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CD/SV/2743/1

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## GROOM WANTED

Assamese good looking working girl, M.Com, age 25 years in Guwahati for suitable match. Contact parents directly : 8751978233. (Medical/ Engineering preferable). Mat/G/P/KP63/1

Suitable mate invited for Assamese Muslim Doctor girl 29/ 53'/ fair Preety Pursuing MD at GMC. Parents working at College and school. Contact No. 9435068923. Mat/G/P/KP70/1

Assamese girl Post Graduate from Delhi University working in top American MNC in very high position in one of the Metro cities. Contact guardian 8724942651. Mat/G/P/KP66/3

Hindi Assamese girl age 33+, MA (Assamese) looking for early marriage, height 5'7" (Cast no bar). Contact : 7002130171. Mat/G/P/KP61/1

Assamese Brahmin girl, just 25 yrs, BDS seeks BDS/ MDS match, 9435555267. Mat/G/P/KP86/1

Alum, 31, 5', beautiful, BE (Chem/ Asstt. Manager, Non-Teaching). Case number: Father Rtd Engineer, Plz Contact father directly at 9435014332. Mat/G/P/PA77/3

Beautiful/ Hindi/ Assamese/ Kalita/ 31 yrs/ completed Astro Science from abroad/ working as a Astronaut/ good and educated family background. Contact : 8253960545. Mat/G/P/A411/1

Beautiful Assamese/ Muslim/ 31 yrs/ PhD working as a Govt employee/ lives in Shillong/ good family background. Contact : 8822243823. Mat/G/P/A412/1

Muslim/ Assamese/ 26/54'/MA, B.Ed/ Lecturer at reputed College. 9613435785. Mat/G/P/A412/1

Beautiful/ Kalita/ 27/54'/MBBS, MS, Doctor in reputed Hospital, Ghy residency, 7086730669/. 9706036644. Mat/G/P/A4099/1

Bengali/ Kashtha/ 26/ B.Tech/ Central Govt. employee, 9613766785. Mat/G/P/A413/01

Muslim Assamese very fair & good looking 27, 54', B.Tech, Engineer, Only brother Doctor, Father Rtd. Govt. Officer, Contact (M) 9854063196. Mat/G/P/A119/1

Alliance invited for Assamese Hindu girl, 29, 53', very fair & pretty, from AEC/ APSC selected Class Officer. Contact (M) 887631596. Mat/G/P/1691/41

Assamese Hindu, 26, 54', pretty girl, MBBS Doctor, presently in Bangalore, Father University Professor, Seeks suitable match. (M) 9854023076. Mat/G/P/1691/31

Assamese Kashtha, tall, very fair girl, BA from Mirinda House Delhi, Masscom from JNU working MNC in Delhi. Contact (M) 8876361596. Mat/G/P/1691/61'

(1) Kalita 26, B.Tech Engineer TCS Metrocity (2) Assamese Hindu 27, BE, Engineer MNC Delhi (3) Brahmin 29, B.Tech, Engineer MNC/teacher/Delhi. \*ADAMS\* (M) 9854063196. Mat/G/P/1691/71

25, Assamese, Brahmin, BE (Bangalore), Engineer in(MNC), Metrocity, 9854082854. Mat/G/P/PA81/01

27, Assamese, Kalita, MA (Eco), Assistant Professor (Govt. College) Gauhati, 912702992. Mat/G/PPA81/1

Beautiful Assamese, General, 27, issuesless divorcee, B.Tech/ M.Tech, Teacher in Guwahati. Mat/G/P/PA12/1

Beautiful Bengali, 30, B.Ed (GU), Govt. Teacher in Assam. Case no bar. 9845045963. Mat/G/P/PA81/3/

39, Assamese, Punjabi, M.Sc (Zoology), State Govt. employee in Guwahati, Caste no bar. 9854056963. Mat/G/P/PA14/1

Beautiful/ Assamese/ Kalin 26/ 54'/ BBA, MBA, Pvt. job. Ghy residence, 8011645568. Mat/G/P/A4098/1

Good looking/ Bengal/ Kashtha, 26, working in Metro. 8822230669/ 757626601. Mat/G/P/A4101/

(1) Kalita 29, B.Tech, MBA, MNC, Bangalore (2) Kalita 31, B.Tech, Engineer Bangalore (3) Assamese Hindu 33, M.Tech (HIT), Engineer Bangalore. \*ADAMS\* (M) 9854063196. Mat/B/P/2037/06

Pinak Das, Engineer, MBA, NIT Trichhipur, Sonata Software, Kolkata, DoB 07.07.1987 want beautiful Bengali girl. Father Distributorship Business man of Nagpur. Contact : 94357-41792, 036722-55143. Mat/B/P/PA110/1

26, Keot, B.Tech, MNC, Bangalore (3) 30, OBC, LLM, MNC, Delhi (3) 30, General, MBA, MNC, Bangalore (3) Assamese Hindu 32, BE Engineer Delhi. \*ADAMS\* (M) 9854023076. Mat/B/P/16907/1

(1) Assamese Hindu 31, BE (Mechanical) MAU (Oil & Gas), B.Tech, Engineer Bangalore (3) 24, Kalita, B.Tech, TSU, Kolkata (5) 26, Kalita, B.Tech, MNC, Pune. Sandhani, 8011630847. Mat/G/P/PA18/1

Age 31, Kalita, M.B.E, Bank Manager, Ghya (2) 32, Kalita, Master, Lecturer, Ghy (3) 33, Ahom, B.A/Ed, TE/Tech, Tezpur (3) 33, SC, MBA, self employees, divorcee, Ghy. Sandhani, 8011630847. Mat/G/P/PA18/1

27, Brahm, M.Tech, Lecturer, Ghya (2) 27, Brahm, Ahom, B.A/Ed, TE/Tech, Tezpur (3) 33, SC, MBA, self employees, divorcee, Ghy. Sandhani, 8011630847. Mat/G/P/PA18/1

Wanted Brahmin groom of Upper Assam origin preferably Doctor/ Dentist for a year old Brahmin Dentist of Upper Assam origin based in Guwahati. Direct contact : 9864202160. Mat/G/P/1694/1

Beautiful Assamese/ Muslim/ Kalita/ 31 yrs/ completed Astro Science from abroad/ working as a Astronaut/ good and educated family background. Contact : 8253960545. Mat/G/P/A411/1

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27 yrs, Assamese girl, origin from Upper Assam, B.Tech/ MBA, working in Govt. Sector, searching for an educated and well established boy. 98058-5866. Mat/G/P/PA809/1

Bengali Kayasha girl of 30 yrs, 5'4" height, MBA working in APCLD, own resident in Ghy. Devon looking for an established boy. 7670002626. Mat/G/P/4417/1

Assamese girl of 25 yrs, working in Indian Post Circle as a Sr. Accountant, seeks an established boy. 7670065577. Mat/G/P/A414/1

Kalita/ Assamese/ 27/ 53'/BDS, Dental Surgeon. 705354383. Mat/G/P/1491/2

Assamese Hindu, 26, 54', pretty girl, MBBS Doctor, presently in Bangalore, Father University Professor, Seeks suitable match. (M) 9854023076. Mat/G/P/1691/41

Bengali girl, 25 yrs, working as Jr. Engineer at Govt. Sector, Assam. Need a well educated boy for marriage. 9085048777. Mat/G/P/1691/61'

Bengali girl age 29 yrs, working as Subject Teacher at Govt. sector, Guwahati. Need a well established boy for marriage. 9085048777. Mat/G/P/1691/61'

Bengali girl age 29 yrs, working as a Research Assistant in Government Sector at Guwahati/ well culture family from Guwahati. Contact No. 958008145. Mat/B/P/1690/51

Muslim/ Sunni/ 37 yrs/ Assamese/ MA now working as a Research Assistant in Agriculture, seeking a girl for early marriage. 7670002626. Mat/B/P/PA806/1

Hindu/ Bengali/ 40/ 59'/Doctor MD in a reputed organization working as a Ranger, looking for an educated and beautiful girl for early marriage. 7670002626. Mat/B/P/A414/01

Smart handsome good looking/ Hindu/ Assamese/ 32 yrs/ PhD in law from Abroad/ lives in Abroad. Contact : 8253960545. Mat/B/P/PA10/1

Brahmin/ Hindu/ Assamese/ 30 yrs/ B.Com working as Area Sales Manager in Medical Company at Guwahati seeks suitable match below 28 yrs. Contact : 9864387619. Mat/B/P/275/1

Bengali Namusordha (SC) boy 95 yrs., B.Com working as Area Sales Manager in Medical Company at Guwahati seeks suitable match below 28 yrs. Contact : 9864387619. Mat/B/P/PA117/4

Brahmin/ Hindu/ Assamese/ 30 yrs/ Masters degree in Engineering/ now working as an Engineer at Abroad (USA) / well culture family from Assam/ you can contact : 9580081845. Mat/B/P/A410/61

Smart handsome/ Hindu/ Bengali/ Brahmin/ 37 yrs/ issueless divorcee/ Bachelors Degree in Engineering/ Technology/ working as an Engineer/ good family background. Contact : 8253960545. Mat/B/P/PA117/1

Alliance invited for Kalita boy 34 yrs., 5'7" Senior post of MNC/ business. Residence Gauhati. Contact: Gauhati. Contact Parent at 94015-58539. Mat/B/P/KP73/01

Smart/ Assamese/ 31/ 50'/MBA & MD/ working as a Doctor in Metro/ own house in Ghy. 8471887285. Mat/B/P/PA117/1

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43. Assamese, issueless divorcee, MA (Sociology), Senior Manager in (MNC), Guwahati, 9127023992. Mat/B/P/PA804/1

37. Assamese, OBC, issueless divorcee, MBBS (GMC/ MD (AMC)), Doctor, in Assam. 9854056966. Mat/B/P/PA805/1

35. Assamese, Brahmin Ph.D/ M.Phil (GU) Assistant Professor (Govt. College), Assam. 9127023992. Mat/B/P/PA804/1

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**WEATHER  
GUWAHATI**

**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
Generally cloudy sky. Rain/Thunderstorms are very likely to occur in some areas. Maximum and Minimum temperature are most likely to be 32°C & 25°C respectively on Sunday.

**TEMPERATURE:**  
Max 32.0°C  
Min 26.0°C

**OPD clinic at  
Press Club**

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: Contrary to the avowed resolve of the State government to protect forest and environment, the Kamrup (Metro) district administration has allotted a forest area 'contiguous' to the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary in the city, measuring around 250 bighas under Dag No 157 (part), to the First Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

The number of standing trees being felled to facilitate the site for setting up the NDRF battalion camp is estimated to be around 221, of them 211 are big trees.

The

Divisional Forest Officer, Guwahati Wildlife Division wrote to the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup (Metro) on January 5, 2017, "...the plot of land allotted to the 1st BN NDRF at Amchang NC is literally a forest area having beautiful forest cover and is contiguous to Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary almost in the middle part of it. The entire landscape with the plot of land allotted to NDRF is used by wild animals including elephants of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary as an ideal habitat."

The DFO further said in his letter to the DC, Kamrup (M), "Moreover, the said plot is situated within the eco-sensitive zone of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary." The DFO warned that the proposal to

fell a large number of trees coupled with massive earth cutting at the site is going to alter the environment adversely for the wild animals in situ and in the contiguous wildlife sanctuary and would result in more conflicts between the fringe villagers and wild animals.

In a joint inspection carried out by officials of the Sonapur Revenue Circle, Kamrup East Division and Guwahati Wildlife Division, it was found that as many as 211 big natural trees would have

would attract provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 two.

But the District Magistrate of Kamrup (Metro) in his March 2, 2017 order allowed excavation of 'ordinary earth' and felling of trees in the proposed site 'with a plantation programme of 1:1 ratio in consultation with the DFO concerned.'

The Kamrup (Metro) District Magistrate vide another order dated March 6, 2017, which was reportedly based on the findings of the Circle Officer, Sonapur Revenue Circle, stated that the allotted plot of land 'cannot be termed as ideal habitat for wild animals.'

Following this, the DFO Kamrup East Division wrote to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Central Assam Circle, Guwahati, stating among others, that the joint verification carried out by the officials of the Sonapur Revenue Circle and Guwahati Division on October 14, 2016, officers present confirmed that the said plot of land has a common southern boundary with the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Range Officer, Khampanar Range confirmed that as per the joint survey of the forest department, revenue department and Assam Survey, about 12 bighas of the allotted land fall inside the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary and the entire allotted plot of land falls well inside the eco-sensitive zone of the sanctuary.

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**Drug, alcohol menace at Pandu**

I would like to request the appropriate authorities to look into two specific problems that all the Pandu area.

The first and foremost is the menace of drug and substance abuse in the area, which is highly centred at the Shakuntala Colony. Raids conducted by the police a few months back had reduced such cases for the time being.

But, in the last two weeks, the same irritants are again being seen in the area.

The second major problem is the easy availability of country-made liquor in the area.

Despite the government ban on sale of liquor to anyone below 21 years of age being in place, the vendors of the area do not even hesitate to sell such intoxicants to minors.

The illegal sale of such liquor

is going on as usual with no restriction.

The authorities with the help of police should crack down on such liquor-making enterprises.

Secondly, the most important factor that can always turn the tide in the favour of a civilised locality is the residents of the area. It is imperative that they listen to their conscience and play their role well.

Dipankar Dey,  
Guwahati  
**Garbage removal**

Garbage removal from a few parts of Guwahati has become very irregular in the last one

month or so. A garbage van used to come to Adarshapur Lane No.1 near the SSA office, Kaliapura, twice in a week. But, from August 17

onwards, they have totally stopped coming to this area, due to which about 120 families living in this area have been badly affected. Moreover, there is no dustbin in this

Loknath Bhuyan,  
Adarshapur  
**Nabagiri road**

The Nabagiri road, stretching from Chandrami to the Red Cross Hospital connecting

area, I therefore, request the GMC authorities to take immediate steps in this regard.

Badal Baruah,  
Guwahati

The authorities concerned should take necessary measures in this regard.

**citizens'  
voice**

Citizens are requested to express their Guwahati-specific views within 100 words and mail the same to [citizensvoice3@gmail.com](mailto:citizensvoice3@gmail.com)



Students staging a musical protest against the killing of journalist Gauri Lankesh, in front of the Nehru Park in Guwahati on Saturday. — UB Photos

**Motorcyclist killed**

JORABAT, Sept 9: A motorcyclist was killed on the spot when a Guwahati-Manipur night service bus (MN 01 2020) hit his Pulsar on NH-37 at Sonapur this evening. After the mishap, the bike caught fire. Personnel from the Fire Brigade later extinguished the fire.

According to sources, the motorcyclist who was yet to be identified, was trying to cross over to the other lane through a broken divider, which was not the proper place to cross over.

— ANN Service

**Call for effective use of IT in schools**

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: The Oxford University Press today organised a first of its kind information technology workshop on 'Effective use of information technology in schools' at the Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Uzan Bazar, Guwahati.

The workshop was conducted by Sandeep Kumar, Product Manager, Technology-based learning, and aimed to facilitate the development of solutions that would enhance the learning capacity of children and help teachers to conduct classes more effectively.

The workshop was inaugurated by Chandan Bhuyan, Senior Territory Manager, North East. Bhuyan stressed the need for workshops that help strengthen concepts that can be used effectively, especially in CBSE and State Board schools in the digitally dynamic times.

"It is imperative for teachers and students alike to educate themselves about the effective use of information technology. India is witnessing a dawn of digitisation, everything from reading textbooks to taking examinations, are becoming automated," he said.

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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*The greatest legacy one can pass on is character and faith.*

— BILLY GRAHAM

**The Assam Tribune**

## Matter of faith

The recent report in the UK that a majority of people admitted they do not follow any religion can hardly evoke surprise. A wider survey might reveal this is a trend in most Western nations, one symptom being the decreasing attendance in churches. Loss of religious faith has become an endemic phenomenon in the West because of two basic reasons — the deepening of rationalism due to advances in science and technology and the cult of materialism most Western societies pursue. Ever since Charles Darwin introduced his theory of evolution a blow had been struck for science and rationalism at the expense of religious faith. The Bible had asserted that God created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden. Contradicting this Darwin in his seminal work *Origin of Species* scientifically established that human beings were the result of millennia of evolution and that we were, in fact, descended from apes! The Age of Reason which was initiated in the 18th century is having its apothecosis at present, with space explorations debunking religion-based myths such as the presence of heaven and hell. As radio-telescopes enable us to peer into far off galaxies and scientists demonstrate the boundless nature of the cosmos, it is no wonder that the abstraction called God is itself under threat!

At the same time, rampant materialism is overtaking spiritualism, to the detriment of religious faith. The materialistic cult began almost simultaneously with rationalism, the industrial revolution brought about by the invention of the steam engine creating an endless production-consumption cycle. Today in the West, money can well be said to have replaced God in the common psyche, which explains why so many Westerners, fed up with the prevalent materialistic cult, natively turn to the Orient for the soul's sustenance in the fond belief that the fountain of spiritualism lies in nations like India. While this explains the plethora of "gurus" preaching spiritualism even as they wallow in materialism, the notion that Westerners can find spiritual sustenance here is purely a myth. Faith, in fact, is an intensely personal matter and can be reinforced anywhere, and one does not always need a spiritual father-figure to inculcate it. One needs to tear away from the despotism of science and the tyranny of materialism in order to obtain spiritual satisfaction. Within today's environment of rationalism and materialism it is doubtful how many people would be able to attain such an ideal objective. Unfortunately, both these aspects are gaining ground in India despite its age-old tradition of spiritualism, which means that the time is not far when our nation too might share the fate of the UK and lose its spiritualistic tag!

## Doctors' shortage

A perennial irritant plaguing the State's healthcare sector that remains unaddressed is shortage of doctors. The problem is far more acute in rural and interior areas where shortage apart, reluctance on the part of the doctors to serve in villages complicates matters further. This has effectively distanced a vast segment of the populace from healthcare delivery. If the slogan 'Health for All' is to translate into reality, the State Government needs to intervene immediately. An option could be to create a rural health service where postings will be restricted to rural areas so that only those having no problem with rural postings can join the service. It also merits consideration whether a three-year diploma course can be the criterion for rural service because referral treatment — something to be taken care of by regular doctors — will be available outside rural health centres. Indeed, the time has come to evolve a holistic policy for rural healthcare with patients' interests being the guiding principle.

To ensure that healthcare embraces each and every citizen, a lot needs to be done on the infrastructure front as well. For long, rural healthcare delivery in particular has been handicapped by the absence of matching health infrastructure. This, together with a pool of professional and competent manpower comprising doctors and paramedics, is a dire need. Often, it is the lack of healthcare infrastructure that explains the doctors' abhorrence for practice in rural areas. It is imprudent to expect doctors to perform miracles without the requisite infrastructure and amenities at their disposal. The State still has very high infant and maternal mortality rates in rural areas — something that lays bare the inadequacy of the interventions made so far. A total revamp of the rural health scenario will be possible only when the Government puts in place a sound infrastructure including manpower for the rural health sector.

## Chakmas and their current status

## ■ Dwaipayan

If we make a thorough study of the world history, it will be seen that there are many socio-cultural ethnic groups who had left their homeland and taken shelter in neighbouring states due to religious persecution or oppression or both, at some point of time. As an example, here we may consider the case of the Chakmas, the tribal community. They had been living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHTs) now in Bangladesh, since primordial times. Therefore, they were the original inhabitants of the CHTs. Before partition, this Buddhist tribal group wanted the CHTs to be a part of India and even hoisted Indian flag in their land. But, ironically, the Bengal boundary commission headed by Sir Cyril Radcliffe, rather than doing so, allocated the CHTs, the native country of the Chakmas to East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) prior to granting independence to India, much to their disappointment.

This unjust illegal award of the CHTs by the commission, however, was not the end of their trouble. In fact, it was the beginning of a worse form of painful experience. For, the government of Pakistan did not take too kindly to their hoisting Indian flag. That was subsequently mirrored in the authorities' persecuting a series of religious persecution and oppression which resulted in many of the Chakmas fleeing to India and settling in a few States in the country's north-eastern region including Mizoram, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh.

No wonder, their influx into India continued even after the partition of

the country. In the 1960s, a large chunk of the Chakmas had also fled to India and settled in the country's north-eastern States following the construction of the Kaptai-Hydro-Electric Project by the government of Pakistan rendering many of them homeless and submerging their cultivable land.

However, of late, the Chakmas of Mizoram observed a 'Black Day' to protest the occupation of their original homeland in CHT in Bangladesh, and demanded the government of Great Britain being the original perpetrator of injustice meted out to them, to exert pressure on the government of Bangladesh to resolve the brewing crisis of the Chakmas in Bangladesh. The all-important question here is that the Chittagong Hill Tracts were awarded to East Pakistan by the Radcliffe Commission. Great Britain now came to the aid of the embattled Chakmas? Such possibilities seem distant. In Mizoram, they have a concentration in the Chakma Autonomous District Council, area formed under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. As scheduled tribes as they are in Tripura and West Bengal, the Chakmas enjoy all the facilities there. But there is currently protests in Mizoram following a row stemming from the inclusion of four Chakma students who qualified in the National Eligibility-cum-En-

trance Test, 2017 in the Category I of Mizoram State quota for MBBS/MDS course. The Mizo Zirai Pawl (MZIP), the Mizo apex student body, had staged a massive protest against the inclusion of four Chakma students in the Category I of Mizoram State quota on July 20 last and maintained that Category I under Mizoram technical entrance rules was only for the natives or indigenous

under Mizoram quota to four Chakma students. At one point of time, the situation came to such a pass that on August 21 Minister of State for Fisheries, Buddha Dhan Chakma, submitted his resignation letter to Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla in protest against the denial of MBBS seats under the State quota to four Chakma students, which was accepted by Mizoram Governor on August 24.

There now seems to be a feeling of fearful anxiety among sections of the indigenous people in Mizoram that Chakmas are listed as Scheduled Tribe in the State, they may get citizenship if the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 to be introduced in the winter session of Parliament is passed. Which is why the Mizo National Front (MNF), the main Opposition party in Mizoram, has of late opposed the proposed Bill.

In Arunachal Pradesh, however, Chakma refugees are settled in Lohit, Changlang and Papumpare districts. They have migrated there from East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) during partition and 1964-69 when their land in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the age-old homeland of the Chakmas, was invaded following the setting up of Kaptai dam project as allotted to earthen. Even though they have been in Arunachal Pradesh for a couple of decades now, they are still treated as refugees there. There had been attempts to grant them citizenship status. But it was foiled because of oppo-

sition of the indigenous people.

It may be noted here that when the Chakmas were settled in the State, there was no problem and they were given equal opportunities like any other Indian citizen. The government of India decided to grant them citizenship under Section 50(a) of the Citizenship Act as per the Indira-Mujib agreement of 1972. But the administration of the then NEFA or the Arunachal government opposed it. The Supreme Court in a ruling directed the State government to forward all applications of Chakmas for citizenship to the government of India. The State government reportedly told the court that it could not permit "outsiders" to settle in its territory. They would affect its demographic profile. At one point of time, the State Government even argued that if citizenship is granted to the refugees, they would reduce the indigenous tribal communities to a minority and deprive them of opportunities. When Arunachal Pradesh was made a full-fledged State in 1987, the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) launched a strong movement against settling Chakmas.

As the indigenous people of Arunachal Pradesh are seemingly paranoid that they may be outnumbered in their own land in the future by the Chakmas if they are granted the citizenship status, a solution of the vexed refugees' problem, can be possibly only if the government of India seriously takes up the issue with the Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh and convinces it to resettle them in that country. For, the relationship between the Hasina government and India is now friendly.

## Agricultural growth

## ■ Dr Lokendra Prasad Deka

The Union Agricultural Ministry has laid much stress and importance on the Vision 2050 document prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on the growth of agriculture. For the first time the ICAR foundation day was organised outside the capital i.e. at Patna to stress on the 'lab to land' concept of the Centre. Because Bihar occupies an important place in the history of agricultural research as in the country's first Agricultural Research and Education Institute was established at Pusa of Samastipur district in 1905. Prime Minister Modi has not only re-launched the Vision 2050 but also has inaugurated three new projects — Farmers First, Arya and Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav — and has laid stress on 'Lab to Land' concept. He has also asked agricultural scientists from all over the country to speed up the 'Lab to Land' approach intended to provide new technologies to farmers which will lead to a quantum jump in agricultural activity. He has awarded 82 persons including agricultural scientists, farmers and journalists writing on agricultural issues on the occasion. He also provided soil testing kits to agricultural entrepreneurs.

In Assam, Vision Document 2016-2025 published by Bharatiya Janata Party, Assam, the party ruling the State has envisaged the development of agriculture, food and agro-industry. It is no doubt an important document and if all the points enumerated there can be rightly implemented, then there will be robust agricultural growth in Assam. Particularly providing complete benefit of the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' will encourage poor farmers, cultivators to derive benefit under this scheme, thereby, farmers will be strong enough to free themselves from debts and vulnerable weakness.

Further, the establishment of a massive research complex at a remote place like Gogamukh of Dhemaji district of Assam has widened the scope of road, rail and river connectivity which will be a milestone to development of not only agricultural sector but the entire infrastructure development of the area. It will be worthwhile to mention here that Nitin Gadkari holding the portfolio of Road Transport and Highways at the inaugural function of new Brahmaputra bridge at Saraihat, Guwahati on January 29 had announced a number of schemes for road and river connectivity of entire State of Assam with huge investment.

Assam, alongwith the entire NE States comprise a total geographical area of 78,520 sqkm and agricultural census data (Economic Survey of Assam, 1989-90) shows that total land under cultivation was 2.59 million hectares and total agricultural land for rice is 35 lakh hectares in Assam. Agriculture is the dominant land use category in the State. It accounts for 54.11 per cent of the State land. The main problems faced by our farmers are natural calamities like flood and dry spell.

Apart from paddy, other food crops in Assam which grow equally well are jute, sugarcane, fruits, tea, pulses, coconut, potatoes, cotton and arecauts. Horticultural crops of Assam such as coconut, citrus, banana, black pepper and papaya are to be given equal importance. We should immediately adopt double cropping to fully utilise our agricultural crop land throughout the year and double our production to sustain fertility and activity. There are varieties of citrus fruits like orange, lemon, jackfruits, pineapple, grapes, etc. and particularly lemon trees which grow well in Assam. As a number of variety only grows in Assam, it can be properly nourished and planted well. It has a big international market which occupies a big place in pharmaceutical, chemical, textile industry etc. Similarly mass banana plantation, mass bamboo cultivation has wide demand in paper industry and

can easily be utilised as a revenue earner. Assam tea grown in more than 800 tea gardens has potential to develop marketing centres at Guwahati which is considered to be a nerve centre of entire NE region and is a corridor of entire South East Asia. Assam Tea has a global reputation for its quality, taste, flavour and aroma.

Already there is a big campaign for the promotion and advancement of organic cultivation. Its usefulness and benefits on human lives without having any residual effect on health. Moreover, it is also a proven fact that cow dung and urine which have multipurpose characteristics for the alleviation of many incurable diseases like diabetes, heart, kidney, act as life saving drugs and also in many cardio vascular diseases can be propagated widely. Apart from Ayurveda, cow dung and urine has a wider place in preparing paper plates, soap, scented incense sticks etc. From cow dung and urine one can easily go for gor gas plant for the conservation and preservation of electricity at a nominal cost. This is also known as a bio gas plant. It is a source of power particularly for rural masses.

But our mission and vision should be focused on making the whole North East Region into a organic hub of agricultural cultivation while we make a concerted move to plug the hole of our deficiencies and at the same time strengthen our available resources. First and foremost will be to disseminate the new idea, technology from the laboratory should be transferred to the grassroots.

There should be proper coordination among the universities, colleges, agriculture and all other connective departments and fields i.e. farmers should be well acquainted with the application, technique of newer variety of crops, seeds, pulses etc. Farmers should be called to attend seminars, meetings like Farmers' Meet etc. to make them aware about the latest development in all ecofriendly plantation, cultivation, etc.

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"If you see men nonchalantly occupying seats reserved for women, what'll you do?"

"I'll walk up to the women and politely ask them to vacate their seats so that more men can occupy them."

"If you see a passenger putting a small cigarette into his mouth despite the 'No Smoking' warning, what'll you do?"

"I'll walk up to the offender and offer to light up the fag for him."

"If you see passengers running helter

skelter after your bus, what'll you do?"

"I'll lean-out of the window and haw, No stop here. Going to the depot," although I'll be going on a scheduled trip to Fancy Bazar.

"If you see young school children bent pitifully under the weight of heavy school bags, lunch boxes and water bottles running desperately after your bus on a sultry, rainy afternoon, what'll you do?"

"I'll wait helpfully till the youngsters have almost made it to the bus and then blow my whistle with panache and elan leaving the kids stranded in the middle of the road."

"Now for a few questions of a general nature. Quick now, what's saliva?"

"Saliva is a mucous like liquid produced by the salivary gland and found mostly in the mouth."

"What purpose does it serve?"

"It helps in proper digestion of food and prevents ulceration of the mouth."

"That's all?"

"No sir. It's also useful in moistening bus tickets before issuing them to finicky health conscious passengers."

"Ah, that's the answer we wanted and you deserve two advance increments for it. You're hereby selected for the post of an ASRTC conductor. Here's your appointment order and best of luck."

## Voices of the WEEK



Courtesy: THE HINDU

"Western culture has ruined us. Only a concerted effort from the teachers, students and their guardians can save our society. Character building remains the prime challenge in the wake of the western influence on the students and Indian society as a whole." — CHANDRA MOHAN PATOWARY, Commerce and Industry Minister, Assam

★ ★

"North Korea has conducted a major nuclear test. Their words and actions continue to be very hostile and dangerous to the US." — DONALD TRUMP, President, USA

★ ★

"There is only one VIP and that is the sportsperson and nobody else. There is a requirement of shift in attitude." — RAJIVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE, newly appointed Sports Minister

★ ★

"I salute the teaching community. Teachers have a central role in realising our dream of a 'New India' that is driven by cutting edge research and innovation." — NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister, India

★ ★

"Where there is need to stress on mother tongue, we will do that, where there is need to stress on English, we will do that, where there is need to stress on Hindi, we will do that..." — MAMATA BANERJEE, Chief Minister, West Bengal

★ ★

"The series of killings of rationalists and journalists has created an atmosphere that dissent, ideological differences and divergence of views can endanger our lives." — SONIA GANDHI, president, Congress

★ ★

"I'm a bulldozer. I want to stop this petrol, diesel. My mission, my dream is public transport on electricity." — NITIN GADKARI, Union Road Transport & Highway Minister

★ ★

"I am in touch with anti-talk ULFA leader, Paresh Barrah. However, I am yet to ask him to join the peace talks." — ANUP CHETTA, general secretary, ULFA

★ ★

From THE PAST  
Devastating Floods In 5 States

## 40 Reported Killed So Far, Army Called In To Help Rescue People

CALCUTTA, September 9: At least seventeen persons lost their lives in the devastating flood which had ravaged Sardar South and Contai sub-division of the Midnapore district covering an area of about four hundred square miles.

An official of the State Relief Department, who returned here today after a tour of the affected areas, told PTI that between 30 and 40 thousand mud houses in the marooned areas collapsed as flood water rushed through the villages on its rampage.

He said that army personnel with boats and other equipments reached the affected areas to help in the rescue work. Over 10 lakhs of people were affected and large tracts of paddy fields were under water.

The West Bengal Government, he said, granted Rs 12 lakh as gratuitous relief and rashed four thousand pieces of dhotis and sarees, seven thousand children's garments, tarpaulins, blankets and milk powder for the relief of the victims.

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## Passing of Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2017

**'Govt trying to gag voice of working class'**

PRANJAL BHUJAN

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: Terming the passage of The Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2017 by the State Legislative Assembly as an attempt by the BJP-led regime to suppress the working class movement in Assam, major trade unions have said they will undertake agitation programmes against the Bill as well as other "anti-labour" policies of both the Centre and the State government.

Senior leaders of various trade unions told *The Assam Tribune* that the Bill, raising "the threshold on number of employees from 100 to 300 to allow retrenchment of employees without seeking prior approval of the government", means union activities will virtually cease to exist in the State.

The Bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly on Thursday with the support of all parties in the House. Only Congress MLA Sherman Ali Ahmed opposed it and staged a walkout.

"The Bill is part of the BJP's attempt to weaken the workers' movement and give a free hand to the corporate houses, owners and industrialists. Very few industries and other establishments in Assam have over 300 workers or employees," said Ramen Das, secretary of the Assam unit of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC).

He said the BJP regimes in both Delhi and Dispur are following the same "neo-liberal" economic policies like their Congress predecessors.

Das also admitted that absence of representation from the Left forces in the Assembly has also allowed the BJP, in conjunction with the Congress and other parties, to easily pass the "anti-labour legislation".

"We will launch a massive agitation against the Bill as well as other such anti-worker policies of the government," said the AITUC leader.

Subhash Sen, secretary of the State unit of the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), said a delib-

erate attempt is being made to silence the voice of the workers and "turn them into mere machines".

"Less than one per cent of industrial units or other establishments in Assam have 300 employees or workers. So the passage of the Bill is very dangerous and will affect lakhs of people in the State. It is unfortunate that Labour and Employment Minister Pabbar Lochan Das, who himself hails from the tea community, tabled the Bill," he said.

He said while the Bill has not mentioned the word "lockout", the threat of closure will hang over the employees like Damocles' sword.

"The BJP and Congress are the same as far as economic policies are concerned. They both want to weaken the working class movement. The BJP at the Centre is even planning to abolish the Labour Ministry. But we will stage a protest against the Bill as part of the joint action of various trade unions planned for later this year," added Sen.

Many trade union leaders rued the

fact that the RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), which has substantial strength, has refused to be part of the unified action of the unions on many issues.

Tapan Sarma, Assam State secretary of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), said the BJP has shown its real face with the passage of this Bill.

"In the name of *parivartan* (change), the BJP has revealed that it is the executor of policies initiated by the previous Congress regimes. Now labour laws will be invariably weakened. Of the 32,000 odd registered industries in Assam, very few have more than 300 employees. Without labour law, there will be unrest and it will hamper productivity," he said.

Sarma admitted that weakness of the Left parties has also "emboldened the BJP and is allowing it to adopt anti-labour policies". "The passage of the Bill will definitely be now one of the issues during our countrywide agitation planned for November," Sarma said.



Jatin Bora, Chairman of the Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation Ltd addressing a press conference on completion of 1,000 episodes of Assamese TV serial Beharbari Outpost, in Guwahati on Saturday. — UB Photos

**Don Bosco varsity's 6th convocation held**

STAFF REPORTER

education sector in the State," Purohit said.

In the convocation held at University's Azara campus, degrees were conferred on 724 students, of which 208 students received the degree in Bachelor of Technology, 41 in Master of Social Work, 20 in Master of Computer Applications, 34 in Master of Business Administration, nine in MA in Psychological Counselling, among others. Doctoral degrees were conferred on six scholars.

Moreover, in the DBU, which has gained wide scale recognition as a global study centre, degrees were conferred on 309 candidates enrolled for the global online courses including students from 42 countries.

Gold medals under various categories were awarded to 16 outstanding graduates with the highest Cumulative Grade Point

average in each programme. Awardee Kujur of MBA had been awarded the Chancellor's gold medal for being the outstanding student from amongst all the PG courses and the Vice Chancellor's medal had been awarded to Rachael George from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for undergraduate courses.

Father VM Thomas, Chancellor of the University, while declaring the convocation open, said that the Northeast has immense potential to become the economic hub of the country due to both its natural and human resources.

"Due to our proximity to the ASEAN economy, immense tourism potential skill and emotional quotient of our manpower to exceed in diverse fields, we have unlimited opportunities waiting for us globally," she added. Another distance education student, Harold G Alexander, stated that his search for an academic institution having a physical campus and quality education brought him to Assam.

The Vice Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Stephen Mavely, presented a comprehensive report of the University. He stated that research was the core area of the University and it had the maximum number of PhD holder facilities.

Ramona Singani, a valedictorian from Zambia, thanked the Assam Don Bosco University on behalf of all the DBU global graduates, for spreading the wings of education beyond borders.

After a lot of research, I chose this institution for my MBA in General Management, which was a very satisfactory experiment. Back home, I will recommend DBU to my friends," she added.

Another distance education student, Harold G Alexander, stated that his search for an academic institution having a physical campus and quality education brought him to Assam.

**Accused running ...**

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to assess the flood damage on July 20, the State government submitted a memorandum giving an interim assessment of the damage to the tune of Rs 2,280 crore. When the Prime Minister visited the State on August 1, the State government gave an assessment of damage to the tune of Rs 3,888 crore. But now the actual damage is likely to be much more as another wave of floods hit the State after the Prime Minister's visit.

The Government of Assam has also shown commitment towards this initiative of the Union Government and has made several announcements for uplifting the higher education in the higher education sector.

Giving details of the assessment of flood damage, sources revealed that the floods and erosion caused extensive damage to roads and bridges. As many as 1,674 PWD roads were damaged, while 307 were shattered. Altogether 70 bridges and more than 40 culverts were damaged, while 350 approaches to the bridges were washed away. It will take quite some time and substantial amount of funds to repair the damage to improve road communication in the State. The PWD is preparing an estimate for these repair works.

There were also 26 breaches in embankments across the State, which resulted in deterioration of the overall flood situation. These breaches would have to be plugged as soon as possible and some other old and damaged embankments will have to be strengthened during the coming winter season, sources added.

Sources said according to reports received from the elementary education department, eleven schools were completely damaged, while around a hundred school buildings were badly damaged. Moreover, some 2,000 school buildings were partially damaged and all those will have to be reconstructed or repaired as soon as possible to ensure that students are not affected academically. However, the State revenue department is yet to receive any report from the secondary education department.

The floods also affected the farmers hard as according to government records more than 3.98 lakh hectares of crop area was affected. Moreover, 3,800 houses were fully damaged and more than 26,000 were partially damaged. However, official sources admitted that the house damage figure is likely to go up as the assessments are now being made after the improvement of the overall flood situation.

**AASU stages ...**

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There is no step taken to provide succour to the flood-affected farmers nor there is any step taken to repair the flood-damaged buildings of the educational institutions and supply textbooks to the flood-affected students, alleged the student body.

Charging the Central government that it has done sheer injustice to the people of the State so far as the flood and erosion are concerned, the AASU reiterated its demand that the Union government must declare Assam's flood and erosion as national problems and take steps for their permanent solution.

**Dispur to set up separate dept, institute for waste management: CM**

STAFF REPORTER

the high growth trajectory and usher in a period of faster development, but not at the cost of the environment," he said.

Saying that cleanliness is next to godliness, Sonowal today called upon the young generation to commit themselves to the cause of protecting the environment and practise cleanliness in their day-to-day lives.

Convinced that the whole country is struggling with the problem of large build-up of waste and its hazardous impact on the environment, the Chief Minister said the situation called for smart handling of waste, which includes processing and recycling as per latest technologies.

"As Gourahari aims at becoming the hub of the economy and tourism activities in the next few years, our government will strive to ensure that ecology and economy coexist. We want to take Assam into

the fold must be managed scientifically and stressed the need for a collective approach of all the North-eastern States and Bhutan to find a permanent solution to the problem.

Sonowal said that the two-day conference would be able to come up with solutions to the waste management challenges faced by the modern cities and help the government formulate policies accordingly.

NGT Chairman Justice Swarajit Kumar, in his address, said it is the collective responsibility of all sections of the society to protect the environment. "The NGT is striving to make the country a better place for the next generations presents its vision and blueprint," Kumar said.

Supreme Court judges Shreedhar Arvind Bohra and U Lalit, Chief Justice of Royal Kingdom of Bhutan Lyonpo Tsering Wangchuk, Gauhati High Court Chief Justice Ajit Singh, State Forest and Environment minister Pramila Roni Brahma, among others, also spoke.

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**Computer lab**

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: Computer Education Centre (CEC) is going to open an i-Mac lab equipped with the latest technologies at its head office located at Silpukhuri here on September 13.

ASUS chief adviser Dr Samujjal Bhattacharya will inaugurate the lab at 11 am on that day. The lab is expected to cater to the needs of aspiring graphics designers as well as software animation experts.

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Solely technical bids are invited from authorized agencies / travel agents stationed at Guwahati for preparation of panel of likely contractors for hiring of office car for this Tribunal. Panel so prepared will be valid for three years. The last date of submission of tender is 05.10.2017. The tenders will be opened on 06.10.2017 at 3:30 PM. The bidders are requested to be present at the time of opening of the tenders. The details terms and conditions of submitting tenders is available on the website.

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Students of Srimanta Sankaradev Sishu Niketon paying tributes at the portrait of Dr Bhupen Hazarika on his birth anniversary, at Dhemaji on Friday. - UB Photos

## AASU sweeps DU polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Sept 9: The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) had a clean sweep in the Dibrugarh University Post Graduate Students' Union (DUPGSU) poll as all their contesting candidates won their respective offices decisively.

The winning candidates include president Uttaran Goswami, vice-president Seju Dohoutia, general secretary Devi Hazarika, assistant general secretary Sanjay Krishna Bhowali (uncontested), cultural secretary Abhijit Chutia, music secretary Rimi Gogoi, general sports secretary Mridul Bhuyan, football secretary Hemanta Kumar Phukan, indoor games secretary Biplob Gogoi, social service secretary Rajdeep Ghimire, cricket secretary Pranab Nath (uncontested), volleyball secretary Priyanka Chetry (uncontested), gymnasium secretary Naba Jyoti Gogoi (uncontested), Boys' common room secretary Barun Das, Girls' common room secretary Mayuri Phukan (uncontested) and literary and fine arts secretary Parinita Dowerah.

**Drive against MV Act violation**

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, Sept 9: The Tinsukia District Transport Office has suspended 57 driving licences since August last for violation of different clauses of Motor Vehicles Act. Launching the drive during the period in different places of the district, personnel of the Transport department have caught people guilty of using mobile phones while driving, driving in high speed, driving in an unheated condition, over loading etc. Besides suspension of driving licences, the department has also imposed fines for the violations.

## Body found

CORRESPONDENT

RANGIYA, Sept 9: Body of an unidentified male aged around 50 was found lying near the rail gate of Rangiya station on Friday. Police is yet to ascertain the cause behind the death.

## OBITUARY

### Lakheswar Nath

CORRESPONDENT

DIPUH, Sept 9: Lakheswar Nath, a life-time member of Assam Sahitya Sabha, former president, Howrah Sahitya Sabha and retired headmaster of Howrah Government ME School died on Friday at around 10 am at his own residence due to prolonged illness. He was 80.

Late Lakheswar Nath was very punctual in his service life and kind-hearted. He was associated with various social organisations and actively worked for the society.

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

### Bandana Das

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: Bandana Das, wife of Dr Jiten Das and a resident of JP Agarwalla Road, Bharatnagar, here passed away on September 5. She was 57.

She leaves behind two daughters and a host of relatives.

## National Nutrition Week observed at Orang

CORRESPONDENT

UDALGURI, Sept 9: An awareness meeting for observation of 'National Nutrition Week' was organised by Orang Block PHC in collaboration with Mazhat ICDS Project at Bahiopokri Tea Estate on Thursday.

Dr Pratap Ch Saikia, senior medical officer and in-charge Bahipokri Tea Estate Hospital presided over the meeting which was attended by Sadhana Hujai, Deputy Commissioner of Udalguri district, Dr Tobur Rahman, Joint District Health Services, Udalguri, Dhrithiman Das, Circle Officer Mazhat, Dr Manoj Kr Sarma, SDM & HO, Panjek Kumar Savaid, Orang RPHC Dijpti Gogoi CDPO-Mazhat, Mouchumi Kalita, DCM, Onsai Daimari, ARSH Counsellor, Udalguri, Naba Kumar Deka, managing director, Assam Focus among others.

The welcome speech was delivered by Pankaj Kumar Sapavandip, BPM, Orang BPHC and the objective was explained by Mouchumi Singh.

In connection with observation of National Nutrition Week, initiation of complementary feeding was also done for a few infants in the same programme for the first time. It is to be noted that the Health Department on the occasion also gave away gifts to a few guardians whose children's immunisation were completed without any dropout.

Dr Pratap Ch Saikia, SMO, v/c Bahipokri TE Hospital, Sihesh Gowala, Health Assistant, Nita Devi ANM, Baby Tigma, ASHA Supervisor, concerned ASHAS, AWW Supervisors and AWWs extended their active support for successful completion of the programme.

## Tributes paid to Dr Bhupen Hazarika

CORRESPONDENTS

MORIGAON, Sept 9: Glowing tributes were paid to Late Dr Bhupen Hazarika in several places of Morigaon district on his birthday yesterday.

On the occasion, a life-size statue of the late maestro, which was constructed at Morigaon Motiram Bora Park under the aegis of Morigaon Chambers of Commerce, was formally unveiled by Hemen Das, Deputy Commissioner, Morigaon. An open meeting held on the occasion was presided over by Swaraj Hazarika, president, Morigaon Chambers of Commerce.

Addressing the gathering, Rama Kanta Deori, MLA, Morigaon and Harendra Bora, president, Morigaon Zila Sahitya Sabha dwelt at length about the contributions of Sudhakantha Dr Bhupen Hazarika to the field of Assamese music, literature, culture and paid respectful homage to the late maestro of the district.

At Tinsukia town, under the auspices of the Tinsukia Regional Committee of the All Moran Students' Union, the birth anniversary of the doyen of music was observed at his statue situated at Thana chariali here. The programme began with the hoisting of flag and was followed by meetings and cultural evening. Programmes were also organised at Talap, Dulhulan, Kakopathar, Makum etc., of the district.

It needs mention here that NULM registered SHGs are mainly city-based financial intermediary committee's consisting of 10-20 local women from the same municipal ward having homogenous social and economic background. ALFs are Area Level Federations – a consortium of 10-20 local SHGs from the same municipal ward or two nearby wards (in case of smaller ward area) which have been registered as ALF Cooperative Society Ltd. under the 'Assam Cooperative Society Act'. The ALF group put up colourful display of the handmade products made up by different SHG groups, which are a means of their livelihood and entrepreneurial ventures.

On this day, CMMU Tezpur as per directives from the NULM selected 75 SHG's from the grading list who will get RF of Rs 10000 each and 5 ALF's which have been registered under the 'Assam Cooperative Society Act' who will get RF of Rs 50,000 each. The revolving fund (RF) assistance is given to SHG's for internal landing among the group members. It provides economic assistance to SHG's for starting income-generating activities. Under the scheme, SHG's will be given Rs 10000 each as one-time assistance for economic activities. This amount actually acts as a corpus to meet the member's credit need directly and as a catalyst capital for leveraging repeat finance. It is given to SHG's that have been practising 'Panchar Suttra' (Regular meeting, Regular saving, Regular inter loaning, Timely Repayment) and up to date book of accounts).

Under the employment through skill training and placement (ESTP) component, CMMU Tezpur in the financial year 2016-2017 imparted skill training to a total of 100 students from all the available municipality areas under two trade course. A total of 52 students took training for 'Sample Tailoring' and another 48 students took training for integrated course in 'Hair, Skin & Makeup level 1' from 24/04/2016-25/08/2016. Based on the assessment conducted by the Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneurs (FIWE), the students have been awarded the National Certificate in modular employable skill by the Regional

## Health camp held

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: Nature Care and Tourism Education Foundation, Guwahati, with the help of Indian Council Of Paediatrics, Jorhat branch, Jorhat Medical College and Teachers' Association, Doctor's Club, Jorhat, Joint Director of Golaghat Health Service, Golaghat District Police, Rangia and Global Educational Sports and Cultural Organisation conducted a health camp at Bonkura, Bortika and Gotung of Morumabou of Golaghat district recently.

A team of 40 doctors conducted the camp with free medicines. Over 2,000 patients were examined in the camp. A majority of the patients complained of lower back pain besides skin disease, fever, cold, high blood pressure, gastric, headache, loose motion, weakness, etc. Actors Madhulima Choudhury and Kapil Bora also interacted with the flood-affected people.

The doctors' team comprised Dr Golap Deka, Dr Bhaboyoti Bora (WHO) consultant, Dr Aggarwal, Dr Jitu Doley, Dr Indu Saikia, Dr Bipul Kurmy, Dr Sumijyoti Bora, Dr Narayan Medhi, Dr Hemanta Kumar Phukan, Dr Saheed Ullah, Dr Dronotol Bholbora, Dr Jayanta Kalita, Dr M Pao, among others.

Golaghat Police on behalf of the Assam Police department supported the initiative on the administrative front.

## ECI's ERONet launched in Dhubri district

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Sept 9: As the people of entire Dhubri district have to go through a number of different issues relating to their voter identity cards, the recent launch of online electoral roll management based on the Unified National Photo-to-Electoral Roll database known by the name ERONet, is believed to be a game changer.

Various reports by the Dhubri Election Office stated that a large number of complaints are received regarding errors in the voter ID cards and unrecognisable photos in those cards. Many people also complain about the lengthy process involved in including their names in the electoral rolls and transfer of their names from one constituency

to another.

However, the District Election Officer, Bistirna Barua during the launch of the ERONet system in the district, in presence of representatives from all the recognised political parties and mediapersons, said that it was very helpful for a district like Dhubri where voters' names are maximum problems.

Baruah explained, "The system has been designed to make the applicant's entry in the electoral roll hassle-free and error-free. Through ERONet, the processing of forms will be carried out in a more regular and simpler way and it will be monitored centrally in an organised and systematic way".

It was also informed that through the National Voter Service Port

al (NVS) (<http://nvsp.in>), the inclu

sion, modification, deletion or transposition in the electoral rolls is done by filling and submitting online forms that will be processed in the ERONet.

He also said that, the Block Level Officers (BLO) would later verify these forms by making door-to-door visits and will take undertakings from the applicants above 25 years of age.

"This process of doing most of the things online will be really helpful for the voters of Dhubri as the entire process will be much more faster and error-free," said the election officer. He also added that as the district is about to get a very large number of such cases online, particularly for the modification of names, special arrangements will be done at Dhubri's election office to handle the load.

## APS, Tezpur clinches junior title in Wild Wisdom Quiz, NE zone

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: One hundred and thirty one teams from 70 schools of the North-east came together to vie for the title of North East Champions at the city-level finals of the Wild Wisdom Quiz 2017 held at Royal Global School on Thursday evening.

In its tenth year, the Wild Wisdom Quiz is the biggest wildlife quiz for school students in Asia and the only one of its kind in India.

Organised by WWF-India, the quiz is supported by Discovery School and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The schools making it to the fi-

nals from the junior level were KV Borjhar, Sainik Foundation School, Imphal, DPS Guwahati, APS Tezpur and The Assam Valley School, Balipara. Thereafter, in a closely-contested competition, conducted by quizmaster Abhra Das, Kaizan Minora (Class VI) and Shubham Sharma (Class V) of Army Public School Tezpur, came out as the junior-level champions in the North-east, City Final.

The second position was claimed by Aayat Hazarika (Class V) and Anikathu Anindra Joshi (Class V) of The Assam Valley School, Balipara and the third position by Heetartha Bora (Class III) and

Samarjit Das (Class IV) of DPS Guwahati.

The Principal of Royal Global School, Anubha Goyal and Archita Baruah Bhattacharya, Coordinator WWF-India's Assam & Arunachal Pradesh State Office distributed the prizes, certificates and trophies to the winners.

The Middle School winners of City-Level finals from 14 cities of India will go head-to-head with each other at the National Levels to be conducted in New Delhi on October 6, 2017, during the World Wildlife Week. The National Levels will be conducted by Siddhartha Basu, the Quiz Man of India.

## Land rights panel to visit Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: The committee constituted in connection with ensuring protection of land rights of indigenous people in the State is going to hold meeting with the stakeholders of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts on September 11 and 12 respectively as part of its field visit programme, an official press release stated.

It may be noted that the committee was constituted by the State Government vide a notification issued on February 6, 2017 under the chairmanship of Hari Sankar Brahma, former Chief Election Commissioner of India for suggesting measures including modification of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, other laws, government circulars

issued from time to time, land policy of the State for ensuring protection of land rights of indigenous people in the State.

The committee has already visited different districts of the State and interacted with various stakeholders, including citizens, Government *gaonburas*, *mouadars*, MPs, MLAs and social workers etc.



KMSS leader Akhil Gogoi along with his supporters during a protest rally at Barpeta on Friday. - UB Photos

## Revolving funds distributed among SHGs, ALFs at Tezpur, Kokrajhar

CORRESPONDENTS

TEZPUR, Sept 9: The ceremonial distribution of revolving funds (RF) to SHG's and ALFs under DAY-NULM was organised in the Hem Baruah Memorial Hall, here on Friday.

Around 350 members from 75 SHGs and 5 ALF attended the ceremonial distribution programme to formally receive the government aid. The event was attended by chairperson Tezpur Municipal Board, Puspa Deka, City Project Officer Kulet Sarmah, Vice Chairman, LDM, Director RSETI, Project Coordinator RGVN along with the Ward Commissioners.

The dignitaries present in the event also paid tributes to the legendary bard Dr Bhupen Hazarika to commemorate his 91st birth anniversary. In the programme, around 60 trainees who underwent skill training in various trades under the ESTP component of DAY-NULM were also awarded certificates by the Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training (Govt of India).

It needs mention here that NULM registered SHGs are mainly city-based financial intermediary committee's consisting of 10-20 local women from the same municipal ward having homogenous social and economic background. ALFs are Area Level Federations – a consortium of 10-20 local SHGs from the same municipal ward or two nearby wards (in case of smaller ward area) which have been registered as ALF Cooperative Society Ltd. under the 'Assam Cooperative Society Act'.

The ALF group put up colourful display of the handmade products made up by different SHG groups, which are a means of their livelihood and entrepreneurial ventures.

On this day, CMMU Tezpur as per directives from the NULM selected 75 SHG's from the grading list who will get RF of Rs 10000 each and 5 ALF's which have been registered under the 'Assam Cooperative Society Act' who will get RF of Rs 50,000 each. The revolving fund (RF) assistance is given to SHG's for internal landing among the group members. It provides economic assistance to SHG's for starting income-generating activities. Under the scheme, SHG's will be given Rs 10000 each as one-time assistance for economic activities. This amount actually acts as a corpus to meet the member's credit need directly and as a catalyst capital for leveraging repeat finance. It is given to SHG's that have been practising 'Panchar Suttra' (Regular meeting, Regular saving, Regular inter loaning, Timely Repayment) and up to date book of accounts).

Under the employment through skill training and placement (ESTP) component, CMMU Tezpur in the financial year 2016-2017 imparted skill training to a total of 100 students from all the available municipality areas under two trade course.

A total of 52 students took training for 'Sample Tailoring' and another 48 students took training for integrated course in 'Hair, Skin & Makeup level 1' from 24/04/2016-25/08/2016. Based on the assessment conducted by the Federation of Indian Women Entrepreneurs (FIWE), the students have been awarded the National Certificate in modular employable skill by the Regional

Directorate of Apprenticeship Training (RDAT), Kolkata.

Puspa Deka, chairperson of Tezpur Municipal Board emphasised on women empowerment and urged the women to get engaged in individual and social activities to develop themselves and the society. She also asked the women to go for credit linkages for their uplift through income-generating activities. Regarding skill development, she called upon the youth to develop their skills so as to contribute to the society and the Prime Minister's Vision of "Make in India" successful. The City Project Officer also in his speech urged the people to pledge to develop the society.

**KOKRAJHAR:** The ceremonial distribution of revolving fund to Self Help Groups (SHG) and Area Level Federation (ALF) under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) was held recently at Basic Training Centre here at Kokrajhar.

Minister of State, Forest & Environment, Pramila Rani Brahma attended the programme as the chief guest. Uma Rani Brahma, chairman, Kokrajhar Subdivision ST Development Board, Bishnu Narzary, chairman, Kokrajhar Municipality Board among others also attended the programme which was chaired by Shilpiya Narzary, City Project Manager, Social Development & Infrastructure, NULM Kokrajhar besides more than 500 SHG members and skill training providers.

In the programme, 50 SHG's and 2 ALF's were ceremonially distributed the revolving fund of Rs 10,000 and Rs 50,000/- each respectively. Certificates for the skill trainees were also distributed who completed the training under different trades of ESTP component of DAY-NULM.

It may be mentioned here that till date 153 SHG's have been registered under DAY-NULM, Kokrajhar and already 70 have been given revolving funds.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest emphasised on women empowerment through different sources and credit linkages for the uplift of their income-generating activities.





# UN chief asks nations to commit to Paris deal

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 9: Citing the "dramatic floods" in India and Nepal, UN chief Antonio Guterres has urged nations to commit to the historic Paris deal to address the threats posed by climate change as natural disasters become frequent and more devastating.

Weeks of torrential monsoon rains and catastrophic flooding in India, Nepal and Bangladesh have devastated the lives of millions of children and families.

UNICEF estimates that al-

most 16 million children and their families are in urgent need of life-saving support. Since mid-August, there have been at least 1,288 reported deaths.

"First of all, climate change today is undeniable. In the US, as in Portugal and other parts of the world, we are seeing heat waves, we are seeing dramatic floods — Sierra Leone, India, Nepal — we always had floods in the past but now natural disasters are becoming more frequent, more intense and with more devastating conse-

quences," Guterres said.

He said as deserts are greening, glaciers diminishing and sea levels starting to rise, it is clearly a threat to humanity.

"To fight it we have today an important instrument — the Paris Agreement. We need to make sure that all countries commit themselves to that [accord]," he said.

Without naming the US, which has decided to pull out of the climate accord, Guterres said wherever countries are not able to commit to the cli-



Antonio Guterres

mate deal at the government level, societies, the business communities and cities should lead the process.

The Paris climate deal aims to prevent the Earth from heating up by 2 degrees Celsius since the start of the industrial age. The US is the second largest emitter of greenhouse gases after China.

"...In this way, we can be able to meet the Paris Agreement, but with an increased ambition because Paris is not enough to be able to contain global warming at the level that is acceptable," he added.

With the world facing the challenges of terrorism, ex-

tremism and the refugee crisis, Guterres said the UN must be an instrument for a surge in diplomacy for peace. He said nations must forget their differences and come together to put an end to these tragic series of crises, violence and conflicts.

"Because these conflicts are also becoming more and more interlinked and more linked to global terrorism. So we have to fight terrorists where they are, but we need to address the root causes of terrorism," he said.

— PTI

Red Cross shocked by driver's killing in South Sudan

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 9: The Red Cross says it is shocked by the killing of one of its staffers in South Sudan as dangers to humanitarian workers rise amid the country's civil war.

A statement today by the International Committee of the Red Cross said driver Lukudu Kennedy Laki Emmanuel was shot and killed Friday by unknown attackers after delivering aid in Western Equatoria.

The Red Cross convoy had been clearly marked and all parties in the conflict had been notified of the organization's presence, the statement said.

Sudan has become one of the world's most dangerous places for aid workers, and a new United Nations report says the situation is worsening.

That complicates efforts to reach the estimated 6 million South Sudanese, or roughly half the population, said to be severely food insecure.

At least 82 aid workers have been killed since 2013, including at least 17 this year, the UN humanitarian agency said in a report yesterday. Most have been local workers.

Hundreds of incidents of aid restrictions have been reported since January, including attacks on humanitarian compounds and the looting of supplies and convoys, the report said.

About 300 aid workers have been relocated since January because of security issues.

Both the government and rebel sides in South Sudan's civil war have been accused of restricting aid access. The conflict that began in December 2013 has killed tens of thousands and sent about 2 million people fleeing the country. — AP

REPLACEMENT OF UTN DATA EQUIPMENT IN LUMDING DIVISION

E-Tender No. SNT-25-LMG-2017-18; dated: 06-09-2017. Name of work & its location: Replacement of UTN Data Equipment in Luming Division. Tender Value : ₹ 2,27,55,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Five Fifty Thousand Only). Date & time of closing of E-tender: 15.00 hours of 12-10-2017. Date & time of opening of E-tender: 15.30 hours of 12-10-2017. For more details visit NIT website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Divt. Signal & Telecom Engineer, Luming

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REPLACEMENT OF 2F IRB TRACK RELAYS

E-Tender No. SNT-24-LMG-2017-18; dated: 06-09-2017.

Name of work & its location:

Replacement of 2F IRB track relays with 4F/2B to enhance reliability improvement and reduction of signal interlocking system failure rate (TGE-IMI) including Champaubuk (CPK) section of Luming Division.

Tender Value : ₹ 9,88,650/- (Rupees Nine Crore Eighty Eight Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Only). Date & time of closing of E-Tender: 15.00 hrs. on 16-10-2017 & opening of tender: 15.30 hrs. on 16-10-2017. Detailed Tender Notice and Tender Documents are available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

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COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

E-Tender No. SR DEE/14/H-13-14 dated: 06-09-2017.

Tender through e-tendering system are invited from licensed electrical contractor for the supply of power to the following stations:

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1st floor, 3 rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, 2 Balconies, Rs. 9000, Garage extra, Guwahati College, 9859146163, 7086046712, TLP/KP6959/1.

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3 BHK flat at Hemagauri Mansion Gandhabasti Tiniali, Contact (M): 9755305118, TLP/KP706/1.

House for rent at 1st floor and 2nd floor with running water at Kalihati para. Contact: 9864107553, 7086014754, TLP/P590/1.

3 BHK flat for rent 4th floor behind Srimanta Shankarday School, Dispur- 781006, Ph: 7002773758, TLP/KP721/1.

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2 BHK for rent at Uzambazar (Happiyilla) with parking, Contact: 94351-06525, TLP/KP696/1.

A 3 BHK furnished flat in a Apartment at Narikarali, 1st Byelane, Bimora Barua Path, Zoo Narenji Road, Guwahati, 781024 is ready for rent, Contact: 9569630873, 9435121110, TLP/KP701/1.

2 BHK rent near Zoo Road Tiniali. Brokers excuse, 9706077798, TLP/KP698/2.

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Elegant 2 BHK & 4 BHK, 24 hrs running water, Barthakur Clinic Road, Khalghuri, 9435015548, 7002775482, TLP/KP742/1.

New two room with car parking at Belola, Lalmati Path, Bank Company Executive preferred, Contact: 7002715604, TLP/UP055/1.

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2nd floor South Sariah for Bank/Company Executive/Office, Rent: 12000, Contact: 9435112121, TLP/KP712/1.

2nd floor, 2000 sq. ft. lift in Sewali Path, Hatigaon only Office, Institute, Ph: 9435733777, TLP/KP673/1.

2 bed room, Drawing room, Kitchen, Dining, Bathroom and Washing area at Silpukuri, Rent: Rs: 15000/- per month, Contact: 9435105359, TLP/KP657/1.

3 bed room, 1600 sq. ft. 6th floor, Utthanay Greens near Bhatapara, Hocky Stadium, Contact No: 9435030148, 9435412344, TLP/KP646/1.

3 BHK 2nd floor flat at Uzambazar rent Rs.: 20,000/-, Bank/Company Executive preferred, Ph: 9435555267, TLP/KP585/1.

3 BHK furnished AC flat in Laxminagar Path @ 18,500/- Ph: 995409451, 9854199202, TLP/KP690/1.

For rent Gr. floor & 1st floor independent building 1400 sq. ft each, For Commercial use as Office, Institution etc At H.No.-15, S. Senapati Path, Silpukuri, Ghy-3, 9864097113, TLP/KP689/1.

Two Apartment of 2 BHK plus study room in 1st and 2nd floor add: Zoo Road, Borubor Niwas Sunderpur, Byelane, H.No.-13, Mobile No.: 8558940110, 7576015574, TLP/KP684/1.

600 & 300 sq. ft Commercial Space available for rent at Rs. 6000 & Rs. 10000 respectively on the ground floor for Showroom/Office with tile flooring and glass entrance door, Address: Kenduguri, Jorhat, A. T. Road, Contact: 8011346559, 9999509850.

2 BHKS flat (1300 sq. ft) at 2nd floor is available for rent in Sewali Path, Ganeshguri, Please contact: 9435061932, TLP/KP793/1.

Duplex for rent with open space at Harekrishna Apartment, New GH opn, Zoo, PH: 9864368870, TLP/KP630/1.

2 BHK 3rd floor Apartment adjusted to NEDFLI, Dispur, Contact: 940159583, TLP/KP731/1.

2/BHK individual house ready for rent in Jyotiangan, Guwahati, Contact: 9706930304, TLP/KP736/1.

Ground floor 3 BHK for rent at Sixmile, Juripar two minutes walk from Bus Stop, Contact: 7577047981, TLP/KP751/1.

450sq ft Godown at Jyotiangan and 1170 sq. ft Office at Panbari, Guwahati for rent, Contact: 9678010651, TLP/KP751/1.

Single room with Kitchen facility for working Women Girls at Chaudhuri, (M): 9864105114, TLP/KP620/1.

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**3 BHK, 1500 SQ. FT, SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT IN A LUXURY OWNER'S HOME ON BELTOLA MAIN ROAD, TENANCY AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY AND WORKING EXECUTIVES. CONTACT: 8011014936, TLP/KP756/1.**

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2 BHK semi deluxe at Shree Nagar, Byelane, 1. Rent: Rs. 11000, Contact: 9435049320, TLP/KP760/1.

Space for Doctor's Chamber/ Educational Tutorial in Jorhpurkuri, Contact: 9954067876, TLP/KP779/1.

2 bed rooms flat/3rd floor for small family/working persons at Hatigaon Main Road, Ph: 8134913716, TLP/KP778/1.

700 sq. ft. G.F. (Com) at Dispur, Lastage for Office/Godown, Ph: 9435107788, 7664895020, TLP/KP768/1.

1 CCR part house nearer to Kharphuli beltoil with all facilities, Ph: 9957456569, TLP/KP767/1.

RCC two rooms Toilet, Kitchen, Bike parking preferred married couple/Girls, Rs. 6500/- near Ganeshguri Puja Field, Ph: 9435110464, TLP/KP769/1.

Ganeshguri R. G. B. Road side, Part house, Office/Residence/no water logging area, Ph: 9486393836, TLP/16957/1.

Delux 1 BHK tiles flooring attached T/K, Mosquitonet, Geysier, 7500/-, Laxminagar, Hatigaon, 9435236466, TLP/KP765/1.

3 BHK luxurious Apartment for rent on VIP Road, Contact: 9678017848, 9859216658, TLP/16960/1.

3 BHK Apartment with one covered parking available at Subhans Greens, Lokhra for details, Contact: 995754259, TLP/KP693/1.

**FLATS NEAR ARYA HOSPITAL ON RENT, (1) 2000 SQ.FT ON 2ND FLOOR FOR OFFICE CUM RESIDENCE (2) 1600 SQ.FT IN GROUND FLOOR FOR OFFICE, 9101473592, TLP/KP697/1.**

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2 BHK RCC ground floor at Wireless, Rent: Rs. 11,000/-, Contact: 9435014619, TLP/KP691/1.

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**Booking open 2/3 BHK flat with all facilities at Radhanagar, Sixmile @ affordable price: 9707025577, H&F/P/KP64/3**

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**Bok deplex flat with Kitchen, Garden @ 98 Lakhs at pollution free & posh locality at Kharghuli, Brahmaputra view, Ph: No: 9854478785, H&F/P/KP72/5**

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**95% COMPLETED ROAD SIDE 2 BHK FLAT AT AZARA, NEAR RURAL HOSPITAL, PRICE 26 LAKH, PH: 9864019940, H&F/P/KP63/6**

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PPO Code	Pensioner Name	Pensioner Address	PPO Code	Pensioner Name	Pensioner Address
District Name : Karimganj					
Treasury Name : Karimganj					
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037734	ABUL HASAN	Vill/Town : Lamajuar, P.O.: Lamajuar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037644	DILIP KUMAR DUTTA	Vill/Town : Bhuragam, P.O.: Bhuragam
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037735	JYOTSNA BEGUM / LATE ABDULSKUR	Vill/Town : Betali, P.O.: Kamrangjan	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037650	KHALILURRAHMAN	Vill/Town : Datalibori, P.O.: Datalibori
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037741	GEETA DEB	Vill/Town : Dhalupur, P.O.: Dhalupur	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037653	PRINCE NATH BISWAS / LATE GAJENDAS	Vill/Town : Na-Khula Gramin, P.O.: Jagroad
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037749	AMIT CHOWDHURY	Vill/Town : Lajmari, P.O.: Lajmari Lane No.3 Hno-2B, P.O.: Silchar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037667	BISWANATH BHARALI	Vill/Town : 2no. Mukrata, P.O.: Raja Mayang
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037752	CHURANA MANI DEB	Vill/Town : Duhalsi, P.O.: Patharkandi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037759	KHAGENDRANATH BHARALI	Vill/Town : Jajri Borompur, P.O.: Jajri
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037762	JAGADISH CHANDRA DEB	Vill/Town : Singari, P.O.: Patharkandi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037761	JAHANARA BEGUM	Vill/Town : Hebbaramgabari, P.O.: Hebbaramgabari
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037769	BUDH RAMA ROY	Vill/Town : South Kachar, P.O.: Chiknhe	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037784	MAJENDRANATH SARKAR	Vill/Town : Garani, P.O.: Kunumuguri
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037795	PRAIRAB KUMAR ROY	Vill/Town : Nagaria, P.O.: Banjara	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037790	AFRUJA KHANAM	Vill/Town : Borompur, P.O.: Borompur
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037904	SMTT JYOTIKA DAS / LATE PRADIP DAS	Vill/Town : Nayabari, P.O.: Tilibazar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037792	TANKA SHARMA	Vill/Town : Amilhat, P.O.: Amilhat
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037907	ANIMA BHATTACHARJEE	Vill/Town : Sudhi Smriti, Longai Road, Karimganj,	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037794	CHIKUNGUNYA DOKRA	Vill/Town : Chayangaliguri, P.O.: Chakfagaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037909	NIK-HIL KANTU DAS	Vill/Town : Badarpur, P.O.: Nilambazar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037796	BHIMSHANKAR DOWRAJA	Vill/Town : Chayangaliguri, P.O.: Chakfagaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037904	SADHANA DEB	Vill/Town : Banomoni (Nest) Subhash Sarani,	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037801	NIRUPAMA SAKIA	Vill/Town : Manha Kacharigan, P.O.: Manha
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038130	GOURI DEY	Vill/Town : Church Road (Radha Ramon Goswami Lane), P.O.: Karimganj	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037806	SWARAJ KUMAR BHUYAN	Vill/Town : Pachata, Gita Ngan WN-3, P.O.: Morigaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038296	KHELENDRA SINGHA	Vill/Town : Rajbari, P.O.: Patharkandi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037813	DAHLIA SAKIA	Vill/Town : Niz-Dandua, P.O.: Niz-Dandua
Treasury Total : 48			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037814	MADHUBALA DEB / LATE KRISHNA KHAHLARY	Vill/Town : Kushal, P.O.: Barrangi
Treasury Name : R. K. Nagar			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037818	BHUVENESHWAR	Vill/Town : Rupali, P.O.: Jajapuri
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037326	KRISHNAJIBAN DAS	Vill/Town : Santoshpur, P.O.: Anilgash	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037819	BUDHARAJA SARMA	Vill/Town : Nawkata, P.O.: Dolachuba
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037343	JOYDEV KUMAR DEB	Vill/Town : Olachapuri, P.O.: Chiknhe	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037820	ABU SHAMA ALI	Vill/Town : Puran Telahi, P.O.: Bangaldara
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037513	MATLA AGARBARI	Vill/Town : Karimganj Highway - 1, East Haringan	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037821	NAVIN YANVANHARA DAS	Vill/Town : Katiabadi, P.O.: Charabehi
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037656	SAILENDRA KUMAR NATH	Vill/Town : Pechali, P.O.: Redhing	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037822	ANJANA DEBA	Vill/Town : Chayangaliguri, P.O.: Chakfagaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037726	RAMAKANTA KUMARI	Vill/Town : Dhubdhukuri, P.O.: Cheragi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037823	PHATIK CHANDRA TAMILY	Vill/Town : Rajagon, W.No.1 P.C.: Morigaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037760	JAY GOBIND DEB	Vill/Town : Dakhini Chengoli, P.O.: Chengli	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037827	MRS. MORGINA EGUM / LATE WAHED ALI	Vill/Town : Khufradal, P.O.: Dongabari
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037767	ABDUL SHARIF	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Bokhingar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037828	MD. WAZIDZON	Vill/Town : Katabugi, P.O.: Dharmatul
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037778	CHITTARANJAN BISWAS	Vill/Town : Baruwa, P.O.: Baruwa			Vill/Town : Taptia, P.O.: Gerua
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037819	ANUPAMA SINHA	Vill/Town : Chanting, P.O.: Chanting			Vill/Town : Berital, Dolegan, P.O.: Dolegaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037820	JYOTISH RAMA DUTTA	Vill/Town : Ramkrishna Nagar, P.O.: Ramkrishna Nagar			
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037823	PRADEEP CHANDRAS	Vill/Town : Dingukhup, P.O.: Gossigaon			
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037905	SUSHANTAKUMAR NATH	Vill/Town : Chinglachra, P.O.: Singlachra			
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037912	PREMAMANDA SINHA	Vill/Town : H.S. Road, Dullsachera, P.O.: Dullsachera			
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037928	JANARDAN PRASAD KOHAR	Vill/Town : Chhantilla, P.O.: Chhantilla			
Treasury Total : 1					
District Total : 68					
District Name : Kokrajhar					
Treasury Name : Gosaigaon					
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037192	BIMAL BALA BRAHMA / LATE AMIRAN BRAHMA	Vill/Town : Jaleigaon, P.O.: Bashbari	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/03878	BHUPENDRA KR. ROY	Vill/Town : Bishupatty Hojai Town Wardno , P.O.: Hojai
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037326	KHURSHIDABIBI / LATE ABULMAZID SHEIKH	Vill/Town : Rangamati Ph, P.O.: Rangamati	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/03879	BUDEH-IESWAR SARMA	Vill/Town : Hojai Natun Bazar, P.O.: Hojai
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037362	JIBNATH NARZARY	Vill/Town : Dingukhup, P.O.: Gossigaon	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037613	SUNAI KALITA / LATE BPUL CH. KALITA	Vill/Town : Gosaigaon, P.O.: Gosaigaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037362	KANI HAM RABAHA	Vill/Town : Debitola, P.O.: Debitola	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037626	SHAMBHU KUMAR DOWRAJA	Vill/Town : Nafar Gaon, P.O.: Doboka
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037958	TOFIZUDDIN KHAN	Vill/Town : Rupsingha, P.O.: Rupsingha	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037766	SMTI JOYA PURKAY ASTHA /	Vill/Town : Gobinde Pally WN-07, P.O.: Hojai
Treasury Total : 5			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037816	LATE KISHORE KANTI PURKAYASTHA	
District Total : 65			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037817	LEIREMBAM NATUM SINHGA	
District Name : Dibrugarh			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037818	DIPMITI TAMILY	
Treasury Name : Hojai			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037821	SABITA MAJUMDER	
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037307	ABDUL JALIL KHAN	Vill/Town : Sandalari, P.O.: Fakigram	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038071	RAGHUKANTA KAKATI	Vill/Town : Dakshin Bidyanagar, P.O.: Singrai Basti
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037326	MUD. NRUL HOQUE	Vill/Town : Madhabpur, P.O.: Madhabpur	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038072	ANPABALA BORA	Vill/Town : Gosaigaon, P.O.: Gosaigaon
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037343	SURESHNAR HESSA / LATE ISLAMUDDIN AHMED	Vill/Town : Padambari, P.O.: Kajalgaon	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038073	RESTITUTI DE LATE PARAS NATH PRASAD	Vill/Town : Nafar, Non-SC Lops Z/B Brick Field Colony, P.O.: Lumding
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037343	JAMINIKANTA NATH	Vill/Town : Sonitpur, P.O.: Sonitpur	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038074	PIANUARNA SAWA / LATE MAYER ALI BARBHUYAN	Vill/Town : Diphukhuri, P.O.: Padumpukhuri
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037367	BIFUL CHOWDHURY	Vill/Town : Teberi, P.O.: Chakfagaon	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038075	AJIT KUMAR AGARWAL	Vill/Town : Jamunamukh, P.O.: Jamunamukh
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037367	BARADA KANTA BARMAN	Vill/Town : Senting, P.O.: Seferunguri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038076	JAYASREE BASU	Vill/Town : Kumargong, P.O.: Jamunamukh
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037376	SALEN CHANDRA BASUMATARY	Vill/Town : Athbari, P.O.: Sepagram	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038077		Vill/Town : Adigone To Stu Lumding Lanika Road, P.O.: Lumding
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037395	FARAZUDDIN KHAN	Vill/Town : Padmabi, P.O.: Alfonso	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038078		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037395	KARENDA NATH BRAHMA	Vill/Town : Habruberi, P.O.: Kokrajhar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038079		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037395	KARUNJALI BAHARNA	Vill/Town : Howdari, P.O.: Lakhiganj	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038080		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	TARPA CHANDRA NEGO	Vill/Town : Narsipur, P.O.: Dikrong	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038081		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	HAGENDRONATH BORAH	Vill/Town : Ullat Kather, P.O.: Diphukhuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038082		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	DEBEDRA NATH GOGOI	Vill/Town : Madhabpur, P.O.: Madhabpur	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038083		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	SONESWARA CHEKANDHARA	Vill/Town : Bishnupur, P.O.: Madhabpur	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038084		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	LAJU CHAKRABORTI	Vill/Town : Bishnupur, P.O.: Jongdi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038085		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	SAILEN BORAH	Vill/Town : Teberi, P.O.: Chakfagaon	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038086		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	DEBESWAR PHUKAN	Vill/Town : Tekeloban, P.O.: Lukuk	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038087		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	DURGESWAR HUKAN	Vill/Town : Ganek Dolon, P.O.: Diphukhuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038088		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037405	DEBMESWAR HUKAN / LATE CHAMPA BARMAN	Vill/Town : No.2 Simalguri, P.O.: Simalguri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038089		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037444	DEH RAM BORAH	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Diphukhuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038090		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037444	DEH RAM BORAH	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Diphukhuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038091		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037474	NAREN CHANDRA NEGO	Vill/Town : Dergaon, P.O.: Diphukhuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038092		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037474	NIBHARO BURUAH GOOGI / LATE BODHAKHARAN GOOGI	Vill/Town : Garek Deleni, Nowghull, P.O.: Ruptali	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038093		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037485	KHAGENDRONATH KHAHLARY	Vill/Town : Popai, P.O.: Lelekuapukuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038094		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037495	THOMA CHAKRABORTI	Vill/Town : Boro Deor, P.O.: Boro Deor	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038095		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037502	SADANANDA LAMSU	Vill/Town : Dongbil, P.O.: Dongbil	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038096		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037512	TARUNKR BORAH	Vill/Town : Boro Deor, P.O.: Boro Deor	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038097		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037512	BOLNARAYAN PAWE	Vill/Town : Chirang, P.O.: Batamari	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038098		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037512	DURGA PRABHOBORI	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Diphukhuri	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038099		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037522	KIRAN CHANDRA SANGA	Vill/Town : Lekhumi, P.O.: Ghiora	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038100		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037522	BADAN CHANDRA BORAJAH	Vill/Town : Matmor Akroria, P.O.: Kherkotamukhi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038101		
Treasury Total : 9			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038102		
Treasury Name : Lakhimpur			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038103		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037196	GUNAPROVA SAIIKA	Vill/Town : Kachwani, P.O.: Batamari	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038104		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037226	PADMABORAH	Vill/Town : Balimura, P.O.: Balimura	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038105		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037226	MULMUKA SARAH	Vill/Town : Compartment, P.O.: Momai Bebeja	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038106		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037226	MONJIBAHAR NAMKAR	Vill/Town : Momai Bebeja	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038107		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037512	SANJIB KUMAR DEOJI	Vill/Town : Boro Deor, P.O.: Merbi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038108		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037512	DEPTI KUMAR CHAHUAM	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Merbi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038109		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	DULAL CHORAH	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Rongamari	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038110		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	PHILIP CHORAH	Vill/Town : Rongamari, P.O.: Rongamari	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038111		
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ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	SABA BORAH	Vill/Town : Sibhatpur, P.O.: Azad	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038113		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	DHARMESWAR SONDAL	Vill/Town : Tinsuk, P.O.: Khega	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038114		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	MRIS RUPALI TAID / LATE PUNARAM TAID	Vill/Town : Putabil, P.O.: Borgaya Khagori	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038115		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	MRS RUPALI TAID / LATE PUNARAM TAID	Vill/Town : Hallting, P.O.: Hallting	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038116		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	MRIKALI KALITA / LATE HARIHAR KAKATI	Vill/Town : Nekhali, P.O.: P. Bagailian	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038117		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	MRIKALI KALITA / LATE HARIHAR KAKATI	Vill/Town : Shrikhetra, P.O.: Parangam	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038118		
ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	MRIKALI KALITA / LATE HARIHAR KAKATI	Vill/Town : Tengi, P.O.: Tengi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038119		
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ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037567	MRIKALI KALITA / LATE HARIHAR KAKATI	Vill/Town : Tengi, P.O.: Tengi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/038122		
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# Mass exodus as Hurricane Irma eyes Florida, batters Cuba

MIAMI, Sept 9: After laying waste to several Caribbean islands, Hurricane *Irma* was barreling today towards Florida, where some 5.6 million people faced orders to evacuate as the monster storm made landfall in Cuba.

*Irma* – which has killed at least 19 people and devastated thousands of homes in the Caribbean-made landfall yesterday on the Camaguey Archipelago of Cuba as a maximum-strength Category 5 storm.

The hurricane weakened

slightly to a Category 4 hours later,

swirling some 245 miles (395

kilometers) away from Miami and packing still powerful maximum sustained winds of 155 miles per hour; according to the US National Hurricane Center.

In Cuba officials reported "significant damage" in parts of the island's center without providing further details, but said there were not yet casualties. More than a million people on the Caribbean's largest island have evacuated as a pre-



caution, authorities said.

*Irma* is expected to strike the Florida Keys late today and tomorrow before moving inland, and many residents have joined a mass exodus amid increasingly dire alerts to leave. "*Irma* remains an extremely dangerous hurricane!" tweeted the National Weather Service early today.

"It's not too late to get off the Keys!!!," the agency said. "You still have time, this morning, to get out! Please, the Keys are not safe."

According to Florida's Division of Emergency Management some 5.6 million residents have been ordered to evacuate – nearly a quarter of the state population.

Warning that *Irma* would be

worse than Hurricane Andrew – which killed 65 people in 1992 – Florida's governor said all 20.6 million Floridians should prepare to flee.

"If you're in an evacuation zone, you should be very cautious, you should get out now," Governor Rick Scott told CNN. "This is a powerful storm bigger than our state."

Bumper-to-bumper traffic was snaking north out of the peninsula, with mattresses, gas cans and kayaks strapped to car roofs.

North of the Keys, in Miami Beach, 82-year-old Cuban-American Orlando Reyes had suddenly to flee his assisted living facility. "It is frightening," he told AFP at a shelter in Miami. "We had to leave without a cent, without taking a bath, or bringing anything." – AFP

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PPD Code	Pensioner Name	Pensioner Address	PPO Code	Pensioner Name	Pensioner Address	Pensioner Address
District Name : Nalbari			ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/022721	RUMJAH BEGUM	RUMJAH BEGUM	Vill/Town: Reidangia Na-Kachar(Tokghat), P.O.: Tokghat
Treasury Name : Thuri	JANAKA CHETRY	Vill/Town: Nikashi, P.O.: Nikashi	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/023134	HABIBA CHARCHAIN	HABIBA CHARCHAIN / LATE JAYANTA BAROCHAN	Vill/Town: Khoontai Gaon, P.O.: Botamora
	MADAN CHANDRA BASUMATARY	Vill/Town: Dongan, P.O.: Banmekha	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037138	THANU RAM CHETA	THANU RAM CHETA	Vill/Town: Khoontai Seupur, P.O.: Morahat
	BIBHA RANI BRAHMA	Vill/Town: Kathbari, P.O.: Kathbari	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037173	PURNANANDA TAMILU	PURNANANDA TAMILU	Vill/Town: Kukura Chowa Gaon, P.O.: Tengapukhuri
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	SACHIN CH BAISHYA	Vill/Town: Sastar Bongshar, P.O.: Bongshar	ADP/PPD/GPO/2017/037245	DEBA PROVA PHUKON	DEBA PROVA PHUKON	Vill/Town: Hatiabori, P.O.: Moudumuni
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	ACHIYA BEGUM / LATE IDRISH ALI	Vill/Town: Nemuguri Khanglia, P.O.: Nemuguri				
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**CAPSULE****Tiger XM variant launched**

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Automobile major Tata Motors today launched a new variant of its sedan Tiger XM petrol priced at Rs 4.99 lakh (ex-showroom). "We are constantly working towards filling in spaces in each segment and Tiger XM is our response to this growing segment," said Vivek Srivatsa, Head, Marketing, PVB, Tata Motors. "As per our growth strategy, we are working with a renewed focus and energy to improve our market share and bring products faster to market," he added. - PTI

**SIAM office-bearers**

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Force Motors Chairman Abhay Firodia has been elected as the new President of the automobile industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). Firodia headed SIAM in 1990-91 and 1991-92 as well.

Mahendra & Mahendra's President - Automotive

Sector, Rajan Wadhwa, has been elected as the new Vice-President of the industry. SIAM said in a statement, Manu Suzuki India MD & CEO Kenichi Ayukawa has taken over as treasurer for the year 2017-18. - PTI

**Interim GSTN chief**

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: UIDAI CEO AB Pandey was on Friday appointed interim Chairman of Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) – the firm providing IT backbone and portal for registration and tax returns under the GST regime. Pandey was given additional charge days after GSTN's first Chairman Navin Kumar completed his term on August 23. - PTI

**Harley Davidson**

New Delhi, Sept 9: American cult bike maker Harley Davidson on Friday said it has slashed prices of 2017 edition of its Fat Boy and Heritage Softail Classic models by up to Rs 2.5 lakh to clear stock. The Fat Boy will be cheaper by Rs 2,01,010 and available at Rs 14,69,990 from an earlier price of Rs

17,01,000. Likewise, the Heritage Softail Classic will be priced at Rs 15,50,000 earlier, lesser by Rs 2,50,010, all prices ex-showroom Delhi. - PTI

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It gives pleasure to us to please inform all the share holders of "Pioneer Co-operative Market Ltd." S.J. Road, Athgaon, Guwahati that 26th Annual General Meeting of the Market is going to be held on 24.09.2017 (Sunday) at 3:30 PM afternoon in the COMMUNAL HALL, F.A. Road, Kamarpur, Guwahati.

All the share holders are requested to attend positively to make the agenda of the Meeting a grand success. Chairman Pioneer Cooperative Market Ltd. S.J. Road, Athgaon, Guwahati.

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Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley at the 21st GST Council meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday. Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla, Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia and Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian are also seen. - UNI

## 30 items of mass consumption to cost less

HYDERABAD, Sept 9: The GST rates on 30 items of mass consumption were slashed today while the cess on mid and high-segment can went up even as the GST Council formed a five-member committee to sort out technical glitches faced on the return-filing portal.

Briefing the media after the second review meeting post the goods and services tax rollout, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said that in consonance with the recommendations of the fitment committee, the tax rates on approximately 30 goods of common man's utility, including raincoats, rubberbands and batter for *idi*-*dosa*, have been reduced. Khadi fabric sold through KVIC and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) stores will now be exempted under GST.

Talking about the increase in cess rates

GST cess on SUVs, large cars to go up; Khadi fabric sold through KVIC stores exempted

GST cess on mid-segment cars has been increased by 2 per cent, for large segment cars it has been increased by 5 per cent and for SUVs by 7 per cent, he said.

on automobiles, he said that while status quo has been maintained for small cars (petrol and diesel), hybrid cars and 13-seater vehicles, the Council decided to increase the cess rates for some segments.

The minister said in view of the GST filing portal encountering increasing technical glitches, the Council has decided to set up a five-member ministerial panel to oversee its functioning and smoothen the process.

The return filing deadline of GSTR-1 for July, that was to end on Sunday, has also been extended by a month till October 10.

"Since the work is huge, the Council decided a new schedule itself for filing returns. Because of the load on the system, we want to give adequate time to taxpayers," Jaitley told reporters after the meeting.

"There are transient challenges in technology. The Council decided to appoint a committee, the composition of which will be announced in a day or two. It will consist of ministers who will interact with GSTN to ensure a smooth transformation," he said. - IANS

## India's data protection law will set global benchmark: Prasad

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Law and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad today said the government will come up with a robust data protection law which will set a global benchmark.

"We will come up with data protection law that will set a global benchmark like the way we have done for Aadhaar," Prasad said at a session organised by Biju Janata Dal MP Bayajant Panda on privacy and data protection.

The minister said the government has formed a committee to give a structured report on data utility, data privacy and data availability.

"The committee is to give a report in coming three months. I want to assure you that we respect data sovereignty of Indians but we also appeal to Indians that your data must be made available also for legitimate concerns, legitimate interest and for development of India," Prasad said.

He said data of people should be available for innovation and research.

The minister said India's digital economy is going to be worth \$1 trillion and stakeholders of the economy have said it will become worth \$2 trillion in the next 5-7 years.

"The projection is 50-75 lakh jobs will be created only in digital economy in the coming 5-7 years apart from giving taxes," Prasad said.



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gave the (information on) whole digital ecosystem is, how should we go forward? Should we go forward in the name of privacy to kill it? Should we stop it or should we not stop it? That is indeed a challenge," Prasad said.

He said the information technology revolution is also to be respected, accelerated and in this larger framework, the issue of privacy has to be considered.

"In a strict sense, in a conservative sense... Since I am also Law Minister and the matter is pending (before court), I will be guided in my comment but in strict sense what you do in your house is your privacy," Prasad said. - PTI

## OMCs to install new devices to check fuel/gas refill: Paswan

### MOVE TO CURB MALPRACTICES

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: To curb malpractices at petrol and gas stations, the government today said oil marketing companies (OMCs) have agreed to install high-security devices to check refill of fuel and gas.

The deadline for installation of new security devices will be decided next week.

Presently, security devices are installed at petrol and gas stations but have become prone to tampering and manipulation. These devices will be replaced with new ones in view of rising frauds at petrol/gas stations.

"Oil marketing companies have agreed to install high-security devices. The timeline for installation will be decided next week," Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan told reporters at a press conference.

Three devices – Electronic Flow Meters, Tamper-proof Electronic Seals and Pulsar – have been tested by the Legal Metrology Department, a senior Consumer Affairs Ministry official told PTI.

The department has floated tenders for procuring the Electronic Flow Meters and the bids for the other two devices will be issued shortly, he said.

This has been finalised after two months of consultation by both Petroleum and Consumer Affairs Ministries with OMCs.

Ahead, major OMCs such as Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) have started giving training in different States, he added. - PTI

## SpiceJet to launch daily Guwahati-Dibrugarh flights

### STAFF REPORTER

Sonowal who announced the launch at a ceremony at Sankardev Kalakshetra here today, thanked the SpiceJet authorities for accepting the State Government's request and providing air connectivity to the citizens of Assam and the North-east.

"I hope that this service continues successfully. I had personally requested Ajay Singh, CMD, SpiceJet, to look into the gaps in air connectivity left by other operators and I am happy to share that the same was looked into with quite urgency," he said.

With the launch of the new service, SpiceJet will put Dibrugarh on the pan-India aviation map

through seamless onward connections on its network.

"SpiceJet remains committed to enhancing connectivity to the North-east and we are extremely pleased to add Dibrugarh to our network. This flight has been especially started because of the keen interest shown by the Assam Chief Minister. We will continue to work with him and with all the governments in the North-east to enhance prosperity for this incredibly important part of our country," Ajay Singh said in a message.

With the new flights, SpiceJet will now operate a total of 26 flights in and out of the North-east and a total of eight flights within the region.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal marks inauguration of SpiceJet Guwahati-Dibrugarh daily flight services by ceremonially receiving a boarding pass at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, in Guwahati on Saturday. - UB Photos



## ASCI pulls up HUL, Coca Cola, Emami, PepsiCo for misleading advts

### Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI), ASCI said in a statement.

The watchdog upheld 23 complaints in healthcare category, 17 in education, 10 in food and beverages, six in the personal care category, and six from others.

The ASCI pulled up Coca Cola India for its campaigns for Maaza, Fanta, Sprite and Thums Up, saying disclaimers in the advertisements were not legible.

Emami's advertisement for Kesh King Ayurvedic oil and shampoo in which the FMCG firm claimed "no hairfall, dandruff or

dryness" was considered to be an absolute claim, the regulator said.

Further, "the advertiser did not substantiate the claim of 'weak matrix cells in the roots of the hair are activated by this oil,'" the ASCI added.

Similarly, the ASCI found Hindustan Unilever's advertisement for its Ayurvedic anti-dandruff Ayush shampoo to be misleading, saying, "the message (that) use of anti-dandruff shampoo is associated with fears of hair loss in users, is not based on any evidence and is unsubstantiated". - PTI

investments in special economic zones.

"Both ministers agreed to set up a product-sector-specific joint working group (JWG) to promote exports and bilateral trade," the department added.

Prabhu, who recently took charge of the ministry, also met Japanese minister of economy, trade and industry Hiroshige Seko, Korean trade minister Hyun Chong Kim and Australian minister for trade, tourism, investment Steven Ciobo.

The Department of Commerce in a series of tweets said Prabhu invited Chinese businesses and industry to invest in India and offered facilitation of

## India, Bangladesh discuss Rohingya crisis

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Bangladesh, which is facing a big influx of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar, today explained its situation to India and the press here under due to the migration.

Bangladesh High Commissioner Syed Muazzem Ali today called on Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar during which the two sides discussed the issue of Rohingya Muslims in detail.

During the meeting, which lasted for more than half-an-hour, the Bangladeshi envoy also talked about the need for the international community to intervene and put pressure on

Myanmar to address the exodus, sources in the Bangladesh High Commission here said.

They said the Bangladesh Government was providing shelter to these refugees out of humanitarian considerations, but it was putting a lot of pressure on the country.

"Thousands of Rohingya Muslims are coming to Bangladesh daily. It is creating a lot of problems for the country," an official in the Bangladesh High Commission said.

According to the official, in the United Nations, nearly 300,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state into Bangladesh since August 25

when a fresh wave of violence erupted. According to media reports, the violence began when Rohingya militants attacked police posts in Myanmar's northern Rakhine state.

Rohingya residents – a stateless Muslim minority in a Buddhist-majority nation – allege that the military and Rakhine Buddhists responded with a brutal campaign against them, according to the reports.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who concluded his three-day visit to Myanmar on Thursday, expressed solidarity with the Government there against the "extremist violence" in the Rakhine state.

According to Lok Sabha Sumitra Mahajan, dissociated itself from the Bali Declaration adopted at the World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development held in Indonesia. – PTI

## Difficult to give respite to Rohingya Muslims: Naqvi

PATNA, Sept 9: It would be difficult for the Government to offer any relaxation to Rohingya Muslims who have fled Myanmar, Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said here today.

The matter is pending before the Supreme Court and the Government is also looking into it, Naqvi said at the Parliamentarian Conclave' here.

"But I do not think we will be able to give any relaxation to them (Rohingya Muslims) when their nation has refused to keep them," he said.

The Supreme Court had on September 4 sought the view of the Government on a petition challenging its decision to deport illegal Rohingya Muslim immigrants back to Myanmar. The matter has been posted for September 11.

Union minister Kiren Rijiju had on Tuesday said the Rohingya people are illegal immigrants and stand to be deported.

Violent attacks allegedly by Myanmar army may have led to an exodus of Rohingya tribals from western Rakhine state in that country to

India and Bangladesh. Many of them, who had fled to India after a spate of violence earlier, have settled in Jammu, Hyderabad, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi-NCR and Ra-

jasthan.

On the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Naqvi said the Government believes in moving ahead on the issue after evolving a consensus. The Constitution has clearly stated that the State should evolve a consensus for the implementation of the UCC, he said, adding that the Law Commission had also sought the opinions of various

stakeholders on the issue.

The minister said the ap-

peasement policy had hijacked the empowerment of minorities in the last several decades, and that the Centre had adopted the policy of "empowerment without representation".

This has ensured socio-economic educational empowerment of poor sections of minority communities in the last three years, Naqvi said. Providing basic amenities in the minority-concentrated areas has been the Government's priority in the last three years, he said. – PTI

### Gurgaon student killing

## Justice will be done: Javadekar

PUNE, Sept 9: Dubbing the killing of a seven-year-old boy at a school in Gurgaon as "unfortunate," Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar today said his ministry was probing the case and assured that justice would be done.

The boy, a Class II student, was killed yesterday allegedly by a bus conductor, Ashok Kumar, who also tried to sexually abuse the minor. The accused was arrested hours after the gruesome murder.

"An investigation is under way. The accused has been apprehended by the police and justice will be done in the case," Javadekar told reporters here on the sidelines of an event.

As far as safety measures at schools are concerned, the issue is not limited to only

CBSE schools, but the safety and security of students from other schools is also important, the minister said.

He said an investigation would be conducted into the incident and a report would be sought on how a bus conductor could gain entry into the school campus where even parents are not allowed to enter.

"The police is already investigating the case. The HRD Ministry too is probing the case and also contemplating what kind of standard operating procedures (SOPs) should be in place in the schools to avert such incidents in future," he said.

Parents and schools and all the stakeholders need to be more careful and make sure that such incidents do not take place in future, he said. – PTI

## CBSE forms probe panel

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: The CBSE today formed a two-member fact-finding committee to probe the killing of a seven-year-old student in Gurgaon's Ryan International School and sought a report from its management within two days.

The move by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) comes following outrage among parents after the student was found with his throat slit in the school washroom yesterday.

A two-member fact-finding committee has been set up to enquire into the tragic murder of the student in the school premises. The school has also been asked to submit a report within two days along with the copy of the FIR," a senior board official said.

Earlier today, the acting principal of Ryan International School here was suspended and all the security staff were removed.

Angry parents and locals gathered outside the school premises this morning and protested for over two hours, demanding a CBI probe into the gruesome murder while expressing dissatisfaction over the investigation being carried out by Gurgaon Police. They also demanded that the school management be booked for the killing of the boy.

The police said the Class II student was allegedly killed by a bus conductor, Ashok Kumar, who also tried to sexually abuse him. The accused was arrested hours after the gruesome murder. – PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meeting singer Adnan Sami and his family in New Delhi on Saturday. – UNI



Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu and Chief Minister Raghubar Das being welcomed during the foundation stone laying ceremony of the first Green Field Smart City of India project at Dharua near Ranchi on Saturday. – UNI

## Ballot is the solution to Maoist violence: Naidu

RANCHI, Sept 9: Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu today said the ballot and not the bullet is the solution to Maoist violence and exhorted the common people not to encourage forces which indulge in violence.

"Keep afar those who indulge in violence. Don't give them encouragement... There is no right for anyone to carry a gun in a democracy except a citizen," he said.

"In a democracy, mandate should be respected but it need not be any development. So, peace is required development. Don't give encouragement to such movements," Naidu added.

Stating that violence is a hindrance to development, he said

he said at a programme here.

Speaking about Maoists, the Vice-President said that their principles and ideologies may be different and if they are confident about them, they should go to the people, get the mandate and become minister or Chief Minister.

"In a democracy, mandate should be respected but it need not be any development. So, peace is required development. Don't give encouragement to such movements," Naidu added.

Turning to human rights' groups, he said they criticise

the Jharkhand Government has controlled Maoist violence. "It (Jharkhand Government) has done good work and is doing good work," he said and asked all people to come together and make efforts to eradicate mindless violence.

"I have full faith that the people of Jharkhand are with the democratic system and will keep such evil forces far," he said. Getting rid of the fear of the gun early will benefit Jharkhand, the Vice-President added. – PTI

## Shops reopen in Darjeeling

DARJEELING, Sept 9: A large number of shops today reopened in the Darjeeling hills, braving threats and intimidation by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM), even as the indefinite shutdown in the hills entered the 87th day.

The police and administration appealed to the locals to

day through the public address system to open their shops and restore normalcy in the hills.

The development comes two days after a blast took place at Mirik, forcing shopkeepers to

close down shutters.

Peace rallies were taken out by the residents of Kurong, Darjeeling and Mirik, demanding restoration of peace in the hills.

State Tourism Minister and senior TMC leader Gautam Deb welcomed the opening of the shops.

"The GJM is trying to

threaten the masses through bomb blasts and violence, but the people of the hills will not bow down before the threats. People are against the divisive politics of Bimal Gurung. They want peace and stability," he said.

Echoing him, expelled GJM leader Binay Tamang thanked the people "for not bowing before the threat and intimidation of the GJM."

The search operation to trace Gurung, the absconding GJM supremo against whom cases have been lodged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, continued in the Darjeeling hills and adjoining areas. GJM supporters took out rallies in support of Gorkhaland amid the ongoing shutdown in parts of Darjeeling, Sonada and Kalimpong. – PTI



A man arguing with security personnel in curfew-bound Srinagar on Saturday. – UNI

## Engine of Kashi Vishwanath Express derails

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: The engine of the Kashi Vishwanath Express derailed at the New Delhi Railway Station while going towards the yard today, a Railway official said. The train travels from Varanasi to the national capital.

"One wheel of the diesel

engine of empty caching car has derailed at the NDLS station during shunting movement to washing line. There were no injuries," said Neeraj Sharma, Northern Railways spokesperson. The derailment comes close on the heels of three trains

jumping off the tracks in Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi and Maharashtra within a span of nine hours on September 7.

After this, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal asked the Railway Board to divert rails marked for construction of new lines to

stretches prone to accidents and where replacement was due. He also directed the board officials to expedite procurement of new rails to complete laying of tracks in pending projects and eliminate unmanned level crossings within a year. – PTI

## Fibre tunnel, fire cracker factory found inside Dera premises

SIRSA, Sept 9: A tunnel and a passage way connecting Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh's quarters to the hostel of his female disciples were today found by the security agencies during the second day of a massive sanitisation exercise inside the headquarters of his sect.

An illegal fire cracker factory and chemicals were also found during the search of the premises of the Dera, whose chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh was jailed for 20 years in two rape cases last month.

From the gufa (cave) where the Dera head used to stay, a passageway was found which opens to 'Sadhi Niwas,' (where his female disciples were kept), according to State Information and Public Relations Department Deputy Director, Satish Mehta, who has been authorised by the administration to speak

to the media.

"A fibre tunnel, too, has been located during the search of the dera," he said. The fibre tunnel is filled with mud, he said. "The derawas is connected to Sadhi Niwas," he said.

"A fire cracker factory has been found inside the Dera premises and it is an illegal factory," he said, adding that the illegal factory has been sealed. He said some chemical material to be used in making fire crackers was also found.

Hordes of police, paramilitary and civil administration personnel were involved in the mammoth search operation which started yesterday on the direction of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

banned currency notes were yesterday seized from the Dera of Singh during the sanitisation exercise which also involved forensic examination of his so-called cave where he allegedly used to sexually exploit women. Besides, some rooms were also sealed and hard disk drives and unlabelled medicines recovered during the 12-hour daylight exercise.

The entire sanitisation process is being videographed and overseen by retired District and Sessions Judge AKS Pawar, who was appointed as Court Commissioner by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday.

Curfew remains in force on the road leading inside the Dera headquarters. No unauthorised person was being allowed to go inside the Dera premises. However, life remained normal in Sirsa city. – PTI



## Intelligence booster

Consumption of olive oil, nuts may boost general intelligence, says a study

**N**utrients found in foods rich in monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA) such as olive oil, nuts and avocados are linked to general intelligence, according to a study.

The researchers found that general intelligence was associated with the brain's dorsal attention network, which plays a central role in attention-demanding tasks and everyday problem solving.

In particular, general intelligence was found to be associated with how efficiently the dorsal attention network is functionally organised, the researchers said.

The study found that this relationship is driven by the correlation between MUFA and the organisation of the brain's attention network.

"Our findings provide novel evidence that MUFA affect cognition, the researchers noted.

"This is important because if we want to develop nutritional interventions that are effective at enhancing cognitive performance, we need to understand the ways in which these nutrients influence brain function," Barbey said.

For the study, published in the journal *NeuroImage*, the team examined the relationship between groups of fatty acids and brain networks that underlie general intelligence.

In doing so, they sought to understand if brain network organisation mediated the relationship between fatty acids and general intelligence.

In turn, they found that those with higher levels of MUFA in their blood had greater small-world propensity in their dorsal attention network.

The findings suggest a pathway by which MUFA affect cognition, the researchers noted.

"Our results suggest that if we want to understand the relationship between MUFA and general intelligence, we need to take the dorsal attention network into account. It's part of the underlying mechanism that contributes to their relationship," Barbey added. — IANS

## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017.

This year offers many opportunities that stem from those you know. Personal exchanges and a better sense of direction help bond more easily. Be willing to dream a reality. If you are single, you will meet someone who is a good fit. If you are in a relationship, he will be your friend in the pursuit of your dreams. If you are married, work to consciously achieve a long-term goal, which could involve a special trip or travel of some sort. TAURUS could be even more stubborn than you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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

Opt to take a break from a more mental or spiritual slant into your day. A relaxation over a meal or even just walking can root out more of your feelings toward an older or creative person. You will be drawn to new experiences. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Your steadfast perspective allows greater stability, making it easier to take more acceptance and less resistance. A loved one wants to take into your perspective. Appreciate this person's sensitivity while helping him or her support you or herself. Tonight: Incorporate a favorite dessert.

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

\*\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating elicits more vulnerability and intimacy. However, be sure to take some personal time for yourself. Building a stronger tie with greater security will be the natural outcome. Tonight: Time for some celebration!

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

\*\*\*\*\* Learning how to bring up a hot topic with a certain group of friends. There might not be a better way to just dive right in. Ask for a loved one's feedback, if need be. Be careful, as others' responses are likely to be what you had anticipated. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You could see a personal matter in a new light once you start opening up and discussing it with someone who has had a similar experience. Often there are more ways to resolve a discrepancy between how we view a personal matter and what others see. Be more willing to listen to what others have to say. Tonight: A favorite haunt.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You could see a personal issue much differently from how you have in the recent past. Others discover how much more relaxed and understanding you have become. These qualities were always in you, but you didn't realize how much until now. Tonight: Don't resist a new experience!

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

\*\*\*\*\* Relate directly to one individual and understand more of his or her logic. You cannot change what is going on, but you can accept it. You might realize that recent events were not directed toward you. Tonight: A favorite haunt.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Understand the importance of a discussion that someone else initiates. You might not be able to change the conversation, but you can gain more insight in the process. Don't take this relationship for granted. Tonight: Stay centered, but process the topic at hand.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You could be in the midst of a major change. Others might be as aware of what has been going on as you might be. Be open, and let them know about your situation. Some of you will opt for an older friend to be your confidante. Tonight: Someone admires you.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Deal directly with a loved one who means a lot to you; he or she is the source of a unusual yet valid ideas. Investigate more possibilities without hesitating. Your creativity surges because of this person. Tonight: Break past a self-imposed restriction.

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

\*\*\*\*\* A personal matter could occupy your time. You might want to take a break from your usual routine. Some of you will opt for some extra R&R. Whether you choose to do so, you will want to keep matters uncomplicated. Tonight: Special time for a loved one.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Fortunately, you might be more receptive to them than in the recent past. Once you finish a round of calls, texts or emails, make or rearrange plans to be a favorite person. As social as you are, you need quality time with a loved one. Tonight: Add more spice to a bond.

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Here lies one who meant well, tried a little, failed much: surely that may be his epitaph, of which he need not be ashamed.

— ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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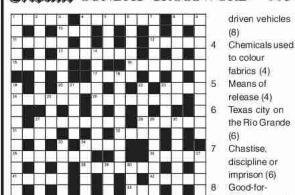
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### CROOK

by Bill Rechin and Don Wilder



# Iran urges Myanmar to end violence against Rohingyas



TEHRAN, Sept 9: Iran on Friday urged Myanmar to put an immediate end to the ongoing violence against Rohingyas and allow unhindered access of humanitarian assistance to the violence-hit regions.

The international community and Islamic countries expect the government of Myanmar

to put an immediate end to the ongoing violence against Rohingyas Muslim community, said Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif.

Besides, Iran expects Myanmar to allow unhindered access of humanitarian assistance to the violence-hit regions, Zarif said in his letter written

to United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, Xinhua news agency reported.

The powers responsible for the atrocities in Myanmar should be brought to justice, he said, urging the government of Myanmar to take necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of violence in the future.

"It is disappointing that such minimum global demands are yet to receive a proper response," Zarif said.

The Rohingya, one of the world's largest stateless communities, are fleeing in droves towards Bangladesh, trying to escape the latest surge of violence in Rakhine state between a shadowy militant

group and Myanmar's Army.

The UN refugee agency said that more than 3,000 Rohingya Muslims had reached Bangladesh over the past days.

On Thursday, the Iranian Foreign Minister criticized the international community for remaining silent on the violence towards Rohingyas Muslims in Myanmar.

"The international community has no excuse to allow the genocide of Rohingya Muslims to continue in front of our eyes," Press TV quoted Zarif as saying.

Zarif urged prompt international action to address the plight of Rohingya Muslims, saying "we must act now before it is too late". - IANS

## Rohingya exodus to Bangladesh nears 300,000

COX'S BAZAR (Bangladesh), Sept 9: Nearly 300,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state into Bangladesh in the 15 days since new violence erupted, the United Nations said today.

The figure has jumped about 200,000 in a day.

"Some 290,000 Rohingya arrived in Bangladesh since August 25," said Joseph Triputra, a spokesman for the UN refugee agency.

Officials said the UN has found more Rohingya in villages and areas which were previously not included by relief agencies.

Most of the Rohingya are arriving by foot or boat across Bangladesh's 278 kilometre (172 mile) border with Myanmar, a fourth of which is made up by the Naf river.

The UN said there was a sharp increase in arrivals on Wednesday, when more than 300 boats arrived in Bangladesh. - AFP

## US voices concern over Rohingya crisis in Myanmar

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 9: The US is "deeply troubled" by the deteriorating situation in Myanmar's Rakhine state, American Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said, as the UN migration agency confirmed 270,000 people fled the country to Bangladesh over the past two weeks.

Scores of Rohingya civilians have fled to Bangladesh, overwhelming refugee camps that were already bursting at the seams and triggering warnings of a humanitarian crisis.

Many more have died trying to flee the fighting in Myanmar's Rakhine state, where witnesses say entire villages have been burned to the ground since Rohingya militants launched a series of coordinated attacks on Aug 25, prompting a military-led crackdown. US Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley said in a statement issued here yesterday that over the past week, con-

ditions in Rakhine have continued to deteriorate.

While the government of Bangladesh is accommodating many displaced Rohingya, significant numbers of civilians are stranded along the border waiting for much-needed relief, while other communities in Rakhine have become internally displaced.

The statement said that the US remains "deeply troubled" by continued reports of attacks against innocent civilians and will continue to urge Myanmar's security forces to respect those civilians as it conducts security operations.

"Attacks on civilians will only further the violence on the ground and prevent any hope for long-term solutions – including the rapid implementation of the Annan Commission's recommendations that will benefit all communities in Rakhine State," it added.

International Organisation for Migration (IOM) confirmed that 270,000 people have fled violence in Myanmar for safety in Bangladesh over the past two weeks, and the number of new arrivals continues to increase.

"Humanitarian agencies are deploying mobile medical teams, installing emergency latrines, providing water, and are distributing tarpaulins for basic shelter and food rations to new arrivals. But much more is needed and we are fast running out of stock," Marga Baars, who facilitates the Inter Sector Coordination Group, convened by the IOM said in a press release.

This week, at least 300 boats arrived in Cox's Bazar from Myanmar. Sea routes are particularly dangerous in this season of rough seas. IOM said that new arrivals usually start by looking for space in the established makeshift settlements, where there are some services but these are already full. - PTI



Smoke billows after a fighter jet plane released a bomb during an airstrike as Government troops continue their assault as part of clearing operations against pro-ISIS militants group which has seized control over large parts of Marawi city, southern Philippines on Saturday. - UNI

## Nicole used to donate blood for money

NEW YORK, Sept 9: Singer Nicole Scherzinger has revealed that she used to donate blood in exchange for money as her family could not afford to pay for her higher education.

The 39-year-old musician said she worked a string of jobs to put herself through college, reported Cosmopolitan.

"To put myself through college, I did everything from working on a makeup counter to singing opera at an Italian restaurant called Macaroni Grill.

"(The poorest I've ever been) was at college and I used to give blood to get money. For food, I used to make these pancakes where you just added to water, because they were filling," Scherzinger said.

"We couldn't afford for me to go to vocal or dance lessons... I love my family and they have lots of love, but I never had anybody to buy me a car or put me through school. I did all that myself by working, so that's gratifying in itself, making it happen on your own," she said. - PTI

## North Korea urges nuclear build-up on anniversary



specting to the national philosophy of "Juche" or self-reliance.

The North's ruling party called for more "miracle-like events" such as the two ICBM tests to determine the United States which it said was bent "decapitating" the nation's leader Kim Jong-Un.

"No matter how the US and its puppets kick up a ruckus, our republic, which has a strong military and the most powerful Juche bombs and weapons, whose territory has all turned into fortresses, and all its people armed to the teeth, will remain an eternal iron-clad citadel," it said.

In July, it tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that appeared to mark the 1948 establishment of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

North Korea conducted its fifth nuclear test on September 9 last year, and then carried out a sixth a week ago,

saying it was a hydrogen bomb that could be fitted onto a missile – prompting global condemnation and calls for further sanctions.

In July, it tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that appeared to bring much of the mainland US into range.

The defense sector, in step with the party's Byungjin policy (of developing the economy and nuclear weapons at the same time) must make cutting-edge Juche weapons in greater quantities," the Rodong Sinmun said in an editorial, re-



French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte Macron greet a man playing the laterna as they walk on main commercial Ermou street in Athens, Greece on Friday. - UNI

## Mexico earthquake death toll 61 as rescue efforts begin

MEXICO CITY, Sept 9: At least 61 people have died after the most powerful earthquake to hit Mexico in a century struck off the southern coast, toppling houses, damaging hospitals and government offices, and sparking mass evacuations.

A huge rescue operation was under way in the worst-hit states of Tabasco, Oaxaca and Chiapas where people are feared trapped under the rubble, BBC reported. President Enrique P Nieto said at least 200 people have been injured.

The 8.2-magnitude quake, which hit the nation's Pacific Coast late on Thursday, was

told by about 50 million people later lifted. Throughout Friday, the region was shaken with scores of aftershocks.

Pope Francis, addressing an open air Mass on a visit to Colombia, said he was praying "for those who have lost their lives and their families". The earthquake was more powerful than the 1985 tremor that hit close to Mexico City and caused thousands of deaths.

Videos on social media showed significant tremors in various parts of the country, as well as major damage to buildings and infrastructure. Traffic lights could be seen shaking, videos showed. - IANS

## Boko Haram kills seven in attack on displaced camp

KANO, Sept 9: Seven people were killed when Boko Haram jihadists attacked a camp for people displaced by the conflict in northeast Nigeria, militia members and locals said today.

The attack last evening in Ngala, near the border with Cameroon, came as two people were killed in an explosion outside another camp in the Borno state capital, Maiduguri. In Ngala, a civilian militia member, Umar Kachalla, said jihadis in two pick-up trucks fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the camp, which houses some 80,000 people.

"They (Boko Haram) fired an RPG into the camp from behind the fire fence, killing seven people and injuring several others," he told AFP from the neighboring town of Gamboru.

The attack, which happened at about 8:00 pm (1900 GMT), was followed by sustained gunfire as the jihadis drove away into the darkness, he added.

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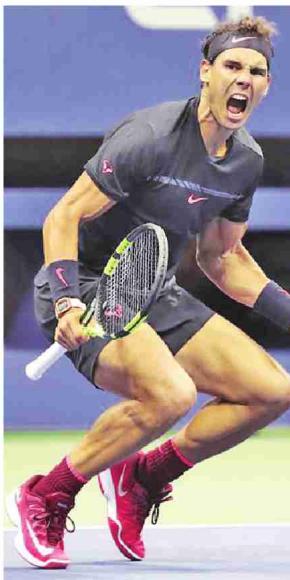
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Rafael Nadal celebrates during the US Open semifinal against Juan Martin del Potro in New York.

## Mirza-Peng crashes out in US Open semifinals

NEW YORK, Sept 9: The fourth seeded Indo-Chinese pair of Sania Mirza and Shuai Peng was sent packing by Swiss pair Martina Hingis and Ying-Jan Chan of Chinese Taipei in the women's doubles semifinals of the US Open here.

While the scoreline suggests a straight-set victory of 6-4, 6-4 for the second-seeded pair but in both sets it was the Indo-Chinese combination that had the initial advantage which it frittered away.

Mirza-Peng broke at the right earnest by breaking the opposition service taking a 3-0 lead.

However, the Hingis-Chan pair levelled proceedings with double break to make it 3-3 before getting their third break in the ninth game to win the set at 6-4 in 31 minutes.

The second set also went along similar lines with Mirza-Peng leading 3-1 before blowing it all away.

The decisive break came in the ninth game and then closed the game in the 10th game. - PTI

## Joshna loses in final of HKFC Squash

HONG KONG, Sept 9: Indian squash star Joshna Chinappa's hopes of winning the title went up in smoke after she lost in the final of the USD 25,000 HKFC International to Egyptian Nour El Tayeb here today.

EI Tayeb raced to a straight game victory in the final of the tournament, a major PSA World tour event. The former Egyptian national champion, currently ranked 14, two runs below Joshna, defeated the third seeded Indian 11-4, 11-4, 11-4 to lift only her fourth PSA title, the last coming more than a year ago.

The Indian had yesterday shocked top seed Anne Au of Hong Kong to storm into the final. - PTI

## I have been aggressive with my forehand: Nadal

**RAFAEL NADAL** goes into the US Open final back at No. 1 in the world after an incredible comeback from knee problems to see off his old enemy Roger Federer once again. Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray have also been left in the wake of the 31-year-old Spaniard. A winner of 15 Grand Slam titles, he is bidding to make this an historic third success in New York.

**Q:** Why do you think, yet again, the big four of yourself, Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic are still winning nearly all of the Grand Slam titles?

**A:** I don't know. Maybe that will change this year! You never know. It is true that in the other events it is the same thing too. We have been winning a lot for the last 10 years. But I don't see a particular reason for that.

**Q:** How has the game changed in other ways in the last ten years?

**A:** The change of the game is there to see. Everybody's hitting stronger. Points are shorter

before. You need to adapt yourself to the new things.

**Q:** How have you adapted – especially at the US Open?

**A:** It is obvious that here on hard I need to be aggressive with my forehand. One of the reasons that I had success at the beginning of the sea-

and in the Grand Slams?

**A:** When you're young you don't have fears. Everything is about winning. That's it. In that age, I think I finished the first year 50 in the world. I was pleased just to be on the tour. Everything was new for me. I had an incredible energy and

pening because we are not 20 years old anymore, no? We are over 30, most of us, you know. So it is something that can happen. This year it happened a couple of times, but I tell you one thing, I have been in that position more than all these players that are out now.

**Q:** What do you cope with the sort of injuries that you have suffered from in recent years?

**A:** That's part of the sport. I know how tough it is. I am very sorry for all of them, and I wish all of them a fast and good recovery. But at the same time, I tell you, Roger (Federer) didn't have a lot of injuries during his career. Novak (Djokovic), the same. Andy (Murray), the same. Stan (Wawrinka), I don't think he had a lot of issues either. I am the only one of those top players that has missed a lot of tournaments in my career. I know how tough it is. But the only thing that you can do when this kind of things happen is to accept and keep going. - AFP

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son, again on hard (in Australia), is because I have been playing very aggressive again with my forehand, changing directions, serving well and returning aggressively. Then, when I have the chance, to go for the winner, I have to hit the winner. It doesn't matter if I miss sometimes.

**Q:** What other differences do you feel now compared to when you were a teenager starting out on the tour

the motivation because I was achieving my dream to become a professional tennis player.

**Q:** So many of the top players have suffered injuries this year – as you have in the past – so has the sport become too demanding?

**A:** The season didn't change for the last 20 years so we cannot think about that being the reason. I know, it is something that is hap-

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## Safarova blasts Czech friends over poor sportsmanship



NEW YORK, Sept 9: Lucie Safarova blasted Czech teammates and friends Lucie Hradecka and Katerina

na Siniakova for poor sportsmanship in a heated US Open women's doubles semifinal on Friday, saying it was "sad" for tennis.

Safarova, who was playing alongside another Czech Barbora Strycova, was furious over an incident in her 6-2, 7-5 defeat.

Siniakova hit a ball which deflected off the head of her teammate. Under the rules, the point should have gone to Safarova and Strycova but Hradecka did not acknowledge the ball had hit her.

"Win or lose you should always play fair! Wouldn't expect that from a friend," Safarova really said. "#sportsmanship#fairplay#sad," tweeted Safarova. - AFP



NEW YORK, Sept 9: Former world number 1 and 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams made her first public comments since giving birth to a daughter one week ago, tweeting praise on Friday to the

US Open women's finalists.

Williams was pregnant when she won the Australian Open in January, moving within one Slam singles crown of Margaret Court's all-time record, and revealed in April on Twitter she was having a baby and would not play again this year.

The six-time US Open champion was excited for fellow Americans Sloane Stephens and Madison Keys, whose Saturday showdown for the title at Arthur Ashe Stadium will be the first Grand Slam final for each of them.

"There are NO words to describe how proud and happy I am for @Madison\_Keys and @SloaneStephens for making the US Open finals," Williams tweeted. - AFP

## Serena praises US Open runs of Keys, Stephens



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## Man Utd can swagger to league title, says Mourinho

LONDON, Sept 9: Jose Mourinho says recent history proves it takes a defensive mindset to win the Premier League, although he insists his Manchester United side can buck that trend.

In one of his by-now frequent and thinly veiled critiques of his former club Chelsea, Mourinho pointed out that his successor Antonio Conte employed a defence-first, counter-attacking style to win last season's title.

And while the United manager says his side is capable of following that example, he also wants to ensure they play in a positive fashion.

"We try to play the best we can," Mourinho said on Friday. "We know that if you look in a pragmatic way, you see the last winners of the Premier League, they did not play attacking football."

"They played defensive football and counter-attack football. So, according to the results, that is the way to win the Premier League."

"We try to play according to the qualities of our players. We try to play positive, we try to play good, but we try to win."

United, renowned for their swashbuckling style under former manager Alex Ferguson, have made a strong start to the Premier League season, winning their opening three games and scoring 10 goals in the process to top the table.

But, talking at United's Carrington training ground on the eve of a potentially difficult visit to Stoke City, Mourinho insisted his team are not afraid of a hard, defensive battle.

"If one day to win we have to play defensive football, we

have to do it," said Mourinho.

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Kevin Anderson reacts during the semifinal of the US Open against Pablo Carreno Busta.

## US Open men's doubles winners push equality

NEW YORK, Sept 9: Dutchmen Jean-Julien Rojer and Romania's Horia Tecau pressed for social justice and racial equality on Friday after winning the US Open men's doubles title for their second Grand Slam crown.

The 12th-seeded duo defeated Spanish 11th seeds Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez 6-4, 6-3 to win their first US Open. Their other Slam trophy came at Wimbledon in 2015.

After the triumph, Rojer – wearing a yellow shirt bearing a drawing of the Statue of Liberty – said the clothing was inspired by last month's confrontation between extreme right demonstrators and counter-protestors in Charlottesville, Virginia, that left one person dead.

"The idea came after the tragic incident in Charlottesville and we came up with this line promoting peace and freedom and liberty," Rojer told spectators.

The Dutchman said he has another shirt with people locking arms in a civil rights march.

"Hopefully we're moving in that direction," Rojer said. "I've been here since I was 12 years old. It's a great country. I'm happy they let me in and that I get to do my job here."

"Hopefully we'll create these opportunities for everybody."

His comments come as US President Donald Trump has tightened immigration policies and after he spoke of "very fine people" on both sides in Charlottesville, shocking even some political allies.

A violent white supremacist rally opposing removal of a statue of General Robert E Lee sparked a global outcry when neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan supporters and others openly marched and confronted counter-demonstrators.

Heather Heyer, 32, was killed and 19 others injured when a far-right supporter ran his car into the crowd of counter-demonstrators.

"I just wanted to have the conversation going and promoting again, just freedom and justice, liberty for everybody on gender issues, on racial issues which we deal a lot with in this country," Rojer said.

"I feel in tennis we don't say much about it, but this is just tennis... And especially I think it's symbolic to be here."

Race relations, including African-Americans killed by white police officers, also bother Rojer, who comes from the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao.

"First time I noticed colour was when I came to the US, said to say, that when I was 12, because we don't grow up with that back home," he said.

"It's stuff I know that goes on. I read the news and I see a lot of unfair stuff going on. Some of these people don't have a voice to defend themselves and this kind of stuff, but it just really came about after Charlottesville and I thought it was a good message." - AFP

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## India's Asia Cup QF match against Macau postponed

NEW DELHI, Sept 9: Indian football team's Asian Cup Qualifiers home leg match against Macau has been postponed by a day from the earlier scheduled date of October 10.

The All India Football Federations had made a request to the continental body to postpone the match as Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru was not available on October 10. The Asian Football Confederation has accepted AIFF's request to postpone the match and the AFC website has updated that the match will be played on October 11. Reports, however, said that it was done because the Indian cricket team would be playing a Twenty20 International against Australia in Guwahati on October 10 and the broadcaster, which is telecasting both the football and cricket matches almost at the same time, wanted the postponement. -PTI

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## Anderson bowls England to Windies series win

LONDON, Sept 9: James Anderson took the best innings figures of his Test career as England completed a nine-wicket and series-clinching victory against West Indies at Lord's today.

Anderson followed up his Friday feat of becoming the first England bowler and only sixth in history to take 500 Test wickets by finishing with a return of seven for 42 in 20.1 overs as West Indies were dismissed for 177 in their second innings on the third day of the third Test.

That left England with a meagre target of 107 and they finished on 107 for one off 28 overs as they took a three-match series 2-1.

Mark Stoneman was 40 not out and Tom Westley 44 not out in an unbroken stand of 72.

Anderson's return just surpassed his

previous best in 129 career Tests of seven for 43 against New Zealand at Trent Bridge in 2008.

It was also the fifth time the 35-year-old Lancashire swing bowler had taken five or more wickets in a Test innings at Lord's, with England all-round great Ian Botham's eight such hauls the most anyone has taken in Tests at "the home of cricket".

Shane Hope, whose twin hundreds were the backbone of West Indies' series-winning effort at Headingly, top-scored in this innings with 62.

But no other batsman made more than opener Kieran Powell's 45.

West Indies were 153 for six at lunch, with Hope 60 not out.

But Hope's fourth ball after the interval saw him undone by a superb Anderson leg-cutter and caught behind. - AFP

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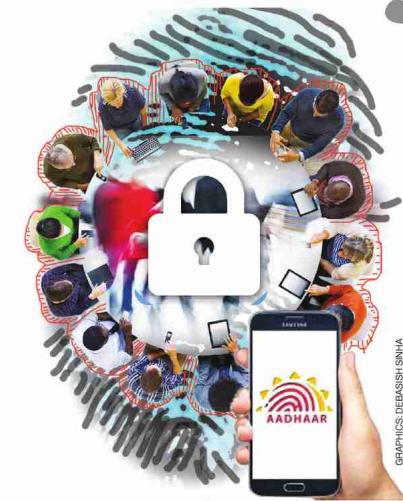
# The Assam Tribune Sunday

As per the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the number of mobile subscribers in India is 1.16 billion – it is the only country after China to cross that milestone. More than 24 million unique users on YouTube and 241 million Facebook users from India beat the United States, becoming the largest audience country for the social media giant. Experts say that on an average, an Indian spends three hours a day on smartphones, whereas social media accounts for almost 50 per cent of the time, and every day, 70 per cent of Indian internet users watch online videos. In the process, each day, our society creates huge amounts of data online. Various data-driven organisations are collecting, storing and managing huge amounts of data electronically, with the help of rapidly growing computer technologies and thus, in the present day, the world's most valuable resource is no longer oil, but data, "Big Data".

The giants that deal in data are Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple and Microsoft. Generally, one's personal data is collected through multiple sources and without their consent are used for various purposes, from customer profiling to marketing, strategic planning in business, and so on, leading to a serious breach in the individual's privacy. We are living in such a virtual world that the social media giant Facebook (or its owned properties like Messenger, WhatsApp and Instagram) knows more about one's specific details and his/her personal life than one probably realises. The main reason behind the appeal of such products or services among the masses is that they are offered free. They may not be aware of the popular quote – "If you are not paying for the product, then you are the product."

### Read the fineprint

The rising internet penetration and the growing momentum in the initiatives by the Indian Government like Digital India, cashless economy, UID-Aadhaar and Smart City project are adding to the already growing pool of personal data. The UID-Aadhar project, which consists of biometric details – iris and fingerprints, will be the largest such citizen database on the planet. Though the initiatives have been taken with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, at the same time, it has led to the emergence of interest in personal privacy and data protection. In India, on an average, smartphone users have five to ten apps on their phones and the



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## Probing one's life

**DR. SARAT KUMAR CHETTRI** elucidates how data collection is a serious threat to an individual's privacy.

leaks or is hacked and reaches the wrong hands? It's not just popular chat apps and social media pages that are vulnerable to breaches, but sometimes, people tend to save their bank account numbers, usernames and passwords as part of their contact list or just in the common notes area. Once they use third-party apps, all these details could potentially get uploaded onto the app's cloud.

### Is Aadhaar safe?

In India, the biggest ever breach of financial data was in year 2016, when 3.2 million debit cards of various leading banks were misused at a remote location in China. In December 2016, the electronic medical records (EMR) of over

time of installation of apps, while we click on the "I agree" option to terms and conditions with the blink of an eye, we may be sharing our personal data with them. While the data can be used by advertisers to target a particular set of consumers, it may also be sold to new app developers or even be shared with law enforcement agencies for threat-profiling. But what if this information

is hacked and reaches the wrong hands? It's not just popular chat apps and social media pages that are vulnerable to breaches, but sometimes, people tend to save their bank account numbers, usernames and passwords as part of their contact list or just in the common notes area. Once they use third-party apps, all these details could potentially get uploaded onto the app's cloud.

The need of the hour is a legislative framework, which would address the growing concerns around data protection and privacy. However, the primary responsibility of a government is to provide security to protect its citizens and resources against the threat of terrorism, thus, the privacy rights of the citizens must be balanced against the government's need to secure its citizens and their information assets. In this direction, the Supreme Court's historic judgment on August 24, 2017, declaring the Right to Privacy to be a Fundamental Right comes as a big victory for privacy advocates and the citizens of this country.

In a bid to combat identity theft and violation in user's privacy, the Government of India should now ask the smartphone companies and app developers to list the steps it will take to guard users' data, varying from financial transactions, user location, e-mails and medical records. Mobile technology may make the dream of Digital India true but more effort is required to build a robust mechanism to tackle effectively the ethical and legal issues of data privacy and security with significant development of the basic amenities to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of India.

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Mumbai – the city that never sleeps is the city of a galaxy of stars and has a population of 20.7 million. It is also the financial capital of India.

In such a growing city, can anyone imagine finding leopards roaming around like stray cats at night? Not really. But many people have come to know about it now – the leopards of Mumbai! One of the big cats that is so powerful and majestic. These leopards are causing

of the Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India, which has concluded the first comprehensive study of leopards and their prey in Mumbai. The study was released on June 30. Over a span of five months, from December to April, Survey found 35 leopards in an area of 140 sq. kms. in the city's Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) and the adjoining areas. The Park director and chief conservator of forests (CCF) Anwar Ahmed says that while the average density of the spotted cat in India's

Also, a significant number of leopard attacks – 84, and many of them fatal – were recorded between 2002 and 2004 (out of a total of 176 attacks between 1991 and 2013). Animals and people have, otherwise, coexisted peacefully, additional principal CCF (Wildlife West), M.K. Rao explains, and that was why leopards rescued from other parts of Maharashtra were released into the SGNP. Fiercely territorial, like all big cats, these leopards could not cope with the forced relocation and as their

in the park. But many of the leopards also work the unfenced border between Nature and civilisation. While the city sleeps, they slip through the streets and alleys, where they pick off dogs, cats, pigs, rats, chicken, and goats, the camp followers of human civilisation. Unlike most other big cats, leopards can adapt up to a point. They can prey, for example, on anything from dinner beetles and pigeons to a 2,000-pound eland. They can make a home at 110 degrees Fahrenheit in the Kalahari Desert or at minus 13 degrees in Russia. They can thrive in sea-level mangrove swamps on the coast of India or at 17,000 feet in the Himalayas. That adaptability, combined with a genius for hiding in plain sight, means leopards are entirely capable of living among humans, as do in Mumbai. The question is whether humans can learn to live with leopards.

Some interested parties and researchers are attracted towards these activities that take place in Mumbai. They try to take real live pictures of leopards roaming during the night with special camera traps. Some shots are taken by the camera traps which show these cats amidst buildings and houses.

Both humans and leopards are in need of space and land to survive. Leopards are adapting. Can humans adapt accordingly?

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## Leopards of Mumbai

**TONMOI BARUAH** describes how leopards are striking back.

enough trouble in Mumbai, especially to the poor. Thousands of people live in *gullies*, *jhops*, small, rented houses near the sea-shore. They are the most vulnerable.

Due to increase in human population, these leopards are losing their wild habitat. They are forced to move into the city at night in search of food and that's how humans and leopards have come into confrontation, leading to fatal accidents.

It's an irony that India's financial capital also has one of the country's highest densities of leopards, according to Nikhil Sure

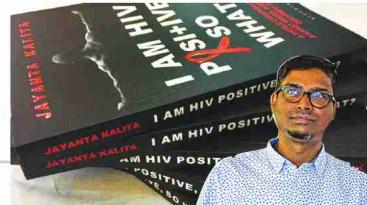
protected forests is 15 cats per every 100 sq. kms., there are 35 of them in Mumbai's 103.8 sq. kms. at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.

numbers grew in unfamiliar environments, competition ensued for territory and food.

Part of their diet comes from spotted deer and wild prey with



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## A tale to tell

**Journalist JAYANTA KALITA speaks about his new book and its champion protagonist.**

Very great story happens when someone decides not to give up. Well, that's what Manipuri bodybuilder Khundrampal Pradipkumar Singh has proven. He didn't give up, even in the face of the lowest of lows – turning a life-threatening diagnosis into a force that took the bodybuilder world by storm. And now this incredible tale of redemption has been penned into a book by Jayanta Kalita, an Assamese journalist based in New Delhi. Kalita's book, *I am HIV Positive So What?* was launched last month at the Press Club of India and the author has since been receiving warm commendations for bringing forth this wonderful tale of a true champion.

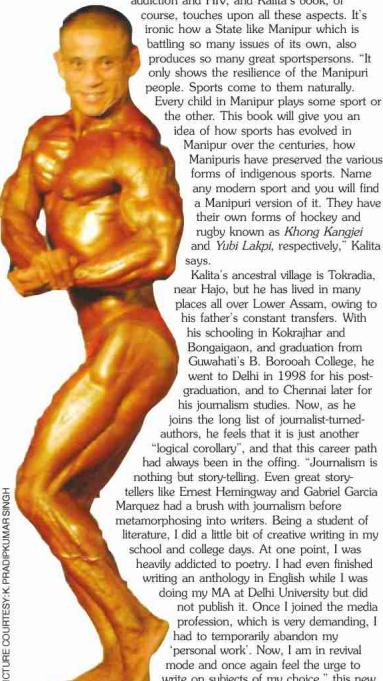
Currently serving as Associate Editor with a Delhi-based digital start-up – ThePrint.in, Kalita has been a regular in the journalistic echelons of Delhi for 16 years, having worked with *The Times of India*, *Mail Today*, *Hindustan Times* and *IANS*. This is his first book and a biography at that, for Kalita couldn't help but pass up on such a remarkable story of guts to glory. "There is no definite reason why I chose to debut with a biography. But I felt that the story of Pradipkumar Singh was incredible and it needed to be told through a book, even though I had started working on a fiction much before taking up this project," he says.

The bodybuilder made headlines after winning the Mr. South Asia title in 2012; the media lapped up the story of how an HIV Positive person defied all odds to become an international champion. But his decade-long struggle with the disease, the stigma was rarely highlighted. "Pradip's story has all the qualities that a book demands. He made national headlines soon after making his HIV status public in 2008. A couple of documentaries were also made on his life. But his ordeal as an HIV positive person and his struggle to become a bodybuilder was not adequately highlighted in those works. That's why I made up my mind to tell his story to a larger audience, beyond the boundaries of the country. After all, HIV is a worldwide phenomenon and Pradip's story has a universal appeal," Kalita says.

The Delhi journalist first read about Pradip in 2011 and then it took him another three years to work on the idea of the book. He landed up in Manipur in 2016 and met the bodybuilder, along with other people who supported Pradipkumar, including boxer Mary Kom. He also spoke to government officials and NGO workers, who are dealing with HIV cases. Manipur is reeling under the threat of drug addiction and HIV, and Kalita's book, of course, touches upon all these aspects. It's ironic how a State like Manipur which is battling so many issues of its own, also produces so many great sportspersons. "It only shows the resilience of the Manipuri people. Sports come to them naturally.

Every child in Manipur plays some sport or the other. This book will give you an idea of how sports has evolved in Manipur over the centuries, how Manipuris have preserved the various forms of indigenous sports. Name any modern sport and you will find a Manipuri version of it. They have their own forms of hockey and rugby known as *Khong Kangjei* and *Yubi Lakpi*, respectively," Kalita says.

Kalita's ancestral village is Tokradia, near Hajo, but he has lived in many places all over Lower Assam, owing to his father's constant transfers. With his schooling in Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon, and graduation from Guwahati's B. Barooah College, he went to Delhi in 1998 for his post-graduation, and to Chennai later for his journalism studies. Now, as he joins the long list of journalist-turned-authors, he feels that it is just another "logical corollary", and that this career path had always been in the offing. "Journalism is nothing but story-telling. Even great storytellers like Ernest Hemingway and Gabriel Garcia Marquez had a brush with journalism before metamorphosing into writers. Being a student of literature, I did a little bit of creative writing in my school and college days. At one point, I was heavily addicted to poetry. I had even finished writing an anthology in English while I was doing my MA at Delhi University but did not publish it. Once I joined the media profession, which is very demanding, I had to temporarily abandon my 'personal work'. Now, I am in revival mode and once again feel the urge to write on subjects of my choice," this new author states.



## WOMEN PLUS

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# A time to bloom

**Menstruation is replete with many customs and traditions.**

**A** day at the Water and Sanitation Action Summit marked one of those phases in my life when I was able to witness a diverse crowd committed to something or the other pertaining to sanitation. On a random visit to one of the panels discussions happening there, the topic being what impact does sanitation have on adolescent girls - a little girl sitting with her mother caught my eye. She looked a bit anxious and I stood to see what was happening.

There was a woman who was facilitating the whole discussion on the topic: "Menstruation". My eyes were constantly moving from this lady to that little girl. I wanted to know why she was made to sit there like that - facing the rest of the crowd. The lady was talking about the various rituals that Indian culture follows when a girl reaches puberty. She gave the example of Assam, where, according to her people follow some inhuman practices when a girl grows up, like treating the child as an outcast and how even that little girl had to go through all that at a very tender age.



Menstruation is widely considered a taboo topic and open discussions on this subject are hardly possible. But in today's day and time, many feminists as well as rights activists are widely talking about it.

Here in Assam, a ritual called *Tuloni Bijya* is still performed to commemorate the attainment of womanhood. *Tuloni Bijya* is a ritualistic symbolic wedding that is performed a few days after the girl has had her first period. It is a ritual distinct to the Hindu Tai Ahoms and many other Assamese groups who have their own theories about its significance and origins. The mock marriage of one's daughter to the banana tree signifies the girl attaining adulthood and her potential to bear a child. It is not allowed to eat proper food till the fourth day, and she is confined to her bed in a room. Men are kept away and she isn't even allowed to be touched by anyone.

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Generally, on the fourth day, the girl is bathed with proper wedding rituals using *maa-haldi* (green gram and turmeric). A banana tree is planted at the site where the girl

is to be bathed. On the day that the astrologer deems suitable for the "wedding", a group of women from a different part of the village, pretending to be from the groom's side, travels to the girl's house singing *Bija Naam* (wedding songs), very much like a real wedding. The bride's mother welcomes the group and the rituals then take place. The wedding is generally celebrated on a large scale, with members of the community participating in large numbers to bless the girl for a new life!

Now, what is the first thing that would come to your mind when you read this? The first thought that came to my mind when I was going through the same process was – why on earth do people have these rituals and customs? But this day made me realise something else. There is always a bright side to every story and I have always tried to find those "bright spots". It is true that what that little girl had gone through should not be practised, but it is also true that because of these rituals and customs, we feel comfortable talking about menstruation/birth with our friends and family. In many schools in India, girls feel embarrassed if they get red stains on their skirts, but we don't. It is most likely because our classmates already know about it. They know because most of them would have attended their female friends' *Tuloni Bijya*.



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# The cup that cheers

**You can have chai any which way you like.**

*Tea Chai Stash...  
Some like it hot...  
Some like it cold...  
Though none likes it in the pot,  
Nine days old...!  
... (a variation from the age-old  
nursery rhyme)*



## That sweet sip

- Whether you sip tea from fine bone china, or from a disposable paper cup at the tea vending machine or from an earthen cup at a highway *dhaba*, *chai* is magical all the same.

- Whether you hold the cup by the handle or in the cup between your palms, whether you sip a chilled lemon tea up through a straw or blow from your mouth upon a plate of boiling tea and then sip from the edge of the plate upon which you have poured out the tea to cool it, *chai* always leaves you invigorated.

- Ask for *chai* when you need company, *chai* again when you need solitude. *Chai* when you're happy and wish to talk, *chai* when you're sad and don't wish to talk. *Chai* when you're tired, *chai* when you're fresh. *Chai* in sickness, *chai* in good health!

## Unique beverage

- And now, I dare you to write to me of another beverage that can be used this expansively! If you can, well, I shall treat myself to another cup of *chai*! Simply for the love of another chat with you, over *chai*!

can actually sip the difference between Green, White, Orthodox and CTC Tea. And Dust as well. So much like the fine art of tasting wine. This tea, almost reverently, they called Tea. Just tea. But add milk, the pompous cream (*malai* *maarker*), spice, root and bark, and it is reduced to a mock-tailed tea shake, they told me, leaving no difference between Green Tea and CTC.

## As for tea now...

It comes in instant tea bags. And is called the Dip-dip-tea. They also come in a mind-boggling array of previously unthinkable flavours like orange, mint, honey, rose, dandelion, *mulethi* and even vanilla and chocolate! They also come with tags like anti-oxidant, detoxifying, slimming, and memory and... hold your breath... libido-enhancing!

But to so many people like me, that exact flavour or that exact temperature in tea hardly matters as long as we get to sip the good old brew in the company of good old friends. It's the *chai* with the dip that really matters. The dip of a biscuit as adorable simple as the Marie, as English as a ginger cookie, as noisy as a rusk or as handsome Asomtiya as a *til pitha*.



## RELATIONSHIP

Connie Matthiessen

# A caring touch

**Try these strategies while taking care of someone who's difficult.**

**B**eing a caregiver is never easy, but if you've spent much of your adult life trying to just get along with a parent or another older adult you're close to, being thrust into the role of caregiver may be excruciating. The bad news is that – if he's always been critical, grumpy, intrusive, or just plain mean, it's unlikely that old age and poor health will improve his personality much. The good news is that – as an adult, you've probably become more confident in yourself and have learned to deal with him more effectively – and if you haven't, now is your chance to learn.

## Getting started

You've had the double "oh no" moment – that is, it's become clear that your parent or someone else you're tied to needs help and that you have to take a greater role in his care, and this means you'll be spending more time with someone you find difficult to be around. Whatever the details, the relationship you've had is about to change. Here are some steps you can take to ease the transition:

- Take time to prepare yourself:** Faced with a crisis, it's tempting to make decisions quickly, without thinking them through. If you have a difficult relationship with your parent or someone else you're caring for,

the pressure is even more intense, and every decision is fraught. Try to spend some quiet time before you jump onto the caregiving roller coaster. Write in your journal, talk to friends, and think about what has made your relationship difficult in the past and how you can approach it differently this time.

- Bring in the experts:** It's advisable to line up support. If you don't have family support, you live far from the person you're caring

for, your relationship is explosive, or his situation is complicated, consider hiring a geriatric care manager. She can help by providing support and concrete advice about community resources, skilled nursing facilities, and other such topics.

- Coping day to day:** Once he's settled and you've established a caring routine, he's likely to resume his usual patterns of behaviour – and may even become more difficult. Crises are frightening, but the long

haul can be harder. It'll probably last a lot longer, too. You may require additional strategies to help you care for him on a daily basis.

- Talk it through:** Try addressing the situation directly as soon as problems arise. Say something like, "I know we've had problems getting along, but I'd like to do it differently from now on. Can we talk about how to do that?" Try to listen to what he has to say without getting defensive.

- Set boundaries:** It's important for anyone in a care-giving position to set and maintain solid boundaries, but this is especially true if you have a difficult relationship. If you're clear about how much you're able and willing to do and stick to that, you'll be less susceptible to guilt trips and manipulative behaviour.

- Take care of yourself:** Last, but not the least, if you're spending a great deal of time with the person you're caring for, make sure that you're doing things to replenish yourself – body and soul. This will help you stay balanced and less reactive. Maintain a regular exercise regime to blow off steam, and arrange for regular weekends off and vacation time, if you can. Some people find that being in Nature or meditating helps them maintain their perspective.

## Steamed lentil pockets (*Dal pitha*)

## Method:

Wash and soak the lentils for four hours. Drain the excess water from the soaked lentils and grind along with the green chillies, garlic, ginger and salt to a coarse paste.

Heat a tablespoon of oil in a deep wok over a low flame. Add the curd seeds and the ground lentil paste.

Cook, stirring, until the lentils are cooked and the water has evaporated. Keep aside to cool.

In a deep pot, bring the water to a boil. Add the salt and the remaining oil.

Place the rice flour in a mixing bowl and add the boiling water gradually.

Mix well, using a spoon, and then cover with a tight lid and keep aside cool enough to handle.

Grease hands and knead into a smooth and pliable dough.

Add more boiling water, if required, to form the dough.

Cover and set the dough aside for 20 minutes. Divide the dough into small balls and then roll each ball into thin discs.

Place the disc in a mould and place a spoonful of the lentil filling in the centre of each disc.

Bring the ends together and squeeze gently to shape.

Place in a steamer and steam for 15 minutes or until done. Remove and serve while hot with chutney.

- Ingredients:**
- Rice flour (*pithaguri*) ..... 1 cup
  - Water ..... 1 cup or as needed
  - Vegetable oil ..... 2 tbsp
  - Bengali gram (*channa dal*) ..... ¾ cup
  - Green chillies, chopped ..... 1-2
  - Ginger, peeled ..... 1 inch
  - Garlic ..... 2 pods
  - Cumin seeds ..... ½ tsp
  - Salt ..... to taste

## CULINARY CORNER

### SHARMIN PASHA

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## Prawns wrapped in noodles

- Ingredients:**
- Prawns (large) ..... 250 gms
  - Soy sauce ..... 1 tsp
  - Lemon juice ..... ½ tsp
  - Garlic, chopped, mashed ..... ½ tsp
  - Salt ..... a pinch
  - Pepper ..... a pinch
  - Potatoes (large) ..... 2
  - Corn flour ..... 2tbsp
  - Egg white beaten ..... 1
  - Oil ..... for frying

**Method:**

Devein and peel the prawns, keeping the tails on. Marinate the prawns in lemon juice, salt, pepper, soy sauce and garlic.

Make thin potato noodles, using a shredder, and place the potato noodles in cold water. Remove the prawns from the marinade and pat dry, using a paper towel.

Dust the prawns with corn flour and then dip in egg white.

Wrap the potato noodles around each prawn and secure with a toothpick.

Heat oil in a deep pan and deep-fry the prawns, a few at a time, until golden and crunchy.

Drain on kitchen paper and serve hot with ketchup or mayo.

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## FICTION

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Asha was bitten by the curiosity bug again. But her aunt had asked her to milk the cow as she would reach home late today. "This will not take much time," Asha told herself. She finished the task in no time and took off towards the village headman's house to satisfy her curiosity. There, she saw them. Their cheeks were definitely red like apples, skin colour as white as milk and hair golden. Just as her friend Manju had described. Asha could not believe when she heard that the White couple had travelled to India from England on their bicycles! Their motive was to spread the message about the importance of education in these remote areas. A lot of people had already gathered outside the house, although they could hardly decipher the conversation between Bhadra Borta, the headman, and the two foreigners. Borta was the headmaster of the village school and a self-made, learned man. Asha had to strain her ears to hear that they would stay here for a few days and teach the underprivileged children.

Yes, Asha knew how to read and write in English and was highly intelligent, but fate had other plans for her. The cruel floods had devoured their house and her parents succumbed to an unknown illness. This was too much to bear for an eleven-year-old. But her aunt, Poona Khuri took the responsibility of giving shelter to a homeless girl and brought Asha to her village. Khuri was already weighed down by the burden of having to raise her three children. She, somehow, managed two meals a day by doing daily chores for a family in town. Meanwhile, Asha looked after the house and the children during the day. Tears would well up in her eyes whenever she remembered her parents' words, "Remember, Asha, you have to stand on your feet, one day. So, study properly. We are toiling hard only for your good future." Sigh! All that she now



## A new dawn

had were a few books that she could save from the floods.

The foreigner couple was now distributing chocolates to the children and Asha managed to get one. She looked at the beautiful wrapper and read out loud, "Swiss chocolate." "Yes, Switzerland is best known for chocolates. I am sure you will like the taste," said the lady. Asha looked up at her and there was an instant liking for her. She came to know that her name was Karen and the man was her husband Alex. With a promise that she would show up at their class the following day, Asha leapt to her feet, remembering that she had left the children alone at home. Thank God, the younger ones were still sleeping! Relieved, she waited for Khuri to come home and started brooding over her slim chances of getting a day off from home the next day.

Poona Khuri was a kind-hearted woman. She knew how much Asha craved for school, but their condition had made it a far-fetched dream. "You can go tomorrow and the rest of the days as well. I will take the children with me to work," she said to Asha. The girl could hardly believe her ears and thanked her with a tight embrace. Asha was the first one to arrive that

morning and saw that they had put up the screen used for showing movies every month at Borta's house. She also saw a machine resembling a small suitcase and learned that it was called a laptop. Karen explained to her everything that she was doing. Apart from teaching, they would also show them motion pictures of great achievers who rose from rags to riches. As expected, Asha demonstrated intelligence at the sessions and her quick learning ability impressed the couple. Gradually, she opened up to Karen and they talked for hours, learning about each other's lives.

One day, Asha took them to her favourite place up the hill. The view from the top took their breath away as they drank in the all-pervading beauty of the mighty Brahmaputra. They sat silently without saying a word and Karen found Asha dozing off on her lap. It was in that moment that Karen experienced a divine bliss and caressed the child's dishevelled hair. Some distance away, Alex smiled as he saw the scene unfold and felt a deluge of emotions surge inside him, too.

"Do you think it is possible?" Karen asked Alex. "Well, we will have to try to know. Let us pay a visit tomorrow morning." Asha was puzzled to find

them at her house, accompanied by Bhadra Borta. "We want to adopt Asha as our daughter. She has taken a special place in our hearts, which we cannot explain." Khuri did not know how to react to the words spoken by Karen and could hardly say anything. After they had left, Asha dashed out of the house, ran and ran till she reached the hilltop and wept till she felt a warm hand on her shoulder. "Why do you want to take me so far away from home? I have to be with Khuri, she saved my life." Karen spoke, "I will tell you why." Asha sat perplexed as Karen folded her track pant up to her knee and what she saw shook her to the core. It was a prosthetic leg! Karen gave a comforting hug to the shaken child and told the story. The couple had lost their daughter - Myra, three years ago in a road accident, in which Karen survived but her right leg had to be amputated. She had almost given up the will to live but it was Alex's love and affection which boosted her to give a fight. "I had promised myself that I would live a full life again for the sake of Myra. She was just like you, Asha, full of spirit and intelligent. From then on, I kept challenging myself and took every opportunity that came my way. We want to give you a good life, Asha, so that some day you can give back to your society and live a fulfilling life. The rest depends on you, of course."

Asha was surprised to find Khuri still at home. "You did not go to work today?" asked Asha. "Well, I have to start the habit of doing things by myself, just like I did before you came into this house," said Khuri and smiled, "I am very happy today, Asha, and so will your parents be. This is the chance to nurture your dream. Take the step."

That night, Asha could not sleep. So much had happened in a few days. She looked up at the stars and heard her parents talking to her, "You will never be alone, because we will keep on sending angels for you. Keep the faith." The birds started chirping and it was the advent of a new dawn - of hope, love and dreams.

## MIND MIRROR

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**I**f late, my 17-year-old son has had severe anger outbursts and he also expresses suicidal tendencies. He blames us [parents] for it. We have a busy schedule and can't spend much time with him. He has gradually isolated himself. Kindly suggest what needs to be done.

- Divya

**A**nswer: Anger outbursts, feelings of suicide and keeping to oneself are subtle signs of depression. It should not be taken lightly and his suicidal behaviour should not be ignored. Your son has been trying to take this extreme step out of sheer frustration or emotional turmoil. Try to speak to him, try to find some time out of your busy schedule to spend with him. Allow him to ventilate his feelings, his frustration or negative emotions. Try to resolve your issues in a mutual way. Give him a supporting shoulder and let him know that you always care for him, even



## On the brink

though you are busy.

Find out whether he is having any difficulty in studies, in school, or with his friends, teachers, or is

there any other issue that might be bothering him. Generally, at this age, many children and adolescents undergo pressure due to

studies and heightened expectations from parents and the inability to meet their expectations. Moreover, some might experience difficulty in adjusting to various issues, leading to stress and feelings of helplessness. Sometimes, even relationship issues crop up, leaving the child utterly miserable.

Find out whether your son is on drugs or any other substance. Look out for certain physical signs like loss of weight, redness in eyes, sweating, flushing of skin, punch marks on his forearm, etc. Overall, there will be a change in his personality. One important thing is to find out his peer group with whom he interacts, his social media contacts, etc. Things like having food together, talking about how the day went, going for a walk, going to a movie or having dinner outside helps a lot. Listening and talking helps a lot. It is the first step one can take at home to remove any stress. If you still feel that he remains low, his anger or irritation has increased, kindly visit a mental health professional for better evaluation and management.

On the occasion of the World Suicide Prevention Day today.

## MY SPACE

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**O**nce upon a time, when I used to work in Bhubaneswar Airport under a reputed, but now defunct airlines company, there was a small book stall situated inside the airport premises. The owner of that stall was an old man who always used to wear a white kurta and pyjama, and a long, red vermilion tilak used to constantly adorn his forehead.

In those days, finding time from busy flight schedules, my old friend and I used to talk about a range of topics, which usually would be considered melancholy and boring to an onlooker. Most of my friends who accompanied me to his stall would leave mid-way because our topics seemed uninteresting to them.

During one of these conversations, the holy topic of God, the Almighty, arose, which naturally gripped my attention, as at that specific period of my life I was not fully acquainted with the intricacies of godliness and what

## In search of God



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However, a little conversation I had had with the old man, one day, changed my perception of God and it opened a new dimension in my life. Although I do not remember how the subject arose, but most certainly, it started from the controversial topic of religious wars, past and present. These very wars have been going on since times immemorial

and have resulted in the destruction and annihilation of valuable property and at the cost of invaluable human lives. The main cause behind these scenes is to be a twisted belief system, which is further amplified by the fanatic followers of that belief system. By whatever name that belief system may be called, the basic tenet always remains the same, which is violence. However, if anyone delves deeper into all the belief systems prevalent today, there is no system that has ever preached the concept of violence and destruction. Gautam Buddha never taught bloodshed to his pupils, Prophet Muhammad never preached terrorism to his followers, Jesus Christ never asked His believers to resort to brutality, Guru Nanak never encouraged fighting, the Vedas and the Puranas never ordered hostilities amongst humans.

Moreover, on clear analysis, it is revealed that it is not the prophets or preachers or saints who resort to impetuous means. It is their reckless fol-

lowers who misinterpret and manipulate the holy message given by these saints and spread discord for their own gains.

Thus, it was at this crucial juncture that my old comrade gave me the guidance of a lifetime. And now I ponder, if this simple idea enters the tiny, wretched heads of these religious狂, our home will become a better place to live in.

Accordingly, as he proposed, there is but one infinite, omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God and all religious faiths and belief systems are different ways to reach the same Almighty. Even all religious texts and books correspond and agree with this singular idea. And not only religion, even Science has confirmed the existence of a single quantum field from where all particles emanate and disappear. Be it Allah of the Islamic thought stream, or God - the Lord of Christian Faith, or Yahweh of the Jews, or the Akashic field of the Hindus, the essence of the Almighty is the same in all.

The said concept was excellently presented to me by my old friend. And the same is etched forever in

my memory. He said, "Just imagine that you want to go to a place, say Delhi, and you have to travel by air. Now, it does not matter which flight you take, because the destination is the same. It may be any of the several airlines flying to Delhi. You may choose to travel by Indigo, SpiceJet, Jet Airways, or any of the airline companies. However, the goal remains the same. Therefore, my child, our destination is God, our desire to travel by any means is our spiritual craving to reach the Supreme Soul and the different airlines signify the different faiths and religions we choose or are born into, to reach our final destination."

This same concept was put forward hundreds of years ago by the Great Assamese saint and reformer Srimanta Sankaradeva and defined magnanimously by Azam Pir in his Zikr and Zarfa as - Hindu Ki Musalman, sob Eke Allahor Farman, which is loosely translated as "whether Hindu or Muslim, we are all the message of the same God."

To conclude, there is no better line than the one preached by our revered saint Shirdi Sai Baba - Sabka Malik Ek.

## People Speak

Today's topic

**“ Why do so few candidates from Assam clear the Civil Services? ”**

F or the youth of the North-East, the first career choice is music, F drama, TV or cinema and for girls, it's fashion designing and modelling. Parents want them to be doctors and engineers - Civil Services or Defence come later. Secure your future first and then venture into risky areas, is the current mood and thought. So Civil Service as a first career option never happens. It's a postgraduate's concern.

In the other states, preparing for the Civil Service begins in the first year in college, which gives them a head start of five years. Every first divisioner thinks of taking the Civil Services exam after graduation, whatever his graduation course of study, including medicine or engineering. A whole examination-like atmosphere prevails around them from day one, even in *addas*. Besides that, every qualifier takes a year off in his life to put in, say, 16 hours a day in preparation for the exams, in single-minded devotion. The whole approach is that the time given to preparation is an investment for a rosy future and not just about cracking an exam.

- Swapnil Barua,  
Former bureaucrat.



T he main reason due to which most students of Assam are unable to crack the Civil Services is lack of proper guidance. It's known to all that the syllabus of these exams is just too vast and for some, it's hard to cope up with it without proper tutorials. In Assam, we don't have too many coaching centres and the ones which do exist, allot only a few seats. So the remaining students have to prepare on their own and ultimately, they don't even get the minimum guidance. Again, some of the meritorious students cannot afford the fees of the coaching centres. Further, there is very little study material at the disposal of students, so they don't know how to prepare. Hence, if we really work on all these factors, then definitely more successful candidates will emerge from here.

- Areen Ahmed,  
Nagpur.

I n comparison to states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, Assam produces a paltry number of candidates who qualify in the UPSC-conducted Civil Services examination. The prime reason is by no means the dearth of quality, but rather the deficiency of an environment conducive to cracking the CSE. Lack of strong motivation, rigorously-planned study, standard study materials and quality coaching centres are the key factors behind the scanty number of CSE-qualified candidates from our State.

- Mrinal Bhowmik,  
Barpeta Town.



P eople from Assam have the potential to move the world. All that our young minds need is proper guidance and facilitation.

The Civil Services examination is conducted by the UPSC annually to select candidates for the elite Indian Administrative Services (IAS), the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), and the Indian Police Service (IPS), among others. Our students know very little about these streams. Apart from lack of orientation, the training process also leaves much to be desired. The reason why we have only a few making it to the Civil Services from this region is because of a false perception among students that this exam is tough and difficult to crack.

There is certainly a need for good study material and teaching resources, but more importantly, there is a need for good mentors to guide and groom the students.

- Jyoti P. Kanoi,  
Dibrugarh.

I would put it on lack of motivation. Assam has an adequate number of youths equipped with academic talent, grit and passion required to ace any competitive exam. But then again, an entry into the Civil Services isn't the golden ticket that it once was. Every unreasonable transfer, officer suicide/death or resignation under the bureaucratic nose motivates an aspirant who wants to serve the country and not the system. It's sensible enough for the students to happily and productively serve other vocations that stir their true passions.

- Kashvi Shah,  
Tezpur.



# A vanishing landscape

**A** common lament of any visitor coming into Bengaluru – especially if he or she has known the city before the turn of the millennium – is how unrecognisable the cityscape has changed. In those older days, the city still possessed some residue of its old character, one that gave it a distinct flavour. Bangalore was unique in the sense that while it was clearly a city with all the amenities that a city offered – jobs, schools, hospitals, good shopping, cinemas, plays – it still retained the warmth and intimacy of a small town. Many of the neighbourhoods were still low-rise, populated with charming old houses, some with the distinctive sloping red-tiled roofs and all with their own patch of green garden. Sleepy lanes shaded by flowering trees were traversed by the occasional car or two-wheeler and many people still walked to their corner shops to buy their daily necessities. There were apartment buildings scattered across these leafy localities but they were only a few, nothing like the rash of concrete blocks that have erupted across the city today. Of course, in the business and commercial areas, glass and steel and concrete megaliths had been raised but that was only to be expected and one hoped that any further construction would be planned thoughtfully so as to enhance, not take away, from the city's look. Unfortunately, in the intervening decades, unplanned construction has laid waste to the city and its way of life and residents and visitors alike mourn the demise of a once charming town.

While I mourn this city of my youth – I had come here years ago as a young woman – I feel keenly the loss of other landscapes, especially ones of childhood. Growing up, one of my particular pleasures was walking from my paternal grandfather's house in one corner of Uzan Bazaar to my maternal grandmother's home in another corner of the same neighbourhood. The path I took led me from Barowari Nanghar across Jor Pukhuri to the corner of Latast Field. The twin ponds of Jor Pukhuri, their calm still surfaces fringed by trees were undoubtedly lovely as was the sight of the dome of Ugratara Temple rising above the tree line. But what made that walk truly special were the houses that lined this winding way. Most of them were Assam-type houses, a couple of graceful art-deco style concrete houses in their midst, and they were effortlessly beautiful. Not that they were particularly lavish in scale, in fact, barring one or two exceptions most were modest

homes set in small but neat gardens but what made them so attractive was the architectural style itself.

Assam-type houses with their pitched roofs supported by light half-timbered *ikora* and plaster walls possess a grace that is unique. Usually an open verandah runs along the façade and this space seamlessly blends outdoor and indoor living, providing a space for the family to congregate.

## IN BLACK AND WHITE

Jahnavi Barua



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gate in. A similar verandah is found at the rear of the house where it often leads onto a courtyard that is used as a workspace. This informal verandah is the heart of the house and various, if not all, members of the family can be found lounging in it throughout the day. Another feature common to these houses is the enclosing garden – big, small or tiny depending on land availability – a flower garden in front and one at the back, where vegetables and fruit are grown.

These houses fitted into the landscape of this part of the world so organically that they seemed an extension of it. Their uniformity of construction led to a cohesiveness in the cityscape that was beautiful in its symmetry, but at the same time, it did not mean that the houses were altogether the same. Each house managed somehow to be original within the latitudes of the architectural type. Some were built in an L-shape while others in a C and still others in a T-shape. Woodwork was another area where each owner exhibited his or her artistry. The horizontal eaves were carved in different designs, much like many patterned lac and the wooden railings of the verandas too were put together in diverse patterns. But what delighted most were the variations in colour schemes the owners chose to paint their houses in. There were a few popular combinations that did the rounds. The roofs, for instance, were painted green, red, blue, and rarely, black. The woodwork was either white or black and some-

times a dark brown. In some houses, the wooden posts and trusses were not painted at all but oiled to a dark charcoal-like colour. The popular colours for walls were white, cream, pale yellows – sometimes an adventurous owner would use a brighter yellow – pale greens, blues and pink. The results were delicious! Delicious because the combinations of pale pink, blue and green walls and creamy white woodwork resulted in the houses resembling iced cakes. My cousins and I had our personal favourites: while I adored pale pink walls with white woodwork, others loved pale greens and blue with white. When we grew up we resolved to build houses just like these, charming, airy and painted in our favourite colours.

Today, I no longer walk along my childhood path, I drive through it instead and what I see is disheartening. Only a handful of Assam-type houses remain. Most have been replaced by larger concrete homes and several larger properties have sprouted towering apartment blocks. I understand the pressures of numbers; the population has multiplied many fold and homes have to be carved out for many more than before. Yet, I wonder, could there be a solution somewhere that accommodates the needs of the people and preserves our unique architectural heritage at the same time?

A few years ago, I had visited Bhutan with my family and a group of friends. As we drove into Thimpu and crossed through the centre of town towards our hotel, I felt strangely disoriented. The last time I had been in Thimpu was thirty-five years ago, and three-and-a-half decades later while the city had obviously grown, it still managed to look the same. When I looked closely at the new high-rise buildings, I realised that they were decorated with architectural features that closely, if not exactly, resembled the traditional buildings. Doors and windows were carved in the old style, roofs were pitched as they were on old buildings and the colours used to decorate were the same. A simple, some may say simplistic, solution to a modern problem, but maybe somewhere this can inspire us to explore how we can retain the flavour of our cities. While it is perfectly okay to enjoy a McDonald's burger on the odd occasion, there is nothing like a fresh bowl of *tengna* on a summer's day or that crisp, browned to perfection dosa after a morning walk in Lalbagh!

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## FORECAST

SEPTEMBER 11 – 17, 2017

### ARIES

(MARCH 21–APRIL 19)

Travel, travels, export and import, relocation, emigration and big ideas are all triggered in your horoscope this week. This is an extremely important phase when it comes to money matters.

### TAURUS

(APRIL 20–MAY 20)

Money, business or property come first. The Goddess of wisdom may turn up as a brilliant accountant or businesswoman in your life now. Be prepared.

### GEMINI

(MAY 21–JUN 21)

A large sum of money needs to be grounded in the real world, Gemini. This may be a debt that you need to call in, or a grant you need to apply for. This substantial amount could finance property or ambition – or maybe both.

### CANCER

(JUN 22–JUL 22)

Everyone has an idea, an opinion, a project, a plan. You may want to pull things together now to avoid disharmony.

### LEO

(JUL 23–AUG 22)

It's all about where you come from or where you belong. Wisdom comes from the selective filtering of all the ideas and opinions. Of course, it could affect your view of what home means and what you are going to do about it.

### VIRGO

(AUG 23–SEP 22)

A potential conflict can be avoided if you are clever. We have Mars, the planet of battles, entering your zodiac sign. Of course, Mars is also very good at strategy and action plans.

### LIBRA

(SEP 23–OCT 22)

What you want from an apartment, house, holiday home, property, investment wealth is within reach. It does not have to exist solely in your imagination. It does not have to be in the realm of wishful thinking.

### SCORPIO

(OCT 23–NOV 21)

If you are involved with a Libra person, you have two major choices to make about personal property or wealth. You are slowly coming to the end of the most demanding, heavy financial cycle.

### SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 22–DEC 21)

This period is all about your immediate and extended family. It includes family tree leaves and branches which have fallen, going back two or more generations. Go on.

### CAPRICORN

(DEC 22–JAN 19)

The question is, how do you tackle a group of people? Wisdom prevails. This is a club, team, ensemble cast, social media circle or similar.

### AQUARIUS

(JAN 20–FEB 18)

With Virgo and Cancer weather this week, in areas of your horoscope which rule property, lifestyle and security – you will turn an important corner.

### PISCES

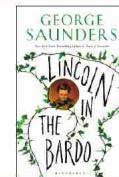
(FEB 19–MARCH 19)

This week proves you have made it to the top of the mountain. The euphoria kicks in and you can let your guard down.

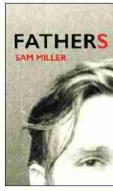
## PAGE TURNER

Bringing you books the chatterati are talking about.

### Lincoln in the Bardo

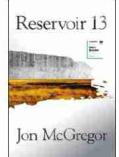


*Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders is a much-anticipated long-form debut from the American short story master. It is based on the death of Abraham Lincoln's young son. It is a novel written in voices and is set in a supernatural realm.

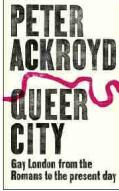


*Fathers* by Sam Miller is a memoir on his father, the great literary editor Karl. A good deal of light is thrown on the father-son relationship. A family secret reveals his father in a new light.

### Reservoir 13



*Reservoir 13* by Jon McGregor is a thriller that is edge of the seat in the real sense. A teenager goes missing in rural England. It is an exploration of human violence and the rhythms of the natural world.



*Queer City* by Peter Ackroyd is an unusual book. The prolific chronicler of London's history charts gay life in the city from the Roman times and finds periods of acceptance as well as hostility.

## 5 THINGS/ Beyond headlines

### "A clear, flowing narration is pleasing to the ears."

TV news anchor NABAJIT BARTHAKUR, describes the challenges of his job.

#### 1 Viewers want more

In Assam, there are five satellite news channels and cable TV also broadcasts news. Competition, therefore, is fierce. Nobody knows and understands what is being done by others behind the cameras. The onus is on the news anchor to interest and attract the viewers, because the next channel is just a click away.

#### 2 Knowledge is power

It is not possible to know everything, but a news anchor must have a good grip over general knowledge. This is especially important when one has to improvise at the spur of the moment and it is very easy for the viewer to detect ignorance. One has to keep oneself updated at all times.

#### 3 Mind your language

It is indispensable for a news anchor to have a good command over language, proper diction and pronunciation. The use of words and phrases should be judicious. A clear, flowing narration is not only pleasing to the ears, but also sets an example for the young to follow.

#### 4 Being personable is an asset

A news anchor must have a pleasing personality. He must have a people-friendly demeanour. That is why screen tests are conducted for prospective news journalists. Body language is vital in putting the message across.



#### 5 Being tech-savvy is the mantra

It is important to constantly update oneself on technological developments so that one can deliver news in the shortest time and in the most effective ways possible.

(As told to Indrani Raimedi)

## SCREENSHOTS

Souvik Ghosh

Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn was recently seen promoting his new film *Baadshaho* in different parts of the country. In conversation, with the actor,

#### ■ How complex is the character Bhavani played by you?

In this film, you will not be able to easily understand Bhavani or the other characters, as to which side they are on. There are multiple layers in the characters, which are positive and negative. The audience will have to keep guessing, but things may contrast against the guesses every time.

#### ■ You have been in the film industry for a long time. What are the parameters on the basis of which you select films now, as

compared to your early days in Bollywood?

See, the thoughts always remain the same, that I should select films which I haven't done earlier. The script should touch my soul and I must like it so that there is satisfaction while working, and most importantly, the audience must like it. But the thought process changes with time because the audience's thoughts have altered over the years.

#### ■ Are the audiences accepting different types of content now?

Yes, of course, and it is a good thing. But a film with good content needs to be commercialised.

A film should be based on a good content within the framework of commercialisation. There should be entertainment, but entertainment doesn't always mean comedy, it is how the film captures the attention of the audience for hours. The most important base of a film is always the story.

■ Is it a multi-starrer, so did you feel any kind of pressure while working in the film?

No, there was no pressure. In fact, when you have more stars in the film, we can exchange views, give and take suggestions, which, in a way, reduces the pressure.

■ You have acted in multi-genre films like *Raincoat*, *Singham*, *Action Jackson* and others. Do you like to work this way?

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- IBNS-TWF

## Juggling genres

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#### ■ Your on-screen chemistry with Ileana (co-actor Ileana D'Cruz) in *Baadshaho* has been the topic of discussion. How do you feel about it?

Yes, a lot of people are talking about it, but I can't figure out why. But it's a good thing if people are talking about our chemistry. It is our job to make the chemistry work well in films. So, if we have achieved that in the film, then it is good.

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"I hate going to sleep. I still see my dreams on a low-def. small screen!"

"The new sets are called Smart TVs... but the programmes are still stupid."

"I can't decide if it's cooler to watch TV on a 60-inch screen or a three-inch phone?"

"I can stream 15,000 movies over the internet – and there's still nothing good on TV!"

"Our new TV is 60 inches, but our neighbour's TV is 61 inches! How can you sleep?"