest this reduction in water quality, the rate of mixing across the water column must

be increased. This task may be achieved by employing an artificial destratifying system instead of using any chemical products to maintain the ecological balance. One favoured method is an air bubble diffuser, which involves pumping compressed air into the interior of the water body and allowing the resultant bubbles to rise to the surface. As the bubbles rise, heavy hypolimnion fluid is lifted up through the water column, mixed with lighter epilimnion water and

since the 1950s and is applicable in many countries. In India many States have implemented this equipment such as Gujarat, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Uttaranchal, etc., and have a need to determine if the existing quality of water is suitable to use or not; if it is suitable, then there is no need for other countermeasures. But if the quality is not suitable, then restoration techniques should be considered. In such cases, artificial circulation can be implemented as a countermeasure to such problems. Aeration/circulation can be utilized through two possible management techniques – stratification and hypolimnion aeration. The process of destratification can maintain aerobic conditions and control algal blooms. Hypolimnion aeration technique is used for maintaining cold, aerobic bottom water but does not control algal blooms. Proper survey and management should be done if algal growth is a problem and cold water is not required then a high energy mixing system may be useful.

Assam, although there are many inland water bodies which need to be cleaned urgently. For instance, in Dighalipukhuri, which is used as a recreational area, the water is eutrophicated. Although aeration/circulation techniques can be used to maintain oxygen levels and also to control algal blooms, however, without proper management, the results won't be appropriate. Of course in every area, eutrophication is not a common occurrence. In such cases, management should be done efficiently. Firstly, checking of the desired usage of the water-body should be conducted. These may include domestic, industrial and other purposes. The required quality may vary depending on the intended use. Secondly, to determine the physical, chemical and biological properties of the water body, if there is any existence problems related to it. This

Until now this technology has not been used in Assam, although there are many inland water bodies which need to be cleaned urgently. For instance, in Dighalipukhuri, which is used as a recreational area, the water is eutrophicated.

## Dams and livelihood of women in North-east

### Priyanka Sharma

**I**t is heartening to note that the Assam Government has made an extraordinary attempt to showcase the tourism potential of the State by holding the Namami Brahmaputra festival across the different districts. The Brahmaputra is indeed the lifeline of the State, nurturing and instilling life into the region. It is the main source of livelihood of majority of the communities including women and is intricately linked with the floodplain ecology of the State. It is also a river with large potentials yet to be tapped and utilized. Hydropower generation has been considered as one of the major sectors of economic growth. With the Brahmaputra and its tributaries holding a huge amount of untapped water resources and having the potential of generating about 38% of the country's total hydropower, the Indian Government has drawn up a massive plan to construct several dams on the river across the entire north-eastern region. But little has been calculated on the impacts of dams on the traditional livelihoods of women of the region.

Traditionally, women had been identified with the reproduction process only whereby they were the homemakers, child bearers and child rearers while their significant role in the production process, mainly in agriculture, was overlooked.

The development programmes with their modernizing effects became more convenient for men while women stay back in the traditional sectors (subsistence agriculture, handloom and handicraft, etc.) with little access to credit facilities and new forms of technology. Even though situations are changing with the government playing a proactive role towards development of women and children, yet in a wider context, women still suffer due to the structural inequalities and hierarchies of the neo-liberal regime. In respect of North-east India, though the hierarchical social order based on gender is maintained with respect to access to and control of resources, women do play a significant role in the economy of the region. Women play a vital role in cultivation, weeding, plantations, harvesting, collecting firewood and fruits from forests, etc. Among tribal communities, women form an important role in *jhum* cultivations which are considered to be sacrosanct. Nature is worshipped; certain trees and forests are believed to be sacred and hence protected for the well-being of the community. Resources are basically owned as common property resources (CPRs) in many tribal communities.

The floodplains of the region are suitable for rice cultivation and the womenfolk enforce their skills accordingly both during planting of seeds and during harvest. Fishing is another important economic activity wherein women are engaged. In fact, the livelihood of women in the North-east, particularly rural women, has an inseparable connection with its ecological resource base.

It is pertinent to note that dam-induced livelihood loss will affect women in a more acute manner.

Dams displace communities, submerge huge tracts of land including agricultural land and forests, alter river flows, often disrupt or destroy aquatic habitats bringing in hardships to river-dependent populations.

Dam-induced flood can hamper agricultural activities which can have severe implications for the livelihood of the downstream communities.

Shifting cultivation which is one of the traditional forms of farming practised mainly in the hill areas plays a critical role in the livelihood of many people including women.

The implications of losing *jhum* land due to submergence can be severe as it could result in the loss of food security and loss of rights over traditional land.

Customary tribal laws thus may be affected and it may ultimately lead to impoverishment of tribal communities.

It is feared that the 2700-MW Lower Siang project will virtually submerge the little arable land the Siang Valley has for permanent

cultivation, destroying livelihoods of many. Loss of forest land will also create difficulties for women as they would have to walk long distances for collection of firewood and fodder for household use. The need to clear forest land leads to the greater vulnerability of land-affected people – especially women, being displaced from their ancestral lands. Traditionally, women hardly enjoy property rights. Displacement and resettlement therefore often undermine the position of indigenous women on their control over land which although are recognized under customary law but lack of official entitlements exclude these lands from adequate compensation.

Women dependent on fishing as a source of livelihood might have to face problems as construction of dams will definitely affect marine life. In fact, employment opportunities created due to construction activities will be availed more by men than women. Engineering and other allied technical areas are still considered to be the domains of men than women while activities requiring physical strength naturally will employ men as women are considered to be weak. At best, there will be feminization of marginal workers with women standing at the receiving end of an unjust wage structure. Moreover, because of their traditional dependence on men for sustenance, women tend to be af-

fected more by poverty arising out of loss of livelihood. Amidst such apprehensions, women tend to lose out more than men, primarily due to the patriarchal structures that are deeply engrained in our society. These are only some of the perceived threats of damming North-east India. Reality may far outmatch them.

Numerous dams are being proposed on many rivers flowing through the North-east. The 2000 MW Lower Subansiri, the 2700 MW Lower Siang, the 1750 MW Demwe Lower (Lohit), the Kameng, the Middle Siang, Tipaimukh, etc., are to name a few. The Government, of course, brushes aside such fears by saying that dams would be constructed with latest technologies and utmost care would be taken with regard to mitigation of loss incurred through proper rehabilitation and resettlement measures. There has been a sustained resistance to the proposed dams by the people of the region which they perceive as a threat to their life, culture and history. At best, dams may lead to electrification of the region and bring in energy security but at the cost of denying the indigenous communities, especially women, their traditional rights and customs. It is by far a perfect example of neo-colonization which will meet the demands of the rest of India at the expense of North-east India.

### Letters to the EDITOR

Sir – With the number of unemployed people rising every day, many countries have started giving preference to their own countrymen over foreign nationals. Countries like America, New Zealand and Australia have started making stricter rules for foreign nationals who want to work there. Higher educational requirements, better skill set, mandatory English knowledge are some steps taken by these countries to protect jobs from going to outsiders. As in the global scenario, the number of unemployed is increasing in Assam too. So, is it time the Government of Assam thought in similar lines for the unemployed youths of the State? In a State like Assam where the presence of multinational companies is almost negligible compared to the States like Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, etc., the youth of Assam has no alternative but to look for Government and PSU jobs. But there is a recent trend that even for clerical jobs in Government and PSUs, people of other States are getting appointed. I think it is time the

Government of Assam made a law by which all the State Government jobs are predominantly filled by the sons of the soil. Moreover, in the PSUs like Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited, Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation, etc., where the Government of Assam holds a stake, there should be a mandatory hundred per cent reservation for local youths in third and fourth grade jobs and at least 50% posts should be reserved in the officers' cadre for the unemployed youths of Assam. Unemployment is increasing in every State, but it is important that preference is given to the local youths. Yours etc., GEETA BORUAH, Tezpur.

Grace marking  
Sir – After State Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's remarks and Union HRD Ministry's request to the CBSE and other State boards to scrap the moderation policy, various misconceptions have arisen. Do marks moderation and gracing mean the same? It was decided with the HRD Ministry's consent that if school boards want, they can continue allocating grace marks for 3-5 marks for passing one paper while he/she has failed in the remaining papers. Moreover,

also agreed that if grace marks are allocated, those would be mentioned in the mark sheet.

Moderation is a practice adopted to "bring uniformity in the evaluation process". Marks scored by students are inflated to align with the marking standards of different examiners, to maintain parity of pass percentage of students for difficult questions.

On the other hand, grace marking is a facility to pass a candidate who needs 10-15% of the passing marks to get through in the examination. It varies from university to university or board to board. It's generally 10-15% of the passing marks. Taking the passing mark as 30, after the declaration of results, if a candidate fails in one or more papers, and needs between 3-5 marks to get through in the whole examination, then such a candidate is eligible for 3 (10% of 30) or maximum 5 (15% of 30) grace marks. But, a candidate is not eligible for grace marks if he/she needs 3-5 marks for passing one paper while he/she has failed in the remaining papers.

grace marks are mentioned in the mark sheet and are not added to the total marks. Yours etc., DEEPMALA DEKA, Guwahati.

(II)  
Sir – This is in reference to the news item 'Panel caps SEBA grace marks limit at 5' (AT, May 16). Besides others, the panel examining the grace marks system in the SEBA has recommended the continuation of the moderation system on the ground that the moderation system is a nationally-accepted system. Perhaps, this view is only partially correct. Already, the CBSE has decided to scrap the moderation policy under which grace marks are given to students in examinations for difficult questions. However, the panel's other recommendations are fit to be accepted by the Government. Further, awarding grace marks should be restricted to maximum two papers only. As everyone knows, an examination is a tool to assess the knowledge and ability of students, and as such, the examinees need to obtain the passing grade. Under no circumstances, under-performing students should get unjustified favour. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya.

**APSC reforms**  
Sir – After the arrest of Rakesh Paul, Brig Ranjit Borthakur acting as the APSC chairman, albeit for a brief tenure, tried his level best to reform the system and curb corruption, the initiative of the in-house copy checking of CCE 2015 Mains being the greatest reform of all. It has been clear from the police investigation that Paul used to provide the question papers to some select candidates well before the exam. If the case is true, then with just 124 posts this time, how can one even hope to clear the Mains examination, let alone be an ACS officer, by competing against such unscrupulous candidates? The greatest concern of CCE 2015 Mains is what steps the authorities concerned have now taken to weed out the 'blue-eyed-fat-purse' candidates of Paul. The in-house copy checking will not bear fruitful results if such favoured candidates are still in the system. Will the crusade against corruption in the APSC be won if the rotten elements still linger in the system? Yours etc., A CANDIDATE, Sivasagar.

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## 20 new buses flagged off for better connectivity CM lays foundation stone for mini ISBT

STAFF REPORTER



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagging off new buses at Khanapara on Monday - UBS Photos

GUWAHATI, May 22: Laying the foundation stone for a mini inter-state bus terminus (ISBT) and also ceremonially flagging off 20 new buses for better connectivity with upper and northern Assam at Khanapara here today, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal termed the Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) the symbol of Assamese identity and to bring back its glorious days, both the civil society and government must work hand in hand so that the Corporation can contribute meaningfully to the State's economy.

The Chief Minister also distributed official vehicles to DTOs for facilitating a better working environment.

Saying that ASTC has been successful in reducing the deficit gap to Rs 4.5 crore by streamlining its services and plugging the leakage in revenue collection, Sonowal said the ASTC must make all efforts to achieve transition from a loss-making venture to a profit-mak-

ing one and for that the officials and staff of the Corporation would have to work dedicatedly and sincerely.

Stating that roads have been improved in the villages of the State under schemes like PMGSY and buses must go to all villages in the next few years which would tremendously improve connectivity of interior places, Sonowal said modern buses would only be successful when the people consider them as their own property

that transparent public service can be provided.

It is to be mentioned that the ASTC has taken many steps, like use of information technology for monitoring and managing breakdown of buses, rent collection, training and capacity building of workshop workers and other such initiatives, which are expected to provide momentum to the growth of the Corporation.

Minister of Transport Chandramohan Patowary said the ASTC's fortunes will be turned around through hard work and dedication, adding corrupt practices would be rooted out as some strict decisions might also be taken in the interest of the Corporation, but employees must support such initiatives.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the ASTC is not only for profit making but it also needs to carry the message of Swachh Bharat to the remotest corner of the State through clean and proper maintenance of the modern buses. He remarked that DTOs too must be accessible to the public and they must stay away from corrupt practices so

## Singer upbeat over popularity of music video

A CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, May 22: Singer Nilopak Bora's music video 'Majuli' from his second album 'Pancham' has reached 8 lakh million views on YouTube in one month. The singer and a new social media sensation from Jorhat said, "Music has been in my blood as my family is pretty much into music. It is surprising because I used to hate music when I was small. Now it is my passion." Bora is the grandson of renowned musician Dondonhar Hazarika. His new music video 'Amar Xomi' released on May 14 has reached 50,000 views in four days. Bora said, "One cannot ignore what a huge

platform YouTube is when it comes to promoting art and entertainment. I simply have tried my best to make use of it to the fullest I can."

With a support of a team that focuses on accompanying him with pictures and artistic cinematography, Nilopak calls himself "lucky". With a video team headed by Anirudh Barua, Bora brings a new light to Assamese music in the social media. Bora has been in the music industry since 2008 releasing his first album '7 Unplugged' in 2013. "I have always considered Assamese musical legends, such as Jyoti Prasad Agarwalla and Bishnu Rabha, as my inspiration and I look forward to continue their legacy forward," adds Bora.

Bora says one needs to follow their emotions to get what he wants. "You do not need a back-up plan when you are sure about what you want to do in life. My emotions are my strength and I have always cared about social responsibility."

Bora says the music industry of Assam will move forward as long as artists put effort in their work. "I am doing the best I can to contribute with people's support," adds Bora.

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## Effectiveness of dykes...

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of a comprehensive plan for flood control. The Ministers' Committee on Flood Control, set up by the Union Government in 1964, observed that more attention should be paid to the methods of flood control other than embankments. These methods include the minor, medium and major storage, canalization, inter-basin diversion and to such non-physical measures like flood warning and flood forecasting, floodplain zoning and flood insurance, the Committee said.

It further suggested that the necessity and possibility of construction of head water storage dams on a multipurpose basis, in the interest of flood prevention and sediment deposition in respect of catchments producing major floods should be decided.

It needs mention here that in 1947-48, Man Singh of the then Central Water and Power Commission was specific in his suggestion to take up investigation of the possible dam sites. He mentioned specifically that for the purpose, investigations should be carried out on the possible dam sites at Dihing, Lohit, Subansiri, Jia Bureh, Noa-Dihing, Jhanzi, Dayang, Killing, Borpuri, Koplui and Diyung rivers. In 1970, US experts WA Staff and HE Weller

suggested completion of construction of the embankments and construction of bank protection at some selected localities where town or other important structures are threatened. They also suggested that the existing section of embankments should be improved and the standard adopted for Mississippi river embankments should be followed.

However, as long-term measure, they suggested a detailed investigation aimed at multipurpose developments of the basin through construction of reservoirs at suitable sites should be taken up.

The Rashtriya Barh Ayog (National Flood Commission), constituted by the Union Government in July 1976, stated in its report in 1980 that careful combination and coordination of the physical characteristics of the river should be made before construction of further embankments.

The 16th meeting of the State Irrigation Ministers' Conference Regarding Flood Control held at Delhi in 1977, stated in one of its resolutions that new embankment schemes should be taken up with caution and detailed studies regarding their effect on the river regime and behaviour made while assessing the costs and benefits.

## Adulterated...

(Contd from page 1) agriculture department and other agencies, noted.

In many cases the affected farmers were found to be using the PAC 837 hybrid variety, which is heavily infested by neck blast disease. Seed treatment is essential for controlling the disease. Indigenous use of nitrogenous fertilizers causes the neck blast disease.

Moreover, farmers were also not using micronutrient, like boron, essential for paddy.

The probe team also confirmed that in none of the cases the seeds were supplied by the government. "In fact, it was due to the delay in the government supply which forced the farmers to buy the seeds from other sources, which are involved in adulteration and cultivated it without seeking any advice.

Also, the government seeds did not reach some areas," sources claimed.

## Assam film...

(Contd from page 1) tells the story of a poor but spirited girl who aspires to buy a guitar and make music.

The other three films that made it to Cannes are *Echoes* from Israel, *Omotoshen* from Japan/Taiwan and *The Third Wife* from Vietnam.

"This year we had eight works-in-progress up for selection," said Roger Garcia, executive director of The Hong Kong International Film Festival Society Limited, under whose aegis HAI is held.

Introducing her film before the screening of a 20-minute excerpt from it, Das said: "This film germinated when I was shooting my first film (*Antarvriksh*) in the village. I met these amazing children and felt enthused to tell their story on the big screen." At the heart of the Village Rockstars is 10-year-old Dumna. "Growing up in poverty and facing repeated natural calamities, she is a tough soul," said Das. - PTI

## Centre likely to take...

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Register of Citizens (NRC), Sonowal said the job is progressing as per schedule and the Supreme Court is monitoring the progress regularly. He assured that the State Government would keep providing all necessary cooperation for timely completion of the job.

Though the overall law and order situation in Assam has improved, Sonowal admitted that there are still challenges before the police and security forces and the threat from the jehadi elements cannot be overlooked. The police and security forces would have to remain alert to thwart any attempt by terrorists to create disturbance in the State. At the same time, he said

## Commendation for...

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Commander Card for his sustained efforts in counter-insurgency operations," Army spokesperson Col Aman Anand said today.

All factors, including notable performance of Major Gogoi and "overall emerging indicators" of the Court of Inquiry, have been "well-considered" while conferring the award on him, Army sources said, in clear indication of the Army's support to his prompt decision to tie

the man purportedly to protect soldiers from stone-throwers.

A video, showing the man tied to the Army vehicle during polling in the Srinagar Lok Sabha by-election on April 9, had triggered a public outcry, prompting the force to institute a probe.

The sources said Major Gogoi was given the award during Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat's visit to Jammu and Kashmir last week. - PTI

## Online uploading of guests' details by city hotels may be discontinued

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 22: The system of online uploading of details of guests by the hotels of Guwahati, which was formally launched in 2014, may be discontinued because of a serious difference of opinion among the hotel owners and service providers over payment issues.

Police sources told *The Assam Tribune* that the system is helpful both for the law enforcement agencies and the hotel owners. At one point of time, the hotel owners had to send a person to the nearest police station around 8 pm every day with details of the guests. But after introduction of the system (hotels owners) can simply upload the data and the police can check the same whenever necessary without going through lots of papers.

Sources admitted that at the time of development of the software, some funds were provided to the company involved, but as the police does not have specific funds for the same, the software company and the hotel owners were asked to get into an agreement on payments.

Police sources said that a few meetings were held with the office-bearers of the hotel owners' associations and "we asked the hotel owners and the service providers to arrive at an agreement on the rate to be paid to the service provider. The police cannot accept money from the hotel owners and hand that over to the service provider. Both parties should come to an agreement in this regard," sources added.

Secretary of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Assam, Tridib Sarma said that they have started receiving messages from the service provider to pay up Rs 3000 per day

for the service provider. He said the rates were calculated by the service provider. He said the rates were fixed by the service provider arbitrarily and the hotel owners have the right to know the details of the basis on which the rates were finalized.

On the other hand, S Hassan, founder of Glomindz Software, which is running Crimatrix, a cloud-based platform, said that the project started in October, 2012 under the guidance of then DGP JN Choudhury and Guwahati Crime Branch, Crimatrix's mission is to build "a community driven real-time crime monitoring platform" for police and public to collaborate and prevent crime in smart cities of future.

The pilot project started with two modules – vehicle theft reporting/analysis module and hotel guest list submission module. By June, 2013, more than 100 hotels joined the platform to submit their hotel guest list to police as per the Sarba's Act 1867. On the basis of the result of the pilot project, an order was issued by the DC (Kamrup) to all hotels/lodges in Guwahati in July 2013 to submit their guest list online through Crimatrix. By September 2016, the registered hotels had grown to over 300. The servers were analysing more than 1,500 new guest records and photographs daily.

Hassan said that as they had to upgrade the servers and the cost increased exponentially, they decided to introduce yearly subscription fees for the hotels to maintain the project. So, in discussion with the Crime Branch, meetings were held with hotel owners to discuss the issue.

Initially different pricing models were discussed based on hotel size. But based on feedback received from hotels, it was decided to take a fixed subscription fee of Rs 3000 per year from each hotel, Hassan said.

## Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited Assam Asset, Sivasagar

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# AIIMS Demand Committee to begin stir from May 25

ANN Service

RAHA, May 22: Continuing its agitation against setting up of AIIMS hospital at Changsari, the Middle Assam AIIMS Demand Committee (MAADC) on Sunday announced a series of agitations against the State Government and the State Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Addressing the media in a public meet held at PWD inspection bungalow here, MAADC president, Hirantha Barua said that minis-

ter Himanta Biswa Sarma is committing contempt of court by announcing that the foundation stone of AIIMS would be laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Changsari on his visit to Assam on May 26.

"The NGT has not yet given any judgement over the case that the site chosen for the AIIMS is located in an eco-sensitive zone. Whereas the final hearing of the case has been fixed on May 24, how the minister, having several portfolios, could make this kind of announcement in ad-

MAADC is going to organise a series of agitations to intensify its stir for AIIMS including NH-37 blockade on May 25 at Raha Chariali and Middle Assam bandh on May 26.

The decision for the agitation was supported by AASU, ATSU, AJVCP, Raha units and several other organisations.

It may be mentioned here that Raha is experiencing a series of bandhs, road blockades, hunger strikes etc., since the State Government decided to set up the AIIMS at Changsari near Guwahati.

## Demand for Bodo Kachari Autonomous Council

ANN Service

JONAI, May 22: The United Bodoland Peoples' Organisation (UBPO), a joint forum of various ethnic organisations of Bodoland tribes, has asked the State Government to expedite the process of granting the 'Bodo Kachari Autonomous Council', which is pending in the State's Assembly.

Reiterating its autonomy demand, the organisation said that nearly 10 lakh Bodo Kacharis residing outside the jurisdiction of Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD) are seeking autonomy for development on all fronts.

Meanwhile, the educationists and prominent social workers of Greater Paschim Nalbari are hopeful that the young principals will make their respective schools a hub of quality education with their dedicated service in the coming days.

Mihineswar Basumatary said that the State Government has issued them of holding 'tripartite talks' on the autonomy issue. There was a Cabinet decision during the Tarun Gogoi regime for considering the autonomy demand and the process has been left half-done after new State Government came to power, he informed.

"We have been demanding that the Sartana Sonowal-led State Government expedite the process for granting the Bodo Kachari Autonomous Council with satellite area provision. Talks will end held among the representatives of the State Government, UPBO and the Hagrama Mohilary-led Bodoland Peoples'

Front (BPF)", said Basumatary while adding that their autonomy movement is supported by Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Ex-BLT Welfare Association, ex-NDFB cadres and many other community organisations.

Referring to the historic 'Bodo Accord' signed between the Centre and the Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) in 2003, Basumatary lamented that several clauses of the accord had not been implemented till today even after a gap of one decade.

Basumatary, who was one of the signatories to the accord, said the Clause-15 of the accord includes development demand of Tribal Sub-Plan areas of Assam, wherein several lakhs of Bodo Kachari people are living under dire economic constraints. The accord also includes granting of Scheduled Tribe (Hills) status to the Bodo Kacharis of Assam's twin hill districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills (at present Dima Hasao) besides funding and an additional package of Rs 500 crore to the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC).

As per financial dossier prepared by UPBO, about 9.85 lakh Bodo

Kachari population in the State including BTAD is around 22 lakh,

according to UPBO sources.

## Adhyatmik Yuva Sanmilan 2017 held

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SIVASAGAR, May 22: The four-day Adhyatmik Yuva Sanmilan (Ayus) 2017, held under the auspices of Sri Sri Dakshinapat Satra and organised at the Sivasagar Natya Mandir and Milan Mandir concluded recently.

Dr Biswajit Sharma, Medical Officer of the Jorhat Boat Clinic said, "We sat out on trips of three to five days, at a stretch, conducting health camps in different island villages and stay on the boat. We depend on the generator which emits both sound and air pollution. The solar power system will not only provide clean energy but will also help in laboratory investigations and provide us better diagnosis for the patients. This will give us more confidence."

open for humanity entrapped in the vortex of violence today is spirituality – Goswami said. Dr Sanjeev Borgohain, Principal, Nitapukhuri HCDG College, spoke as the appointed speaker while Kamalakanta Gogoi released the sovereign *Atman*. It was attended among others by Lakhikanta Mahanta, Saraz Hazarika, Jitu Dutta, Moon Baruah, Mon Rajgor, Ramen Bopragroha, a Borthakur and Pranab Boruah.

Inaugurating the spiritual importance. The only door left

Addl SP, Sivasagar, said that India never attacked any foreign country in its 5000-year old history because of its spiritual self. Pradip Hazarika MLA, Amguri attended the function and lauded the role taken by Ayus in spiritual awakening of the new generation. Ranjit Borgohain, president, organising committee delivered the welcome address while Samir Gogoi, working president, spoke on the objectives of the seminar.

The seminar was graced by

the presence of Sri Sri Nani Gopal Goswami, Satradhikar, Dakshinapat Satra, Umar Sarma Sastry, Mridusmita Sinha, chairperson, Sivasagar Municipality Board, Lakhikanta Mahanta, Ganaga Borgohain and Dwijen Changkakoti.

Sri Sri Nani Gopal Goswami said that every person is searching for spiritual solace but is unaware of the paths leading to it, hence one must take recourse to Lord Krishna. Dharma is a way to regain humanity which is the objective of Ayus, he said.



Local artists dancing at a Rongali Bihu programme at Biswanath Chariati jail at Biswanath Chariati, on Sunday. — UB Photos

ASHA workers staging a protest rally at Kaliabor, on Sunday. — UB Photos

### Fulbright Award for State doctor

**GUWAHATI:** May 22: Dr Shyamanta Borooah, an academic ophthalmologist, has received a 'Fulbright - Fight for Sight Award' to enable him to study at the University of California, San Diego on one of the most prestigious and selective programmes in the world. Shyamanta is the son of Late Dr Pabitra Ram Borooah and Geeta Borooah, both of Guwahati.

### OBITUARY

#### Saurav Barua

**GUWAHATI:** May 22: Saurav Barua (Sonji), son of Late Chandra Barua and Apoli Barua, and a resident of Silver Oak Apartment, Manik Nagar here, passed away on May 20 at 9.55pm at city nursing home. He was 63.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives.

His death has been widely mourned in the locality.

**Manjul Mahanta**

**CORRESPONDENT**

**BISWANATH CHARIALI:** May 22: The moudzara of Halem mouza under Golpur subdivision in Biswanath district, Manjul Mahanta passed away recently at his residence at Misismari, Halem due to cardiac arrest. He was 62.

He was associated with many social organisations including Rupkonwar Sangeet Kakakendra, Halem and Swadhin Mukunda Kakati Smriti Bhawan, Misismari. He served as the moudzara for the last 30 years and was bestowed with 'Kriti Moudzara' honour by the state-level Sonitpur district administration.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives.

#### Runu Das

**GUWAHATI:** May 22: Runu Das, a resident of No. 2 Basistharpur b y i a n e . Dispur passed away on May 14 at the International Hospital due to illness. She was 60.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives.

**R Agarwalla**

**CORRESPONDENT**

**DERGAON:** May 22: Ramnagopal Agarwalla, a noted leader of Dergaon and a resident of Dergaon ward no. 7 died recently due to cardiac arrest at a private hospital in Guwahati. He was 79.

His last rites were performed at Dergaon public cremation ground. An honest and soft-spoken businessman, Ramnagopal was popular among the people of Dergaon. His death has been widely mourned in the locality.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives.

## New principals for all-round development of schools

**A CORRESPONDENT**

**TIHU:** May 22: In a significant development in the field of education, permanent principals were appointed in the higher secondary schools of the State after a long gap of about 20 years.

In connection with this, 19 principals were appointed in the provincialised HS schools in Nalbari district.

The conscious people, educationists, guardians and many others have expressed their satisfaction over the appointment of the permanent principals and they hoped that new principals will lead their respective schools towards an excellent academic environment. The Inspector of Schools of Nalbari expects that new principal of the schools will lead their school in a positive way.

The newly-jointed principals Jiten Barua of Salmora HS School, Birendra Barua of Chhamra HS School, Hemanta Kr Bhagawati of Uttar Dharmanpara Balika HS School, Abhaykrishna Talukdar of Bala Vidyapith HS School and Pratibha Devi of Makhabhava HS School were upgraded to HS schools in 1964.

Meanwhile, the educationists and prominent social workers of Greater Paschim Nalbari are hopeful that the young principals will make their respective schools a hub of quality education with their dedicated service in the coming days.

## Solar power installed at Jorhat Boat Clinic

**GUWAHATI:** May 22: CENES' Jorhat Boat Clinic is probably the first in the country to be installed with solar power to run the entire medical and diagnostic equipment, including a dental set up and a 50-litre refrigerator to store vaccines. This was stated in a press release.

The boat now also has power supply available to cater to the entire lighting requirement for 24 hours. The system was donated and commissioned on April 21 by SELCO Foundation. The boat clinics of Assam provide primary medical care service to the remote and isolated island communities on river Brahmaputra.

The first boat clinic was started in Dibrugarh in May 2005 and was christened 'Alfa' meaning

'Hope'. Since 2008, under PPP with National Health Mission and government of Assam, 15 boat clinics have been operating in 13 districts along the river providing health services.

On April 21, 2017, Harish Hunde, along with Huda Jaffer, Leidal Dagon, Thomas Palankar, Renewable Energy Consultant from SELCO and officials from their partner organisations IKEA Foundation, the Netherlands and The Lemelson Foundation, Oregon visited the Jorhat Boat Clinic at Neamatighat and was delighted to see their first solar installation on a boat clinic. Dr Sashi Phukan, DIO, Jorhat; Neeladri Bora, Project Officer-Operations UNDP of Jorhat region,

## Murder accused sent to jail

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**BAIHATA CHARIALI:** May 22: The prime accused of the murder case of one Mukul Deka of Karara (Morniopar) village under Baitha Chariali Police Station of Kamrup district, Ajit Choudhury was sent to jail on Sunday on the basis of his confession that he had killed the

youth. Though the Baitha Chariali police had on Saturday detained Ajit Choudhury and five of his companions from the locality but on Saturday evening Ajit stated before the police that he had beaten the deceased with a wooden club on his head after an altercation following gambling.

One of the important issues raised by the Milan Samiti is that Byaskuchi and its surrounding areas under Sarthebari revenue circle in Belpur district have a number of wastelands and natural fisheries. These wastelands are full of indigenous fishes. As most of them bear water for the entire year, this area works as the source for the indigenous fishes. Besides, these may be utilised for rearing exotic fishes too.

Another significant aspect of these wastelands is that there are a number of birds in almost all of them. A large number of migratory birds flock to these wetlands during winter. There is a vast scope for improvement of these wastelands into ornithological parks which will attract tourists from across the globe.

The Governor was requested to take necessary steps to establish a world class institution at Byaskuchi for study of aquatic flora and fauna.

As regard to educational problems, they

stated that Byaskuchi is located at a distance of nine kilometres from Sarthebari and seven kilometres from Chenga,

where higher secondary schools and colleges are available. The distance to these places will be a little more from some other surrounding villages. Students undergoing post-matric education have to travel a long distance on dilapidated roads. Besides, there is no full-fledged science college in the vicinity. As a result, the poor people have to give up their desire to educate their wards in the Science stream.

The aspirations of the brilliant students have been nipped in the bud either due to the lack of nearby educational institutions or due to poor economic condition of their guardians.

So they requested him to look into this matter and take necessary steps to upgrade the Byaskuchi High School to Higher Secondary and establish a Science College in and around Byaskuchi.

It was pointed out that most of the people of this locality are dependent on agriculture and allied professions, such as fishery and dairy. But it is a matter of regret that the State Government has not undertaken any step to improve the condition of the farmers. Not a single plot

of this area is irrigated, no facility for veterinary treatment, no market to sell their products nor any cold storage to preserve the farm products. They requested the Governor to take up the matter with the departments concerned to give relief to the farmers.

The memorandum stated that there is a vast area of Government land in form of wasteland, grazing reserve and open areas as well. There will be no dearth of place for establishing any kind of large institutions if the Government wants to do so.

The Governor gave a patient hearing to the delegation and stated that he will look into the matter seriously.

It must be mentioned that the Governor Purohit visited the Byaskuchi Satra on February 9 last following an invitation by the Bhattacharya Milan Samiti. He was shocked to witness the deplorable road conditions and backwardness of the area. During his address in a public meeting, he informed the gathering that he will do his best to develop this area. In this context, the memorandum submitted today bears significance.



## NOTICE

Due to some unavoidable circumstances the following Examination Centres of ongoing Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) 1st year new course examination of Kokrajhar District are shifted to a new Examination Centre as indicated below:

Date of Examinations	Old Examination Centers	New Examination Center
26.05.2017	Fakigram College DIET, Kokrajhar Govt. College of Education, Kokrajhar	Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Barpeta
27.05.2017		
28.05.2017		
02.06.2017		
03.06.2017		
04.06.2017		

All candidates of the above mentioned examination centers are asked to appear in the next examinations of the ongoing D.El.Ed. 1st year new course examination at Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Barpeta on the above mentioned dates.

Examinations will be held at 1.30 pm as indicated in the admit cards.

Sd/-  
Controller of Examinations

## CINEMA PROGRAMME

SILVER SCREEN	VANDANA
Bijoy Nagar, Opp. ICGB Hall (Digital Projection & Dolby Sound)	(With ICGB Hall Projection)
Spree Cinema, Lulu Plaza, Lakhimpur back seat with food court & car parking	At 11.00 am & 4.00 pm
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5th Floor, Pather Bari, Bata Building, G.S. Road, Guwahati-781008	(With URVASI PROJECTION)
(2 Curved Screens, Dolby CP 750 Screen, Dolby Digital, Dolby Surround Push Seats Back, Air-conditioned and Multi-pax Ambience)	At 11.00 am & 4.00 pm
HALF GIRLFRIEND (Hindi)	HALF GIRLFRIEND (Hindi)
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BAAHUBALI-2: THE CONCLUSION (Hindi)	BAAHUBALI-2: THE CONCLUSION (Hindi)
At 10.00 am & 3.15 pm	At 10.00 am & 3.15 pm
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2nd Floor, Central Shopping Complex, N.L.U. Road, Guwahati	(Arcorion & Multiplex Ambience)
(Doty Sound system with Silver Screen & Multiplex Ambience)	At 11.00 am & 4.00 pm
Amraoni, 1st Floor, N.L.U. Road, Guwahati	At 11.00 am & 4.00 pm
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Stg Arun Kapoor, Shradha Kapoor etc.	Ticket Rates : Rs 80/-
Regular Ticket Rates : Rs 120/-	At 21st May to 25th May 2017
HALF GIRLFRIEND (Hindi)	Ticket Rates : Rs 80/-
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AMBALALI-2: THE CONCLUSION (Hindi)	GOLD CINEMA
Stg Arun Kapoor, Shradha Kapoor etc.	At 10.00 am & 4.00 pm
Regular Ticket Rates : Rs 120/-	At 21st May to 25th May 2017
HALF GIRLFRIEND (Hindi)	Ticket Rates : Rs 80/-
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Stg Arun Kapoor, Shradha Kapoor etc.	Screen-2
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**CAPSULE****Jaguar XE diesel**

NEW DELHI, May 22: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover India today kicked off sale of its new diesel variant of Jaguar XE sedan at a starting price of Rs 38.25 lakh (excluding taxes). The new diesel variant is powered by a 2 litre engine that delivers a power output of 132 kW, the company said in a statement. — PTI

**Godrej Industries**

NEW DELHI, May 22: Diversified firm Godrej Industries today reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 95.23 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31. The company had posted a net loss of Rs 57.03 crore in the January-March period a year ago. Godrej Industries said in a BSE filing. — PTI

**Exide Industries**

NEW DELHI, May 22: Battery maker Exide Industries today said it has entered into a settlement agreement with the US-based Exide Technologies over the ownership of Exide's mark in India. In October last year, Exide Industries had said the company and Exide Technologies were in litigation over usage of the name or mark 'Exide' directly or indirectly, in any manner in the country. — PTI

**Karnataka Bank**

NEW DELHI, May 22: Country's largest insurer LIC has inked a pact with private sector Karnataka Bank to sell its insurance policies at the latter's branches. An agreement was signed today between LIC and the Corporation of India (LIC) and the bank today for selling life insurance products of the former, Karnataka Bank said in a statement. — PTI

**HDFC Life**

MUMBAI, May 22: HDFC Life today announced the launch of an artificial intelligence-based application that can automatically read, understand, categorise, prioritise and respond to customer emails sent to the private insurer. 'SPOK', an insurance email bot, can read customer queries within milliseconds and respond to them, it said. — PTI

**GAIL profit dips**

NEW DELHI, May 22: State-owned gas utility GAIL Ltd today reported a significant drop in its fourth quarter net profit as it wrote down the value of its investment in Dabhol power plant. Net profit for the January-March quarter of the last fiscal was Rs 260.16 crore, or Rs 1.54 per share, as against Rs 832.13 crore, or Rs 4.92 a share, net earnings in the same period a year before. — PTI

**Tata Power**

NEW DELHI, May 22: Tata Power today said the total generation from all its power plants crossed 52,000 million units last fiscal. Its consolidated generation through all subsidiaries stood at 52,512 million units (MUs) in 2016-17 as compared to 47,347 MUs in the previous fiscal. — PTI

## Hold back price hikes till GST rollout: Adhia to India Inc

NEW DELHI, May 22: The government today asked industry to hold back price increases till GST rollout from July 1, saying such hikes might later lead to inquiry of balance sheet by a specified authority.

Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia said that anti-prrofiteering provision in GST laws was essential to ensure that the benefits of reduction in tax incidence is passed on to consumers, and the tax department will pursue the big corporates not to do any profiteering.

"My suggestion to all of them would be for the time being, till GST is rolled out, if they can hold back price increases. Unless it is a serious issue of cost increase, which they cannot absorb immediately. Otherwise hold on for sometime."

"But still if you have to absorb your cost and you have to do it then it is a matter of inquiry subsequently," Adhia told CNBC TV18.

The GST Act includes the provision of setting up an anti-prrofiteering authority to ensure that companies pass on the benefit of tax reduction to customers.

"There is going to be reduction in prices of many items. The food grains had a lot of cascading effect, we have put food grains and cereals in zero-tax bracket," he said.

"The authority entrusted with inquiry of anti-prrofiteering can go into the balance sheets of the companies, they can look at their cost sheets and then decide. It is a matter

of enquiry and investigation," Adhia said.

The GST Council had last week voted over 1,200 goods and 500 services in tax brackets of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent.

The government estimates that despite the higher standard rate of 18 per cent, service providers will get input tax credit that will lower the effective incidence of GST to around the current incidence of 15 per cent.

"The revenue department estimates that inflation will fall by 2 per cent on implementation of GST and will create buoyancy in the economy," he said.

The Revenue Secretary said if there is a reduction in the tax incidence its benefits should be passed on to consumers.

"We hope that we don't have to operationalise the anti-prrofiteering provision. But, we are already getting reports that companies are jacking up prices. It is human nature to make some profit out of it and so this provision was required, otherwise the calculation of impact on CPI would go haywire," he said.

The Revenue department estimates that inflation will fall by 2 per cent on implementation of GST and will create buoyancy in the economy. — PTI



Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in conversation with delegates of African countries and Indian businessmen during the session on Africa-India cooperation at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar on Monday. — UNI

## Pradhan moves OPEC over Asian premium on oil

VIENNA, May 22: Indian Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today raised the issue of premium being charged on oil supplied to Asian countries by some OPEC members and asked that a reasonable pricing policy be adopted by the 13-nation producers' cartel.

"Raised the issue of Asian premium will be charged from us by a few OPEC countries; asked for 'Responsible Price' & 'seller-buyer alignment', Pradhan said in a tweet following his meeting here with Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo, Secretary General (SG), Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"Had delegation-level talks with SG & his technical team; Indian sides had seven refineries including IOCL, HPCL, BPCL, MRPL, Reliance, Essar, HML," Pradhan said in another tweet.

He will be representing India at the head of a delegation comprising major In-

divers refiners at a meeting scheduled by the OPEC here on Thursday.

The agenda of the meeting, to be attended by both OPEC and non-OPEC producers, is to extend output cuts in view of the recent rise in US shale inventories.

"SG, OPEC briefed about their efforts for price stabilisation of crude oil, including their cooperation with non-OPEC countries for this," the Indian minister said in a separate tweet.

"Had exchange of views with Secretary General of OPEC as part of India-OPEC Institutional Dialogue in Vienna," he added.

Prior to Pradhan's departure for here on Sunday, Petroleum Ministry officials in New Delhi said India's strategy at the OPEC meeting would be to leverage its massive market size for better terms like discounts and longer credit period.

The demand for crude oil in India is

expected to grow by over 3 per cent in 2017 at around 4.5 million barrels per day (mbd).

Last November, major oil producers agreed to cut output as a response to the global supply glut that had been pushing down prices for nearly two years.

OPEC's largest producer, Saudi Arabia said on Sunday that most members are agreeable on extending the output cut in the face of the global supply glut.

"Everybody I talked to expressed support and enthusiasm to join in this direction (output cuts), but of course, it doesn't pre-empt any creative suggestions that may come about," Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih told reporters in Riyadh.

He said extending the supply cuts by a further nine months until next March, and adding one or two small producers to the pact, should reduce oil inventories to their five-year average. — IANS

## GST likely to have minimal impact on CPI: Morgan Stanley

MUMBAI, May 22: The goods and services tax (GST) is likely to have minimal direct impact on the consumer price index (CPI) basket, a report said.

This is because most of the tax rates for the items in the CPI basket are likely to be taxed at a lower rate under the GST as compared to the existing levy, it said.

However, assuming that GST does have the intended effect of increasing tax compliance, the tax burden would increase. This could lead companies to pass the costs of higher tax compliance on to the consumer at a later stage, said the report by Morgan

Stanley.

"The impact, if any, on underlying inflationary pressures is likely to be transitory. The final impact will depend on the trends in aggregate demand and output gap after the implementation of GST," the report on implications of GST noted.

On the growth front, the financial services firm said it does not expect a front-loading of consumption that happened in other countries that implemented GST, since rates are not rising meaningfully.

However, the report said there are still a number of uncertainties related to the impact on the corporate sector, particularly

small and medium enterprises.

The impact of GST rates is likely to be positive for consumer staples and media, and negative for airlines and oil and gas, it noted.

For auto, hotels and telecom sectors the impact is likely to be neutral or marginally negative, while for Cement and Steel, it should be marginally positive, it added.

The GST Council will meet on June 3 to resolve the outstanding issues of ratifying on tax brackets for remaining six categories - footwear, pearls & precious metals, bidi, textiles, biscuits and agricultural machinery. — PTI

## Multiplex body's call to lower tax rate

### Don't club cinema with gambling: MAI

NEW DELHI, May 22: Multiplex Association of India today asked the government to reconsider the 28 per cent rate fixed for film industry under the new GST regime, while objecting to clubbing of the sector with racing, gambling and casinos.

The association said cinema is a primary form of entertainment for the masses and needs to be supported in the form of a lower rate of tax rather than treating it as a vice or a sin.

"We had expected the GST rate for cinema to be either 5 per cent or at the worst 8 per

cent. Under the circumstances, we are completely shocked, that the GST Council has decided to tax cinemas at the prohibitive rate of 28 per cent," it said in a statement.

This is the same as the rate recommended for racing, gambling and casinos, Multiplex Association of India (MAI) said.

"We are stunned to note that the GST Council considered it appropriate to tax this

clean and wholesome form of family entertainment as a vice or a sin," it added.

Globally taxes on entertainment are usually in single digits since it is seen to be an essential ingredient of social infrastructure, the association said.

MAI claims to represent around 80 per cent of multiplex industry in India. Its members operate more than 500 multiplexes with more

than 1,800 screens across the country.

The association said there would also be an incidence of dual taxation as entertainment tax levied by local bodies would be outside the GST framework.

"This dual taxation at prohibitive rates would not only lead to substantial increase in ticket prices for cine-goers, but could well sound the death knell for the film industry, which already is faring quite badly due to the continuous onslaught of piracy," it added. — PTI

## TCS streetlighting solution to cut costs

MUMBAI, May 22:

Country's largest software exporter TCS today said it has created a solution that will cut payback on expensive LED lights by half.

The software, which comes amid a greater thrust on Smart Cities, cuts energy consumption using self-learning algorithms and will reduce the typical four-to-five year payback on the lights to just two to three years, the Tata group company said in a statement.

The intelligent urban exchange (IUX) for adaptive streetlight optimisation will also enable cities to jump start smart city projects in other domains, such as water and transportation, by leveraging smart streetlight wide area networks and a common data analytics platform, it said.

"Like the dawn of the internet, we're just scratching the surface of what's possible when cities intelligently connect sources of new urban data sources," its group head for digital

software and solutions group Seeta Harisharan said.

The statement said streetlights account for up to 50 per cent of a city's energy budget and claimed company's solution which is designed for both LED and conventional lighting, acts as a "energy adviser" for policy-makers.

It can deliver an additional 15-25 per cent savings on top of the 50 per cent energy savings from LED lighting by optimising streetlight operation using machine learning and predictive analytics on real-time and historic data.

It enables individual streetlights to respond to real-time events by automatically adjusting city lighting to suit changes in crime patterns, traffic, people movement, and weather, it said.

It cited the example of a crime scene or an accident, which would require higher luminosity lighting as more people gather and added that the solutions help deliver that. — PTI

## Development of skilled manpower

### Microsoft India ties up with TSSC

BENGALURU, May 22:

Microsoft India today announced the signing of MoU with Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) to drive skill development for the Indian Telecom industry through 'Project Sangam'.

Announced by Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella earlier this year at Future Decoded, Project Sangam is a cloud hosted platform that leverages Azure services, as well as the power of LinkedIn, to provide an integrated mobile-first platform for skilling and employment.

The pilot is intended to skill candidates in the areas of ICT-E (Information, Communication, Electronics & Cyber as related to telecom) and connect them with jobs, the company said in a release.

With this pilot, Microsoft India will provide a platform to onboard identified skilling partners, content creators, training candidates and potential employers, the company said, adding that using the platform, the sector council can create courses compliant with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). — PTI



Trade ministers pose for a photo during the third Inter-sessional Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Ministerial Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam on Monday. — UNI

## BJP will come to power in Telangana, says Amit Shah

HYDERABAD, May 22: BJP president Amit Shah on Monday exuded confidence that the party will come to power in Telangana in coming days.

Addressing a meeting of BJP workers at Therapatty village in Nalgonda district on the first day of his three-day visit to Telangana, he urged them to take the policies of Modi government to people and make the state a stronghold of the party. "The way BJP is working in Telangana for last two years, I am sure BJP will form the government in the state in coming days," he said.

Stating that the country was marching ahead on the path of progress under the leadership of Narendra Modi, he appealed to Telangana people to ensure that Telangana join this march so that it could become number one state.

Shah, who visited few houses in the village and interacted with farmers and weavers to know their problems, targeted the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)

government for what he called its "failure" to take the central schemes to the grassroots. He said the Modi government launched many schemes for poor, Dalits, tribals, farmers, youth women and villages but these schemes had not reached the targeted groups in Telangana.

He said under one such scheme, 4.5 crore toilets were constructed for poor households across the country but alleged that not a single toilet was built in this village.

Accompanied by BJP's national secretary Muralidhar Rao, party's state president K Laxman and others, he visited few houses and interacted with villagers to know about their problems. A farmer told him that the people were facing water scarcity both for drinking and irrigation.

The BJP chief unveiled statue of Gundugon Mysaiah, a BJP activist who was killed by Maoists in 1999.

He along with other BJP leaders had dinner with Dalits in a Dalit locality in the

village. He later left for Nalgonda to meet a cross section of people.

Shah's three-day visit to Telangana is aimed at strengthening the party in the state ahead of the 2019 elections.

Earlier, soon after his arrival at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad, he left for Nalgonda district by road.

Shah will on Tuesday visit Gundampalli village to pay tribute to those killed by "razakars" or volunteers of the Nizam before Hyderabad state's merger with the Indian Union. He will also address booth level committees in the two districts.

The BJP president on the last day of his trip will return here to address a meeting of party workers of Hyderabad parliamentary constituency.

The BJP is gearing up to a serious bid to wrest Hyderabad seat from the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimineen (AIMIM), which has been winning it since 1984. - IANS

## Jaitley pays tribute to soldiers martyred in J&K

NEW DELHI, May 22: Defence Minister Arun Jaitley today paid glowing tribute to the three soldiers who laid down their lives while foiling an infiltration bid by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Naugam area.

He said the evil designs of terrorists had been successfully foiled by the armed forces.

"Infiltration bid by terrorists in the Naugam sector, Kashmir Valley has been successfully foiled. Nation is proud of our soldiers".

## Maharashtra Assembly passes GST Bill

MUMBAI, May 22: The Maharashtra Assembly passed unanimously the State Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill today, the last day of a special session of the state legislature.

After the passage of the bill in the Lower House, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis thanked everyone for their cooperation.

"All political parties had unanimity over the GST Bill. Today this supreme House has unanimously passed this bill. I thank the House for this," Fadnavis said.

The three-day special session to discuss and ratify the bill, to pave the way for the national roll-out of GST on July 1, began on Saturday.

During the session, the Assembly passed three bills, including the State Goods and Services Tax Bill, related to the compensation to local authorities and a bill on the existing laws to be repealed when

## AAP crisis: Vishwas skips party event

NEW DELHI, May 22: Senior AAP leader Kumar Vishwas, who had recently aired his differences with the party leadership, skipped a major party event, sparking whispers that the true in the organisation may be short-lived.

Sources said poet-turned-politician Vishwas who had differed with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over the party's stand on blaming electronic voting machines alone for its poor performance in recent civic polls, stayed away from AAP's Delhi unit convention yesterday.

Attended by the party's top brass, including Kejriwal, the convention organised in west Delhi saw attendance of a sizeable number of volunteers.

Vishwas and a member of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC), the party's top decision-making body, were also invited for the event, sources said, but he chose to stay away.

At a press conference today, the party parried questions related to Vishwas' absence from the event.

Senior AAP leader Ashutosh said apart from Vishwas, several other members of the PAC were not present for the convention.

"(Vishwas) is upset with the news plants in a section of

## 18 arrested, 2 police officials suspended over Jharkhand lynching

RANCHI, May 22: Eighteen persons have been arrested and the officers in charge of two police stations was suspended in Jharkhand in connection with the lynching of seven persons on May 18 on suspicion of being child lifters.

It was a spontaneous reaction of the villagers based on unfounded WhatsApp messages about child lifting," SKR Rahate, Jharkhand Home Secretary, said at a joint press conference with DGP DK Pandey.

He said "a total of 18 officers have been arrested and the officers in charge of Baghjan and Rajnagar have been suspended."

On May 18, four people Skeikh Nain, Md Sajid, Siraj Khan and Sheikh Salim, were beaten to death in Rajnagar of

Seraikela-Kharswa district. In a separate incident, three men, Vikas Kumar Verma, Gautam Kumar Verma and Gangesh Gupta, were beaten to death at Baghjan of Jamshedpur. Vikas and Gangesh are brothers.

In the Rajnagar incident, 37 people were named as accused while 17 people have been named as accused in the Baghjan incident.

"The Kolhan DIG and Commissioner will probe the incident and submit the report in one month's time. Asish Barua, IG of Jharkhand, is camping at Jamshedpur," said Rahate.

"We are trying to create awareness through different mediums that no child lifting has taken place in the state. In the rural areas drums are being used to cre-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the foundation laying ceremony of the various development projects of Kandla Port, in Gandhidham, Gujarat on Monday. - UNI

## 40 deaths in Kerala due to H1N1 in 4 months

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, May 22: Forty persons have died in Kerala due to H1N1 influenza in the last four months, Health Minister CK Shylaja said today.

From January this year, 2,349 persons were screened for H1N1, out of which around 500 were found positive and 40 persons have died so far, she said in the state Assembly while replying to a motion seeking a debate over the spread of various types of fever, including H1N1 in the state.

Government was taking all fruitful measures to contain the spread of various types of fever, including H1N1 and dengue. "Within the last four months, over 2,000 persons have been affected by H1N1 and in the last 20 days 20 persons have died", he said adding the health department was under 'ventilator'. - PTI

### ADVERTISEMENT

APPLICATIONS ARE HEREBY INVITED FROM THE INDIAN NATIONAL FOR FEMALE CANDIDATES TO OFFER VOLUNTARY SERVICES AS ANGANWADI WORKERS & ANGANWADI HELPERS IN THE FOLLOWING 10 (Ten) Nos. OF EXISTING VACANT ANGANWADI CENTRE UNDER SILCHAR (R) ICDS PROJECT, CACHAR. INTERESTED CANDIDATES WISHING TO OFFER VOLUNTARY SERVICES MAY SUBMIT APPLICATIONS IN THE FORMS SPECIFIED BY THIS DOCUMENT, SUPPORTED BY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TOFULFILMENT OF THE CONDITIONS AS MENTIONED BELOW. A PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE APPLICANT MUST BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION.					
Sl. No.	Name & Name No. of the Anganwadi Centre	Reservior 40% and above Majority Community	Name of the post	Name of the G.R.	Functional Area of the Anganwadi Centre
1	AWC No. 270, Kalinjur	Hindu Community	Anganwadi Worker	Bhajanpur	East — Nayagram Road West — Res. of Choudhury Sinha North — Res. of Lakhi Behin Sinha South — Res. of Singiraj Singh
2	AWC No. 290, Abbas Ali Lane, Kanakpur Pt-II	Muslim Community	Anganwadi Worker	Kanakpur	East — Res. of Fakar Uddin Laskar West — Res. of Budson Das North — Jame Masjid South — Res. of Maharanai Paul
3	AWC No. 297 Berenga Part-II, Choudhury Para	Muslim Community	Anganwadi Worker	Berenga	East — Res. of Aman Uddin Choudhury West — Res. of Hussain Rahat North — Res. of Kutub Uddin Choudhury South — Res. Anjana Rabidas
4	AWC No. 305, Shanti Colony SC Area	Hindu Community	Anganwadi Worker	Tarapur	East — Res. of Lt. Chinnay Goswami West — Res. of Lt. Santosh Chakraborty North — Res. of Makhan Deb South — Sunkata Lane
5	AWC No 227, Tukphana Pt. II, Laskar Para	Muslim Community	Anganwadi Worker	Tukphana	East — Res. of Eswal Hussain Laskar West — Res. of Ismail Al Laskar North — Res. of Babul Das South — Res. of Alas Uddin Laskar
6	AWC No. 14, Kanchanpur, North	Hindu Community	Anganwadi Worker	Bhajanpur	East — Gagna R.C.C. Bridge West — Paddy field North — Kanchanpur PWD Road South — Res. of Smti. Archana Seal
7	AWC No. 294, Sri Krishna Lane	Hindu Community	Anganwadi Helper	Kanakpur	East — Res. of Subudh Choudhury West — Res. of Ranbir Das North — Res. of Baponi Surdarsh South — Res. of Dulal Roy
8	AWC No. 305, Shanti Colony SC Area	Hindu Community	Anganwadi Helper	Tarapur	East — Res. of Lt. Chinnay Goswami West — Res. of Lt. Santosh Chakraborty North — Res. of Makhan Deb South — Sunkata Lane
9	AWC No. 309, Berakhal Noikiai	Muslim Community	Anganwadi Helper	Ramnagar	East — Nuria Mill West — Res. of Habibur Rahman North — Res. of Nur Uddin & Sur Uddin South — Karimganj Road
10	AWC No. 277, Narayan Lane Bhaktpur	Hindu Community	Anganwadi Helper	Ambikapur	East — Radha Ramon West — Res. of Rabindra Das North — Paddy Field South — N. Highway

### THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF ANGANWADI WORKERS & ANGANWADI HELPERS

- Eligibility Criteria areas follows:
  - Anganwadi Worker & Anganwadi Helper should be voluntary services.
  - The candidate for the post of Anganwadi Worker (AWW), Anganwadi Helper (AHH) in Anganwadi Centre shall be a local women residing in the local village and within the functional area of the concerned Anganwadi Centre. The residence of the candidates for the post of Anganwadi Worker (AWW), Anganwadi Helper (AHH) of the concerned Anganwadi centre must be from the said locality within the functional area of concerned Anganwadi Centre. So that the candidates belong to the concerned area only can apply.
  - The Candidate shall be of the age group of 18 to 44 yrs. as on 01-01-2017.
  - The candidate for the post of Anganwadi Workers (AWW) should have the qualification of HSLC/AHM examination passed from the Board of Secondary Education Assam (SEBA), vide letter no. SEBA / AB/Govt/2005/349. Dated 08.07.2015 has clarified that the certificate of BPP Awarded by K. K. Handique Open University can not be regarded as equivalent of HSLC/AHM Examination conducted by the SEBA.
  - In view of the above, the candidates who produced the certificate of BPP awarded by the K. K. Handique Open University may not be considered as HSLC/AHM Examination passed candidate.
- The prescribed Application Form will be available in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Silchar (R) ICDS Project, Meherpur, Silchar, Cachar upto 31.05.2017 in all working days between 11.00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- The Filled-up application will be received in all working days between 11-00 AM to 3:00 PM. The last date of received of application is upto 31.05.2017. No applications will be received after stipulated date.
- The candidates should submit self attested photo copy of the certificates/testimonials alongwith passport size photograph attached with the application form. The candidates must produce the original certificate/testimony etc. at the time of interview/personality Test.
- The list of valid application shall be hang in the notice board of the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Silchar (R) ICDS Project, Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, Silchar, Circle Officer, Silchar Sadar Revenue Circle, District Social Welfare Officer, Cachar, Silchar, Block Development Officer, Silchar Development Block, and Bhajanpur, Kanakpur, Berenga, Tarapur, Tukphana, Ramnagar, Ambikapur Goan Panchayat Offices under Silchar Development Block well in advance of the selection test. It shall be the responsibility of the candidates to check the list and appear for the selection test at the scheduled date and time as mentioned in the list. No separate call letter to the candidates will be issued.
- No TA/ DA will be provided for the purpose.
- For the Anganwadi Worker & Anganwadi Helper will receive monthly Honorarium/Remuneration as per provision of the Govt.

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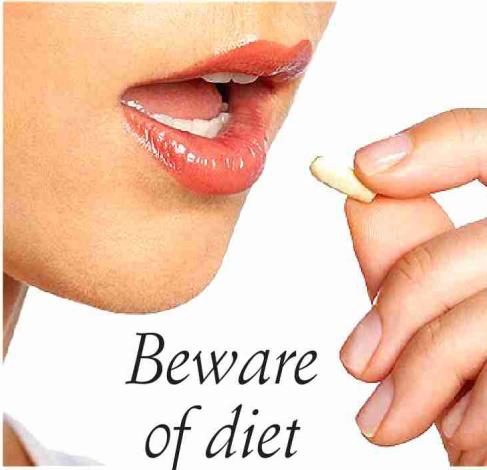
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the foundation laying ceremony of the various development projects of Kandla Port, in

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## Beware of diet pills!

Diet pills may put teenaged girls at an increased risk of harming hormones, growth as well as mental health, say researchers

**I**s your teenage daughter popping pills to shed weight? She may be at an increased risk of harming hormones, growth as well as mental health, researchers warned.

The findings showed that diet pills are unsafe for all ages but especially for teenagers due to the presence of toxic chemicals in the supplements.

These pills interfere with the body systems and result in nutritional deficiencies, particularly in iron and calcium, the researchers said.

"In growing children and teenagers, even a marginal reduction in energy intake can be associated with growth deceleration," dailymail.co.uk quoted the Canadian Paediatric Society researchers as saying.

Weight loss pills are advertised as the quick solution to shedding pounds and obtaining the perfect figure, but they come with potentially

dangerous side-effects, including increased heart rate, fainting, unusual bleeding and heart attacks.

Diet pills in extreme cases can also cause to rip apart the stomach lining and lead even to death, the study showed.

Further, researchers from the University of Minnesota said a startling 65 per cent of teenage girls use "unhealthy weight control behaviours" to maintain a slim shape.

About 22 per cent of teenage females use "very unhealthy weight control behaviours".

The use of diet pills in teenage girls had a significant spike in a five-year span, jumping from 7.5 per cent to 14.2 per cent in 2006, they claimed.

Instead of turning to diet pills, exercise, changing eating habits and drinking more water, medication are other healthy ways to lose weight, the researchers said. —IANS

## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 23, 2017:

This year you warm up the waters with a difficult person in your life. You prone to the unexpected and frequently can be found responding to situations triggered by surprising events. If you are single, take your time getting to know someone who has a similar personality. This person might be even better than the one he or she appears to be. If you are attached, communication flourishes between you and your sweetie. The quality of your day-to-day life together warms up. TAURUS plays a significant role in understanding what you want from certain situations.

The Start Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Optimistic; 1-Negative.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Your priorities become more practical, and your determination to follow through on some important goals emerges. An unexpected event in your dreams could be triggering your imagination throughout the day. Note if you or say anything unusual. Tonight: Out late.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You know it can handle nearly anything by the way you feel when you wake up. Understand that a loved one might be focused on achieving what he or she wants. Be prepared to run over if you're caught standing in this person's way. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Consider backing off before you find yourself in a difficult situation. Your energy could be low, yet your mind still picks up on all the intruders and sensations around you. News you hear will contain vital information, but make sure that a conversation is confidential.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You'll accomplish much more than you have in the past few days. You also will witness a friendship strengthen. Do not push away anyone more than you already have. Take a much-needed break, and spend some time with a special someone. Tonight: Where the action is.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Don't get stuck trying to improve your way, especially at work. You could feel as though you've no choice but to head down. You might be responsible for enjoying some more dynamic and exciting interactions. Add more romance to your day. Tonight: Enjoy the good times.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You could be trying to evaluate your priorities. Your best guess is to distance yourself from the immediate source of pressure. From there, you can decide which direction you should head. Understanding where others come from also would be helpful. Tonight: Spontaneously works.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* A conversation that previously had been disturbed, too, you might hear the unexpected. You could be surprised to learn that you have your choice of solutions! Playing the role of a P.I. here might be required, but you're up for it, employing some more dynamic and exciting interactions. Add more romance to your day. Tonight: Enjoy the good times.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might hear another version of what is happening financially. With all the explanations heading your way, you certainly will have your choice of solutions! Playing the role of a P.I. here might be worthy of your time. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one in the distance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You're not likely to be the first to say if you focus. A surprising situation is likely to distract you. Information exchanged could be important, although you might not realize it immediately. Your thoroughness tends to be one of your strongest assets. Tonight: Be sure to get some exercise.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Ideas come from out of the blue. You might want to discuss a situation more fully or consider the possibility of manifesting one of your creative ideas. Be fluid, and feel free to brainstorm with those around you. You do not need to commit yet. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* An unexpected responsibility is likely to slow you down, but only for a brief period of time. Ask questions. You could have difficulty staying serious right now. Take some time for a lengthy lunch. Tonight: At home.

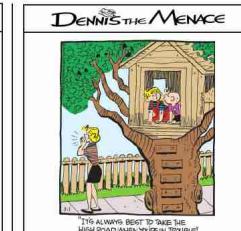
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

\*\*\*\* You approach a personal matter differently, especially if you are not getting the type of response you desire. Stay present in the problem, and brainstorm with someone who cares as much about the outcome as you do. Make sure to take a break to relax. Tonight: All smiles.

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People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.

—JOHN C. MAXWELL



## THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk



## BLONDIE



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## Kids

### Entertainment

	StarPlus	Entertainment
13:00	Tu Soora Main Saanji Pya	19:00 Deewang
13:30	Ei Asita Aar Bhee	19:00 Bawal Smar Ka
13:30	Shakti	20:00 Shakti
13:30	We Bare Bears	20:30 Uddin
13:30	Teen Titans Go	19:00 Krishi Teeka
13:30	Lando	19:30 Aai Deewang...
13:30	Shakti No. 21	20:30 Mithun Chakrabarti
13:30	Kis Kaur Ji Phirky Ponky	19:00 Ravi Abala
13:30	Shakti	18:00 Woh Anna Sa
13:30	Teen Titans Go	21:00 Kumun Bhagya
13:30	Lando	22:00 Zindagi Ki Manz...
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## ONE SHOT OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VACCINE GIVES PROTECTION FOR LIFE



### Q. What is JE?

- ☞ It is a severe, disabling and viral disease spread by Culex mosquito.



### Q. Who is at risk for JE?

- ☞ Anyone who has not been vaccinated can get JE.



- ❖ JE attacks the central nervous system.
- ❖ JE may cause disability or even death.
- ❖ There is no treatment for JE.
  
- ❖ Vaccination is the best way to prevent JE.
- ❖ Vaccine is safe and has no side effect.
- ❖ Vaccine is certified by WHO and Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation, Govt. of India
  
- ❖ Vaccine is administered by qualified and trained nurse.
- ❖ Vaccine is provided by Govt. completely free of cost.
- ❖ If you are between the age of 15-65 years, please avail free JE Vaccination.

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## Thousands flock to Madrid as Real celebrate title



A special bus carrying the Real Madrid team arrives at Plaza Cibeles after the team landed home from Malaga on Sunday night. Real Madrid defeated Malaga 2-0 to clinch the La Liga title at La Rosaleda in Malaga, on Sunday.

MADRID, May 22: Thousands of Real Madrid fans, many decked in the famous white team jersey, converged in the centre of the Spanish capital to celebrate the club's 33rd league title after a 2-0 win over Malaga.

Elated fans cheered and lit flares when the squad arrived on an open-top bus bearing the word "Campeones" (champions) on the side at the club's traditional celebration spot, the Plaza de Cibeles, as confetti rained down.

Team captain Sergio Ramos and other players decked in white shirts with the number 33 on the back filmed the crowd with mobile phones from the top of the bus, which was escorted by police on horseback.

Ramos took a walkway over the plaza's fountain and draped the statue of the goddess Cybele with the club flag just before 3:00 am (0100 GMT) as

Queen's anthem "We Are the Champions" blared out from loudspeakers.

Real Madrid left-back Marcelo then tied a team scarf around the statue as the crowd cheered.

"We have to win the Champions League now. We are counting on all of your support. Let's Go! Thank you very much," Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo said atop the walkway less than two years ago.

"Hirving Zidane was the best decision Real has made in a long time," said Alfredo Corredor, 36, who had a club flag draped over his back and carried a large plastic cup of sangria.

The club will pursue a third UEFA Champions League victory in four seasons in the final against Juventus, with Sunday set to be the club's first La Liga and European champions cup double in nearly six decades.

Many fans heaped praise on Real coach Zinedine Zidane, the former French international who took over the club for his first head coaching job less than two years ago.

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The team will be welcomed to Madrid city hall on Monday for a ceremony to celebrate their Spanish league win.

"They are players of very high quality, so I don't have to say more. I am a Real Madrid fan and I am thrilled," said 31-year-old Real supporter Alvaro Morales. - AFP

## Manipur's Neroa FC win 2nd division league title

NEW DELHI, May 22: Manipur's Neroa FC today won the second division league beating Lestor Kashmir FC 4-1 to become the first team from the Northeast State to achieve the feat.

The victory in Kashmir lifted Neroa to 23 points from 9 matches, 7 points clear of Kolkata's Southern Samity.

AIFF general secretary Kushal Das lavished praise on the champions saying: "After Aizawl FC's success we have another team from the Northeast who are keeping the flag flying high."

"I am sure their achievement will encourage more to take up the sport and spur off another social revolution, this time in Manipur."

Following their sole loss in the zonal round to Mohammedan Sporting in January 2017, Neroa FC went on to continue an enviable unbeaten run of 12 matches including today's win against Lestor Kashmir FC.

In the final round, the Gift Raikhan-coached side conceded only three goals in eight matches while netting not less than fifteen. - PTI

## Mali, Niger book spots to complete U-17 WC line-up

MUMBAI, May 22: Mali and Niger booked the remaining two places at the end of the CAF qualifiers to complete the 24-team line-up for the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 to be held in October.

Victories in their final group matches ensured the progress of Mali and Niger to the tournament joining Ghana and Guinea, who had already sealed their qualification from the African continent, said a media release today.

Niger made history by qualifying for a first-ever FIFA tournament after defeating Tanzania 1-0.

The 2016 AFC U-16 Championship held last year ensured Iraq, Iran, Japan and North Korea's qualification for the tournament from Asia, along with India, which got direct entry into the event by virtue of being the hosts.

The following is the list of all the teams which have qualified for the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

**Africa:** Mali, Niger, Ghana and Guinea.

**Europe:** England, France, Germany, Spain and Turkey.

**Asia:** India (hosts), Iraq, Iran, Japan and North Korea.

**Central, North America and Caribbean Region:** Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico and the United States of America.

**South America:** Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Paraguay.

**Oceania:** New Caledonia and New Zealand. - PTI

## Zverev stuns Djokovic to win Rome Masters

ROME, May 22: Germany's Alexander Zverev stunned four-time Rome champion Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first Masters title Sunday, confirming his status as a French Open dener.

The 20-year-old Zverev claimed his maiden Masters 1000 title after becoming the youngest player in a decade to reach a final at this level and will move to 10 in the world as a result of his impressive victory.

Djokovic, who turns 30 on Monday, was the previous youngest Masters finalist, going all the way to the title in Miami as a 19-year-old in 2007.

But despite a clinical straight sets win over Austrian Dominic Thiem on Saturday, world number two Djokovic produced a flawed performance on

centre court that saw him curse and swear as he struggled to find a way back into the match.

Overall, Djokovic had 16 unforced errors to 14 for Zverev, who also had 16 winners to the Serb's 11. Zverev now has four career titles, three of which have come this year while Djokovic was denied what would have been a record 31st Masters title.

"Playing against Novak, one of the best players to ever play – it was an honour being on the court with you," said Zverev, the first player born in the 1990s to win a Masters title.

"You're an amazing player. Unfortunately this week you didn't win, but I'm sure as we get closer to Paris you'll be one of the favourites for the title." - AFP



Alexander Zverev of Germany celebrates after winning the final against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the Italian Open in Rome, on Sunday. Alexander Zverev won 2-0.

## Kane hits hat-trick as Spurs sign off in style

KINGSTON UPON HULL (UK), May 22: Harry Kane helped himself to a second hat-trick in four days as ruthless Tottenham Hotspur smashed relegated Hull City 7-1 to end the Premier League season in style.

England striker Kane finishes with 29 league goals, winning the Golden Boot ahead of Everton's Romelu Lukaku and Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez.

Dele Alli, Victor Wanyama, Ben Davies and Toby Alderweireld were also on target for the visitors, who were already guaranteed to finish second to champions Chelsea, while Sam Clucas's second-half strike was a rare highlight in the home fans.

Kane is only the fifth player to win the Premier League's Golden Boot in successive seasons, following Alan Shearer, Michael Owen, Thierry Henry and Robin van Persie.

Kane had gone top of the scoring chart with 10 goals against Leicester on Thursday and showed no sign of easing up in his last outing of the season.

The 23-year-old added to his impressive tally with two goals in less than three minutes.

The first was a fierce left-foot drive from 20 yards after Christian Eriksen's square pass and

the second, two minutes and 39 seconds later, capped a lovely passing move.

Eric Dier's long pass from the halfway line was perfect for Kieran Trippier to cushion into the six-yard box, where Kane was waiting after suffering a fractured skull in January.

Hull fans voiced support for Marco Silva, their popular head coach. "We want you to stay," they sang.

The Portuguese was unable to prevent Hull's relegation but did his burgeoning reputation no harm with his efforts and approach.

Hull were bottom table when Silva arrived in January but the former Olympiacos and Sporting manager gave them hope – albeit in vain – with six wins from seven home matches before a damaging defeat by Sunderland earlier this month.

Relegation was confirmed at Crystal Palace last week and Hull had the look of a weary outfit, while Spurs were energetic. The visitors

## Individuals can win games but team work can win titles: Rohit

HYDERABAD, May 22: Individual brilliance can win a side few games but what is needed to win a tournament is team work, said Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma after his side lifted their third Indian Premier League title here.

Mumbai Indian rode on their bowlers' superb display to eke out a close one-run win over Rising Pune Supergiant in a low-scoring final to win the IPL title last night.

"Individual brilliance can win you a few games but what is required to win a championship is team unity and team work. These are the factors which I believe personally is very critical to win a championship," Rohit said in the post match press conference late last night.

Rohit termed all three title victories as special and said getting the right combination is crucial for a team's success.

"All three titles are special. I personally feel it's how you prepare at the start of

the tournament, getting your combinations right. I feel that is the most critical part of winning a tournament," he said.

Rohit praised Australian left-arm pacer Mitchell Johnson, who bowled the last over in which Pune needed 11 runs to win, for turning the match in their favour.

"We got some proven match winners in our squad. Mitchell Johnson is a proven customer. He (Johnson) proved again and again playing for Australia and he has done it for Mumbai as well. He has been in that atmosphere before for us. Yes, I could happily rely on him when I needed the most. The last over was very crucial," the Mumbai skipper said.

"It was fantastic to have him throughout the season."

Asked about Mumbai Indians' strategy going into the last over with a set Pune captain Steven Smith at the crease, Rohit said: "There was no specific strategy. We just wanted to make it difficult by not giving

him (Smith) pace. What we saw, he was trying to use the pace of bowlers. That's something me and Johnson discussed."

"He (Johnson) was bowling against the wind. So, we wanted Smith to hit into the wind. That will make it difficult for him."

Mumbai Indians made a paltry 129 for eight after electing to bat, and Rohit said they were 30-40 runs short of what would have been a winning score on this pitch here.

"Our target on this wicket was 140 to 160, 160 on this wicket probably would have been a match winning score," he said.

Terming Lasith Malinga and Jasprit Bumrah as best death bowlers, Rohit said he always preferred a five-bowler attack.

"Cricket is all about experience. You will always have some experienced and proven match winners and some inexperienced in your squad. I personally felt at the start of the tournament, it's always good to have five bowlers theory," he said. - PTI



Mumbai Indians celebrate with the Indian Premier League trophy after defeating Rising Pune Supergiant in the final at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, on Sunday.

## Svitolina clinches Italian Open title



Ukraine's Elina Svitolina holds the trophy after winning her final match against Romania's Simona Halep at the Italian Open in Rome, on Sunday.

## Dhoni, Kohli weren't as persuasive as they usually are

All the relentless travelling of the last few weeks, checking

in and out of hotels at unseemly hours; sapping heat or

wading through a sea of humanity at stadium gates hasn't left me drained.

For me, this IPL has been a saga of young talents. The final capped a trend which ran the course. Many young ruddy cheeks have previously walked this road paved with gold.

And doubtless many others would in subsequent editions.

This year, two Afghans have been the story bigger than the event itself. A war-ravaged nation for nearly four decades is now producing global heroes amidst bullets and bombs. Rashid and Nabi have unfettered a generation of their countrymen. It could transform a tragic nation and shatter the stereotypes.

ROME, May 22: Ukraine's Elina Svitolina continued her brilliant season with a clinical 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 upset win over injury-hit Simona Halep in the Italian Open final on Sunday.

Svitolina advanced to her maiden Rome final on Saturday when Spanish semifinal opponent Garbine Muguruza, the French Open champion, retired injured as she matched the 4-1 to the big-hitting Ukrainian.

But Svitolina, who ousted Czech second seed Karolina Pliskova in the quarterfinals, showed she was fully deserving of her spot, overcoming a tough first set against the sixth-seeded Romanian to level the match in a fiercely contested second set.

Halep, who won the Madrid Open last week, needed treatment after going over on her right ankle in the second set as she hit a return from the baseline. - AFP

Then, Sunil Narine as opener took my breath away. It still beggars belief. That straight bat swinging through the line or swats of the front foot messed up a lot of bowling figures. The beauty is, no other team thought of using its unusual resources in this fashion. Quite a few nations could only look lovingly at their bats. Namibia Oba, for instance, hardly turned up at the creases.

For purity, Hashim Amla or Kumar Williamson were the shining lights. They made their own adjustments and scored runs by the bucket. Steve Smith too shuffled around and the crease to negotiate the field. Chris Gayle and AB de Villiers didn't meet their exalted standards.

Men like MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli weren't as persuasive as they usually are. Yuvraj Singh kept bobbing his head out of the water for critics to hold up guns. Other Indian regulars probably carried the burden of team games in a long season. At the end of nine weeks of frantic activity the IPL once again showed why it is one of the biggest sporting leagues in the world. Long live the IPL. - TCM

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