

NEWS CAPSULE

Railway in NE

NEW DELHI, April 26: All state capitals of the Northeast will come on the railway map of the country by 2020. This was decided at an infrastructure review meeting convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday evening. It was also decided that the region's rail network would be converted into broad gauge. - Sp! Correspondent

PM programme
NEW DELHI, April 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi while taking part in the first anniversary of the Sarbananda Sonowal Government in Assam on May 24 will inaugurate the Dholna-Sadiya bridge at a function at Sadiya, besides laying the foundation stones of the AIIMS at Changsari and the Indian Institute of Agricultural Research at Gogamukhi. - Sp! Correspondent

Karbi bandh call
DIPHU, April 26: Several Karbi organisations have called for a 59-hour Karbi Anglong bandh starting from midnight today demanding separation of a separate electoral roll for the autonomous council polls. - Correspondent

Agri income
NEW DELHI, April 26: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today said the government does not plan to increase tax on agricultural income, dismissing the suggestion of NITI Aayog member Bibek Debroy. - PTI

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No dilution of Assam Accord, says Rajnath

KALYAN BAROOAH

NEW DELHI, April 26: Twelve years after the last review meeting and 31 years after the signing of the Assam Accord, the tripartite between the Central Government, Assam Government and All Assam Students Union (AASU) today agreed to implement various clauses within a specific time-frame without diluting the spirit of the Accord.

As part of its fresh initiative, the Centre after a long gap has started the exercise of engaging with various agitating groups. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today chaired two separate rounds of talks with the AASU and All Bodoland Students Union (ABSU). Also present at the meetings were Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda

Sonowal, his Cabinet colleague Chandra Mohan Patowary and Union Home Secretary Rajeef Mehrishi, besides top officials of the Central and Assam governments.

The AASU was represented by its adviser Samujjal Bhattacharya, president Dippanka Nath, general secretary Luriniyoti Gogoi and educationist Basanta Deka. The AASU leaders said they were satisfied with the outcome of the talks where 90 issues involving the Assam Accord were raised, demanding its implementation within a specific time-frame. The next round of talks will be held after two months to take stock of the progress.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh assured the AASU representatives that the (See page 4)



ABSU reiterates Bodoland demand

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, April 26: The All Bodoland Students Union (ABSU) on Wednesday pressing for the creation of a separate State told the Centre that all problems of Bodos would be resolved with the creation of Bodoland.

At a tripartite meeting chaired by Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh and attended by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and State Minister, Chandra Mohan

Talks with Centre

in details the long pending issues raised by ABSU for a lasting solution.

Meanwhile, talking to the representatives of ABSU, Union Home Minister Rajnath (See page 4)

BJP sweeps Delhi civic polls

NEW DELHI, April 26: The BJP today scored a hat-trick in the Delhi civic polls as it comfortably retained control of the three municipal corporations, dealing a severe blow to the AAP and dashing the Congress' hope of a revival.

Winning 181 out of 270 wards where elections were held, the saffron party added muscle to its decade-long domination of the corporations effortlessly bucking anti-incumbency by riding on the popularity of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. The BJP's corporation-wise tally is: SDMC-70, NDMC-64 and EDMC-47 as against AAP's tally of 16, 21 and 11 respectively. Congress finished last with 12, 15 and 3 wards.

The BJP had won 138 wards in the last election.

Modi expressed his gratitude to the people of Delhi for reposing faith in the BJP and ensuring its resounding victory in the polls.

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Declare doubtful citizens stateless, demands APW

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 26: Voluntary organisation Assam Public Works (APW) today demanded that about 80 lakh people of doubtful origin should be declared stateless as the petitions for inclusion of their names in the National Register of Citizens (NRC) have been rendered redundant after the Gauhati High Court and the Supreme Court declared panchayat certificates and ration cards as invalid in this respect.

It also demanded that their names should be deleted from the electoral rolls and they should be issued job cards.

APW president Abhijeet Sarma in a statement here said that the orders, issued respectively by the Gauhati High Court on February 28, 2017 and the Supreme Court of India on April 20, 2017, have made non-inclusion of names of about 80 lakh people of doubtful origin in the NRC a reality. He hailed the Gauhati High Court, the Supreme Court and the governments at the Centre and in the State for this development.

Sarma said had the above documents been treated as valid ones, the names of only five lakh applicants would not

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PM to launch low-cost regional air connectivity scheme today

NEW DELHI, April 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch tomorrow a regional air connectivity scheme under which the fares of flights will be capped at Rs 2500 per seat per hour.

Modi will flag off a flight from Shimla to Delhi to launch the "UDAN" (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme which is aimed at bringing regional connectivity. Similarly, flights will be launched on Kadapa — Hyderabad and Nanded-Hyderabad sectors.

"UDAN" is a first-of-its-kind scheme globally to stimulate regional connectivity through a market-based mechanism, the PMO said in a tweet.

"To make air travel accessible to citizens in regionally important areas, the 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik' RCS (regional connectivity scheme) was launched in Oc-

tober, 2016," it added. The UDAN Scheme is a key component of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) which was released on June 15, 2016.

"A flight for a one-hour journey of approximately 500 km on a fixed wing aircraft or for 30 minute journey on a helicopter would be capped at Rs 2,500," the PMO said.

"This with proportionate pricing of routes of different stage lengths and flight duration," it said. According to an official statement, 24 airports in the western region, 17 in northern region, 11 in southern region, 12 in east and 6 in north-eastern parts of the country are proposed to be connected under this scheme.

Under this programme, the government intends to connect 45 un-served and under-served airports. Five airlines were awarded 128 routes un-

der the scheme last month after a bidding process.

The selected airline operator would have to provide 50 per cent of the flight capacity with a cap of Rs 2500 per hour on fixed wing aircraft and a maximum of 5 or a maximum of 13 on helicopters with no capacity cap.

Under "UDAN", the operators would be extended viability gap funding. The amount is estimated to be around Rs 205 crore per annum for the operators chosen in the first round of bidding. State governments will provide a certain share of VGF. 19 States and 3 Union Territories have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose.

While in Shimla, the Prime Minister also addressed a rally at the historic Ridge Maidan. This was his first visit to Shimla after becoming the Prime Minister. — PTI

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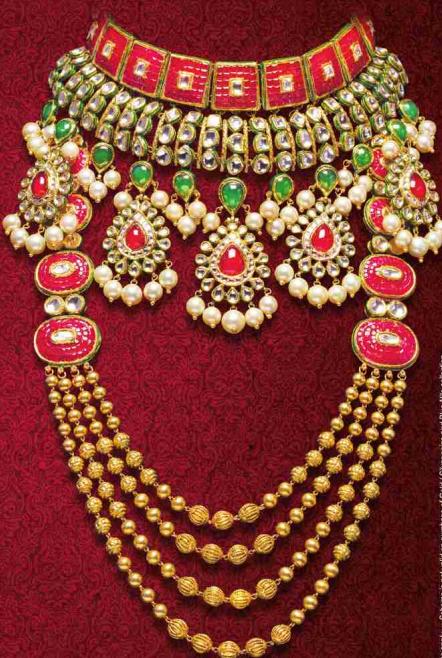
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INTERNATIONAL

India supports 'expanded role' of Russia in global affairs

MOSCOW, April 26: Defence Minister Arun Jaitley on Wednesday said India supports a greater role by Russia in global affairs as well as "our shared neighbourhood" in view of growing terrorism which "remains the primary concern for peaceful countries".

Jaitley also expressed con-

cern over growing maritime territorial disputes and the tensions arising in the Korean peninsula.

"As a long-standing friend and strategic partner, India supports an expanded role by Russia in global affairs, especially in our shared neighbourhood," Jaitley said speaking on 'Global Security'

ty; Challenges of the 21st Century' at the 6th Moscow Conference on International Security.

"The scourge of terrorism

remains the primary security challenge for all peaceful coun-

tries," he said, recalling the bomb blast on a St Petersburg Metro train on April 3 this year,

and conveyed India's strong sol-

darity with Russia.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

— WINSTON CHURCHILL

The Assam Tribune**Landmark judgement**

That the political dispensations, the very moment they attain power, undertake sweeping 'reshuffle' in the bureaucracy and law-and-order forces has become a universal phenomenon of Indian democracy. This is ostensibly to ensure that bureaucrats 'loyal' to the earlier dispensation are removed and those having 'allegiance' to the new are put in place. An equally insidious phenomenon is the tendency of those in power to forcibly remove officers who do not obey their 'master's voice'. Only the other day, the Union Home Minister had exhorted the civil servants not to become yes-men to politicians and to resist wrong orders if these violated rules. However, civil servants in general, especially those belonging to the law-and-order forces, would be apt to take the Home Minister's exhortation with a pinch of salt, given the fact that politicians more often than not use punitive methods such as suspension for 'disobedience', or 'punishment posting' to ensure that civil servants under them toe the line. A refusal to obey illegal orders issued by ministers had led to the undoing of many honest officers in the past, for in the existing scheme of things it would be a foolhardy civil servant who would dare to rub politicians the wrong way. This is precisely why TP Senkumar, an Indian Police Service officer from Kerala, deserves plaudits for extracting a landmark judgement from the Supreme Court of India.

It may be recalled that the Pinarvi Vijayan-led LDF Government in Kerala had dismissed Senkumar from the post of Director General of Police, citing 'totally unsatisfactory' handling of cases such as the Puttingal fireworks disaster and the rape and murder of a Dalit law student at Perumbavoor. Not willing to take his dismissal lying down, the DGP first approached the Central Administrative Tribunal which ruled against him, and then took his plea to the Supreme Court. In a momentous judgement, the first of its kind in independent India, the Apex Court has ruled that officers cannot be made "scapegoats" by politicians, and that Senkumar had been "unfairly treated" by the LDF Government, and must be reinstated. The learned judges agreed with the DGP's lawyers that if the police officer was responsible and required to be removed, equally culpable was the Chief Minister who was also the Home Minister, and he too should resign. The court also cited an earlier order which had directed that a DGP should have a fixed tenure of two years and should not be subject to the whims of politicians. A section of political pundits might argue that in ordering reinstatement of the DGP, the Judiciary was infringing on the territory of the Legislature. Yet, considering the reality that for too long honest officers had been put to the sword by egoistic politicians, such a judgement was required to empower a demoralized Executive.

City drainage

Work on a major drainage is under way in the city to ease its perennial problem of water-logging. The pace of execution, however, has slowed down considerably due to the ongoing spell of rains. We usually have a lean season from October to April, which gives ample time to expedite construction works but for reasons best known to the authorities, this suitable period is rarely utilized. This not just slows down project execution but affects quality control and causes cost escalation. The Government needs to take serious note of this practice and ensure that projects are undertaken during the lean season. There have also been reports of shoddy drainage work, and thankfully, a few dishonest and inefficient contractors have been pulled up and blacklisted. Since developmental works are funded with public money, the Government must be vigilant and against any quality compromise and ensure transparent and accountable implementation. Over the years the recurring phenomenon of flash floods and water-logging in the city typifies the lack of sincerity and utter short-sightedness of our government authorities entrusted with the maintenance of civic amenities. Crucial aspects such as scientific assessment of the phenomenon in its entirety and periodical maintenance of the existing drainage are invariably ignored, worsening the situation. A scientific assessment of the problem holds the key to finding a lasting solution, as Guwahati's peculiar location surrounded by hills on all sides and the fact that it receives rainfall in huge volumes from the Meghalaya hills on its south have a lot to do with the city's water-logging. Compared to the voluminous rainwater the city receives, its main storm-water channel, the Bharalu river, does not have enough water discharge capacity. Again, all the major wetlands of the city, i.e., Deepor, the two Sola beds and Silsako have shrunk considerably in the face of growing anthropogenic pressures, resulting in drastic reduction in their water retention capacity.

What we need is a complete overhaul of the existing city drainage. Given the inadequacy of the Bharalu to discharge the large volumes of rainwater during the monsoons, an alternative route is needed to divert excess rainwater directly to the Brahmaputra. Along with artificial drainage, emphasis has to be accorded on maintaining the health of the natural channels such as Bharalu and Bahini as well as all the city wetlands. These being invaluable assets provided by nature are critical to maintaining the city's ecology and easing civicills – not to mention their aesthetic appeal. This calls for their protection from human vandalism, especially encroachment and any other unwarranted activities. The absence of a scientific garbage disposal system ensures that a sizeable portion of the city's waste simply finds its way into the drains and aggravates flash floods and water-logging. Managing the city's health and hygiene, therefore, calls for an integrated approach.

Brahmaputra dredging: things to ponder**■ Pranab Chaliha**

A recent article, titled 'Brahmaputra dredging' by Umesh C Thibaldar (AT, April 9, 2017) and another article 'A word of caution' by Arup Kumar Dutta (AT, April 14, 2017) mentioned the adoption of precautionary measures based on scientific approach of implementation of projects on the river Brahmaputra to solve the century-old problem. The Brahmaputra is a unique river in alluvium soil having very thick layer of river sand and tiny rock particles. A complete sectional model study for behaviour of the underground flow is not yet investigated in any research model testing laboratory. Since long, projects are undertaken mainly on assumption which does not suit the geomorphological shape of the valley having three slopes. The main slope of the river is along the Brahmaputra which is very mild from Sadiya to estuary region against sharp slopes on both the banks carrying tributary river water in Assam and Bangladesh.

The methods used for control of the Brahmaputra, particularly for the arrest of riverbank erosion in the river, in the last century failed except the Dibrugarh protection work in 1951. Unfortunately, the treatment is neither mathematically analysed nor tested in sectional model testing in any laboratory later on. The research papers conducted at various universities are mainly related to discharge and rainfall along with recent climatic changes. In various river basins of North and North-east India, the Himalayan sources are not fully investigated. No substantial works are taken up

to trap the world's highest fresh-water potentiality and conversion into vast storage reservoirs for production of hydel electricity and regulated channels for irrigation. This assignment was perfectly done only in the Sutlej-Bias river of Indus (Sindh), the Govind Sagar reservoir and hydel project were presented to the nation on November 18, 1955. But in a period of 60 years no major projects in the Himalayan water resources are completed. Particularly, Assam has the highest potentiality of hydel power generation. Unfortunately, the entire State is in deficient condition of power supply despite having such vast resources.

In response to an assignment by the National Disaster Management Authority of India, a technical team of Water Resource of the IIT, Roorkee submitted their final report in May 2012. The report reveals that already huge areas of fertile land in several locations in both the banks have been eroded by the Brahmaputra since 1914. Further, such losses also occurred in the big tributaries in the entire Brahmaputra basin. These actions occurred due to the big earthquake of 1897. The Brahmaputra was somewhat stable in the years prior to the 1950 earthquake, but in the consequent years of this earthquake, the erosion and flood occurred annually and the loss is cumulative. The concept of dredging requires

perfect knowledge of the operation in the riverbed with thick layers of sand bed material. In an ocean, an island can be constructed with dumping of dredged material but in a running river with suddenly varying river water levels, the operation is very complicated. The eroded bank of the river can be reclaimed by deposition of dredging material collected from the bed with solid bank protection measures. The IIT Roorkee team suggested RCC Jack Jetty along the bank. This process is not easily implementable for construc-

tion alone cannot save the Huang Ho. The escape way is very thin and so minute that proper specialist methods are highly essential.

The Brahmaputra Board has a research laboratory campus at Amingaon in the nearest vicinity of IIT Guwahati. The laboratory and the IIT must cooperate leading to long-term responsibilities for educating technical persons in river technology aiming at the sustainable economic development in the scientific context of the Brahmaputra. Both the State and Central sectors should provide the fund for the costly model testing works, with complete section covering the sand layer in varying bed sections of the river including manpower and knowledge.

The Himalayan sources of river water is unique in the world. Among the rivers flowing from this area, only one Bhakra Nangal project was taken up in 1948 and has been serving the country since 1963. The canal works are completed recently. It covers Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan for improvement of irrigation for agricultural development. Another project for navigational purpose, the Farraka Barrage, was constructed to diversify the Ganga water to Hooghly touching the Kolkata city.

The Brahmaputra projects including reservoirs in the foothills of the Himalayas are very much delayed. The negative impact in Assam is predominating with the decrease of agricultural production and scarcity of cheap hydel power disallowing growth of the industrial sector. The present Government will definitely respond to such sensitive issues in right earnest.

Welcome BS-IV, BS-VI: towards a Green India**■ Prodip Kumar Kakoti**

Effective from April 1, 2017, Bharat Stage (BS)-II has replaced BS-III emission regulation standard in the entire country. This is a significant step towards reduction in environment pollution from vehicular emission. The first Indian emission regulation standard, BS-I, was set in 2000. BS-II was introduced in 2001 and implemented nationwide in April 2005. BS-III was introduced in the National Capital Region (NCR) and select 11 cities in April 2005 and implemented nationwide in April 2010. Subsequently BS-IV was introduced in April 2010 in NCR and 13 cities and is implemented nationwide from April 1, 2017. The next level of Indian emission standard is BS-VI with target date as April 1, 2020 for nationwide implementation. The leapfrogging from BS-IV to BS-VI norms, bypassing BS-V, has become necessary to tackle the severe air quality problem being faced by major cities. Unlike earlier stages, BS-VI is proposed to be implemented simultaneously across the country and will cover the two- and three-wheeler segments also.

With the implementation of BS-VI in April 2020, India will be able to align itself to the European emission regulations. Significant stress

is given on reduction of sulfur content in fuel, namely benzene, toluene and xyline decide its octane rating which is a measure of performance of fuel in an engine. In earlier days, lead served this purpose which was discontinued because it is highly toxic and harmful to human health. Aromatics have replaced lead in petrol but these are responsible for release of ultrafine particulate matter to air as exhaust emission which can be absorbed through skin and lungs by human beings resulting in pulmonary and brain diseases.

While the oil companies are hopeful of aligning themselves with the target set by the government for the BS norms, automakers also have a major role in implementing the BS emission norms within the target dates. The carmakers are supposed to start selling BS-IV compliant cars effective from April 1, 2017 as per the mandate given by the Supreme Court of India. Technologically also, the use of BS-IV compliant fuel in a vehicle not compliant to BS-IV norms is not expected to result in improving overall air quality significantly as the combustion products coming out from engine to atmosphere has to go through several processes to make the exhaust cleaner to comply with BS-IV emission norms. While the emission standards set under BS-IV for petrol passenger

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Similarly for diesel vehicles, BS-IV and BS-VI limit CO, HC+NO_x and NO_x and PM but BS-VI will cover PN additionally. While for heavy commercial vehicles, BS-IV and BS-VI limit CO, HC, NO_x and PM, BS-VI limits PN additionally. Likewise, BS-IV and BS-VI set limits on CO, HC, HC+NO_x and PM emission in case of two-wheeler petrol, three-wheeler petrol and three-wheeler diesel vehicles. Setting limits on emitted gasses and particles is extremely necessary in view of the damages they do to human life and environment. CO reacts with haemoglobin of the blood and prevents oxygen transfer. HC reacts in presence of nitrogen oxides and sunlight to form ground-level ozone, a major component of smog. Ozone irritates the eyes, damages the lungs and aggravates respiratory problems. A number of exhaust hydrocarbons are toxic with the potential to cause cancer. Like HC, NO_x is also a source of formation of ozone. Long-term exposure to NO_x may cause pulmonary diseases, nose and eye irritation, lung tissue damage,

bronchitis, pneumonia, etc. PM of less than 10 microgram/cubic metre can cause lung respiratory reactions and adverse effect on cardiovascular system. PM of less than 2.5 microgram/cubic metre can cause reduction in lung function, increase in pulmonary disease, reduction in life expectancy owing mainly to cardiopulmonary mortality and probably to lung cancer.

The proposed BS-VI norms are more stringent for diesel vehicles and, therefore, the technology for diesel vehicles is likely to undergo significant upgrade. The BS-VI norms mandate a reduction of 68% in NO_x and 82% in PM levels in diesel vehicles *vis-a-vis* BS-IV norms. The sharp reduction in NO_x can be achieved through introduction of Lean NOx Trap (LNT) for diesel passenger vehicles and Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) in medium and heavy commercial diesel vehicles. Similarly the introduction of Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) is required for controlling PM emission in diesel vehicles. Petrol vehicles are required to adopt multi-point fuel injection (MPFI) or gasoline direct injection (GDI) for better air-fuel management to meet BS-VI norms. This adoption of technologies will be at a cost which may be passed on to the customers.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, — This is in reference to the news item, 'Bridge opening' (AT, April 26) wherein it had been mentioned that the Dholi-Sadiya bridge over river Brahmaputra is slated for inauguration on May 24, 2017. In this regard, it is to highlight that the said bridge spans over the river Lohit and not the river Brahmaputra, as reported.

The Tsangpo enters the plains of Assam as the Dihang (Siang) and is subsequently joined by the Dihing and Lohit rivers to ultimately flow towards as the mighty Brahmaputra. If the actual positioning of the bridge is to be perused, it can be clearly ascertained that the span of the bridge is actually over the Lohit, which is a tributary of the Brahmaputra.

As such, ascribing the bridge to be over the Brahmaputra would not only be erroneous but would also erode the sanctity of the long-standing demands of the people of Assam to have more bridges over the mainstream stretches of this great river for enhanced connectivity.

Dholi-Sadiya bridge on Brahmaputra? Or Lohit?

It is pertinent to mention here that, as reported in your esteemed daily, on May 27, 2010, the construction of the bridge over the Brahmaputra between Dholi and Sadiya including its approach road (28 km) is part of the Amarchal Package approved by the Central Government and was reportedly a part of the Dibang Multipurpose Hydroelectric Project. Indications to the effect that the bridge is meant to further the aspirations of the people of Assam solely, therefore, shall also not stand validated in the future.

Yours etc., SANDEEP BORTHASUR, Guwahati.

Bovine obsession

Sir, — The government machinery, especially the one at the Centre and in UP appears to have geared up with all the pep and hype to raise the status of the bovine species the cow. The move no doubt has met with mixed responses and quite naturally so. The policy in relation to cow slaughter has been self-contradictory from the outset of the formation of the republic and all of a sudden, the compassion and priority exhibited in the matter of safety of the cattle indeed is cryptic. Many

among the liberals and seculars have gone to the extent of taunting the move of serious census of the cattle to preparation of an 'RCR' for cattle!

The issue of making beef available to the habitual consumers can be tackled in an objective and non-religious manner. Farming cattle solely for its meat after issuing licence for the purpose can be tried at. Classification of the bovine species may be done in respect of its rearing as domestic and commercial. Slaughter houses, modern and hygienic in keeping with the international standards only should be allowed to be functional. No government can deny the right to food of its citizens and at the same time cannot allow the cow to become something that would divide the nation. Yours etc., BHASKAR PHUKAN, Bamuni Maidam, Guwahati.

Mandir-masjid politics

Sir, — Kudos to you for the pragmatic editorial 'Resolution required' (AT, April 21). In fact, the Ram Janambhoomi-Babri Masjid issue remains one of the most divisive issues in the history of India and its success in the recent UP

elections can be partly ascribed to its promise of building the temple in Ayodhya.

Ironically, in this age when man is foraying into space sciences and searching for life in other planets, in India we are still languishing over whether to make a mosque or a temple in a particular piece of land. In India we still give importance to constructing a mosque or a temple, rather than making hospitals or playgrounds for children. Men are ready to give donation to mosques or temples rather than to orphanages. Human dignity and prosperity should become our topmost priority. Fortunately, we have an apex constitutional body called the Supreme Court which has remained the true custodian of our great Constitution, and hopefully it will come out with a highly practical and amicable solution to this decade-long fiasco and make this Mandir-Masjid issue a black and long forgotten part of our history. Yours etc., SADIQ HUSSAIN LASKAR, Guwahati.

Articles (within 1000-1100 words) and Letters to the Editor for publication in the editorial page may be sent to the email ID: editor@assamttribune.com.

SCERT exhibition from May 3
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 26: SCERT Assam, in collaboration with NCERT, New Delhi, is going to organise a State-level science, mathematics and environment exhibition for schoolchildren at the Srimanta Sanakadeep Kalakshetra here from May 3 to 6.

More than 100 students, along with teachers, will participate in the exhibition, the main theme of which is 'Science, technology and mathematics in nation building.'

During the exhibition, students will get an opportunity to interact with eminent scientists of the State.

Selected participants will be eligible to participate in the national-level science exhibition to be organised by the NCERT later.

A seminar will also be organised on food security during the exhibition on May 5.

Seminar on human rights on May 20-21

GUWAHATI, April 26: In a bid to provide a platform for various issues of human rights and to exchange knowledge, ideas and learning experience among people, information specialists and scholars at large, a national seminar on human rights and global challenges will be organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Guwahati College, in collaboration with UNESCO on May 20 and 21 on the college premises.

The seminar will focus on various issues of human rights such as curricular aspects of higher education, role and importance of education in academic administration, environment protection, role of media, IT and human rights, women's studies, rights of differently abled persons, feminism, political rights in higher education, role of NGOs, economic rights, etc.

The principal and chairman, Dr Pranab Sandilya, said that 150 delegates from around the country have confirmed their participation in the seminar. In the two-day seminar, there will be various technical sessions which will be chaired by eminent academicians. Dr Sufiqur Rahman, organising secretary of the national seminar, said that those who are interested to participate may send their press release stated.

PR summit on May 6
STAFF REPORTER

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Review meeting on NRC update process

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 26: A review meeting on the ongoing NRC update process in Kamrup Metro district was held today at the Guwahati Circuit House. Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup Metro Dr M Angamuthu took stock of the ongoing NRC update work.

He reviewed the FAB-1 process and KIDHANTA online process.

KC Pegu, Additional DC in charge of NRC update in Kamrup Metro, stated that the process of office verification in the district is 97.75 per cent complete.

In this respect, out of 4,657 applications received from citizens, verification of 6,116,10 applications has been completed up to April 25.

Regarding FAB-1, except



Kamrup (M) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu chairing the meeting. - UB Photos

Dispur (95.49 per cent) and Guwahati (91.81 per cent) revenue circles, in the Azara, Chandrapur and Sonapur revenue circles, 100 per cent work has been completed.

He said that with regard to KIDHANTA online process, 99 per cent progress has been recorded.

Dr Angamuthu expressed satisfaction over the progress of the ongoing NRC update

wahati (99 per cent), in the other four revenue circles there is 100 per cent progress.

Out of the five revenue circles in the district, except Gu-

process and also ordered officials to complete the remaining work within April 30.

Flood preparedness review: In view of the ensuing monsoon season, the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup Metro has ordered the Circle Officers of Azara, Chandrapur and Sonapur to inspect all the drainage systems in their respective areas and submit a comprehensive report on it.

He has also directed Guwahati City into several zones to prevent flood and deputed one Additional DC for each zone.

Accordingly, the Malagonanda parish will be looked after by Additional DC KC Pegu, Norenji-Chandrapur area by Nahidip Pathak, Anil Nagar-Nabin Nagar area by P Mahanta, Jorhat-Khamapara area by K Khatola and Fatesi Amburi area by P Mazundar.

World Veterinary Day on April 29

GUWAHATI, April 26: The Assam Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service Association and Assam Veterinary Council, in collaboration with Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd, will observe the World Veterinary Day at the Veterinary Information Hall at 11 am on April 29.

Atul Bora, Minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, will inaugurate the World Veterinary Day function, where Monoj Saikia, chairman of Assam Livestock & Poultry Corporation Pvt Ltd, will be the chief guest. KK Mittal, Agriculture Production Commissioner, and Mukti Gogoi will be the special guests and Adhar Bhuyan, Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, will be the guest of honour.

A technical session will be organised on the theme, 'Antimicrobial resistance - awareness to action,' Dr RN Goswami, Dean, KVSC, Khamapara, will be present at the seminar as the chairman and Dr Dina Raja and Dr Pares Chandra Sarma will be present as resource persons.

Retired veterinary officers and farmers will be felicitated on the occasion. Dr Dandawat Deka and Dr Bhulan Chirsa, president and general secretary of AAHVSIA, have urged all to attend the World Veterinary Day function, a press release stated.

Man found dead

GUWAHATI, April 26: One Nirmal Kumar Das, a resident of Rajgarh Road in the city, was found dead at Sarania in Borbari around 8.30 am today. The victim was apparently hit by sharp weapons. Investigation is on into the case. - Staff Reporter

Fishery department drive

JALUKBARI, April 26: A special drive was carried out for enforcement of the Assam Fishery Rule 1953 in Choudhuryam area of Goroimari Development Block, Kamrup, yesterday under the leadership of SK Das, Director of Fisheries, Assam. Other team members were Padma Hazarika, nodal officer, BTC, and Tiwa Autonomous Council, Pozirudin Ahmed, Dist Fishery Development Officer, Kamrup, Dr Dhruvijyoti Sarma, Dr Pratul Barman and Gitumoni Saikia, Fishery Extension Officers.

The drive saw the active participation of the local community and during the drive, 10 fishing nets, one boat and other illegal fishing equipment were seized. At the request of the public, an awareness programme was also held on the Choudhuryam LP School premises where departmental officials elaborated on the provisions of the Assam Fishery Rule. - Correspondent

Cab owners' protest

GUWAHATI, April 26: Cab owners and drivers today demonstrated in front of the offices of Uber and Ola located at Jayanagar and Six Mile respectively, protesting cuts in the incentives by the app-based cab aggregators. The agitating owners and drivers submitted a memorandum with a charter of demands. The All Guwahati Cab Owners and Drivers Association also demanded that considering the growing traffic on the narrow city roads, no new vehicles should be hired by the cab aggregators. - Staff Reporter

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অকল শৰ্মাৰ সামৰিতা কীৰ্তি - বক্তা : অধ্যাপক প্ৰদীপ আচাৰ্য

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NF Rly (C) wins national award

STAFF REPORTER



at a press conference.

Local Kung Fu 2 was released across the State on April 19. Shows at PVR Guwahati, Inox Jorhat, Anuradha Guwahati and other places were booked to sold out.

Some halls were unable to accommodate the rest of the seats filled up through counter sales before the shows actually began.

"We got to see the success of Local Kung Fu 2 with our own eyes from the houseful shows at PVR Guwahati on the first few days. The audience really appreciated the film and we got

a standing ovation after the show ended. We also came to know that INOX Jorhat was houseful on the first day itself. That was a really wonderful experience. Some halls were unable to accommodate the rest of the seats filled up through counter sales before the shows actually began.

"If no one was watching our film, it is quite obvious that theatre owners would remove it. But it is doing really well.

It is good to see that our movies are getting good response," he said.

Every year the Railway National Awards Function is held by the Ministry of Railways to felicitate individuals and departments for their outstanding performances in their respective fields.

NFR Construction Organisa-

tion has won this prestigious shield for the sixth time and consecutively for the third time.

After winning the shield, three officers NFR (Construction) also won individual awards for their outstanding performances during this year in their respective fields.

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students of mass communication, journalism, advertising and public relations pursuing their courses in different institutions of the State.

This was the observation made by promising economist Dr Joydeep Baruah, who is an Associate Professor at the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (ODISC&D). He was delivering the 8th Bhabananda Deka Memorial Lecture at Pragjyoti College here recently, said a press release.

Dr Baruah, who was speaking on

the topic 'Understanding the Con-

nection between Diversity and Hu-

Improving condition of human development in Assam

STAFF REPORTER

to all such diversities.

Dr Baruah, closely associated with the preparation of the Second Assam Human Development Report as the Principal Coordinator and Lead Author, stressed that we need to understand various diversities and specificities of the State if we wish to improve the overall condition of human

development in the State.

calling the capability framework pi-

oneered by Nobel laureate econo-

mist Amartya Sen.

The memorial lecture was organ-

ised by the college's Department of Economics under the aegis of Eco-

nomic Planning Forum of the college.

Besides the faculty members of the economics department and stu-

dents, the invited speakers included

former Finance Minister Dr Ran-

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World Malaria Day observed in Sonitpur district

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, April 26: The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and District Vector Borne Control Programme (DVBCP) Sonitpur observed the World Malaria Day 2017 with a day-long programme at the School of Nursing Complex here on Tuesday.

Marking the day, an awareness rally was taken out throughout the town with the participation of the students and the staff of the Nursing School, Tezpur, Health Department, Kamaklata Civil Hospital, NGOs, social workers besides the common public. The rally

was flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur Manoj Kr Deka. It was followed by an awareness meeting at the School of Nursing Complex. The meet was presided over by Dr Durval Saikia.

In his speech, Dr Saikia said that malaria is a major public health problem and it can be controlled by the joint efforts of the Government and the public. The District Surveillance Officer, Sonitpur in his speech also said that the World Malaria Day has been observed across the world since April 25, 2008 as per the decision of Roll Back Malaria partnership with various

themes. Giving an overview, he said that as per the 1946 Bhore Committee Report, 73% of global malaria cases and 0.8% death cases have been reported in India. "On the basis of Bhore Committee Report, the Government in 1953 launched the National Malaria Control Programme. In 2004, five vector borne diseases — malaria, kala-azar, filaria, Japanese encephalitis and dengue came under one umbrella and the programme was renamed as National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. In 2008, the Government introduced National Drug Policy for Malaria and streamlined malaria treatment.



Teachers under the banner of Assam State Primary Teachers' Association staging a demonstration at the BEEO of Tihu-Barama Block office in Baksa district on Tuesday. — UB Photos

Bohagi utsab at Pakowa from today

A CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, April 26: Like in the previous years, this year also the people of greater Pakowa area of Nalbari district will celebrate the 10th Bohagi utsab with fanfare at the premises of Tatpara Primary School with a two-day programme from April 27.

In this connection, a strong celebration committee was constituted with Bipin Kr Sard as president, Dasarath Sard and Sanjay Sard as chief secretary and Chakradhar Sard and Pankaj Sard as secretaries respectively.

As a part of the celebration several programmes will be held like cleanliness drive, flag hoisting, tree plantation, *sawai kirtan*, prize money volleyball competition, sports competition for children, drawing contest, quiz contest, Bihu dance contest, prize distribution function, felicitation and cultural nite. The attraction of

the cultural nite on April 28 will be Pranjali Parasar and Priyanka Kashyap.

It may be mentioned here that the day-night volleyball tournament to be held on April 27 will be attended by several sports persons like Manoj Choudhury, Upad Deka, Hemanta Mahanta, Nilima Devi, Gopinath Das, Chandana Haloi and many others.

Workshop held at Barama College: The internal quality assurance cell of Barama College organised a workshop for promotion of high school students on English and Maths subjects which concluded on April 21.

In the inaugural function, Dr Mandita Devi, coordinator explained the purpose of the workshop while Bhaben Lahkar, president of teachers unit of Barama College, delivered the inaugural speech. Dr Gitmita Patowary, HoD Mathematics of Barama College and Dipen Kr Mazumdar, HoD English of the college delivered a lecture on the subject. The Tihu unit also led by Bhabakanta Kaitla, vice-princi-

pal of the college explained the importance of the workshop in the function which was chaired by Dr Tiken Das, principal of the college.

About 100 students from Barama Girls High School, Barja High School, Kadamtola High School and Kharua Milan High School participated in the workshop. Hitesh Deka, assistant teacher of Rajkamdol High School and Hemanta Medhi, assistant teacher of Ahoga High School attended the workshop as resource persons respectively.

Celebration of 'Nizar Din':

In connection with the birth anniversary of Kumar Barma, founder of greater Assamese society, all the units of Asam Sahitya Sabha also felicitated Chandi Charan Pathak, Bhaben Pathak and Manik Ch Haloi with *phulam gamosa* and with a bundle of books. Prominent social worker Sonmata Deka was felicitated by Haribhangha unit while Nomal Ch Pathak and Kamala Kanta Medhi was felicitated by the Bihu unit of the sabha.

On the other hand, Chamata unit of Sahitya Sabha felicitated Karuna Kanta Baishya, Talebar Rahman, Dr Khagen Deka.

Talukdar, Karina Kt Kalita, Mahesh Ch Sarma, Dr Surjait Barman, Bhalishabla Sarma, Dhirastra Nath Bayon, Chirangshu Charan Kalita, Panjali Bebaraha, Ajit Kr Sarma, Hemen Rajbongshi, Rama Dutta Raychoudhury, Sunil Panwan Pathak and Chandan Deka felicitated three persons of Tihu namely Sonmata Deka, Gadadhar Pathak and Hiranyakroye Raychoudhury at their residence.

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AASU celebrates Rongali Bihu at Golakganj

CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, April 26: The Golakganj unit of the All Assam Students' Union celebrated Rongali Bihu on the premises of Golakganj Development Block with a two-day colourful programme on April 22-23 last.

On the first day, Sushanta Kumar Mandal, president of the Golakganj unit of AASU

hoisted the Bihu flag and was followed by smriti tarpan by Debjati Prodhani, Samir Rava, Krishna Kanta Ray and Dhruva Dutta. Bihu Maina, Bihu Kanya, Rajbongshi Mains, Rajbongshi Kanya competitions held on the occasion attracted a large number of people. The Mukoli Bihu programme was participated by troupes from Gauripur, Abhayapuri, Golakganj, Dhubri, Chapur, Bahadur

Nalbari Subdivision Bihu Sanmilani from April 30

GUWAHATI, April 26: The 47th Nalbari Subdivision Bihu Sanmilani will be held with a three-day programme from April 30 next at the Mukundamohon Talukdar Samanyam Kshetra, in the historical Gordan playground, Nalbari, said a press release.

According to the programmes, on the first day of the Bihu Sanmilan, an all-Assam Bihu competition will be organised wherein the winners will get cash prizes along with trophies. On May 1, an all-Assam prize money Bihu Kuoru competition will be organised in memory of Late Nabim Tamuly. According to Ganesh Tamuly, presi-

dent of the Bihu celebration committee, in consonance with the festive Bihu spirit, several other sports competitions, youngsters' football match, Assamese traditional dresses, art competition, quiz, reciting, competition of Assamese traditional delicacies, etc., will be organised. In the cultural nites to be held on the three days of the Bihu celebrations, Jina Rajkumar, Babu Ridiptaa Sarma, Priyanka Kalita and child artiste Tamanna Dipak, among others will perform. On the last day, the cultural evening will be inaugurated by noted singer Samar Hazarika, the release added.

Bihu celebrated at Guru Kashi University, Punjab

GUWAHATI, April 26: The traditional community festival of Assamese people, Rongali Bihu was celebrated at Guru Kashi University, Bathinda, Punjab, a press release stated.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr Col BS Dhalwali, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Jagpal Singh, Director Dr Narinder Singh, Registrar Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Dr Ashwani Sethi, Deputy Director GS Brat, Dean Engineering and other faculty members of Guru Kashi were felicitated. The programme was entirely managed and moderated by Mohibur Hussain Mazumder, Asstt Professor, Department of Computer Science Engineering, GKVU.

The programme was inaugu-

rated by Dr Col BS Dhalwali. The programme was hosted by students Dipankar Saha, Nitul Das, Nirjan Borah with the support from Saddam Hussain, Dipankar Borah, Shabir Ahmed, Nibir Choudhury, Debjoti Hazarika and other students. This was followed by various cultural activities like singing, traditional Bihu dance, traditional dance of Arunachal Pradesh, fashion show featuring different dress of North-East states as Assamese, Mising, Bodo, Rabha, Arunachali, Manipuri, Tripuri, Mizo etc., and other performances. All the senior faculties of GKVU present the occasion congratulated the Assamese and other students from the north-eastern region for their participation.

Disaster preparedness training

GUWAHATI, April 26: Bosco Reach Out, a social development wing of Don Bosco Society organised a one day demonstration programme on disaster preparedness for task forces at Lengpura in Goalpara district on April 23 in collaboration with the Fire and Emergency Services and volunteer of Civil Defence Force, Goalpara under the Project 'Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness', a press release stated.

The demonstration was conducted for four village task forces and was mostly based on improvised methods where the villages can use the available material at the times of disaster. Bosco Reach Out has formed 30 task forces in seven districts and eight regions of Assam where each task force comprises 15-20 members.

The resource persons of the programme were the Associate Director of Bosco Reach Out Fr Jayaprakash, Mr. Ezekiel, Project Coordinator on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Sanjay Basumatary, the Station Officer, Goalpara and his team members and from the civil defence unit. The programme was attended by 160 men and women from four village cluster level task force committees.

OBITUARY

Lobonya Kataki



GUWAHATI, April 26: Lobonya Kataki, wife of Late Durgeswar Kataki, and a resident of Chatrakar, Uzambazar, died on April 25 after a brief illness. She was 83.

She was closely related to the various religious functions of Chatrakar Devatala. Her last sids were performed amidst a large number of admirers.

She leaves behind four sons, a daughter and a host of relatives.

Sarat Chandra Baruah



GUWAHATI, April 26: Sarat Chandra Baruah died on April 25 at the age of 100.

He was born in Golaghat on April 18, 1917. He retired as Joint Registrar of Co-operative Department, Govt of Assam.

In 1958, he was selected by the Government of India to undergo training in Canada under the Colombo plan.

He was one of the founder members of Srimanta Shankardev Krishi Kendra, RG Baruah Road, Guwahati.

M Hazarika

ANN Service

KALIABOR, April 26: Mahadev Hazarika a retired teacher and an inhabitant of Kuaritol died here on April 20 at his residence due to old age ailments. He was 87.

He was closely associated with various social and cultural organisations of Kalabor and took active part in the Assam Agitation. He was the ex-student of the first founder batch of Kalabor College and also the first general secretary of Kalabor College students' Union.

An active member of the AGP, he was loved and respected by all for his amiable behaviour.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, three daughters and many relatives.

Kushum Nath

GUWAHATI, April 26: Kushum Nath, wife of Late Kandev Nath of Sukreswar, Panbari passed away on April 22 at the GMCH. She was 68.

A soft-spoken, kind-hearted, religious-minded woman, Late Nath was associated with many organisations of the area like Harisshaba, Balichanda Sanga etc.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and many grand-children.

Meet on flood preparedness by Lakhimpur district admin held

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, April 26: The Lakhimpur district administration organised a meeting to meet any eventualities coming out of a flood situation in the incoming monsoon season.

The meeting was held on Monday at the conference hall of the office of the Deputy Commissioner at North Lakhimpur. Lakhimpur Deputy Commissioner Barun Bhuyan presided over the

meeting which was attended by other officials of the district administration.

In his address, DC Bhuyan asked all the concerned departments to be prepared to meet any situation coming out of the flood in the coming days in the district. He asked Water Resources Department to monitor all the river embankments as part of that preparedness. He also instructed to ensure supply of pure drinking water and stock essential food commodities and cattle

fodders by the concerned departments like PHE, Food and Civil Supplies and Veterinary.

In the address, DC Bhuyan also asked the National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force to be ready to face any flood-related situations in Lakhimpur district.

Land allotted: A plot of land has been allotted for the much-needed fire service station in the heart of North Lakhimpur town. The land measuring 1 katha 10 lecha in Bel Mahal area under Ward No. 12



Flood waters of Singra river overflowing a road at Nowbocha, on Tuesday. — UB Photos

Weekly exclusively for Dhubri district launched

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, April 26: The Dhubri Subdivision Journalists Association has come up with an Assamese weekly newspaper exclusively for highlighting all the kinds of issues of the district named *Dhubri Barta* that was launched by Golakganj MLA Aswini Roy Sarkar on Monday.

In the programme presided

over by Abdur Rahman, a former school principal and author, the Golakganj MLA said that this newspaper will not only fulfil the long-standing demand of a media that will highlight all kinds of small and big issues of the people of the district but will also act as their voice. Sarkar also said, "With all the senior journalists of the district associated with this newspaper, we are sure that it

will be an eye opener for the administration and politicians".

Describing the need of such a paper in the district, a senior journalist and chief editor of *Dhubri Barta*, Pronakshus Roy said, "Although there are a few newspapers or magazines, published from various places of the district but there has always been lack of media especially for the people of this area." He also added that

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Extortion, encroachment in Golaghat border areas'

CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, April 26: Taking stock of the problems of villagers of Merapani area near the Assam-Nagaland border in Golaghat district today, members of a Departmentally Related Standing Committee of the State Assembly said that extortion and encroachment by miscreants from Nagaland continue in those areas.

Along with Narzary, six other MLAs, including Ramendra Kalita, Ashok Kumar Singh, Dipak Kumar Rabha, Kamal Singh Narzary, Nijamur who headed the committee of the State Assembly.

Though the villagers sought help of the paramilitary security personnel, deployed there to maintain law and order as per Supreme Court order, the villagers did not get any positive response from them.

Rahman, Suman Haripriya and Ashok Sharma also visited Garhbari and a few other nearby areas today.

"We tried our best to understand the situation there. As the farmers refused to pay tax to certain groups of Nagaland, the miscreants destroyed the agricultural farms of Garhbari area of Merapani," said MLA Majendra Narzary.

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Kalita also said the Nagaland government had constructed a slumgeet in Assam's land near the border, which caused a serious concern for the people of the State. "They set up

the office of Deputy Director of the State Assembly.

The committee also sought many important official documents, like land records from the Golaghat Deputy Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive report on their findings which caused serious concern for the security of the people of the areas.

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Describing the incident, police said the accused was drunk and was having a feud with his wife when he pushed the dressing table in his home that fell on his four-year-old son Nazim Rahman.

It was informed that Nazim was rushed to the nearby Bilasipara Civil Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Police later apprehended the drunken father and registered a case under Section 304.

In some cases, fewer number of post of doctors than required have been sanctioned, while on the other hand, some doctors have been transferred

to urban places with posts.

Meanwhile, the State government has, under the National Health Mission (NHM), started a project for a Model Hospital (MH) in every LACs of the State by 2012-14 for the betterment of the health services in the distant rural areas. Accordingly, constructions of 60 of the 126 such model hospitals have been completed so far. In Golaghat district, four such model hospitals have been constructed - at Nahardanga (Dibrang), Khumai (Khumai LAC), Urimukhia (Sarupathar LAC) and Kohora (Bokakhat LAC). The construction work of Nahardanga and Khumai is about to complete within a month.

Surprisingly, no appointment of staff for the completed model hospitals has been made. While the staff for Kohora Model Hospital has been appointed, they are presently attached with the Golaghat Civil Hospital and Bokakhat Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital.

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**WEATHER
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Forecast for North Eastern States: Moderate rain/thunder showers is very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland and Meghalaya and at many places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

Warning : Thunder squall with wind speed exceeding 50 kmph is likely to occur at many places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on April 27 and 28.

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Kohima	26.8	16.6
Pesighat	22.7	20.0
Cherrapunji	20.8	15.8

**NGO flays
gangrape**

TURO, April 26: Garo Students' Union (GSU), Ampati Zone (Western Zone-South) has condemned the kidnapping and gangrape of a minor girl from Rongmei Ading village near Kalachar by three youths.

Two days ago, a 15-year-old girl from the village was kidnapped in front of her parents and siblings while she was returning in an autorickshaw from the nearby Dargah Mela. She was later raped.

The culprits identified as Jiah Sheikh, Thore Sheikh and Saphioh Sheikh, residents of Kalachar Bazaar were arrested by the police in a raid. — Correspondent

**Tangsa tribe
celebrates Moh-Mol
fest in Arunachal**
CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, April 26: The Tangsa community of Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh celebrated their annual agricultural based festival, Moh-Mol, with great pomp and traditional fervour at Changlang on Tuesday.

Appreciating the rich culture of Tangsaas displayed by the folk dancers of various sub-tribes attired in colourful and culturally flamboyant dresses, MLA from Kambari constituency Gabriel D Wangsu advocated for protection, preservation and propagation of age-old traditional culture for the future generations as well as for future identity.

Stating that many dialects are on verge of extinction, he suggested for keeping written record of Tangsa dialect, adding that knowing one's own language has become a necessity.

Earlier, Changlang North MLA Tesan Ponte appealed the youth to participate and contribute in celebration of festivals by sharing the responsibilities. Pongte's Changlang South counterpart and Parliamentary Secretary for Hydropower Phousou Khlimun recalled the contributions of senior leaders in celebrating the festival and preserving it.

The festival began with rituals in "Rou Rom" where the priest offered prayers to the Goddess of Crop 'Tingia Champa' to seek blessings for a bumper harvest, prosperity and long life for all.

The rhythmic beating of drums, mind stirring traditional songs, melodious notes of gongs, taste of local Tangsa food, traditional fashion show, cultural programmes, etc., were the other attractions of the day-long festival.

**Plaque unveiled in
memory of Netaji**
CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, April 26: Nagaland Governor PB Acharya unveiled a plaque in memory of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose at Ruzazho village in Phek district yesterday during a two-day seminar on the Battle of Kohima and its impact on Indian freedom movement.

Acharya along with his Tripura counterpart Tathagata Roy visited the house where Netaji was believed to have stayed for nine days in April 1944. Renowned scholars, researchers, professors from across the country attended the programme yesterday.

Addressing the programme, Acharya underscored the role played by several other prominent personalities who contributed immensely to the freedom movement like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Netaji. Quoting Prime

"We are according top priority to complete land acquisition process at the earliest," he said.

NFR has already released Rs 97 crore for land acquisition for the railway extension project connecting Agartala with Gangasagar (Bangladesh), said deputy chief engineer of NFR BN Bhaskar here.

"Once required land is provided to us, NFR will undertake construction of rail track (elevated corridor) to connect both sides of the border within a month," he said.

Bhaskar said from Agartala station to Bodhaghata area would be elevated corridor, while track will be laid on the ground from Charipara to Nischintupur, a border area of Sader subdivision.

According to experts, elevated corri-

dor has been planned to save land keeping in mind of the densely populated area and this will obviously reduce the total project cost.

In Indian side, the track will be laid in 5 km while remaining 10 km railway track will be laid on Bangladesh side and ICRON will execute the 10 km track as per the plan.

The estimated cost of the project stands at Rs 968 crore and it is as part of Indo-Bangla railway network which is in turn a part of Trans-Asian network plan, according to experts.

In his last visit to the State, Minister of State for Railways Rojen Gohain had said there would be no dearth of fund to complete the Indo-Bangla railway project and it is a priority railway project.

**Install statue of
PA Sangma: NPP**

SHILLONG, April 26: National Peoples' Party (NPP) today requested the Meghalaya Government to install statue of former Lok Sabha Speaker PA Sangma here and in Tura and rename two roads after him.

"I would like to propose the renaming of two roads and space be allotted, one each in Shillong and Tura, to put a monument/statue in his memory," his son and NPP president Conrad K Sangma said in a letter to Chief Minister Mukul Sangma.

"It would only be in the fitness of things that the State Government also gives due recognition and status to this great son of the soil," he said, adding that PA Sangma was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award in the country, by the President in March this year.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma had praised P A Sangma for having been conferred with the award, the first to be bagged by a person from Meghalaya. — PTI

**Nagaland bans
use of red beacon**

DIMAPUR, April 26: As decided by Nagaland Cabinet, the State Government has banned use of Red Beacon light on Central and State Government vehicles in the State with effect from May 1 next.

On ban use of the Beacon shall apply to civil/military/paramilitary/police functionaries/officials of Central and State Government departments/agencies/organisations/public sector undertakings, an official release said.

Police vehicles escorting VIPs/VIP high dignitaries shall be allowed use of multi-coloured orange, blue and white light already permitted while notification of March 19, 2014. — Correspondent

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**Union IT Minister calls
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CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, April 26: Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT, PP Chaudhary today laid emphasis on the rising security in view of the rising cases of cyber crime.

"There is a need to ensure complete cyber security along with expansion of IT and IT-enabled facilities since hacking or crashing of database is a common phenomenon", he said after inaugurating the newly built NIELIT

campus at Bodhjungnagar in Jirania on Wednesday.

He called upon the Tripura Government and other stakeholders to work hard on cyber security to reduce the possibility of misuse of IT enabled facilities, including Facebook and Twitter.

Chaudhary said Narendra Modi Government has set a target to take high-speed Internet service to the people's door step as part of Digital India vision by 2018.

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**Direct tax collection increases
by 17 per cent in North East**
RAJU DAS

SHILLONG, April 26: The Northeastern States have overshot the national average in direct tax collection by three per cent during 2016-17 probably due to the impact of "Operation Clean Money."

The All India direct tax collection has increased by 14 per cent during 2016-17 (March) in comparison to 2015-16, but in the North East the average direct tax collection increased by 17 per cent in the same period.

A senior Income Tax official told The Assam Tribune that the All India total direct tax collection stood at Rs 8,48,000 crore during 2016-17 against Rs 7,42,000 in 2015-16.

Therefore, there was a 14 per cent increase in direct tax collection throughout India during 2016-17 in comparison to the previous year.

However, in the North East the direct tax collection increased by 17 per cent in 2016-17 in comparison to the previous fiscal.

The total direct tax collection was Rs 5,198 crore in 2015-16. This figure jumped to Rs 6,092 crore in 2016-17 (till March) in the region, the IT official said.

He said the demonetisation policy did play a factor in the increased direct tax collection. "The demonetisation policy had a good affect and more people are becoming tax compliant. In short, the policy did help in making several people tax abiding citizens," the official said.

He was of the view that the policy has made the people "aware" about the importance of filing their Income Tax on time and work for the overall welfare of the country. "Many people feel that they have a role in contributing towards nation building by filing their returns on time and in a transparent manner," the official said.

Regarding "Operation Clean Money," he said that the process of investigation would continue for the next couple of years and it would take some time to be completed. "The investigations would be an ongoing process, but we may see the completion of probe in some of the cases where defaulters comply with tax laws of the country," he said.

On the present system of filing returns, the official said, 99 per cent of the filing is now done online. "There is hardly any interface with IT officials and there is hardly any paper documentation these days. The system has become immensely transparent," he added.

The IT department is also conducting awareness programme with taxpayers, especially in the private sector so that there is "no mismatch" in the tax return filings.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

"A public hearing on the problems and grievances of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be held for the States of Assam and Meghalaya at Guwahati on 17th May, 2017. Those persons belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes who have a complaint of atrocities committed against them or negligence by a public servant in prevention of atrocities in those states may send their complaints to the Commission by Registered Post or by Speed Post at the following address:

Registrar,
National Human Rights Commission,
Manor Adhikar Bhawan, Block-C,
GPO Complex, INIA,
New Delhi-110023

The complaints may also be sent through e-mail at rhawhr@nic.in or through fax on No. 011-24651334.
The complainants should reach the Commission latest by 5th March, 2017.

Such complaints as deemed fit for enquiry shall be taken up at the public hearings. The parties shall be informed in due course about the date and venue of public hearing. Janasanyog915/17

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No AASC/S/DEVE/CORE/001/2017/28
Sealed tenders affixed with non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs.8.25/- (Rupees Eight and twenty five paisa only) are invited from reputed firms to bid for the following work by 5th of May, 2017 (upto 5.00 pm).

Sl. # Particulars **Quantity**
1 Brochure on Leadership Development 1000
Specifications:
1. 8 pages
2. Size: 21.7 cm x 21.7 cm
3. Font: Times New Roman
4. 12pt bold font
5. Margin: 1cm
6. Perfect binding

The tenders would be opened on the same day i.e. 5th of May, 2017 at 5.00 pm. The tenderer or their authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of the tender. The interested firms may collect the tender documents from the Administrative Officer, Assam Administrative Staff College during the office hours on payment of Rs.50/- (Rupees Five Hundred only in cash) which would be non-refundable.

The tender documents may also be downloaded from the website, www.assad.gov.in. However, the payment of Rs.500/- will have to be made in any case.

The Director of Training, Assam Administrative Staff College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/- Director of Training /ic
Assam Administrative Staff College.

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
Regional Office Guwahati

(An NGO 9001:2008 Certified Ministry)

No. RW/GHT/TRD/APV/2016

Dated, the 17th April, 2017
The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India invites Bids from the eligible contractors for the National Highway works to be implemented through Public Works Department (NHP), Tripura as mentioned below:-

Sl. No.: 1, Name of Work: Reconstruction of RCC Bridge at Jalai on Kukching-Kelashah Section of NH208 in the State of Tripura. (Job No. 208/TRD/2016/17(05) (2nd cat). Approx. value of work (Rs. in lakh): 401.75.

Note:-
1. The Bidder is advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract data, forms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Bid document.

2. Time allowed for completion of works in including Rainy Season, MoRTH official website and E-tendering portal of MoRTH may be referred for detailed terms and conditions of the invitation for Bids (B).

3. Correspondendum, if any, will be published only in the above website.

4. Bid document along with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website from 13.04.2017 to 15.05.2017 up to 12.00 Noon. Bid must be submitted online only at E-tendering portal of or before 15.00 Hours on 15.05.2017 and technical bids received online will be opened on 16.05.2017 at 15.30 Hours at: Superintendent Engineer, PWD (NH), NH Circle, PN Complex, Gurkhabati, Agartala through online mode. If the bidder fails to appear for the opening of bids at the time and place specified, the bidder will be liable to pay a fine of Rs. 1000/-.

5. The bidders have to submit their bids including scanned copy of bid security online only at e-tendering portal in electronic format with digital signature. The e-prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate Class -III (DS -C) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.

6. For any other details and clarifications, bidders may see the official website of the Ministry "<https://morthproc.in>" and may also contact the authority mentioned below during office hours.

The Superintendent Engineer, NH Circle, PWD (NH), PN Complex, Gurkhabati, Agartala, Tel-031-232652, E-mail - sepdw@bharti.com, M/o Road Transport & Highways

7. The above photographs are of Miss Papori Konwar (17 years, 5' 6" height) Gohain Gaon Dist- Jorhat on 06-04-2017, in connection with Borhulla PS GDE 435 dated 29.03.2017.

Efforts may kindly be taken to recover the victim girl and arrest the involved accused if any and intimate to the undersigned if trace and arrest.

Sd/- Superintendent of Police, Jorhat.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
JORHAT :: ASSAM


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SEBI for stricter monitoring of small firms' IPO proceeds

MUMBAI, April 26: To check any misuse of funds raised through public offers, SEBI today made it mandatory for companies raising over Rs 100 crore through sale to appoint a monitoring agency to keep tab on use of the capital.

Under the present norms, such a monitoring agency – which could be a bank or a public financial institution – is required to be appointed only by the companies raising more than Rs 500 crore through public offers.

The regulator's board approved a proposal to further strengthen the monitoring of issue proceeds raised in initial public offer (IPO), follow-on public offering (FPO) as well as from existing investors through rights issue.

Now, if it makes mandatory appointment of monitoring agency where the issue size (excluding offer for sale component) is more than Rs 100 crore, SEBI said.

"When you set up a monitoring com-

mittee there are certain costs of compliance. It (threshold) has been reduced because it has been observed that the smaller issues which have been misused. The threshold is to ensure compliance costs are okay," SEBI Chairman Ajay Tyagi told reporters here after the board meeting.

The move followed complaints that some small companies could have diverted their IPO funds for purposes other than those mentioned in the offer document while garnering money from the investors.

Sources said that such complaints are related to IPOs worth less than Rs 500 crore as the rules are already stricter for the companies going public with bigger share sales.

SEBI said that the monitoring agency will have to submit its report to the issuer every quarter from the current requirement of half-yearly report.

For wider dissemination of information, the regulator has made it mandatory to disclose the agency's report on the company's website, in addition to submitting it to stock exchange.

Besides, SEBI has introduced a "maximum timeline of 45 days for submission of the report from the end of the quarter in conjunction with the submission of the quarterly results".

Further, the issuer will have to disclose about the comments of the board of directors as well as the management on findings of the agency.

On monitoring agency, Tyagi said that the committee will give report which would be available on the exchanges and other that "audit committee will also make it public."

"So this is a movement in a direction to ensure people follow rules. If people don't follow then the matters would be adjudicated by SEBI," he added. - PTI



Minister of State for Commerce & Industry (Ind Charge), Nirmala Sitharaman lighting the lamp at the orientation programme for Spices Farmers Producers' Companies and buyer-seller meet, in Itanagar on Wednesday. Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju is also seen. - PTI

CAPSULE

Tata Motors

MUMBAI, April 26: Tata Motors today said it is ready with two BS-IV compliant engines that use SCR (selective catalytic reduction) and EGR (exhaust gas recirculation) technologies, which lowers the overall cost of ownership. - PTI

New Rs 5, 10 coins

MUMBAI, April 26: The Reserve Bank will soon put into circulation new Rs 10 coins that have been minted to commemorate 125th year of National Archives of India. The Central bank will also put into circulation new Rs 5 coins to celebrate 150th anniversary of Allahabad High Court. - PTI

Stelite Tech profit

NEW DELHI, April 26: Stelite Technology reported a 16.27 per cent jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 63.66 crore in the January-March quarter this year, mainly on account of demand for fibre to build high-speed networks. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 54.75 crore in the quarter period a year ago. - PTI

Axis Bank

NEW DELHI, April 26: Axis Bank today reported 43 per cent decline in net profit to Rs 1,225.10 crore for the fourth quarter of last fiscal ended March 31 on account of provisions for bad loans, which rose sharply. The country's third largest private sector lender had posted a net profit of Rs 2,154.28 crore for the January-March quarter of the previous fiscal, 2015-16. - PTI

Kalyan Jewellers

NEW DELHI, April 26: Kalyan Jewellers has acquired online jewellery firm Candere for Rs 35-40 crore as it looks to augment presence in the fast-expanding online market. The jeweller, which will acquire the equity held by Singularity Strategic, the family office of Brijesh Chandwani and Subram Kapoor, in Candere, which sells jewellery online in India, USA and UK, the company said in a statement here. - PTI

Bol digitisation

MUMBAI, April 26: State-run Bank of India today said it has adopted 89 villages in the 49 zones it has branches for digitisation. The bank has installed 1,000 POS (point-of-sale) machines in these villages, the bank said in a statement. It has set each of its 54 zones a target of converting a minimum five villages into digital villages by September 2017. - PTI

ACC outlook

NEW DELHI, April 26: Cement major ACC is expecting a faster growth in the second half of the year riding on the rise in government spending on infrastructure projects and possibility of good monsoon this season. ACC's latest report showed a jump of 3.77 per cent in its cement sales to 6.60 million tonnes in the January-March quarter, expecting the overall consumption of cement to increase. - PTI

IOC gets green nod for Bongaigaon Refinery revamp

NEW DELHI, April 26: State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) has received green nod for upgradation of its Bongaigaon Refinery for production of BS-VI grade fuels in Assam at a cost of Rs 1,458 crore.

The company wants to upgrade its Bongaigaon Refinery (BGR) as the government aims to implement BS-VI fuel in the entire country from April 2020 to curb pollution. Oil firms will have to be prepared to retain BS VI-compliant fuel by then.

Bongaigaon Refinery, the eighth operating refinery of IOC, is situated at Dhalighat in Chirang district, 200 km west of Guwahati.

Move to produce BS-VI fuel

The environment clearance is subject to certain specific and general conditions, he added.

As per the proposal, IOC will increase the crude processing capacity from 2.35 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to 2.7 MMTPA and

Diesel Hydrotreating Unit (DHDT) capacity from 1.2 MMTPA to 1.8 MMTPA, besides revamp of CRU-MSQ and setting up of a Selective De-sulphurisation Unit (SDS).

The proposed project will be carried out within the existing premises and it would cost about Rs 4,185 crore.

The BS-VI-compliant fuel will help bring down the nitrogen oxide emissions from diesel cars by 68 per cent and 25 per cent from petrol engine cars, the company said.

Besides, the project would also improve the smoke point of the kerosene stream from Assam and help in reducing emissions, it added. - PTI

Investors can buy MFs through e-wallets: SEBI

MUMBAI, April 26: Investors will be permitted to purchase mutual funds worth up to Rs 50,000 through digital wallets with the market regulator SEBI today approving the proposal.

The proposal, part of efforts to channelise household savings into the capital market as well as promote digital payments in the mutual funds industry, was approved by the SEBI board during its meeting here.

"Investments up to Rs 50,000 per mutual fund per financial year can be made using e-wallets," the regulator said while redemptions of such invest-

ments can be made only to the bank account of a unit holder.

E-wallet issuers would not be permitted to offer any incentive such as cash back, directly or indirectly, for investing in mutual fund scheme through them.

Besides, the e-wallet's balance loaded through cash or debit card or net banking can only be used for subscription to mutual funds schemes.

Balance loaded through credit card, cash back, promotional schemes would not be allowed for subscription to mutual funds.

The limit of Rs 50,000 would be an umbrella limit for invest-

ment by an investor through e-wallet and/or cash, personal fund, Sebi said in a release.

Besides, mutual funds and asset management companies have been allowed to provide instant online access facility to residential individual investors in liquid schemes.

In this case, the limit would be up to Rs 50,000 or 90 per cent of fund value, whichever is lower.

For providing such facility AMCs would not be allowed to borrow. Liquidity is to be provided out of the available funds from the scheme and AMCs to put in place a mechanism to meet the liquidity demands. - PTI

Exporters seek govt support as rupee dent margins

NEW DELHI, April 26: Exporters' body FIEO today said the rupee appreciation during the last two months has negatively impacted the country's exports and demanded immediate support from the government.

The body will soon raise concerns of the export sector with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the Ministry of Finance, and urge for immediate support both in the short and medium term, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President Ganesh Kumar Gupta said.

Gupta is of the view that certain incentives in the form of interest subvention being given to the manufacturers may be shifted to merchants and various other sectors of exports.

Moreover, he said Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) across sectors at the average rate of about 3 per cent can somewhat offset losses on account of the rupee appreciation and further boost exports in such challenging times.

The rupee today surged by 15 paise to close near a fresh 21-month high of 64.11.

A stronger rupee against the dollar erodes the margins of the exporters and reduces their competitiveness. However, the Indian economy stands to benefit in terms of the impact of price rise. As India is a net importer, the appreciating rupee will result in lower crude oil prices, keeping both wholesale and retail inflation under check in the near term. - PTI

Sensex, Nifty touch record highs

MUMBAI, April 26:

Positive global cues and optimism over the upcoming quarterly earnings results pushed the Indian equity markets to new closing highs.

Besides, the NSE Nifty

touched a new record high (level of 9,367 points) intra-day. The BSE Sensex also effected a new record high of 30,167 points – up 190.11 points or 0.63 per cent from its previous close at 29,943.24 points.

The Sensex touched a high of 30,167.09 points and a low of 29,968.57 points during the intra-day trade.

The bourse's previous record high stood at 30,024.74 points which was reached on March 4, 2015.

In terms of the broader markets, the S&P BSE midcap index, however, closed lower by 0.12 per cent, while

new closing high.

The barometer 30-share Sensex Index (Sensex) of the Bombay Stock Exchange, which opened at 30,030.20 points, closed trade at 30,133.35 points – up 190.11 points or 0.63 per cent from its previous close at 29,943.24 points.

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The wider scrip Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) closed the day's trade higher by 45.25 points or 0.49 per cent at 9,351.85 points – a

Gold sales likely to grow 30% this Akshaya Tritiya

MUMBAI, April 26: Gold is likely to glitter this Akshaya Tritiya which is considered an auspicious day to buy the yellow metal, with jewellers expecting up to 30 per cent growth in sales.

Akshaya Tritiya falls on April 28 this year.

"We expect the growth to be robust at about 20-30 per cent during the season. The gold rates are likely to be stronger going forward (too)," All India Gems and Jewellery Trade Federation Chairman Nitin Khandelwal told PTI here.

Overall, there is a positive sentiment among consumers and many jewellers have undertaken aggressive promotional campaigns, he said.

Echoing him, World Gold Council Managing Director, India, Somasundaram PR said Akshaya Tritiya provides an indication of consumer sentiment. This year the overall sentiment is positive and bodes well for both jewellery and investment demand, he added.

"Gold prices did not go as high as in the international markets because the Indian rupee appreciated. People see this as a good opportunity to invest in gold," he added.

However, he said, the worries over Goods and Services Tax (GST) and cash purchase still remained.

PANGLOL Jewellers Chairman and Managing Director Saurabh Gadgil said the sales are likely to be 30 per cent more, as the Akshaya Tritiya this year comes in the middle of wedding season and on a weekend.

"We also feel there is a perception that gold will become pricier after implementation of GST, and the geopolitical tensions will also hit the sales," he added.

Mumbai Jewellers' Director Samir Sagan said there is a positive atmosphere and demand began a week before Guru Purnima. The new year, which gave an indication that sales are likely to be 30 per cent more than last year.

The demand will be more on the medium-ticket size, that is, between 20-50 grams, he said.

"The focus on wedding jewellery is very high this year due to the wedding season," he added.

Predicting 25 per cent increase in sales, WHP Jewellers Director Alita Patel said there is a lot of pent-up demand from the last year, when the sales were affected by jewellers' strike first and later by the demonetisation. "We feel that things have settled down and consumers have started coming back," he added.

ANMOL Founder Ishu Datwani said the rising gold prices and offers by jewellers will boost sales by 20-25 per cent this Akshaya Tritiya. - PTI

BIDS introduces hi-tech hair removal machine

BUSINESS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 26: Dr KN Barua Institute of Dermatological Sciences (BIDS), Guwahati, a leading skin and hair treatment institute in the North-east, today introduced a latest generation body hair removal laser machine that can help fight unwanted body hair woes of women and men in an effective way.

The state-of-the-art technology machine, Soprano Pro by Alma Lasers, was unveiled by Dr KN Barua, Director & Chief Consultant BIDS, at a press event here.

Addressing the media, Dr KN Barua highlighted the increasing demand for cosmetic dermatology and hair-related services, saying that over the years the role of cosmetic procedures and surgeries have evolved from medical to elective and internal motivational factors.

Dr Barua, said, "At our clinic we have been treating patients suffering from dermatological issues like chronic skin diseases, vitiligo, psoriasis, and hand and nail disorders, besides handling dermatological issues, cosmetic conditions like pigmentation, tattoos, acne, unwanted body hair, etc."

Speaking about Soprano Pro, Dr KN Barua, Consultant, BIDS, said, "Unwanted body hair is a distressing situation. The continuous struggle to remove unwanted hair can be a lifelong battle. Soprano Pro is a state-of-the-art machine that offers painless and comfortable hair removal. The results are long-lasting."

Speaking at the event, Alma Lasers official Sunaina Baghla said, "Alma Lasers is a global innovator of laser light-based, radio-frequency and ultrasound solutions for the aesthetic and surgical markets.

Our mission is to provide modular, cost-effective and high-performance systems based on the very latest clinical research and cutting-edge technology."



Katherine B Hadda, Consul General, US Consulate, Hyderabad, addressing a meet on 'Fostering Innovation & IP For a Better Tomorrow', during World IP Day celebrations in Hyderabad on Wednesday. - UNI

India to play 'crucial role' in WhatsApp's business solutions

NEW DELHI, April 26: Messaging app WhatsApp is working on solutions to enable businesses to use its platform to connect with consumers and India will play a "crucial role" for the product, a company official said today.

Last year the Facebook-owned company had said WhatsApp will test tools that allow users to communicate with businesses and organisations like banks and airlines through its platform.

While WhatsApp does not intend to introduce any third-party apps, it is looking at ways to monetise the plat-

form and working with businesses could be a step in that direction.

WhatsApp remains free for consumers.

"...we are definitely in building the product phase. So, what you will see over the year is different tests, both for small and large businesses, and figuring out what's a good experience for these businesses on WhatsApp," WhatsApp spokesperson Matt Steinfield said.

He further said, "India is going to play a crucial role in that."

low users to express their thoughts using pictures and animations.

WhatsApp is also attempting to foray into digital payment services, with India as a test bed. The company is looking to hire a digital transaction head for the country.

In February, WhatsApp co-founder Brian Acton had met IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad to discuss ways in which WhatsApp could contribute to India's vision for digital commerce.

"We listen very carefully to feedback from people across India and

how to better serve them. India is obviously our largest country and it's going to be one of the most important markets," Steinfield pointed out.

He added that the company is keen to understand how it can contribute more to the vision of Digital India.

Following the government's move to recall old notes of Re 500 and 1,000 in November last year, there has been a massive growth in digital transaction volumes in India, including credit and debit cards, mobile banking and m-wallets and UPI. - PTI



Spotted deer quench their thirst on a sunny day at Thiruvananthapuram Zoo on Wednesday. - UNI

Pilot assaulted passenger: Harbhajan

MUMBAI, April 26: An expert pilot with Jet Airways hurled "racist" comments at and assaulted a woman and also abused a physically challenged person on a flight, cricketer Harbhajan Singh claimed today.

Expressing regret over the incident, Jet Airways said corrective action would be taken as per company policy, and after investigation.

The pilot concerned remains derostered since the day of the incident, the airline said. The cricketer was referring to the incident that took place aboard a Chandigarh-Mumbai Jet Airways flight on April 6.

Harbhajan, however, said that he was not the flight. He said he learnt of the incident through an acquaintance. "We are proud Indians, not 'bloody Indians'. I don't need apology. I want this captain to be out of India so no one dare to (sic) call us bloody Indians," Singh said. In a series of tweets, the cricketer said the pilot assaulted a woman and abused a physically challenged man as he termed the incident as "disgraceful". - PTI

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"On careful examination of all relevant factors, it is observed that the use of social media platforms, which are being misused as anti-national and anti-social elements by transmitting inflammatory messages in various forms are immediately required to be regulated/curbed," it added.

The sites and applications which will be inaccessible in

the valley include Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Wechat, QQ, Qzone, Google Plus, Skype, Line, Pinterest, Snapchat, YouTube, Vine and Flickr.

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The move comes against the backdrop of repeated student protests in Kashmir, which the authorities believe are fanned through social media sites and instant messaging services for visiting fans and instigating violence, which caused large scale damage to life and property," it added.

It said, "The anti-national and communal elements largely increased in transmission, generated, objectionable and inflammatory material and content

Dinakaran in police custody

NEW DELHI, April 26: A court here on Wednesday sent sidelined AIADMK leader TTV Dinakaran, arrested on the charge of attempting to bribe Election Commission officials, to five-day police custody. Mallikarjuna, a longtime friend of Dinakaran, who was arrested too on Tuesday, has also been remanded in police custody till May 1. Special Judge Poonam Chaudhary allowed the Crime Branch to quiz Dinakaran, a nephew of jailed AIADMK party chief VK Sasikala after the Delhi Police sought his custody. - IANS

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Municipal Corporation of Delhi poll result

Kejriwal congratulates BJP

NEW DELHI, April 26: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today refrained from raising the EVM tampering issue, unlike other AAP leaders, as he congratulated the BJP on its victory in the municipal polls. His reaction came hours after it became clear that the BJP was set to retain control of the three corporations, winning over 160 seats, more than its existing strength. The Aam Aadmi Party Chief promised all cooperation to the civic bodies for the betterment of the national capital.

Kejriwal had threatened to launch an agitation over alleged "manipulation" of EVMs, an issue he had raised after the AAP's disappointing performance in the recent Assembly elections in Punjab and Goa.

However, there was no word from him on the proposed agitation today. "I congratulate BJP on their victory in all 3 MCDs. My govt looks forward to working with MCDs for the betterment of Delhi (sic)," Kejriwal, who went into a huddle with top leaders of the AAP, said. - PTI

Leaders hit out at AAP high command

CHANDIGARH, April 26: Daggers are out in the Aam Aadmi Party's Punjab unit with party MP Bhagwant Mann saying the party leadership for the drubbing in the recent state Assembly elections, stating that not naming a chief ministerial candidate cost them heavy.

The AAP's Sangrur MP said the party should look within to find out the reasons which stopped its march to power in Punjab. Contrary to AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's stand, Mann said there was no use in finding fault with the electronic voting machines (EVMs).

He also slammed the party leadership for "behaving like a 'mohalla' (local) cricket team," and said AAP had committed a "historic blunder" in Punjab with regard to the overall electoral strategy. - PTI

Delhi BJP chief targets Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, April 26: The party which won 67 Assembly seats has not even managed to get 67 wards, Delhi BJP chief Manish Tiwari today said taking a dig at AAP over the defeat in the municipal elections.

Basking in MCD poll victory, Tiwari, who took over the reins of the city unit in November last year, stressed that voters have rejected Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's "politics of negativity."

And credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies for BJP's "historic" win in the civic polls.

"The Chief Minister continued to spread negativity through his statements each day. People rejected it and voted for the BJP for its positive approach," the BJP leader, who is also an MP from North-East Delhi, said while thanking the people of the city for the mandate. - PTI

Referring to the massive victory of AAP in 2015 Assembly elections, Tiwari said "the party that won 67 Assembly seats has not been able to win 67 wards in this elections."

In a democracy, people's mandate is supreme. It must be honoured by everyone, he said adding that with the massive victory, the BJP had an equally big responsibility to fulfil the aspirations of the people. - PTI

Jadhav case: India hands over mother's appeal to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, April 26: India today handed over to Pakistan an appeal by the mother of retired Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, sentenced to death by a military court, to the appellate court, initiating a process to get his conviction overturned.

The appeal on behalf of Jadhav was given to Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Tehmina Janjua by Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale, who also handed over a petition by Jadhav's mother seeking the Pakistan government's intervention for his release and expressing the desire to meet him, it said.

Bambawale, who met Janjua, also made a fresh request for consular access to Jadhav, the external affairs ministry said in press release here. This is the 16th request for access.

"Also handed over was an appeal by the mother to the Court of Appeal, on behalf of Jadhav, who continues to be in detention in Pakistan on concocted charges," the ministry said.

In the petition, Jadhav's mother has made a request for the intervention of Federal Government of Pakistan for his release and expressed the desire to meet him, it said.

As per the appeal system in

Pakistan, a death row convict has to move an appellate court within 40 days of pronouncement of the verdict.

Pakistan was also requested to facilitate visas for the mother and father of Jadhav.

They wish to travel to Pakistan to meet him and also to personally file the petition and the appeal. They have applied for necessary visa with the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi," the ministry added.

It is the second time that Bambawale has met Janjua in connection with the naval officer's case. On April 14, Bambawale had met with the Pakistani foreign secretary and

expressed India's concern regarding the whereabouts and health condition of Jadhav. He had told media after his meeting that he had asked for a list of charges and an authentic copy of the verdict of the military tribunal against the retired officer to laud an appeal process against his conviction.

Jadhav was given death sentence by the Field General Court Martial earlier this month, evoking a sharp reaction in India which warned Pakistan of consequences and damage to bilateral ties if the "pre-meditated murder" was carried out. PTI

Indian Railways – one of the world's largest railway systems that runs over 12,500 trains every day – is more than just the country's transport lifeline. For the 23 million passengers who use it daily, it is almost a way of life – with a unique charm and special rhythm of its own.

Capturing the nostalgia associated with the train travel in India is a crowd-sourced commu-

ning more about.

"And now, it has become my reality," Babar explained in an email on the move, while travelling from Mumbai to various places in Rajasthan – by train, of course.

A graduate from Pune's Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication, Babar is a cinematographer based in Mumbai. He has been associated with multiple television shows like 'MasterChef India' and 'The Voice and Taste Down Under', to name a few. But he soon realised that the monotony of sitting and editing had begun to suffocate him and, therefore, he started the 'Window Seat Project' as a getaway from his humdrum routine.

Babar had to submit a dissertation as a part of his course. Along with his classmates he went off on a train journey from Pune to Kanyakumari asking a variety of passengers just one question: 'What kind of India do you see from the window seat?'

"I realised that I was not the only crazy person who loved trains; there are thousands of them out there. And it is because of them the page has flourished," Babar added.

Babar finds Indian Railways "a mixed bag of a plethora of expressions, emotions, and cultures" – something worth exploring. He finds a story in every passenger and likes to take these stories – captured in frames clicked from different angles – to the world through his camera.

So, how does he select the best picture in a day for the Window Seat Project? "There is no process as such. The pictures have to be about trains, of course. But the primary criterion is that the pictures should speak for themselves. They should be relatable," he responded.

Despite much popularity on the social media platform, Babar said that Indian Railways probably has no clue about the page. But that does not disappoint him.

"I have not been approached by them but I would surely love to work with the Railways. There are so many railway publications that need pictures, so many new trains that have started that need to be featured. I would love to be the one covering them," Babar quipped.

Planning a railway journey soon? Don't forget to take a picture and share it on Instagram with the hashtag 'windowseatproject'.

(Source: IANS)

Melange of scenarios

This Instagram page will have you yearning to travel by train again, writes Somrita Ghosh



ny page on Instagram titled 'Window Seat Project', which has been ruling the social media platform for quite some time now. The pictures and their catchy captions will convince you to start travelling by train once again.

With more than 20,000 followers and 654 posts, the community page is a melange of emotions and scenarios, from the endless sea to lush forests and woods, from food vendors to passengers and from railway platforms to the interiors of the train – all captured through the camera. Some of these exquisite pictures are in monochrome while others are in colour.

The story of the Window Seat Project started a few years ago when Sharu Babar (whose brain child the community is) began it as a hobby that gradually turned into something he started car-

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Thursday, April 27, 2017.

This year you have unusual powers of persuasion. Others will say "no" to you. Don't push people to agree with you; just be yourself. Your magnetism soars as well. If you are single, you will want an escort, not a substance. You are likely to meet someone special during the week ahead. If you are married, you may be able to realize a long-term goal through the efforts of your significant other. A major purchase in the fall is likely to add to the quality of your life together. Gemini can talk you to death.

The Star Show: The Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Possitive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Dull.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You are on high and might be unstoppable. Of course, if those around you knew you better, they would know exactly what to do to slow you down. Information comes forward that changes your viewpoint and encourages you to look at a decision differently. Tonight: Listen to your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You might be out of sorts and not as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. When you open up and get feedback, you will hear otherwise. Not until later will you be able to integrate what you have heard to postponing an important decision you need to make. Tonight: Nap when you need to.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Meetings with others will be extremely enjoyable. You and that special someone could interfere with a business matter. Try to concentrate on people. Reach out to friends, and schedule a get-together for later in the day. Tonight: Do whatever seems natural.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Those around you trust your judgment. You might change your mind about one particular situation, and as a result, you could see other important changes as well. Someone else could offer a different perspective. Tonight: Listen to a friend's last-minute invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your creative process forces you to look at a personal problem and then help it grow. Reach out to friends, and schedule a get-together for later in the day. Tonight: Listen to your favorite music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might have overstated a situation and will need to pull back and listen to the other side. You and the other party both can be surprised by a new development. Mutual understanding will be less difficult than expected. Tonight: Listen to your favorite music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Others continue to dominate plans, and you'll be content to go along with them. As a result, several people might assume that you are a "yes" person. You are likely to go along with whatever feels right, and you also don't want to deal with any flak. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You could have a lot to do in order to complete your to-do list. You'll continue to push yourself very hard. You might want to take a break, though. How flexible you are will become key in an important discussion. Tonight: Respond to someone else's efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Even though you might be confident about a key topic, your flexibility points to your success. A chat with a friend about upcoming plans needs to happen in the near future. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

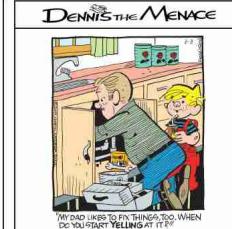
Your more playful, risk-taking side is likely to display a need to express itself in a meaningful way. You might opt to spend some time at home, too. Tonight: Get together with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

A meeting proves to be more significant than you originally had thought. Express your feelings, with the knowledge that others will understand where you are coming from. Make an important call about a recent purchase that you made. Tonight: Out and about.

Thought for the day

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.



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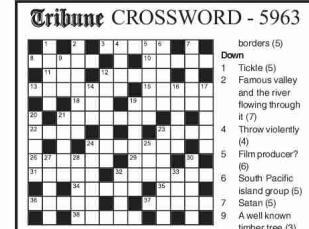
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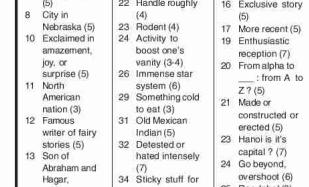
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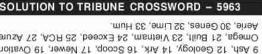
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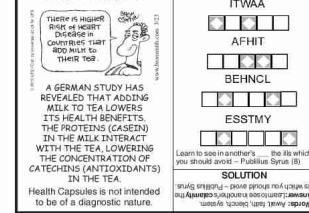
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New recruits of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) patrol the border area at Ngari, Tibet Autonomous Region, China on Wednesday. - UNI

US must reassure India about security of Asian space: Tellis



WASHINGTON, April 26: The US must reassure India that it will continue to remain the "security guarantor" of the Asian space as there is a growing anxiety in India that Washington might reach a condominium with Beijing, a top American expert has said.

"They (Indians) are concerned that the US will not make the investments required to protect its preeminence in Asia. If that concern grows roots, then their willingness to bet on the US relationship diminishes. They're also con-

cerned that the US for tactical reasons, might reach a condominium with the Chinese."

Ashley Tellis of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a top American think-tank, told lawmakers.

Inians, he said, see the strategic challenges immediately arising from China.

"So whatever we can do to help them cope with those emerging strategic challenges, are the things that advance our common interests," he said, adding that the Indian Ocean area becomes an immediate point of focus. - PTI

Mourning, joy for Egypt's Christians as Pope visits

CAIRO, April 26: Egypt's Christians are still mourning fellow members of the Coptic Orthodox community murdered this month by jihadis, but there is also joy ahead of Pope Francis's visit this weekend.

In a Cairo Church amid wafting incense, strident percussion and prayers, worshippers are looking forward to the Roman Catholic pope's arrival on Friday, seeing his two-day trip as one of support for their minority community.

It will be the Argentine pontiff's first visit to the Arab world's most populous nation where the population is 90 percent Muslim.

His already arranged trip rapidly as-

sumed a highly symbolic tone after two jihadist suicide bombers on April 9 targeted Coptic churches in the northern cities of Alexandria and Tanta.

The Islamic State group said it was behind the attacks which killed 45 people.

"Obviously everyone is worried after what happened," said 23-year-old student Karim Saber after Sunday night mass at the Virgin Mary Coptic Catholic Cathedral in northern Cairo.

"But by coming to Egypt, the pope is showing us that nothing can prevent us from praying, including terrorism."

The threat remains ever-present, however, as the jihadists have threatened fur-

ther attacks against the Copts who make up some 10 percent of Egypt's population of more than 90 million.

On April 18, IS gunmen attacked a police checkpoint near the famed St Catherine's monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai, killing one officer and wounding three. But at Sunday night's mass in Cairo there was optimism.

"After each painful moment, there is always something beautiful which brings joy," said 25-year-old graphic designer Dina Fahmi.

"The pope, the head of the church in the world, is coming to give us support and this is a blessing for us," she said. - AFP

Bangla '71 veterans to get 5-year India visa

DHAKA, April 26: In a special gesture, India will grant five-year multiple entry tourist visas to Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War veterans, an Indian high commission spokesman said today.

"I fear that the Chinese government has taken away your religious identity. I pray that you will one day be able to live a free life and take your rightful place as the 11th Panchen Lama," Tenzin Dorjee, member of the USCIRF wrote in an open letter to Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the Panchen Lama.

Three days after being identi-

fied as the Panchen Lama,

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, recog-

nized by the Dalai Lama as the 11th Panchen Lama of Tibetan Buddhism and missing for over 22 years, today turned 28.

"Ever since you were abduc-

tured as a young child at the age of six, the Chinese gov-

ernment has refused to share even basic information about you and your whereabouts.

Please know that I think about you every day; and as each year passes, my resolve to find you and restore you to your right-

ful role becomes stronger.

"By the age of 28, I had re-

ceived both a Tibetan and mod-

ern education, as well as ad-

vanced Buddhist studies in the

Tibetan diaspora in India. I would like to know more about you, espe-

cially about your well-being and the education you have re-

ceived," Dorjee wrote. - PTI

'Majority adhere to secularism in India'

YEREVAN (Armenia), April 26: Vice President Hamid Ansari said today that secularism was one of the basic characteristics of India's Constitution and despite "societal difficulties" majority of the people adhere to it.

Ansari, while speaking at the Yerevan State University, said India was committed to secu-

larity.

"We have societal difficulties

which sometimes lead people to the self licence for violence.

But the secularism is one of

the basic characteristics of the

Constitution of India. And

great, great, great majority are

committed to it," said

Ansari in response to a ques-

tion on violence linked to reli-

gion in India.

Ansari, who is here for a

three-day visit, said people of

India were also committed to a

just society.

Ansari stressed that Armenia

and India might be at a dis-

tance but there were many cul-

ture and historical links be-

tween the two countries.

"Myself was born in Calcutta

(now Kolkata), and spent many

years in the city. Amongst its

churches and other sites of its

Armenian inhabitants, Father

Michael Chamich's History of

Armenia was translated and

published in Calcutta in 1827,"

he noted. - PTI

US judge blocks key part of Trump's sanctuary cities order

WASHINGTON, April 26: Donald Trump has suffered a setback as a federal judge blocked his administration's executive order on denying funding to sanctuary cities "harboring illegal immigrants, saying the President is exceeding his constitutional authority.

The US District Judge William Orrick blocked the government from enforcing a key portion of Trump's January executive order on immigration, which ordered the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department to block cities who do not cooperate with federal immigration enforcement from receiving federal funds.

Orrick in his ruling yesterday said the president was "exceeding his constitutional authority" by trying to punish local governments that refuse to cooperate with his immigration policies.

The White House in a reply to order said that: "Given the nationwide scope of the order, and its apparent constitutional flaws, a nationwide injunction is appropriate," Orrick said in his order, which will remain in effect unless it is overturned by a higher court.

"Sanctuary cities, like San Francisco, block their jails from turning over criminal aliens to Federal authorities for deportation. These cities are engaged in the dangerous and unlawful nullification of Federal law in an attempt to erase borders," the White House said in a statement.

"Once again, a single district judge – this time in San Francisco – has ignored Federal immigration law to set a new immigration policy for the entire country," it said.

It also said the ruling is a gift to the criminal gang and cartel element in our country, empowering the worst kind of human trafficking and sex trafficking, and putting thousands of innocent lives at risk. - PTI

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Chelsea's Diego Costa (centre) celebrates with his teammates after finding the back of the net during the Premier League match against Southampton at the Stamford Bridge, on Tuesday.

Sindhu wins, Saina bows out of Asia championships

WUHAN (China), April 26: Rio Olympic silver medalist PV Sindhu cruised into the second round but compatriot Saina Nehwal bowed out fighting in the Badminton Asia Championships here today.

The world number three Indian, who clinched the India Super Series earlier this month, defeated Dinar Dyah Ayustine of Indonesia 21-8, 21-18 in a lopsided encounter that lasted just 31 minutes.

London Games bronze medallist, Saina, however, lost to Japan's Sayaka Sato 19-21, 21-16, 21-18 in the women's singles after slogging it for more than an hour. Seeded seventh, Saina had won medal twice in the prestigious event.

Ajay Jayaram, who reached a career-best ranking of World No. 13 last Thursday, defeated fifth seeded Houwei Tian of China 21-8, 18-21, 21-19 to progress to the second round of the men's singles event.

2015 Swiss Open champion HS Prannoy also lost a grueling battle against eighth seeded Ng Ka Long Angus, going down 16-21, 21-13, 19-21 to the Hong Kong player. — PTI

Eintracht Frankfurt progress to German Cup final



Eintracht Frankfurt's players celebrate after the final penalty of the German Cup semifinal match against Borussia Monchengladbach at Monchengladbach, on Tuesday.

MONCHENGLADBACH (Germany), April 26: Eintracht Frankfurt won 7-6 in a penalty shoot-out at Borussia Monchengladbach after a 1-1 draw on Tuesday to reach the German Cup final for the first time in 11 years and set up a showdown with either holders Bayern Munich

or Borussia Dortmund.

Braniimir Hrgota has scored only five goals during a lackluster season since signing from Monchengladbach but he found the target when it mattered in the team's biggest game of the season so far.

The four-time cup winner could have

a chance to avenge its 2006 final loss to Bayern Munich if the German champions overcome Borussia Dortmund in Wednesday's second semifinal.

Taleb Tawatha put the visitors ahead after a dominant quarter of an hour with Monchengladbach, who were missing eight players through injury, looking without a game plan for the entire first-half.

However, Ibrahima Traore found some space in the half-stoppage to cross and Jörgen Hofmann stabbed in at the far post to equalize.

Both teams scored their first six spot kicks before Frankfurt keeper Lukas Hradecky saved two penalties in a row and former Monchengladbach player Braniimir Hrgota converted the winning spot kick to send Eintracht through. Eintracht, who lost the 2006 final to Bayern, won the last of their four German Cups in 1988. — Agencies

The recent washout confirms the Greek Tragedy being played out in Bangalore. If not injury then poor form; if not poor form then nature gods have brought them to the brink. A curse has befallen their cricketing supermen and it's been relentless.

They first took the field without Kedar Jadhav, who was still in slumber. Poor Kedar Jadhav was thrust in the new role of holding the fort when he was better served in drilling through the enemy lines. RCB was literally reduced

with begging bowls for runs. Then came the down pour. Chris Gayle fired. So did Kohli. Over 100 runs for the first wicket. Over 200 in 20 overs. It was a false alarm. Kolkata Knight Riders got them for less than 50 in the next very next game. None of their men made it to double figures.

It could only have been a curse. For when is

mitment, for his work for the team, because he's always working for the team."

It took Chelsea barely five minutes to open the scoring as Diego Costa was given space in box to find Hazard, who fired past Fraser Forster.

The goal was the Belgian's 15th in the league this season — the first time he has managed that feat.

He managed 14 in both 2013-14 and 2014-15 but this is now his most prolific season since he scored 20 Ligue 1 goals for Lille in 2011-12.

After Gary Cahill restored Chelsea's lead, Costa scored two contrasting goals in the second half.

The striker's 50th Premier League goal was a header from Cesc Fabregas' cross and his next goal was the culmination of a noisy run through the defense that saw him exchange passes with Hazard and Pedro Rodriguez.

Those goals helped the league leaders edge closer to regaining the trophy from Leicester, having had their advantage trimmed in recent weeks by

Tottenham. Second-placed Tottenham is now on the back foot as it prepares to play Crystal Palace late on Wednesday.

But one potential obstacle to Chelsea's winning the title on the five-match final stretch remains the leaky defense that had been so sturdy earlier in the season. Both Southampton goals came from former Chelsea players, with Oriol Romeu and Ryan Bertrand making it 12 league games since Conte's side kept a clean sheet.

Romeu's cancelled out Hazard's opener.

Manolo Gabbiadini was left unmarked to bring down James Ward-Prowse's corner at the far post and strike at Thibaut Courtois. The goal-keeper parried the shot but the ball fell to Romeu for a simple tap-in. Chelsea was already 4-1 in front when Bertrand rose above Cahill to head in a cross from Cedric Soares. "When you keep a clean sheet, it's a great achievement for your team. I think this situation we have to improve. We have to continue to work and try to improve our mistakes," Conte said. — Agencies

Won't just let Aizawl walk away with title: Lajong coach

SHILLONG, April 26: Aizawl FC may be a point away from creating history but Shillong Lajong coach Thangboi Singto today promised that he won't let them "walk away" with the I-League title in the 'North East Derby' slated for Saturday.

Aizawl are on 36 points and a draw would be good enough for them to seal the I-League title as their nearest rival Mohun Bagan are at the maximum 36 points.

"We look forward to giving Aizawl FC a tough fight. They have not won the title as yet but we will not let Aizawl walk in and take away the title. It will be a very tightly contested clash between both the teams," Singto said ahead of the eagerly-awaited clash.

For Singto, the 'North-East' Derby has its own charm and he won't mind Lajong playing the party poopers.

"It's the North East Derby — our match against Aizawl FC and we are gearing up in that fashion. We know that Aizawl FC have a lot at stake and we plan to make it even more difficult for them."

Singto, however, commanded Khalid Jamil's men for their consistency.

"Aizawl team has been extremely consistent this season. That is why they are on the top of the table at the moment. They have played attacking football and their team game has been a highlight," the Lajong coach said.

While Mohun Bagan fans will be praying for Aizawl's defeat, the Lajong coach feels that it will be a treat for the neutrals.

"It will be a treat for the neutrals and for every football fan in India. The fans will have to keep one eye on Mohun Bagan's match (vs Chennai City FC) and one eye on the North East Derby. It is as exciting as it gets — the perfect climax for the I-League."

If Aizawl win the I-League, Singto is confident that there will be a shift of power.

"North East has been the footballing hub of India for long. But now we can see there has been a shift of power from the traditional Indian clubs to a club from the North East (on verge of title). It only proves that there has been an overall development in Indian football," he concluded. — PTI

Soriano hands Villarreal shock win at Atletico

also denied the in-form Antoine Griezmann and Nico Gaitan before the break.

Gaitan then had Atletico's best chance of the game early in the second-half. However, he failed to reward boss Diego Simeone for a rare start as again he was denied by Fernandez's outstretched hand.

Villareal had offered almost nothing as an attacking threat for the first hour but the introduction of Soriano and Bakambu from the bench posed a threat on the counter-attack in the final quarter. Soriano should have done better with a huge chance that was blocked by Diego Godin 12 minutes from time.

However, he made amends just four minutes later by turning home Bakambu's cross to inflict just Atletico's second league defeat since the sides last met back in December.

And Atletico were also dealt a blow a week ahead of the first leg of their Champions League semifinal with Real Madrid as Belgian winger Yannick Carrasco had to be replaced just 15 minutes after coming on as a substitute with a collarbone injury. — AFP



Atletico Madrid's Diego Godin (L) and Villarreal's Alvaro Gonzalez in action during the La Liga match at the Vicente Calderon in Madrid, on Tuesday.

RCB no longer are able to charm birds from the tree

The recent washout confirms the Greek Tragedy being played out in Bangalore. If not injury then poor form; if not poor form then nature gods have brought them to the brink. A curse has befallen their cricketing supermen and it's been relentless.

They first took the field without Kedar Jadhav, who was still in slumber. Poor Kedar Jadhav was thrust in the new role of holding the fort when he was better served in drilling through the enemy lines. RCB was literally reduced

with begging bowls for runs. Then came the down pour. Chris Gayle fired. So did Kohli. Over 100 runs for the first wicket. Over 200 in 20 overs.

It was a false alarm. Kolkata Knight Riders got them for less than 50 in the next very next game. None of their men made it to double figures.

It could only have been a curse. For when is

sun without light; a nightlight without a voice; a lion without a roar or a storm without a wind? Bangalore has a hating line-up to die for and here

it's not good enough to even worth a dole. They no longer are able to charm birds from the tree. And now with the music

and the washout, their fate hangs by the proverbial thread.

If Bangalore has to go down, they must go down fighting.

Their last stand must account for the faith their legions of fans

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Serena to be back on the court after baby

Vancover, April 26: Superstar athlete Serena Williams promised she would be back on the court after becoming a mom, with her baby hopefully cheering her on.

Williams spoke playfully and candidly about family, competition, and her accidentally unveiled pregnancy during an on-stage chat with journalist Gayle King at the TED Conference here last night.

Williams said she had made a practice of taking a photo of herself each week, to document the progress of her pregnancy, when she accidentally posted a picture of herself in a swimsuit on social media.

She had shared the news with only a few people until the now widely seen image.

"You know how social media is; you press the wrong button and there it is," Williams said with a laugh. "I had been so good about it and this one time I slipped."

Williams said she learned she

was pregnant just two days before the Australian Open, which she went on to win.

She told of being nervous about playing, uncertain whether it would

be too dangerous for her or the baby.

Williams said she beat differently, shutting out fatigue and stress.

Everyone expected her to win the tournament, and few knew she was a mom-to-be.

"I had to take any negative emotions, bottle them up and figure out what the next step was," Williams said.

She won her record-setting 23rd Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January — where she beat her elder sister Venus in the final.

"Playing Venus is like playing myself; she is my toughest opponent," Williams said.

"On the court, we

are mortal enemies,

but the moment we

shake hands we are

best friends again.

In champion form,

she admitted to loathing losing and loving victory.

"But, if you do lose, learn from it

and improve don't make the same

mistakes in the future," she advised.

Kelly Bush Novak, Williams' publicist, had said this weekend that the US star "looks forward to returning in 2018" and that was echoed by her coach Patrick Mouratoglou. Williams is due to give birth in September, the month she turns 36 years old.

"I definitely plan on coming back," Williams said of her tennis future.

"My baby is going to be in the

stands, hopefully cheering for me

and not crying too much."

In December, Williams announced her engagement to tech entrepreneur Alexis Ohanian and will not play again

this year.

She said that the next chapter in her life will include her baby, staying fit, playing tennis and working on her fashion line. — AFP



RCB look to get back to winning ways

BENGALURU, April 26: Staring at elimination after an inexplicable batting collapse followed by a wash-out, Royal Challengers Bangalore will be aiming for revival when they clash against out-of-sorts Gujarat Lions in an IPL match here tomorrow.

The Bangalore outfit will have to win all its remaining six matches to keep alive the hopes of making the knockouts.

With the match against

TEAMS:

Royal Challengers Bangalore: Virat Kohli (C), Yuzen Miller, Aniket Chaudhary, Praveen Dubey, Krunal Pandya, AB de Villiers, Chirag Suri, Venkatesh Iyer, Shreyas Chahal, Harshal Patel, Mandeep Singh, Adam Milne, Vishnu Vinod, Suresh Aravind, Rishabh Jaiswal (Wk), Umesh Yadav, Shubh Manohar, Shubman Gill, Samuel Badree, Iqbal Abdulla, Tavis Head, Sadin Khan, Avesh Khan, Tushar Deshpande.

Gujarat Lions: Suresh Raina (C), Akshadeep Nath, Shubham Agarwal, Basil Thampi, Ifran Pathan, Chirag Suri, Venkatesh Iyer, Shreyas Chahal, Harshal Patel, Mandeep Singh, Adam Milne, Vishnu Vinod, Suresh Aravind, Rishabh Jaiswal (Wk), Umesh Yadav, Shubh Manohar, Shubman Gill, Samuel Badree, Iqbal Abdulla, Tavis Head, Sadin Khan, Avesh Khan, Tushar Deshpande.



Sunrisers Hyderabad called off here without a ball being bowled due to rain last night, Haryana had to share a point.

They now have just five points from eight games and



are lying sixth in the points table.

Come tomorrow, it will be an arduous task for Virat Kohli and Co. After being dismissed for a meagre 49 – the lowest ever total in the history of IPL – against Kolkata Knight Riders. During that disastrous outing at the Eden Gardens, none of RCB's 11 batsmen could get to double figures. – PTI

Tinsukia boys rout Barpeta Road Cricket CC

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 26: In yet another one-sided match of the ongoing 7th Sitaram Agarwala U-17 Memorial Inter School/Organisation Cricket Tournament at the Assam Cricket Association's stadium, Barpeta here today, Tinsukia Cricket Academy routed Barpeta Road Cricket Coaching Centre by 77 runs.

In the low scoring encounter Tinsukia gathered 146 losing all the wickets in 43 overs and the Barpeta Road boys fell 77 runs short as they were all out for 69 in 22.2 overs. Suwan Sharma of Tinsukia CA, who took five wickets was handed the man-of-the-match award.

Brief scores: Tinsukia CA 146 (Dibakar Das 51, Animesh Baruah 24, Abhishek Bhuyan 16, Noyer Raj Kashyap 418; Sourav Barman 2/10); Barpeta Road CCC 69 (Ham Ch Das 24, Suwan Sharma 5/7; Hridoy 2/12).

Dhan Sena Sinha cricket

GUWAHATI, April 26: The River Rice Cricket Coaching Centre will host the 13th Dhan Sena Sinha Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament at the Latsali playground here from May 5. Teams interested to take part in the meet may contact the organising secretary Ranjit Kumar Sarma at the competition venue, stated a release.

U-19 soccer tournament

GUWAHATI, April 26: Over 12,500 young footballers will play more than 1200 matches in next three months when the Orissa U-19 football talent hunt kicks off across the country on May 1 with India hosting the FIBA U-17 World Cup in October this year.

Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) – SSB, BSF, ITBP, CRPF, CISF and Assam Rifles, under the aegis of the All India Police Sports Control Board (AIPSCB) are organising the event in the country. The Rs 20 lakh prize-money tournament will be held in 10 states and it will culminate with the final in Delhi on July 25.

The curtain raiser of the ORISSA-CAPF's U-19 football talent hunt tournament of Assam, organised by SSB Guwahati will be held here tomorrow, stated a release.

Aid for archer Gohela

GUWAHATI, April 26: State Sports Minister Naba Kumar Doley offered an amount of Rs 50,000 to talented archer Gohela Boro who is undergoing treatment at the AIIMS, New Delhi after suffering from a critical disease. She is however making satisfactory recovery.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal offered Rs 1 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for her treatment, stated a release issued by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare.

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Pak complains against India on visa delay for Asian squash

KARACHI, April 26: Blaming India for their pullout from the Asian Squash Championships, Pakistan have lodged a complaint with the World and Asian squash bodies, alleging that the hosts deliberately delayed visas to their team.

An official in the Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) said the matter had been brought to the notice of the World and Asian bodies since Pakistan were the defending champions in the event starting in Chennai.

The PSF claimed that it had submitted applications for visas of players and officials well before time, on March 17.

PSF secretary Tahir Sultan alleged that after refusing the visas to the Pakistan team comprising Farhan Mehbood, Farhan Zaman, Tayyab Aslam and Waqar Mehbood on Monday morning, the Indian High Commission had asked them to submit their passports again.

"After returning the passports to us, they (Indian High

Commission) contacted us and asked us to submit the passes again for the issuance of visas but we have now decided to apply again," Sultan said.

Sultan claimed that the Indian authorities had used delaying tactics while processing the visa applications of the Pakistani players for the tournament, scheduled to commence in Chennai from tomorrow.

He said that Pakistan would pursue the matter with the squash bodies and also the professional squash association.

"We have always said that there should be no politics in sports but apparently India has its own policy. But the refusal of visas is unacceptable since the Asian Senior Individual Championship is not an Indian event but a regional one," Sultan said.

Sources in the foreign ministry confirmed that the matter had also been taken up at the diplomatic level and Pakistan was concerned after the

Nita Ambani made member of IOC's Olympic Channel Commission

NEW DELHI, April 26: India's first woman International Olympic Committee member Nita Ambani has made it to two important commissions of the global sports governing body, including the prestigious Olympic channel.

The digital channel, projected to cost about USD 600 million over the first seven years, was launched in August last year during Rio Games.

The Madrid-based channel is designed to promote Olympic sports and values year-round. It will be a mix of sports programming, Olympic archive footage, news and other material.

Ambani is also named in the 24-member Olympic Education Commission, which is headed by New Zealander Barry John Maister, an IOC member and a 1976 Olympic hockey gold medalist. – PTI



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- Collaboration with principal

PROFILE

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PROFILE

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- Rupa

Dear Rijuja,
I could not help you. Do keep your precious things safely and under lock and key. Cheer up! It may turn up unexpectedly.

Dear Ishani Aunty,
I had a wonderful time this Friday with my cousin. But now, I am not in the mood for studies. Please help.

- Kalash

Dear Rijuja,
The whole world runs on hard work. It is your duty to put your best at whatever you do. Look forward to the next festival and put in your best. There is no time for idleness. So, back up!

Dear Ishani Aunty,
We have a rich gift in our neighbourhood who refuses to talk to us. Her father has three cars and they have several servants. Why is she so rude?

- Anita

Then may be another explanation - the poor girl may be shy and unable to communicate. Just talk to her or a friend goes to another, with limited her wealth into the picture. Best of luck!

JUNIOR PUZZLERS

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13. 69 + 16 | 13. 89 + 6
14. 18 - 7 | 14. 15 + 43

SOLUTIONS

ANSWERS: (1) The atmosphere (2) Sunscreens or creams (3) By painting

Riddles

Kushmande Deka, Class-VI, St. Mary's H.S. School.

Q: Who comes to life in winter, but dies away if you touch us, we quickly disappear. What are we?

Ans: "Snowflakes!"

Q: I can run, but never walk. I never sleep, but I have a bed. What am I?

Ans: "A river."

Q: I am more precious than gold, I am light and bubble. If you have too little or too much of me, there will surely be trouble. What am I?

Ans: "Water."

Q: "I was born, I sit while I am alive. When I die, I flow. What am I?"

Ans: "Snow."

Q: "I RECKON A FAN IS BETTER."

ANSWER: (1) CRICKET AND I DIDN'T FEEL A THING!

by John Martin

DID YOU KNOW

By the time it takes to read this sentence, 50,000 cells in your body will die and be replaced by new ones.

Green Turtle

Green Turtle is a common name for a large sea turtle, named because of the colour of its fat, although it is not actually green. It is the fastest swimming turtle, reaching speeds up to 32 km/h. The Green Turtle is common in all oceans and many countries around. In summertime, along the North Atlantic coasts of the United States and Europe, Green Turtles are found in large numbers. Their shell length of more than one metre and a body weight of more than 300 kg.

Like other sea turtles, the Green Turtle has flipper-like forelimbs. It can distinguish from others by the fact that it has a single pair of large plates lying on top of the head between the eyes, a relatively smooth shell lacking any ridges, and only four large, non-overlapping plates on each side of the shell. The male never leaves the sea; the female leaves it only to lay her eggs. As many as 200 eggs are laid in a single clutch. The nest is built on sand above the reach of the tide. The young are hatched by the sun's heat and soon crawl into the sea. Green Turtles are omnivores, but eat chiefly marine vegetation. They are prized by turtle hunters, though their meat is used in turtle soup and turtle stock; their eggs are also valued as food. Because of overhunting, the number of Green Turtles is rapidly decreasing.

Green Turtles are listed as endangered by the IUCN. They are protected from exploitation in most countries. It is illegal to collect, harm, or kill them. In addition, many countries have laws

and ordinances to protect nesting areas. However, turtles are still in danger due to human activity. In some countries, turtles and their eggs are hunted for food. Pollution and habitat loss are also factors in both population and individual scales.



Many turtles die after being caught in fishing nets. Also, real estate development often causes habitat loss by eliminating nesting beaches.
(E-mail: onj4t_poh@yahoo.co.uk)

What's the BUZZ?

Cricket is often known to be the soul of India and almost everyone loves playing this gentleman's game. However, there are some underprivileged children who are often forced to play the sport academically. Actor Sonu Sood has come to the rescue, as

he has decided to open a cricket academy for underprivileged children. He says that he wants to teach the game every chance he gets.

The academy will be based in Mumbai and will also act as a centre in Purulia. The actor also expressed his willingness to open the academy across the nation as soon as possible. The actor further said that the academy will have proper pitches as well as professional coaches to train kids.

School curriculum to include demonetisation and GST

I report you to be believed, school children in the country are all set to learn about demonetisation and goods and services tax as a part of their school curriculum. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has decided to start the review of school textbooks to update content to reflect the changes in the curriculum. The NCERT has invited the Government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The NCERT assists and advises the government on school education. The officials of NCERT say that the review committee will incorporate the developments in the past ten years. Thus, the new textbooks for children are likely to have several chapters on important policies and achievements of the PM Modi Government.

Kids' Stuff BRAIN TEASERS

By Dave Aley

AMAZING CLIMB

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Tangled words

Find the hidden words in the below changed about words. Hint: All words are related to dogs.



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Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Joan call me.

Who'll be your mate?

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FIND THE FIVE DIFFERENCES IN THE PICTURES



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"Look, we have e-mail."

FUN WITH FACTS

The European robinbreathes its nests by breathing air through its feet.

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word search

Pick the word that is closest meaning.

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2. Viciously a) Gratefully b) Doubtfully c) Carelessly d) Experienced imaginatively	5. Boldster a) To sober b) Bold c) Coward d) Sweeten
3. Nomad a) Wanderer b) Ego c) Loner d) Enemy	Answers 6. Giggler 7. Indifference 8. Indifference 9. Indifference 10. Indifference

Solve this free form crossword, where the words are represented by pictures.



Princess Cora and the Crocodile

In Princess Cora and the Crocodile, our little princess is at her wits' end. Her mother is away for work, she's an only child and she's got to be there. Her existence is micromanaged down to the last minute (perhaps, some kids can relate). Her doting parents want her to be prepared for the responsibilities ahead, so she spends hours studying with her mother, takes three baths a day with her mother, and exercises with her father. She might cope, only they would let her have a dog, but no... This comes the croc!

BOOK NOOK

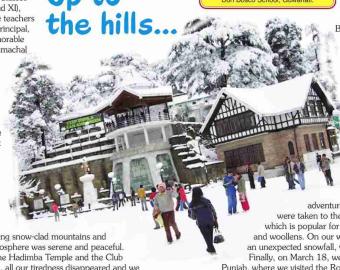
Fish Girl

David Almond's graphic novel *Fish Girl* is a darker, stranger story. There are no doting parents. Fish Girl is kept in her boardwalk aquarium by a sinister man calling himself the Godfather. She's been captured from her fisherman. If he sees, he says, scientists will take her and cut her open. She's been captured from her home in exchange for Neptune's stories of where she came from. Nameless and mute, she is given a name and voice by a girl her age. Through her friends, through their shared sisterhood Fish Girl acquires what Neptune desperately didn't want her to have: a name, a voice and courage.

Answers

Sanjeevani Singh and
Uttarika Bhattacharya, Class-XII,
Don Bosco School, Guwahati.

Up to the hills...



enjoyed snow-boarding, lake-riding and sliding. Around 4 p.m., a few students accompanied by some teachers, went for river rafting in the River Beas in Kullu Valley and some others went to the Manali Lake to enjoy the coolness of Manali.

On March 16, we left for Manali. On our way, we had a brief stopover at Chandigarh where about ten students who wanted to paraglide, while the others continued their journey. The journey was smooth and comfortable and we reached Shimla around 10 p.m. With excitement in our hearts, we all lay down and fell back on our beds, impatiently waiting for the next day. The next day, we went sightseeing in Shimla. In the morning, we were taken to the famous Shimla Mall Road and Ridge, which is popular for Christ Church and the wooden crafts and souvenirs. On our way back to our hotel, we experienced an unexpected rain which was filled with sweet memories.

Finally, on March 18, we left for Chardighar, the heart of Punjab, where we visited the Rock Garden. Last, but not the least, we had an electrifying and energetic DJ session on the night of our stay in Chardighar. With heavy hearts, we took the train back to the Delhi railway station to board the Rajdhani Express to Guwahati. Thus, the wonderful excursion came to an end. We would always cherish every moment of this journey throughout our lives.

IDIOM OF THE WEEK

Something to regret

Dear Bhaity, Bhonti,

It has come to my notice that young people have forgotten their manners. They no longer wish the elderly, or give up their seats to them in the bus. At home, they make little effort to bond with the other members of the family and yet, crib that no one cares for them. All this has to change if we are to have a more compassionate and human society.

By the way, this is to clarify that we do not award prizes for story, feature and sketch. Only the winners of the weekly "Pic Speak" are awarded certificates and a token.

With love, as always,

Hakaiotue

Deus ex machina

Deus ex machina is something or someone that comes in the nick of time to solve a difficulty, especially in writing or acting. It is a Greek phrase meaning "god from the machine" and refers to the machine—the device by which gods were suspended above the stage in ancient Greek drama. Deus ex machina is also used in literature to describe a plot device to lower the gods into the action to sort things out and bring about a happy ending.

In literature, the common plot device was to lower the gods into the action to sort things out and bring about a happy ending. Another common version would be the cavalry riding over the horizon, or some character awaking and realising that the dream they'd been in had been a bad dream. The term is used these days as an insult for the sake of implausible happy endings brought about by the intervention of some improbable daydreamer. Any figure like figure is considered too easy or clichéd.



Quiz
—Abanash Sarma,
Class VI, Harkirat Singh
Mandal, Barpeta,
Guwahati.

1. Column (1) 2. Linseed
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Answers

SKETCH OF THE WEEK
Bhaskariya Jyoti Deka, Class-X,
India Academy, Jagrard

Adrika Gautam, Class-IV,
Air Force School, Chabua**Spring cheer!**

After winter comes the season called Spring.
Along with it, comfort and happiness it brings.
It is a season of hope and the start of the year.
For everyone, be it plants, frogs or bears.
Nature looks charming during this season,
The birds sing and the leaves bring back our tension.
The Spring season is full of charming sounds,
Filled with happiness.
Many colors are to be found.
This season offers pleasing temperatures,
Which makes it suitable for all creatures.
The greenery of the earth in the Spring
Makes it look so nice.
That it seems as if the earth is a paradise!
During the Spring, environment is pleasant and clean.
That is why, among all seasons, it is said to be the queen!
— Sonoydip Chakraborty, Class-IX,
Srimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Moushumi Thakuria, Class-VII,
St. Mary's H.S. School, Guwahati.

Save Kaziranga!
Kaziranga is a place where
For animals, more than foreign shores!
Famous for the one-horned rhino,
Which is on the verge of extinction.
Even poachers are threatening them.
Poachers are the biggest problem.
And we have to find a solution,
To help them a little.
We have to protect this majestic species.
So that the people can see them through the ages.
Everyone has to raise their voices.
Save the rhino, save Kaziranga!

Yuhina Sekha, Class-V,
Delhi Public School, Guwahati**Little brother**

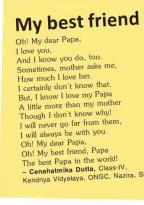
Every morning you
Tell me to earn you.
I feel that I love you even more.
For you have filled in the gaps
Left empty by my mother.
Left me without lots of you.
I keep waiting to hear
The words
That you'll offer.
I feel blessed.
To be a proud sister
Of a cute little brother!
— Chiyasmi Devi, Class-XII,
Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

Priyanka Gogoi, Class-V,
Mara's Public School, Binchudi, Guwahati**Into the future**

I was a Sardar, I wanted to go on a
Journey to the future? Being a
Scientist, I was also curious to know how
our future would be like. Was it peaceful or terrible, full of wars? Then I
invited to my secret science lab to test
my time machine. It was a time
Machine. It was not an ordinary
machine. It could go into the past, as
well as into the future. I tested the
machine and hoped the year 2068.
It started and whooshed! After a
few moments, I reached my
destination – the year 2068! I got
down from my time machine and
walked around. I saw many changes,
so that nobody would see it.
I was shocked to see that the
air was filled with smoke, dust
and different gases, and the
sky had also turned purple in

color. I was unable to breathe properly
because of the smoke and pollution in the
atmosphere. Then I heard a loud sound. It
was as if a bomb had just exploded. I was
shocked and ran behind the bushes.
After some time, I heard a shouting
loudly. I asked one of them, "Sir, could you
please tell us about the recent news?" Then
he told me, "Another World War has been
started and we are all going to die! Run! Save
yourself." After telling this, he ran away.
I was shattered. Then I hurriedly took my
time machine from the bushes, set on it and
tried the year 2017. I was welcomed back to
the year 2017.

This is what I experienced in the year
2068. So, we must persevere to work
towards and achieve the same for
our future generations. Plant more trees, do
not damage the environment, do not pollute
the air. Do not make war, but live in
peace and harmony and then in the year
2068, another World War may be prevented.
— Manayna P.,
Little Flower H.S. School, Dibrugarh.

Anupama Choudhury, Class-VI,
Modem High School, GuwahatiCenekelinks Dutta, Class-IV,
Kesang Wayanay ONGC, Nafra, Sivsagar,Joyresu Deka, Class-IV,
Gurukul Grammer Sr. Sec. School, GuwahatiRiyan Islam, Class-III,
North East Public School, GuwahatiParthiv Prajapati, Class-IV,
Vidyavikas The School, NaharilHimangsha Nath, Class-III,
North East Public School, GuwahatiDarin Baran, Class-III,
N.P.S. International School