

## NEWS CAPSULE

### Flood scene

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: Though overall flood situation in the State today saw marked improvement, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Barpeta, Chirang, Morigaon, Nalbari and Goalpara districts are still reeling under floods, affecting over 2.67 lakh people of 472 villages. According to the flood bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority here this evening, a total crop area of 35,786 hectares are still under flood. Of these 25,263 flood-hit people are still taking shelter in 62 relief camps in Nagaon, Morigaon, Chirang and Lakhimpur districts. — Staff Reporter.

### Army actions

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: On his maiden visit to Gauhati, Army Command GoC Lt Gen Abhay met Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and apprised them of the actions being taken by the Indian Army in coordination with other security agencies, towards maintenance of peace and tranquility in the State. — Staff Reporter

**Fighting terror**  
NEW DELHI, Aug 25: India and the European Union (EU) today called for enhanced cooperation to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as they condemned the recent terror attacks in Barcelona. — PTI

### Fraud arrested

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: Bharalumukh police has arrested Sunil Jain from Jaipur in Rajasthan in connection with a multi-crore-ruppee fraud case. Jain allegedly committed several ploys during his stay in Guwahati and was evading arrest for the last many months. — Staff Reporter

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

## 283 houses demolished inside Amchang Reserve Forest



STAFF REPORTER

Botahguri and Khanapara.

Two teams each were deployed to evict encroachers at Yusufnagar – atop a hill at Botahguri – and at Kankannagar-Nabijyoti Nagar behind the College of Veterinary Science. A senior forest official said four elephants, eight excavators, 1,200 personnel and 400 labourers were deployed for the operation today.

The number of people affected in the operation could be around 2,000 settlers, the court had

Meanwhile, two persons were arrested at Botahguri on charges of attacking the personnel during the exercise.

There was also a mild resistance from the tribal encroachers at Kankannagar, but no untoward incident was reported. "People had already taken out their belongings. We did not face much problem," said an officer who was present at the site.

"At around 3 pm, there was a rumour at Botahguri evication site that the court had

stayed the eviction. There was a hue and cry. Some miscreants from outside also joined the crowd and a few tried to attack the security personnel. We detained around eight persons, and two of them were arrested so far," a police official said.

A bench of the Gauhati High Court comprising Chief Justice Ajit Singh and Justice Manoj Bhuyan had on August 2 last granted a month's time to the government to

(See page 4)

should continue the high level of funding at around Rs 6,000 crore per annum. Furthermore, to fulfil the requirement

(See page 4)

### Dera Chief convicted

## 30 dead, 250 hurt in violence in Haryana

PANCHKULA (Haryana), Aug 25: Maverick self-styled godman Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh was today convicted of rape by a court here, triggering widespread violence and arson in Haryana where 30 people were killed and over 250 injured after which curfew was imposed here and several other places.

Ram Rahim travelled to the court from Sirsa, about 260 km from Chandigarh, in a huge convoy of vehicles which had his security guards and several other followers.

As the news spread and his thousands of followers gathered near the Panchkula court went on the rampage, Ram Rahim was taken by a helicopter to a jail in Rohtak.

His followers,

ironically called

'premis' (who

believe in

love), unleashed

violence and set

afire a large

number of ve-

hicles, buildings

and railway sta-

tions in Panchkula, oth-

erwise a peaceful city on the

outskirts of Chandigarh, as

well as in Sirsa, where the

area is based, and in Punjab.

Media persons and assets

were among the main targets

of the mobs.

Police and paramilitary used

force, including firing and lob-

ing teargas shells, to control

the volatile situation created

by the dera followers who had

gathered in thousands defying

the prohibitory orders like

Section 144 of the CrPC, which

bans assembly of more than

four people at one place.

(See page 4)

### APSC scam

## HC hears bail plea of 10 accused

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: The hearing of the bail petitions of all the 10 accused in the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) cash-for-jobs scam came up for hearing before the Court of Justice MR Pathak today.

Suspended member of the APSC Basanta Kumar Doley, who was represented by senior counsel Niloy Dutta have prayed for bail on merit along with some others and their bail prayers were vehemently opposed by special public prosecutor BK Mahajan on the ground that ample materials have come out against them during investigation of the case.

Some of the others accused have claimed bail on default

## 'Eronet' to be launched in State on Aug 28

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: The Election Commission of India has introduced a new internet-based portal/software 'eronet' for facilitation of various activities relating to electoral rolls such as the inclusion, deletion, correction and transfer of names, including providing the new photo identity cards. The new software has already been introduced in different states of India. This software will be launched in Assam on August 28, said an official press release here today.

## Transit treaties between NE, neighbouring countries mooted

KALYAN BAROOAH

NITI Aayog vice chairman Dr Arvind Panagariya. The Action Agenda is an integral part of the 15-year Vision Document of India being drafted by the NITI Aayog.

About the NER, the report said that the region is rich in natural resources like water, petroleum and natural gas. At least 52 per cent of the NER is covered with forests and is endowed with exotic flora, fauna and a rich mineral resource base. However, physical isol-

ation of the region post-1947 and a pause in infrastructure development after the India-Pakistan war of 1965 have hampered the region's economic growth.

**NITI Aayog action agenda**

The Action Agenda said that ongoing transport connectivity projects, including the East-West Corridor, Special Accelerated Road Development Project (SARDP-NE) and Trans Arunachal Highway should be closely monitored. The Central government

should continue the high level of funding at around Rs 6,000 crore per annum. Furthermore, to fulfil the requirement

(See page 4)

should continue the high level of funding at around Rs 6,000 crore per annum. Furthermore, to fulfil the requirement

(See page 4)

**Protest rally in Nagaon over assault case**  
CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, Aug 25: A protest rally backed by several organizations today demanded unconditional release of pro-ULFA member Moon Bora and others who had been arrested in connection with a brawl involving some local traders here.

On the other hand, trader Abhishek Roy alias Mithu, who was arrested yesterday, was produced in the court which remanded him to police custody. It may be mentioned here that Abhishek, a BJP leader, is close to Minister of State for Railways Rojen Ghosh and all his official works were conducted by Abhishek.

Pro-talk ULFA leaders Arbindra Rajkhowa, Jiten Dutta and others demanded unconditional release of Moon Bora

(See page 4)

**JOCOSERIOUS**



Electrocutions have become regular happenings. Put the news somewhere in the inside pages!

**EXCHANGE**

**PRE-PUJA CARNIVAL**

**Date: 25th, 26th & 27th Aug, 2017**

**Venue: Ganesh Mandir Indoor Stadium, GS Road, Near Hotel Lily.**

**GOLD COIN ON SPOT EXCHANGE BOOKING\***

**BIG BAZAAR Gift Voucher worth ₹300\* on Evaluation**

**Free General Checkup of Maruti Car**

**EVENT BENEFITS**

- GOLD COIN ON SPOT EXCHANGE BOOKING\***
- Highest Savings upto ₹55,100\***
- 100% Finance on Spot\***
- Lowest Rate of Interest\***
- 0% Processing Fee\***
- Best Value of your old car\***
- Free General Checkup of Maruti Car**
- 100+ Pre-Owned Car Display\***
- All Dealers are under one Roof**

**PALLAVI MOTORS: GS ROAD, CALL: 8721000133. MITTAL AUTO ZONE: LALMATI, CALL: 8011042222.**

**BHARALUMUKH, CALL: 8811007472. BOKO, CALL: 8811097038.**

**BIMAL AUTO: CHANDMARI, CALL: 9864505184. ADABARI, CALL: 9864088957/58/59.**

**PODDR CAR: KHANAPARA, CALL: 9435732770. GORCHUK, CALL: 9707332770.**

\*Conditions apply. All offers are brought to you by Maruti Suzuki Dealers. Offer may vary from city to city and variant to variant for all models. Exchange Bonus valid at Maruti Suzuki authorized True Value outlets only. MSL reserves the right to withdraw the offer at any point of time.

**GHADI**  
DETERGENT

**আগবঢ়োরা হৈছে  
মহাশক্তিশালী  
ঘড়ী ডিট'বেলন্ট**

**কাপড়ের হ'ব অধিক  
কোমল**

**বস্তা হ'ব  
ফটোপ্রিম**

**প্রথমে বারহার কৰক  
পাচত বিশাস কৰক**

**GHADI  
মহাশক্তিশালী**

প্রথমে বারহার কৰক  
বারহার কৰক  
বারহার কৰক

**RSPL CARE 1800 120 2800**





## New offshore patrol vessel

CHENNAI, Aug 25: Offshore patrol Vessel 'Sharya' has been formally inducted in the Coast Guard, Eastern region. It was formally commissioned by Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan last week.

The 105-metre vessel, in-

genously built by Goa Shipyard and with a maximum speed of 23 knots, is fitted with 30 mm CRN 91 gun and has a state-of-the-art navigation and communication and integrated machinery control system.

It is designed to carry one twin engine light helicopter and five high speed boats, including two 'quick reaction inflatable boats' for swift boarding operations, search and rescue and maritime patrol.

'Sharya, meaning 'courage', would be commanded by Deputy Inspector General DS Chathun. — PTI

## Amit Shah, Smriti Irani take oath as RS MPs

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: BJP president Amit Shah today took oath as member of the Rajya Sabha, making his debut in Parliament.

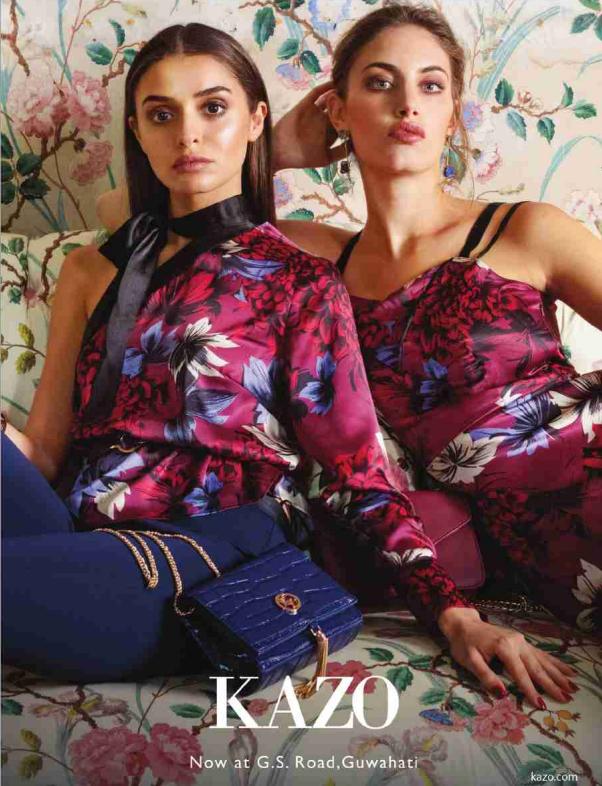
His party colleague, Union minister

Smriti Irani, also took oath as member of the Upper House.

Accompanied by their spouses, they were administered the oath in Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu's chamber.

While Shah took his pledge in Hindi, Irani took hers in Sanskrit.

Shah sat for a few minutes with his party colleagues in the BJP office in Parliament. — PTI



Also available at Sohum Shoppe, Sohum Emporia, Sohum Dibrugarh and coming soon at Sohum Tezpur

## Luxury has a new address...

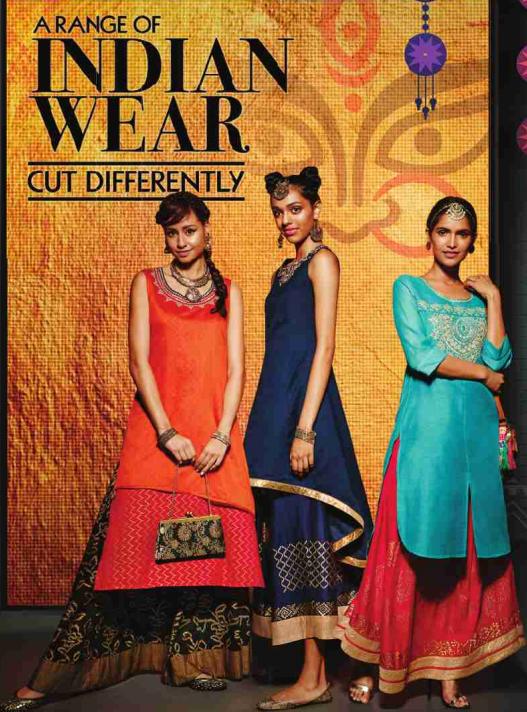
Hettich Exclusive Showroom, Grand opening on 26th August, 2017, Saturday

Insist on Hettich furniture fittings while buying your furniture or getting it made.

Hettich Exclusive Showroom:  
ASCU Bhawan, Dr. B. Borah Road,  
Uluberia, Guwahati  
Email: [info@hettich.com](mailto:info@hettich.com)  
Toll free: 1800 208 2066  
Customer\_Services@hettich.com

Technik für Möbel

**Hettich**



THIS PUJO,  
SHOP AT TRENDS AND GET EXCITING GIFTS\*

Reliance  
Growth is Life

**TRENDS**

PUJO STYLES

NOW IN

[www.reliancetrends.com](http://www.reliancetrends.com)

[f /RELIANCE TRENDS](https://www.facebook.com/reliancetrends)

\*Conditions apply. Offer valid on select merchandise. Merchandise also available without this offer. Clubbing or splitting of 2 or more bills is not permissible. Please ask store staff for detailed conditions.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

## BUSINESS

Distributor & Sub-Distributor wanted district wise for swipe machine (Micro ATM) & DMR on all Northeast. Investment Rs. 30000/- Interested parties call @ +91-9508056145 & +91-882166665, Busi/P/16381/9.

Wanted Distributor for a leading food industry. Minimum investment maximum returns. Contact: Aditya Dutta - 88762-16068, Busi/P/2316/3

**URGENTLY REQUIRED INVESTOR OR BUYER FOR NATIONAL LEVEL HIT MEETING COACHING INSTITUTE AT GUWAHATI RUNNING FROM 2014. PH: 9402658367.**

Busi/P/A3736/2

## LOAN

**LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY/HOME LOAN BUSINESS LOAN/TAKE OVER & TOPUP, SHREE VINAYAK & ASSOCIATES 9435082555.**

Loan/P/A3678/10

HNS Gold buying Company. Sell Gold at Market price instant cash/Bank payment. Also visit branch for free Gold purity checking. Call: 8876404307. Loan/P/A3345/10

## CONSULTANCY

**ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM BANK PROBLEM? IS YOUR ACCOUNT N.P.A., ISSUED POSSESSION/SALE NOTICE BY THE BANK, WE ARE HERE TO SOLVE YOUR BANKING PROBLEMS. M: 8296227444/8444. Consultancy/23/204**

**FOR ONLINE BUILDING PERMISSION, PRE DCR CONVERSION & FOR INTERIOR CONTACT 7086315661 & 8402911788. Consultancy/P/16164/4**

## DANCE &amp; AEROBICS

Aerobics (Zumba style) for weight loss. (For male & female, any age). Experienced trainer. Dance classes (Indian & Western) Bihu Dance for all. RDA, Ziroor, 8876934862, 9132920827. D/Aerobics/P/A3717/4

## FRANCHISEE

A European Pre-School franchising now in Assam. No Franchise Fee, Offer limited for first few school only. Contact: 967418153. Franchise/P/KP1/23/15

## YOGA

Yoga & Meditation for maintaining good health. Experienced trainer. (For all age group). Discount on Admit till 27th August. RE Zoordoo - 9132920827, 8876934862. Yoga/P/A3715/1

## SALES &amp; PURCHASE

For sale - Stock of girls garments of all sizes (frocks, salwar suits, tops etc) at very low wholesale price. Interested parties/individuals may contact immediately. Ph. No. 9854039092, S&P/P/PA615/2

Gold Sale & Purchase: Babaji Gold and Silver Jewellery, Ulub Mansion Ground Floor, Lakshikia. You can sell your old gold profit. ID proof must. # 9664071395. S&P/P/PA336/4/8

Sell your any gold items to us for cash needs. Zoi Road, Ph. 9435049720, S&P/P/PP32/24

## WAREHOUSE

WAREHOUSE/INDUSTRIAL SHED/MODERN GODOWN AVAILABLE 18000 SQ.FT. TO 150000 SQ.FT. AT GAURIPUR, AMINGAON. # 9864741396, 9435461918. Warehouse/P/3493/0

## VEHICLE ON HIRE

Inova/Scorpio/Bolero/Traveller available Shillong/Cherrapunji/Towang/Bhutan trip. 9954040778, 9854058292. Veh on hiring/P/KP318/1

**PLANT & MACHINERY**

Bamboo sticks Machineries and consultancy. Contact: 9864165884.

Pla/Mach/P/PA647/2

## INTERIOR DESIGNING

Interior Forum Presents Complete Interior, an end to Interior Designing Service that will transform your imagination into reality whether it is your bed room or your Kitchen, it is your living room or your office our expert designer will fix everything as per your need and your budget. Kindly contact us at 9435057039 or visit our office for free consultation at Anil Plaza, G. R. Road, Guwahati. Other services: Ceiling, Wall paneling, Flooring, Blinds, Artificial Grass, Int Design/P/KP316/2

## VASTU

Change your life by alternative Astro. Tarot Reading and Tantra Healing. 97630-43407. Vastu/P/1630/51

## PUBLIC NOTICE

O.G.O. Nagason invites all commercial taxi drivers to register taxi under O.G.O. as the best app based taxi and earn attractive income. For details call on: 848605683. PNP/P/16372/5

I have change my name from Lilawati Mitali to Lakhi Prava Das by Affidavit before the Notary Kamrup (M) at Guwahati on 22/08.17. Lakhi Prava Das and Lilawati Mitali is the same and one person. PNP/P/PA64/01

Adithan Packers & Movers, An ISO-9001:2008 Household goods, Cars, Auto, India. Maheshgroup, 0361-2510232, Mahesh/0924261020. Email: miteshagrawal2010@yahoo.com P&M/P/234/180

Rhino Packers, Sizeline, M : 98644-69464. Local shifting M : 9418-22253 (All India). Packing & Transportation Household goods. P&M/P/PA312/20

National Packers & Movers Estd. 1988. Reallocation of Local, Domestic Household goods, Cars since 1984. Contact: 9954209989, 9864060927. Visit: www.appackers.com P&M/P/228/10

I have change my name from Silikkamra to Doni Silikkamra by an Affidavit before the Notary Public Kamrup (M) at Guwahati did on 24.8.17. by Doni Silikkamra.

I, Dipali Kalita and Deepali Kalita is one and the same person having single identity i.e. myself, before the Notary Public Kamrup (M) at Guwahati on the 21.08.2017.

Contact for household goods shifting. Local & outside # 9864109852, 9864153586. Popular Packers & Movers. P&M/P/PA65/10

Shifting? Shifting? Shifting? Local & Outside, Household & Official goods, Sunrise Packers & Movers, Ph: 9854066099, 7002309986. PNP/P/PA315/1

I hereby state that my entire name is Sanjay Shamsukha/Sampat Rai Shamsukha of Kharupeta, Darrang (Assam) but it appears in some documents as Sanjay Kr. Shamsukha. By an Affidavit before the Notary Darrang, I declare that Sanjay Shamsukha and Sanjan Kr. Shamsukha is the same and one person for all indent and purposes. Sanjay Shamsukha, Kharupeta, Darrang (Assam). PN/23/38/1

Baldunios (OPC) Pvt Ltd proposes to open Sri Satya Sai Baba Old Age Home by acquiring land in Sonapur, Assam. Public may donate land or funds by calling 8638273312 or by visiting our branch office in G.S. Road, Ulubari Flyover, Guwahati-781007. PNP/P/PA373/1

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my wife Rupali Dutta, DOB all documents as 28.03.1974 but inadvertently recorded in my service document as 01.06.1974. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 28.03.1974. PN/2347/1

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.1999 but inadvertently recorded in service document as 17.04.2000. Now I wish to change her DOB in my service document as 17.04.1999. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 16th day of August, 2017.

By Order Shresth, Civil Judge, Kamrup(M), Guwahati

Monoranjan Dutta, No. 15375178 H Ex NK (TS) S/O. Phulswar Dutta R/o. Urimanguri Village, P.O. Bamunibhill, P/S. Narhakata, Dibrugarh, Assam, have declared by an affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Dibrugarh dated 05/09/2016 that my daughter Nimitka Dutta, DOB all documents as 17.04.



**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
Partly cloudy sky becoming generally cloudy sky.  
Rain/thundershower is likely to occur. Maximum temperature is likely to be 36°C on Saturday.

TEMPERATURE:

Max 34.0°C

Min 25.1°C

### Man held for murder

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, Aug 25: Personnel of the Jalukbari Police Outpost today arrested one Farhad Zaman (35) from Moriamara, Howly for allegedly murdering Dildar Hussain (17). The teenager's body was found near the Jalukbari flyover a few days ago.

Police said Farhad and Dildar were the driver and handman respectively of a truck (AS01 HC 3358) which went missing from Howly on August 21 and on the subsequent day it was found lying in an abandoned state near Belota.

The police said Farhad was sent to two days' police custody by the court today. Investigation is on to unearth the murderer mystery, the police added.

### Janmastami

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: A joint meeting of the VHP Guwahati Mahanagar Samity and the Sri Krishna Janmastami Utsav Uday Samity will be held at the former's Panbazar office on August 27 at 3 pm to discuss in detail the programme for the ensuing Janmastami festival.



Annual general meeting of Assam Hospitals Limited at Hotel Pragati Manor, Christian Basti from 12 noon.

## Awareness play on sexual abuse of children



STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: Sexual abuse of children is a serious and widespread problem increasing day by day in India and in many parts of the world. Every second child experiences some kind of sexual abuse till he/she attains the age of 18.

It is mostly children between 5-12 years of age who have experienced forced sexual violence involving physical contact. A report says 95 per cent of the abusers are known to the child and only five per cent of the abusers are strangers.

Keeping this in focus, an awareness play was staged against child sexual abuse in six schools of Guwahati – Chenchukuthi LP School, Panbari Girls' Higher Secondary School, Lal Singh Primary School, Lal Singh Academy, Manipuri Basti LP School and Manipuri Basti High School in the first phase on Thursday by Sakhi – One Stop Centre for Women, Kamrup (M) run by the North East Voluntary Association for Rural Development (NEVARD) in collaboration with Prayak Natya Gosthi and NEF College of Management & Technology, Guwahati.

## Govt yet to find firm to execute project

SANJOY RAY

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: Implementing Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal's existing security arrangement is turning out to be a hard nut to crack for those involved in this highly sensitive exercise!

Despite issuing tenders for the third consecutive time since April 13 this year vis-à-vis this top-priority project, the State Government is struggling to find a competent bidder.

The Public Works Department (PWD) is now banking on the revised fourth attempt that it has made to rope in a qualified professional firm for the Rs 2.07-crone project.

Although the time of completion of the project was

fixed at 90 days in the first tender floated by the Electrical division of the PWD, almost four months have passed since then with no tangible results.

An official source privy to the developments informed that the project related to 'improvement of security ar-

tangement at Chief Minister's official residence at Brahmaputra State Guest House' located at Kharigali has not found any eligible bidder as yet despite the Government floating tenders for three times in the last four months.

"And unable to find an eligible contractor or firm, the

tender has been floated again for the fourth time. Hopefully, we will be able to get a suitable bidder this time around as a considerable period of time has already been lost," sources told this reporter.

"Unfortunately, we have not received bids from qualified contractors or firms with

previous experience in the same field," the sources pointed out.

While a section alleged that the process is being deliberately delayed to accommodate a particular firm, the sources in the PWD and other departments involved refuted the allegations, stating that such decisions cannot be

taken in haste.

As per the plan, the security arrangements of the Chief Minister's residence will be strengthened by adding an electro-hydraulic bollard system, which is meant to provide a formidable obstacle to an approaching vehicle at the main entrance.

Besides, an electronic boom barrier would also be installed to ensure controlled entry and exit of vehicles, especially when multiple numbers of vehicles tend to enter or exit the premises.

Sources divulged that under-vehicle scanners and further increase in the number of close circuit television cameras would also add teeth to the existing security set-up.

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: The growth of responsible tourism is interlinked with the local community's involvement and their welfare, as both go hand in hand.

There is also an urgent need to make the local communities realise the benefits of sustainable use of natural resources so that they are dissuaded from using those resources for commercial purposes.

These were the observations made by Dr Kelly Bricker, Professor and Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism in the University of Utah, during a discussion with tour operators of the region here on Thursday.

Elaborating on the Global Sustainable Tourism Council, which manages the global standards for sustainable travel and tourism and acts as the international accreditation body for sustainable tourism certification, Dr Bricker said it is imperative for the tourism sector worldwide to come up with a common language about sustainability in tourism.

"Tourism is an amazing field with great potential. The negotiations – or for that matter any cornerstone – have to deal with effectively with greater community participation," she said, throwing light on some successful models and best practices adopted in many parts of the world.

Tour operators and conservationists dwelt at length on the possibilities in the NE tourism sector, which remains largely unexplored. Infrastructure and socio-political instability are some of the main hindrances to the growth of tourism in the region, said a participant.

The interaction was organised by the Public Affairs Officer of the US Consulate General, Kolkata.

certification. Dr Bricker said it is imperative for the tourism sector worldwide to come up with a common language about sustainability in tourism.

"Tourism is an amazing field with great potential. The negotiations – or for that matter any cornerstone – have to deal with effectively with greater community participation," she said, throwing light on some successful models and best practices adopted in many parts of the world.

Tour operators and conservationists dwelt at length on the possibilities in the NE tourism sector, which remains largely unexplored. Infrastructure and socio-political instability are some of the main hindrances to the growth of tourism in the region, said a participant.

The interaction was organised by the Public Affairs Officer of the US Consulate General, Kolkata.

certification. Dr Bricker said it is imperative for the tourism sector worldwide to come up with a common language about sustainability in tourism.

"Tourism is an amazing field with great potential. The negotiations – or for that matter any cornerstone – have to deal with effectively with greater community participation," she said, throwing light on some successful models and best practices adopted in many parts of the world.

Tour operators and conservationists dwelt at length on the possibilities in the NE tourism sector, which remains largely unexplored. Infrastructure and socio-political instability are some of the main hindrances to the growth of tourism in the region, said a participant.

The interaction was organised by the Public Affairs Officer of the US Consulate General, Kolkata.

certification. Dr Bricker said it is imperative for the tourism sector worldwide to come up with a common language about sustainability in tourism.

"Tourism is an amazing field with great potential. The negotiations – or for that matter any cornerstone – have to deal with effectively with greater community participation," she said, throwing light on some successful models and best practices adopted in many parts of the world.

Tour operators and conservationists dwelt at length on the possibilities in the NE tourism sector, which remains largely unexplored. Infrastructure and socio-political instability are some of the main hindrances to the growth of tourism in the region, said a participant.

The interaction was organised by the Public Affairs Officer of the US Consulate General, Kolkata.

## AGP decries attack on ex-ULFA cadres

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: The Assam Gana Parishad (AGP) has condemned the attack on surrendered ULFA cadres in Nagaland on Wednesday and asked the government to conduct a thorough probe into the incident.

In a statement here, the party said any attack on the indigenous people of Assam is not tolerable and it would also affect the harmonious relations among different communities residing in the State. The All Moran Students' Union also has condemned the incident. – Staff Reporter

## JAM 2018 IISc & IITs Joint Admission Test for M.Sc.

JAM 2018 will be held on February 11, 2018 (Sunday) for admission to M.Sc. (Two Years), Joint M.Sc.-Ph.D., M.Sc.-Ph.D. dual degree programmes at IITs (Bhubaneswar, Bombay, Delhi, Dhanbad, Gandhinagar, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Patna, Roorkee and Ropar) for the academic year 2018-19. IISc Bangalore will use JAM score for admission to integrated Ph.D. degree Programmes. Candidates have to apply ONLINE only from September 05, 2017 to October 10, 2017. For details, please visit <http://jam.iitb.ac.in> or refer to the Employment News dated August 26, 2017.

Organizing Chairperson, JAM 2018  
IIT Bombay, Powai, MUMBAI 400076

## GATE 2018 GRADUATE APTITUDE TEST IN ENGINEERING

Organizing Institute: IIT Guwahati

Admissions to postgraduate programs (Master's and Doctoral) with MHRD and other Government Scholarships/Assistantships in Engineering/Technology/Architecture/Science are open to those who qualify in GATE. The GATE score is also used by some PSUs for their recruitment. GATE 2018 score will be valid for three years. Examinations for all the papers will be Computer Based Tests.

For examination centres in India, the application fee is ₹750 for female candidates, ₹750 for SC/ST/wD candidates and ₹1500 for all other candidates. For examination centres in Dubai and Singapore, the application fee is US \$100, and for Addis Ababa, Colombo, Dhaka and Kathmandu, US \$ 50 will be applicable.

The application fee has to be paid ONLINE. The application fee once paid shall not be refunded.

For more details on filling and submission of online application form, please visit the GATE 2018 website [www.gate.iitg.ac.in](http://www.gate.iitg.ac.in)

### DATES OF EXAMINATION

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Starting date : 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 (Friday)

Closing date : 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (Thursday)

IIT Guwahati is not responsible for printing errors, if any

পূজাৰ  
সাজেৰে সজ্জিত  
হৈ উঠক মন-প্ৰাণ



PIJO ETHNIC WEAR

FROM ₹ 599

GET ₹250

GIFT VOUCHERS ON  
FASHION SHOPPING  
OF ₹3000

GET ₹600

GIFT VOUCHERS ON  
FASHION SHOPPING  
OF ₹4500

Now also Shop at:  
[www.fbbonline.in](http://www.fbbonline.in)

Exclusive fbb Stores: G.S. Road, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati  
fbb STORES INSIDE BIG BAZAAR: G.S. Road, Bhangagarh, Guwahati | K.B. Road, Beside Tennis Court, Jorhat | Goldighi Shopping Mall, Pan patty, Silchar | M.L. Plaza, Mantri Bari Road, Agartala  
fbbonline | Customer Helpline 1800 200 2255

**MESSAGE FOR TODAY**

*Trust yourself. Think for yourself. Act for yourself.  
Speak for yourself. Be yourself. Imitation is suicide.*  
— MARVA COLLINS

**The Assam Tribune****Right to privacy**

Democracies all across the free world have always held that the right to privacy was sacrosanct, since too many personal details of citizens in the hands of the Government can lead to their misuse. In autocratic nations like North Korea or China, each and every detail of individual citizens are known to the security agencies and are often misused by authorities to deprive them of their civil rights. Such a fear had led the civil rights activists to challenge the operation by the Indian Government to obtain biometric data of all its citizens through the Aadhaar scheme and feed it into a central databank. The Supreme Court has taken the issue extremely seriously as witnessed by the fact that it constituted a full nine-judge bench which deliberated two years on it. The Aadhaar scheme was initially introduced by the UPA Government to ensure that distribution of aid to below poverty line citizens actually gets to the beneficiaries and is not diverted into other pockets. However, fears of misuse were activated when the NDA Government began to make it mandatory for Aadhaar number to be affixed for non-State aid activities, including opening out bank accounts, filing income taxes, applying for mobile phone connections and registration of deaths. The Apex Court, when confronted with the challenge to Aadhaar, decided to explore into the core of the issue, the right to privacy.

They have come up with the momentous judgment declaring privacy to be an inviolable constitutional right of every citizen. True, 'privacy' has not been couched in the phraseology of the Constitution, but the learned judges opined that this did not detract from the protection afforded to it. "Right to privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of the right to personal life and personal liberty under Article 21 and as part of the freedom guaranteed by Part III of the Constitution," the 547-page judgement said, and "lies across the spectrum of protected freedoms". Interestingly, the new ruling overruled two earlier constitution bench judgments, albeit in different contexts, that had held that a citizen had no fundamental right to privacy. Apparently, it was the mandatory nature of the Executive's directive to link Aadhaar to non-aid actions which had set alarm bells ringing leading to this intervention by the Apex Court. The judgement does take into account administrative realities and underlines that though the right to privacy has been declared a fundamental right, it is like other rights subject to reasonable restrictions. The Apex Court is yet to pronounce a judgement on the legal validity of Aadhaar, that being heard by a separate constitutional bench, but the latest judgement will certainly influence the other verdict. The declaration of privacy as a fundamental right has certainly upset the NDA's designs and it would be interesting to note its response.

**NRC concerns**

The Gauhati High Court had a few months back ruled that residential certificates issued by Gaon Panchayat secretaries will no longer be acceptable as valid documents for the National Register of Citizens (NRC). The matter then shifted to the Supreme Court, with several organizations challenging the High Court order. The Supreme Court has now adjourned the hearing of the case for six weeks and has sought a report from the NRC coordinator on the number of the 'original inhabitants' of the State. Procuring a residential certificate as citizenship proof is a simple exercise that is vulnerable to easy manipulation, and such certificates can at the most be supporting documents. The High Court, however, had held that the rest 15 types of documents named by RGI would continue to be acceptable as valid documents. The NRC office has already received nearly 48 lakh documents issued by Gaon Panchayats – 28 lakh of those from original inhabitants. With the all-important task of verification of the citizenship documents still on, both the State Government and the Centre are under an obligation to ensure that the exercise of identifying and enlisting the genuine Indian citizens remains foolproof. A stringent monitoring mechanism is a must so that every possible loophole in the exercise is plugged and an authenticated list of Indian citizens prepared. Given that the stakes are high for the large number of foreigners living illegally in the State to have their names enrolled as Indian citizens, it should not come as a surprise if illegal migrants use forged documents for the purpose. In fact, several rackets issuing false birth certificates have been busted since the NRC process started. All this needs to be treated seriously by the government authorities, failing which the very objective behind having an NRC will be frustrated.

The need for an authentic NRC can hardly be overemphasized in the context of the existential crisis looming large over the indigenous communities due to large-scale cross-border infiltration from Bangladesh for decades. Even the Supreme Court had acknowledged the gravity of the situation by equating the developments to a silent external aggression. There is no doubt that the long-term interests of peace and stability in the State can be served by identification and deportation of the illegal migrants, and an authentic and updated NRC would be crucial to such an exercise. Along with NRC update, other provisions of the Assam Accord – especially the matter of providing constitutional safeguards for the indigenous people by way of reserving seats in Assembly, Parliament and local self-governing bodies – must also be implemented within a time frame. For this, an acceptable definition of the term Assamese is another urgent need. It is regrettable that the murky vote-bank politics in the State is too deep-rooted to allow the political parties to take an unambiguous and uncompromising stand even when it comes to securing the legitimate rights of the indigenous populace.

# Triple talaq: a welcome verdict

**■ Parvin Sultana**

**T**he Supreme Court in a welcome verdict on August 22 last declared the instant triple talaq or *Tilak-e-Bidat* as unconstitutional. The five-judge bench passed the order that brought an end to this infamous practice. Two of the five judges further stated that the Centre may consider making an alternative law taking into account the Muslim Personal Law and Shariah. This historic judgement is indeed the victory of Shayara Banu and five other women along with institutions like the Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan, Behak Collective, Awaz-e-Niswan, etc., who waged the long and arduous legal battle against instant triple talaq. This procedure allows men to divorce their wives by simply uttering the word 'talaq' thrice at one go. While most Muslim scholars agree that this procedure was a later innovation and, hence, lacks Quranic sanction, some are still of the view that this is a violation of religious rights of minorities which is ensured by the Indian Constitution. One should also remember that the Muslims have the option of divorce through Talaq-e-Hasan which has Quranic sanction and gives enough time to both the parties to think before taking a final decision.

Amidst politicization of this issue with the political parties scampering for credit, it is important to revisit the struggle which brought an end to this inhuman practice. Women who went to court cited that this practice is not only un-Islamic but also violates human rights. However, some even believed the solution rested on immediately scrapping the Muslim Personal Law.

The verdict on the one hand sees jubilant Muslim women who were either victims or believe that nobody

should live in the constant fear of those three cursed words, on the other hand, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board along with some other institutions have reduced this fight to a mere political controversy designed by the RSS. Others have quoted statistics to show that the issue is irrelevant. But even if the number of victims is too few, such an archaic practice should have been discarded long back.

The demand for reforms should always come from within the community. And this is what has happened in case of triple talaq. Muslim women wanted a permanent solution to this problem. While triple talaq was nullified by Justice Baharul Islam in 1981 and then by Justice Lahoti in the Shamim Ara case in 2002, this latest case from the Supreme Court will finally bring an end to this practice. Thirty-five-year-old Shayara Banu whose petition started the whole legal process was married to Rizwan Ahmed. However, from the very beginning dowry was a constant cause of marital conflict. Multiple forced abortions, mental and physical harassment pushed Shayara into depression. Despite all this Shayara continued in an abusive relationship just by seeing the faces of her two children. However, her husband gave her instant triple talaq and made her worst nightmare come true.

An MA in Sociology, Shayara decided to fight back. Backed by her family she appealed to the Supreme Court and sought a verdict on the validity of instant triple talaq, *nikah-hatala* and polygamy. It is to be noted

As part of the cultural and religious rights, the communities in India are allowed to follow personal law in issues like marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption, etc. However, a person has the option to not be governed by his/her personal law.

that her petition did not raise the issue of controversial Uniform Civil Code, nor it demanded the scrapping of Muslim Personal Law. Women who opposed the triple talaq did not demand an alternative new law. Rather they wanted divorce to be carried out in proper Islamic way which gave both the parties a three-month period to take the final decision.

Even the political party in power has also tried to politicize the issue.

While they ensure no interference in personal law, these organizations have rarely demanded all-round development of the community.

Amidst such confusion, some Muslim women have come forward with solutions. They suggested that the AIMPLB could come up with a model *nikah-nama* which would clearly state that the husband cannot give instant triple talaq to his wife. This should be accompanied by workshops aimed at spreading awareness amongst women about their rights within the religious parameters as well. Instead, the Law Board suggested finding solutions like social boycott of those who practice this.

While many Muslim countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc., have either directly or indirectly nullified instant triple talaq, there is no reason why India should have continued with this for so long. Countries like Turkey and Cyprus formulated secular family law, while Tunisia, Algeria and Malaysia's Sarawak's court does not recognize talaq given outside the court. The Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (amended in 2006) of Sri Lanka is often considered as one of the best examples. It does not recognize instant triple talaq. The husband must intimidate a *qazi* that he wants to divorce his wife. Then for one month, the *qazi* will mediate between the husband and the wife. Only after that if there is no amicable solution, the couple can get divorced in front of the *qazi* and two other witnesses.

In such a scenario, the community should welcome the Supreme Court verdict. We can hope that it will put an immediate stop to the harassment in the name of triple talaq. However, laws must be accompanied by education, awareness and economic independence. To ensure this, we should all march together towards an equal society.

## Right to privacy: What's the fuss all about?

**■ Supratim Dam**

**N**o July 2015, the Narendra Modi-led Central Government told the Supreme Court that the 'Right to Privacy' is not a fundamental right under our Constitution. It flows from one right to another right. And that the makers of our Constitution did not intend to make the right to privacy a fundamental right. Mukul Rohatgi, then Attorney General while arguing claimed that the issue of the right to privacy is a classic case of unclear position of law.

Cut to August 2017. Three days after the apex court passed a landmark judgement that the practice of 'triple talaq' is unconstitutional, it followed up with another ruling, this time unanimously upholding the right to privacy as a fundamental right under the Indian Constitution.

The Supreme Court, continuing its legacy of landmark rulings whenever the governments have obfuscated democratic values, has ruled that privacy was part of the fundamental right to life and personal liberty guaranteed to all citizens under Article 21 of the Constitution. The 547-page judgement also spoke of

the right to marriage, procreation and sexual orientation, privacy of home and the right to be left alone as other facets of privacy. The larger implication of the judgement is that the Government is not at liberty to put together any policy or law that completely takes away the citizen's right to privacy. Case in point is the UIDAI (Aadhaar) Project.

But there seems to be some confusion or the Government of the day seems to be suffering from myopia. Immediately after the judgement was pronounced, Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Union Law Minister claimed that the Modi Government was always of the view that right to privacy should be a fundamental right. If that's the case, two questions arise – Who was the petitioner fighting against in this case? And why did the Attorney General argue against the right to privacy vehemently in 2015?

It is clear that the right to privacy debate is all about salvaging the Aadhaar project by the Government. The use of the 12-digit unique number issued to residents has widely expanded in the last two years.

The Government uses the exclusionary project to give subsidies, death certificates, seek on your tax returns, build toilets, and offer social welfare schemes.

Among other contentious issues, the security of the Aadhaar system is of paramount concern. The Government has continuously defended the system as foolproof, even though the data of thousands of Aadhaar card holders have been publicly published on a number of websites. It is important for us to remind that Bruce Schneier, one of the world's top cryptographers, once said: "If someone steals your password, you can change it. But if someone steals your thumbprint, you can't get a new thumb."

The supersonic speed at which technology and information are moving in today's day and age, it is imperative for establishments to promulgate new laws of data protection – for data' today is the new oil and driving force of a knowledge-based economy. The Supreme Court taking cognizance of the fact has now urged the Government in its ruling to bring laws in order to protect the informational privacy in the digital age. The potential implications for the data collected by

online agencies are limitless.

But the larger question looms: How much claims of privacy can we as citizens truly make in a world dominated by uploads and downloads? The answer it seems as noted by the Supreme Court is in 'choice'. The court notes that if an individual permits someone to enter the house, it does not mean that others can enter the house too. The only check and balance is that it should not harm the other individual or affect his or her right. And this applies to both the physical form and technology.

In an era where there are wide, varied social and cultural norms and more so in a country like India which prides itself on its diversity, privacy is one of the most important right to be protected against both State and non-State actors. The apex court has clearly stated the fact that the probable rise in more litigation can hardly be a reason to not recognize the primordial right to privacy as a fundamental right.

U-turns by governments is a common practice, so it is hardly surprising to see the Modi Government which argued so vocally against the right to privacy two years ago change its tone in a matter of min-

utes post the nine-judge Constitution Bench ruling. Hopefully, this can be seen in a positive light and that awareness is slowly creeping in within the ranks of power in the capital. The Government may be slowly waking up to the fact that privacy is indeed a fundamental right. There's not an iota of doubt that Aadhaar is too big a project to be called off, but the Government should remember the fact that the consent of the provider is the key and it cannot subvert individual liberties at any cost.

This is one of the rare occasions where both the petitioners and respondents are in agreement – and the fact that the landmark ruling is being celebrated in all corners. We will only have to wait and watch as to how long the Government plays to the gallery before it comes up with another unique idea under the garb of providing subsidies and delivering better governance. But if it's any indication, the Supreme Court in its conclusion also stated that the Section 377 is in direct violation of the right to live with dignity and the right to privacy. Question is, is the Section 377 next in line to be struck down for good by the apex court?

## Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, – The overturning of verdicts of its earlier benches on the right to privacy by a larger nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court seems to be an effect of the way in which the Aadhaar card is being imposed upon the people in a controversial manner. There have been usual apprehensions about possibility of the Aadhaar data reaching foreign powers and other doubtful agencies. It is not understood what good can be accrued from fingerprints and eye scans for issue of Aadhaar cards, when miscreants can get the same through fake prints. The country does need a reliable single identity card to be issued to its citizens but only after proper verification like the voter ID card. Till such a new identity card is devised, the earlier system of taking voter ID card as the identity proof of citizens should be adopted with minors using the voter ID cards of their parents for various needs. However, at the same time, all government documents must have linkage with

each other as an effective remedy against corruption and other irregularities. Yours etc., SUBHASH CHANDRA AGRAWAL, New Delhi.

**Tertiary hospitals**

Sir, – I would like to congratulate Ajit Patowary for his positive observations forwarded in the above-captioned news item (AT, August 12). At the same time, I congratulate Dr AK Barooah, noted cardiologist and retired principal of the Guwahati Medical College for his timely and valuable opinion that instead of the AIIMS, the authority should now concentrate more in setting up tertiary units with good human resources in every district hospital in the State. Even after 7 years of Independence, it gives us immense pain to note that the financial health of most of the village people of Assam is still in a very bad shape. They cannot even think to visit their district headquarters for better medical facilities due to their financial hardship. In such a situation, the tussle over the site of the AIIMS in the State is completely meaningless for those poor people who are living in different

parts of the interior places of the State. In view of the above, the Government should think and plan the development of the infrastructures of all block and district level hospitals. The Government should concentrate to train up the human resources properly and effectively, so that they can give their best services to the patients in every part of the State. Then only, the Government will be successful in fulfilling the aspirations of the people as a whole. Yours etc., PABIRATA KR KALITA, Hatigao, Dispur.

**Infiltration**

Sir, – The Union Home Minister of State Kiren Rijiju stated in the Lok Sabha early this month that the Home Minister-level talks have been held between India and Bangladesh on the issue of infiltration from that country into India. So far Bangladesh has denied that there is infiltration of Bangladeshis to Assam though the same has been going on unabated. Prabin Togadia of the Bishwa Hindu Parishad has clearly stated that there are 70 lakh Bangladeshis illegally staying in Assam; this is a serious matter and a threat to the ethnicity of the

Brahmaputra flowing through Bangladesh, how will the costly and laborious project be successful in Assam? Will it not be like clearing the middle part of a drain which is clogged at both ends? Yours etc., Dr SARADA KANTA SARMA, Kharanghuli Road, Guwahati.

**AMC campus**

Sir, – The roads within the campus of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh is very bad. There are big potholes and at some places, the roads are muddy. The roads have been lying like this for over a year but no one bothered to repair them. Many of the streetlights are non-functional leading to complete darkness at night hours in many areas. There are no signboards on the lanes and by-lanes. Many parts of the campus are lying in unhygienic condition; even the entrance to the college is full of garbage. The authorities concerned should take immediate steps to improve the condition of the campus. Yours etc., ALANKRIT BORTAKUR, Dibrugarh.

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.

## Supreme Court ruling and Aadhaar card

Assamese people. The Prime Minister of India should seriously take up the infiltration issue with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and take up the deportation of Bangladeshis from Assam in the right earnest. Yours etc., SASANAS KR DUTTA, Hatigao, Dispur.

**Brahmaputra dredging**

Sir, – Already much have been discussed in various media regarding the feasibility of the Brahmaputra river dredging. I am neither an expert nor well-versed with river dredging. But one point related to the success of the project came to my mind. We know that usually river dredging is successfully done in the portion where the river meets the sea. The total length of the river Brahmaputra is about 2,900 kms, of which from its source up to a distance of about 1,600 kms, it flows through Tibet, about 200 kms through Arunachal Pradesh, about 650 kms through Assam and the rest through Bangladesh (where it is known by different names) before ultimately meeting the Bay of Bengal.

Therefore, unless dredging is done simultaneously in the portion

## Evicted Amchang settlers seek rehabilitation

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: Years ago after they lost their homes to flood and erosion, they had thought a hillside could be a haven for them. Today, their dreams of a secure home were shattered again when they were forced out of their dwellings inside the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, making way for Nature and its animal kingdom.

But at Kankannagar, behind the Veterinary College, as officials of the administration implemented a High Court order to secure the threatened sanctuary and evicted people shed tears sitting on their portable belongings which were moved to safety before their houses were demolished, there were more stories about government neglect than Nature's fury.

"We came here from Lakhimpur. Our homes were washed away by the floods. We have been here since 1998. We have ration cards, voter identity cards... We are more indigenous than the settlers inside Kaziranga. This government is against the indigenous people," an angry Mononjoi Dolai said.

Like Mononjoi, many of the inhabitants of Kankannagar are floodhit, who came here after losing every-



A section of the evicted people along with their belongings at Amchang in Guwahati on Friday. - AT photo

thing to Nature's fury either in Dhemaji, Lakhimpur or Majuli. They admit they have "occupied land illegally", but at the same time, demand an answer from the government as to "where they will go".

"If the government can give land to Ramdev, Dabur and other inventors from outside, why can't it rehabilitate us?" argues Debarun Das, who also came here from Lakhimpur,

waving his voter identity card. "We have nothing to say if the government wants to protect the wildlife. But who will protect humans like us," he adds.

Intriguingly, most of these settlers have voter identity cards, ration cards and even paid APDCL power connections, indicating an apparent political patronage. They have been exercising their franchise in the past sever-

al elections at Baghorbori Primary School.

Most of them are daily wage earners and some are even into jobs in private firms. There are over 200 families in the area.

Sanjyo Miri, who led a group shouting anti-government slogans near a foothill, recalls the condition of the flood-hit in upper Assam. "Go and see the condition of the people.

There is no relief, no assistance, where will they go? Why won't people join insurgent movements?" he complained as he spoke to journalists at the site.

Among the evicted were several infants and minor children who cried as their houses were razed down.

Hemen Das, a resident of Botaghuli just adjacent to the sanctuary sympathised with the plight of the "encroachers". "It is not that they have settled here overnight. It had happened over the years. Why didn't the government properly demarcate the sanctuary when it was notified and deploy guards and forest camps to protect it? How did they (settlers) get voter IDs, ration cards, power connections, etc. Such actions of the government will only divide the people," Das felt.

There have been allegations that the people were resettled in the sanctuary by two former MLAs.

When asked about the documents in possession of the settlers, Deputy Commissioner M Angamuthu said, "Not only these, some even have GMC holding numbers and APDCL connections. We will conduct a thorough probe as to how they got these. Action will be taken against those officials who were involved."

## State women's bodies join rest of India counterparts against Sec 489A 'dilution'

STAFF REPORTER

en against violence in their matrimonial homes, the organisations have also raised strong objections to Union Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi's directive to the NCW on setting up windows for men who allege that false cases have been filed against them.

The women's bodies have sought immediate intervention of the NCW to prevent the undermining of laws related to violence against women thereby eroding women's rights and access to

justice," said Nilanjana Dutta who was part of the delegation that met NCW Chairperson L Kumaramangalam on Tuesday in New Delhi.

The women's bodies of Assam also expressed their concern over the issue at a meeting with the State Women's Commission.

The recent ruling not only gives credence to the unsubstantiated allegations that large number women are missing laws and filing false complaints against men, it further dilutes all laws that have been enacted to protect women against physical, mental and sexual abuse," the organisations alleged.

"At the meeting strong objection was also expressed against the directive by the Ministry of Women and Child Development with respect to the NCW setting up and oper-

ationalising an online complaint system to attend to complaints from men who claim they have been falsely implicated in cases of domestic violence, dowry, rape, etc.

This directive is in clear violation of the autonomy of the Commission, which is an independent statutory body," Dutta added.

The organisations further alleged that such a complaint system, without a thorough study about the rights violation of men would not just strengthen the myth about the women misusing the legal provisions, but would also make justice more inaccessible for women, in the present male-dominated social set-up.

"Further, setting up such a window does not fall within the mandate of the NCW, as it has been created to protect the rights of women," they added.

"At the meeting strong objection was also expressed against the directive by the Ministry of Women and Child Development with respect to the NCW setting up and oper-

ating a window for men who claim they have been falsely implicated in cases of domestic violence, dowry, rape, etc.

This directive is in clear violation of the autonomy of the Commission, which is an independent statutory body," Dutta added.

The organisations further alleged that such a complaint system, without a thorough study about the rights violation of men would not just strengthen the myth about the women misusing the legal provisions, but would also make justice more inaccessible for women, in the present male-dominated social set-up.

"Further, setting up such a window does not fall within the mandate of the NCW, as it has been created to protect the rights of women," they added.



Devotees throng the Ganesh Mandir at Dispur on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi on Friday. - UB Photos

## CM urges employees to work with team spirit

STAFF REPORTER

Li representatives and employees to work as a team to make Assam one of the best States of the country.

"Let us work more for achieving the goals of the government. We want to make Assam a developed and vibrant State and the journey must start from the secretary. Let us set an example for other States," Sonowal exhorted.

Describing the employees

as a major driving force of the government, Sonowal urged the employees and the public representatives to be motivated by the "Team Assam" spirit to free the State from corruption, illegal immigration, insurgency and pollution.

Stating that the government is committed to create a better working environment for the employees, the Chief Minister said that steps have been

taken for creation of additional 326 posts in the Assam Secretariat at different levels.

Sonowal also felicitated a few employees of the Assam Secretariat for their outstanding accomplishments in different fields. A section of the secretariat employees also dedicated towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in the meeting.

No. Estt/Entt-142/Advt/2016 Dated the 14th August, 2017

### राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय

गोपनीय दिस्त्री प्रभारी, ओ. बोर्डमैट, इटानगर-७९१ ११२

असाम राज्य विश्वविद्यालय

Rajiv Gandhi University

Rono Hills, P.O.: Domikul, Itanagar - 791 112

Arunachal Pradesh, Ph: +91-680-2277317 (Off),

Fax: +91-360-2277317

No. Estt/Entt-142/Advt/2016 Dated the 14th August, 2017

### ADVERTISEMENT

Applications in prescribed form are invited from the citizens of India for filling-up of the various teaching posts in the Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Domkull.

**A. Professor:** 14 Posts (Scale of pay: As per UGC): Education-1 (UR), Geography-1 (SC), Hindi-1 (SC), Mass Communication-1 (ST), Computer Science and Engineering-1 (UR), Mathematics-1 (UR), English-1 (UR), Sanskrit-1 (UR), Philosophy and Communication-1 (UR), Physical Education-1 (UR), Social Work-1 (SC), Fine Arts and Music-1 (UR), Geology-1 (UR) and Psychology-1 (UR).

**B. Associate Professor:** 13 Posts (Scale of pay as per UGC): Education-1 (PWD), English-1 (UR), Geography-1 (SC), Chemistry-1 (SC), Physics-1 (ST), Sociology-1 (UR), Electronics and Communication-2 (UR) and Social Work-2 (UR), Fine Arts and Music-1 (UR), Geology-1 (UR) and Psychology-1 (UR).

**C. Assistant Professor:** 03 Posts (Scale of pay as per UGC): Education-1 (ST), English-1 (SC), Computer Science and Engineering-1 (PWD) (low pay scale).

For details of eligibility, qualification, experience, specialization, etc and application form can be obtained at [www.rgu.in](http://www.rgu.in) or contact Office during the office hours. The last date of receipt of application is 10th October, 2017.

Sd/- Registrar i/c

**CENTRE OF PLASMA PHYSICS INSTITUTE FOR PLASMA RESEARCH**

(An autonomous Institute of Dept. of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)

Nazirhat, Sonapur-782402, Kamrup (M), Assam (India)

ADVT. NO. 07/2017

The Centre of Plasma Physics Institute for Plasma Research is a branch of the Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar-382122 under the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India devoted to research and development activities in the areas of basic Plasma Physics, Magnetic Confinement fusion and applications of fusion Plasmas.

Applications are invited from highly motivated and result oriented candidates for the post of

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEER (PROJECT)** No. of Post: 01 Qualification & Experience: BE/B Tech. in Electrical Engineering (Secured minimum 60% marks) and minimum two years experiences in operation and maintenance of 33 kV outdoor Sub-station, 415 V Power Distribution, Diesel Generator (DG) set, and Battery & Battery Charger.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The selected candidates will be responsible for operation and maintenance of 33 kV outdoor Sub-station, 750 kVA DG set and associated LT distributions.

**AGE LIMIT:** 30 years. Age relaxation is admissible to SC/ST/ OBC/PH/Ex-Servicemen candidates, as per Government of India orders on the subject.

**REMUNERATION:** Consolidated ₹38,000/- p.m.

In addition to pay, Medical Scheme facility under its Contributory Health Service Scheme (self only), Free Transport, and subsidized Canteen facilities are admissible for the above posts.

Only Indian nationals need to apply. Application should be submitted with supporting documents.

For details please visit our website [www.cppr.res.in](http://www.cppr.res.in)

Sd/- Center Director

**ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED SHUTDOWN NOTICE**

This is for general information to our valued consumers that due bus shutdown of 220/33 KV GIS Jawaharnagar from 10:00 AM of 28-08-2017 to 4:00 PM of 29-08-2017, normal power supply will to 33/11 Jawaharnagar, Game Village, Kalakshetra, Veterinary, Sonapur and Sarutan Sub Station will be affected. The affected areas under the Substations are mentioned below:

Name of 33/11 KV Sub Station Affected Area

33/11 KV Jawaharnagar Khanapara, Sonora, Bechari, Rupnagar, Chachar, Kalakshetra, Jirupur, Bongshila, Jayanta, Bechari, Mandi, Latakhali, Borphat, Bakarpur, Pilingela, Sohna Nagar, Chandan Nagar, Ganesh Mandir, Tripura Road, Charapeta, Kokkalari, Dighapara, Kushal Nagar, Sarutan, Borkhat, Kamaljuri, Sonapur Town, Birnihat, Tamukuchi, Pundharamile, Patarkuchi, Medhikuchi etc.

Every effort would be made to minimize power interruption to the affected areas. Power supply shall be made available at any moment.

Inconvenience that may cause to our valued consumers is highly regretted.

Sd/- Asst. General Manager  
Guwahati Electrical Division (S)  
APDCL

## Programme to promote Assamese language

STAFF REPORTER

Dr Banerjee also lamented the gradual fading away of all Indian colloquial languages which are being replaced by other languages.

He stressed that knowledge of a foreign language or two is always helpful and therefore welcome, "but our children must always keep in mind that it is only upon them that the cultures and languages of the land depend for survival."

He added that people are becoming slaves of other languages, which is a disturbing development. He

also referred to the important directives of the Assam Sahitya Sabha that include making Assamese a compulsory subject in schools and colleges, and using Assamese as the official language in offices and universities.

Prof Banerjee asked the students to take an oath to protect Assamya as the lingua franca of the land.

In a chorus, Prof Banerjee and the students took the following pledge – "We will learn, write and maintain the identity of our mother tongue Assamya."

## Science exhibition 'Kaleidoscope' at Don Bosco

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the need to inculcate scientific temperament among the new generation, while Prof Goswami, the new Vice Chancellor of Cotton University in the presence of school principal Fr Se-

Students from KG classes to the daylong science exhibition displaying their colourful scientific models and projects, which were laid out in their respective classrooms.

Senior teachers Jimiya Bhattacharya and Shahzam Begum were in charge of conducting the exhibition.

Application in prescribed format (available at [www.nerp-development.in](http://www.nerp-development.in)) along with copies of certificates, mark sheets and testimonials should reach the Office of the Project Director on the above address on or before **15.09.2017**. Applications in the prescribed format only fulfilling the terms of respective posts accompanied by all particulars only shall be considered.

For further details, please log on to [www.nerp-development.in](http://www.nerp-development.in)

Project Director,  
NERL, Guwahati.

## Science exhibition 'Kaleidoscope' at Don Bosco

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the need to inculcate scientific temperament among the new generation, while Prof Goswami, the new Vice Chancellor of Cotton University in the presence of school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

Chancellor of Cotton Uni-

versity in the presence of

school principal Fr Se-

bastian Mathew, vice principal Dr Pradeep Ekkka, staff and students.

Fr Mathew spoke on the

need to inculcate scientific

temperament among the

new generation, while Prof

Goswami, the new Vice

</div



A boat race organised on the occasion of Srimanta Sankaradeva's death anniversary, at Samaria village in Kamrup district on Wednesday. — UB Photos

## BJP to fight it alone in panchayat elections

ANN Service

**BAIHATA CHARIALI,** Aug 25: With the aim to fight alone in the forthcoming panchayat elections in the State, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been strengthening party activities by organising meetings at district level.

On August 20, the Guwahati (Metro) district committee of BJP organised an executive meeting at Bahalat Chariali, where the MPs of Mangaldai and Guwahati Lok Sabha constituencies, Rameen Deka and Bijoya Chakrabarty respectively and MLA of Rangiya LAC Bhabesh Kalita called upon the party activists to work for the benefit of the general people and to strengthen organisational activities of the party at the grassroot level. The meeting was presided over by Bichitra Kalita and during the interaction with mediapersons, he said that the party has decided to fight it alone in the panchayat elections. Mrijen Saranya, Mayor of GMC,

### BJP sweeps local body poll

**DIPHU,** Aug 25: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) once again proved that it is unbeatable in rural Karbi Anglong. The party won all the 15 seats of Rongchhang LAMPS election held last Friday. Out of 436 members, 317 cast their votes. The winners of Rongchhang LAMPS are Augustin Kathar, Babu Timu, Biran Marak, Harmoni Bey, Im Ronghang, Newarson Ronghang, Kanna Bon, Rupsing Timu, Saman Teron, Ranji Bey, Glosri Teropl, Kabon Timu.

— Correspondent

### OBITUARY

#### Dr Rajib Lochan Bora

CORRESPONDENT

**DERGAON,** Aug 25: Dr Rajib Lochan Bora, Vice Principal of Golaghat Commerce College, an noted educationist, an actor and a sportsman passed away on Thursday at his Hemchandra Barua Road residence due to cardiac arrest. He was 59.

Born in 1958 at Golaghat, he started his schooling at Golaghat Chandmari LP School and later joined Golaghat Govt High School. Thereafter, he studied at St Anthony's College, Shillong and finally completed his master degree in English from Gauhati University. He started his career as a lecturer at Golaghat Commerce College and was serving as the vice-principal of the college.

He also acted in several Assamese films and was also a sportsman. He could play the violin well. He was associated with several organisations in the district and was popular among the residents as a good orator. His untimely demise has been widely mourned in the district. He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter along with a host of relatives.

## Flood damages PHC machinery

ANN Service

**KALIAJOR,** Aug 25: Kaliabur-Jakhalandha PHC, which has been serving the people of entire Kaliabur subdivision since its inception for the first time is facing a major problem. All the machinery – diagnostic and others – ECG, X-ray, Dental and baby care, computers, generators, Blood storage materials etc, got totally damaged in the flood-hav-

oc of August 13, which suddenly inundated the entire hospital and where the water level reached five to six feet. The patients wards, doctor's study, nurse's quarter were all under water. As a precautionary measure, the hospital authority had released all the patients just before inundation. It is learnt that the repair of the damaged machinery will cost more than Rs 50 lakh. The OPD started functioning from

August 17 while doctors of the MUH have also been engaged in duty there. The patients are getting medical services regularly.

In this connection, it may be mentioned that Water Resource Minister, Keshab Mahanta has handed over a cheque of Rs 4 lakh each to the wife of Al. Chouhan, Bharati Chouhan and family of Bharati Gour who drowned in the floods.

— Correspondent

## Career counselling prog at THB College

**GUWAHATI,** Aug 25: A career counselling and felicitation programme was organised by the Department of Political Science of THB College, Jangmugurihat on August 22 where the students who had passed the sixth semester of the department were counselled on their future by the invited guests in the programme, a press release stated.

It is to be noted that in the last BA final examination 15 students out of 24 passed the examination in first class. Dr Jayanta Baruah, HoD, Political Science of the college welcomed the students and distin-

guished guests in the programme which was presided over by Prof Prabir Bhuyan, Associate Professor of the department. Prof Dharmaeswar Hazarika, former Principal of JN College, Pasighat attended the meeting as the chief guest and spoke to the students about various courses of traditional subjects as well as recent subjects of the colleges and universities. Prof Hazarika said in his speech that although the youths of the society have to engage themselves for their future they should also render their service for the development of the nation. Abinjebet Nath, president, Sonitpur District AASU, also attended the programme as invited guest and appealed to the students to work for the betterment of Assam. Maharatna Deka, former HoD, Political Science, Khira Kalita, former HoD, Assamese also attended the programme and addressed the students. La-chit Pator, 'social service secretary' of the college attended the programme and wished the students in the meeting. The freshers of the department were also felicitated.

Prof Palash Borah, Assistant Professor of the department offered the vote of thanks.



Students of Hemo Prova Borbora Girls' College taking part in a cleanliness drive during the foundation day of the college, in Golaghat on Thursday. — UB Photos

## Major roads of Dhubri district damaged by flood

CORRESPONDENT

**DHUBRI,** Aug 25: Although most of the flooded areas of the district have dried up, the people living in this part of western Assam are facing enormous difficulties in restoring normalcy to their lives, as the recent flood has damaged almost all the major roads and washed away bridges.

A report by the Public Work Department (PWD) Roads states that 177 roads built by the department in the district were damaged by the second wave of flood that created havoc in the district recently. It was also mentioned that almost 492 kms of road was submerged in floodwater, making breaches in 103 areas and completely damaging 4.35

kms of roads.

Moreover, 10 major bridges built by the department have been damaged, out of which three have been completely washed away. Twenty-seven minor bridges all over the district have also been damaged in the flood.

The report also says that the Dhubri-Kochugon road, the Folmari road and Dhurahat-IBBP road are in pathetic condition and the communication for the people living in these areas has been totally disrupted.

If reports are to be believed, apart from these roads and bridges, many other such structures maintained by the municipality, town committees and in the villages areas have also been damaged and need

immediate restoration. It was also reported that the recent flood has severely affected the road communication on the National Highway way in the district, making breaches at four portions in a major way.

Also in South Salmara-Manakachar district, six roads have been damaged and two bridges in the Kalur river either have been damaged or washed away hindering communication.

The Kalibari Trustee Board, a religious and socio-cultural organisation has submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner in this regard and has asked the administration to restore all the roads before the ensuing Durga Puja celebrations, to avoid chaos.

## Nagsankar State veterinary dispensary in pathetic state

ANN Service

**JAMAGURIHAT,** Aug 25:

The Nagsankar State veterinary dispensary has borne the brunt of sheer negligence and apathy of the State Veterinary and Animal Husbandry department. Nearly three decades back, a State veterinary dispensary was established at Purani Telia village, on the southern side of the famous Nagsankar temple.

The dispensary was supposed to look after the veterinary health needs of the villages of Purani Telia, Na-Talia, Mech Gaon, Laksham Gargh, Chamardon, Charanpani, Gosai Chapari, Bataroka etc., as the villages are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Moreover, as most of the villages are inhabited by people of the Nepali community, they earn their livelihood by rearing cows and selling milk along with poultry farming. This dispensary was supposed to help them a lot. But their hopes have been belied as this dispensary from its inception has failed to help them.

There is a building but without any facility. There is neither a veterinary surgeon and required staff nor any apparatus and medicine. Another building was built near the old one but no avail. The old building is in ruins; doors and windows are completely broken and full of jungles. The iron gate cannot be opened as it has rusted completely. The signboard is in a dilapidated state, half-hanging – only announcing that it is a State veterinary dispensary. A 4th grade employee has



been looking after the hospital for the last 10-15 years and he is not paid regularly, it is alleged. A veterinary assistant was appointed but since he has no access to the dispensary building, he does not visit the dispensary. The people complain that he has given his telephone number and anybody who wants his services can call him. He only comes to treat the sick

animals after taking money from people. During the last 15 years, the Congress Government in power did not take any steps to ease the trouble of the people. However, even after 15 months the new Government also has done nothing to help the people. The people want the new Government to take immediate action in this regard.

## Renovation of Manasa temple demanded

CORRESPONDENT

**GAURIPUR,** Aug 25: After the 1971 Indo-Pak war in the then East Pakistan, hundreds of Bangladeshis migrated to Assam fearing for their lives. Many of them came to Golaganj area and took shelter in open spaces, railway tracks and schools. The abandoned railway track was covered by thick jungles and a number of Bangladeshi nationals who took up shelter died of snake-bites. There was panic everywhere. One Ganesh Chandra Ray, office assistant of Dhubri Boxirhat Bus Association at Golaganj accidentally died of a snake-bite while he was going home located nearby alone at night. His body was kept for a few days and many traditional doctors (kaviraj) tried their best to revive him but in vain.

A few close friends of Ganesh Chandra Ray including Dipak Das, Sudam Chandra Deoy thought of establishing a Manasa temple in the locality. They with the help of the local people established the temple in a small plot of land in 1974. The plot of land was located near the abandoned railway track and so the extension was practically impossible. The railway authority tried to evict the temple when the broad gauge railway line from Mainaguri to Jorhat was under construction. The people of Golaganj protested and the railway authority diverted the line and the temple remained safe.

People of the surrounding villages began to attend the puja rituals every year on the last day of the month of Sravana.

It has been reported by the senior citizens of the locality that the incidents of snake-bite cases have drastically decreased

since the establishment of the Manasa, the "Goddess of Snakes" temple at Golaganj. Every year on the last day of the month of Sravana, Ma Manasa Puja is observed with a three-day programme and thousands of devotees come to offer prayers but they find it difficult as the place is very congested.

There is enough private land nearby but the managing committee of the temple is said to be indifferent to the genuine problems of the devotees. It has also been reported that the Government has not yet sanctioned any amount for renovation of the popular temple. There is an urgent need of a permanent stage, guesroom and a kitchen house to accommodate the increasing number of devotees every year. Devotees of all sections have urged the managing committee and the local MLA to come forward and fulfil the aspirations of the devotees.

## Reception committee of Sahityacharya Abdul Malik centenary celebration formed

CORRESPONDENT

**DERGAON,** Aug 25: The opening ceremony of year-long centenary celebration of Sahityacharya Sayed Abdul Malik will be held at his native place as a central programme of Assam Sahitya Sabha (ASS) next year.

To mark the centenary year, the apex literary body of the State has started its preparation. In this connection, a public meeting was held under the aegis of Naharani Majhona Sikhya Sanskriti Umayan Samiti (NMSSUS) at Naharani Majhona Yuak Sangha premises.

The meeting chaired by the president of Naharani Sakha Sahitya Sabha, Trailokya Gogoi was attended

by the convenor of Youth Parliament of ASS, Nurul Sultan as the central observer. The welcome address was given by the secretary of NMSSUS Kamaluddin Ahmed while the objective of the meeting was explained by the secretary of Golaghat District Sahitya Sabha, Tafajul Haque Barbra.

Addressing the gathering the observer urged all to extend their cooperation for the grand success of the event. Taking part as the distinguished guest in the meeting, the Dergao MLA Blabendra Nath Bharali assured all kind of help from his side as well as from the State government. The meeting was also addressed by Puranjan Goswami, Phanidhar

Rajkhowa, Prabhat Phukan, Atul Goswami, Abdul Hasim, Abdulla Siddiki, Wasid Ahmed, Prabin Das, Saiful Hussain, etc.

After threadbare discussion, the meeting formed a reception committee to organise the opening ceremony of the centenary celebration on January 16, 2018 with Nurul Sultan as the president, Puranjan Goswami as the working president, Prabhat Phukan, Phanidhar Rajkhowa, Matir Rahman, Trolukya Gogoi, Sayed Nurul Islam as vice-presidents and Kamaluddin Ahmed and Moniul Hussain as the general secretaries. The meeting urged upon all to extend cooperation for the grand success of the programme.

## Governor calls upon youth to take up dairy farming

CORRESPONDENT

JAGIROAD, Aug 25: Assam Governor Banwarilal Purohit today ceremonially released a vision document of the Sitajkhalia Cooperative Milk Society in a public meeting held on the occasion at the society office premises at Amlighat near here.

The Vision 2020, Sitajkhalia', prepared and proposed by the Cooperative Milk Society, envisages to start a number of convergent activities aimed at empowering the local rural economy by creating opportunities for gainful self-employment.

Addressing the gathering which also saw the presence of several prominent social activists, planners, educationists and journalists, the Governor underlined the role played by the Cooperative Society since 1958 in organising all the small milk producers in and around the

area and thus setting an example that can be emulated by others.

Purohit expressed hope and confidence that the society would be able to make successful implementation of all its plans and projects.

He, in his address, especially called upon the youths and the women of the district to take up dairy development initiatives in right earnest as an alternative to the conventional concept of farming and agriculture.

Another speaker in the meeting, Mahendra Ahom, former registrar of Tezpur University and also the founder principal of the Jagiroad College, while narrating the rich history of the Cooperative Society, said the present generation should continue to carry on with the 'white revolution' in the State.

Speakers other prominent speakers also spoke on the occasion.



A wild elephant killed due to electrocution in Marianian on Friday. - UB Photos

## 17 children fall ill after eating stale food

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Aug 25: At least seventeen children fell ill after reportedly consuming stale food at the Manipurim village near the Naharkatia College yesterday.

The conditions of Bhadri Murari (5), Shyam Murari (4), Subham Tanti (3) and Bijay Tanti (3) were said to be critical and they were brought to the Assam Medical College and Hospital (AMCH) here for treatment.

It needs to be mentioned that the children of the village were served the leftover food of one religious function held the previous day in the house of one Raju Tanti of the village.

All the children who showed signs of stomach ache, diarrhoea and vomiting were rushed to the nearby government hospital but four critical ones were referred to the Assam Medical College and Hospital.

## Forest Dept blames APDCL for jumbo death

### Elephant electrocuted in Marianian tea garden

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Aug 25: A female adult elephant was electrocuted at the Katabanari division of Sycota Tea Estate under Mariani range of the Jorhat forest division late last night after the animal came in contact with a high tension electricity cable belonging to the Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) that passes through the garden.

Ranjeet Gogoi told *The Assam Tribune* today that the elephant, which was part of the herd that often strays out of the nearby Hoolongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, was killed after the animal's head came in contact with the cable, which was at a height of below eight feet.

He said the incident occurred at the Sasan Ghat area of the garden which was near the Bhogori River.

The forest authorities said the APDCL has reportedly not paid any heed to the repeated requests made by the department concerned to raise the height of the cable to avoid any fatal incidents.

Gogoi said his department has written to the APDCL several times, requesting the latter to raise the height of the power cable, but to no avail. He said the matter was discussed at a meeting convened last

month by the Titabar subdivisional administration and the APDCL officials were directed to increase the height of the power cable immediately.

The range officer said the APDCL officials and staff today visited the spot and were sternly told to do the needful. Further he said has written a letter to the APDCL authorities stating that the Forest Department will be compelled to file FIR against the APDCL for negligence, if corrective steps were not taken urgently.

Gogoi said post mortem of the carcass was conducted on the spot and the dead jumbo was buried there as per the department's rules.

The Mariani range under which the wildlife sanctuary falls is also one of the worst man-elephant conflict zones in Assam. Elephant herds often

stray out of the sanctuary and destroy crops and vegetation in adjoining villages and tea gardens, especially in winter.

According to the Forest Department records, over 770 animals were killed by wild jumbos in Assam in the last 10 years of which around 20 people were killed in the Mariani range. Elephants have also died in the area by electrocution or were killed by speeding trains.

**One arrested:** Police arrested Jitul Das (50), a bank employee who is a resident of Khoriboa gram on the Garmar outskirts here on charges of raping a housewife last evening at the victim's house when her husband was not home.

Das has been sent to judicial custody by a local court after he was produced in the court.

## No. DSY/S/FIFA/5/2012/203 CORRIGENDUM FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Kindly refer to our Notice issued e-Tender for "Mission XI Million Football Cup" Awardees, also from our view of FIFA U-17 World Cup, Guwahati, 2017 (Package 1 & Package 2) published via this office letter No. DSY/S/FIFA/5/2012/192 Dtd. 10-08-2017.

There are some modifications in Eligibility Criteria (Point No. 1.5 [A] & 1.6 [B]) for the Package 1 & Package 2.

The bidders are requested kindly to go through the official website of [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) for further details.

All other terms and conditions of the e-Tender No. DSY/S/FIFA/5/2012/192 Dtd. 10-08-2017 will remain same.

Sd/- Director,  
Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam  
Dispur, Guwahati-6

**বাজহুরা জাননি**  
মেরা ইংৰ ১২/৮/২০১৫ তাৰিখে নিম্ন কলিয়াবৰ বাজহুচ্চ চৰকু  
অঙ্গত হাতীমুৰা অশেভ প্ৰস্তুত মথৰিডি কিংবা মোৰ কৰফু  
সৃষ্টি হোৱা প্ৰলোককৰণ বাবত কলিয়াবৰ আৰু চামৰলি বাজহুচ্চ চৰকু  
অঙ্গত কৰিব আশা কৈ। উপ ঘৰালু সমষ্টত লাগিব কিংবা ওপায়ুক্ত  
১২/৮/২০১৫ তাৰিখৰ পৰ মোৰ এক অধীনীকন প্ৰদৰ্শন দাবয়ো  
যোৰা কৰে আৰু লাগত নিম্ন আৰুৰূপকাৰী বিদ্যুতৰ বাবিল পৰিবৰ।

শাক্ষৰ - আতিৰিক্ত উপায়ুক্ত, মণিৎ

Janasanyog/C/2967/17

## ABSU to intensify movement on Bodoland issue

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, Aug 25: As part of the ongoing movement on the Bodoland issue, the All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) in association with the NDFP (P and R) and the People's Joint Action Committee for Bodoland Movement (PJACBM) has resolved to stage a series of movements from August 28, including the national highway blockade for 10 hours by the Bodo women.

Highlighting the programme details before media here, ABSU president Pramod Boro said besides the above mentioned agenda, the organisations would register strong protest against the BIP Government's indifferent attitude towards the long pending problems of the Bodo people through 12 hours Assam bandh on September 12, an indefinite mass hunger strike from October 1, 24 hours railway blockade in October and indefinite economic blockade in November.

The movement for creation of 'Bodoland' has been going on for the last five years. Although two accords were signed with a view to bring solution to the Bodoland is-

sue, the fundamental questions such as protection and preservation of the political rights of the Bodos and promotion of their identity, language, culture, traditions and customs have not been addressed by those two accords," said Boro, adding, "The Government of India is apathetic towards the Bodo movement and is not sincere enough to solve the long pending issue."

**Relief distributed:** The members of the Bar Association of Tezpur in association with the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Sonitpur, judiciary and employees of the District Judge and Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sonitpur, Tezpur visited the flood-affected areas of Kukharkata and Hatimura villages of Bokhakhand and distributed food items and other relief materials among the marooned people.

The team consists of advocates Somitra Borthakur, Birben Borah, Putin Biswas, Nilakshya Sarma, Paniyoti Saikia, Rupijoyee Bhattacharya, Tapan Ghosh and other staff of the DLSA and the judiciary also visited the Misa relief camp and other roadside camps to distribute relief materials.

The short Tender Notice invited vide this office NIT No. DPS/PTG/S/32/2016-17/36 dated 18-08-2017 for purchase of Misc. Press articles during the year 2017-18, is hereby cancelled due to some unavoidable technical reasons.

**Sd/- Director,**  
Printing & Stationery,  
Assam, Guwahati-21

## Short Notice Inviting Quotation for Office Equipments

Chief Executive Officer, FREMAA Assam or supply of Laptop and External hard disc. The detailed RFO may be downloaded from the FREMAA website [www.fremaassang.org](http://www.fremaassang.org)

Sd/- CEO-FREMAA  
Janasanyog/C/2752/17

## ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited for filling up the following vacant post in the Office of the Special Judge, CBI, Assam, Additional CBI Court No 1, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

1. Name of the Post : Shrestadar:  
2. No. of Post : 01 (one)  
3. Pay Scale : PB-4-Rs.30,000/- to 1,10,000/- + G.P. Rs.14,500/-

## CORrigendum Notice

The applicant should possess the requisite qualifications, as mentioned under Rule 6 of the Assam District and Sessions Judges Establishment (Ministerial) Service Rules, 1987, i.e. he/she must have served continuously as the Shrestadar of Additional District & Sessions Judge or as the Head Assistant in the District & Sessions Judge's Establishment for at least 5 years.

Applications must be submitted through proper channel along with the copy of the respective Service Book.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The application form to be submitted in Standard Form. • (3/re) copies of recent passport size photographs should be enclosed with the application.

• Candidates shall have to enclose one self-addressed, stamped envelope with the application form.

• Last date of receipt of application : 15 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in News-paper.

• Place and date of the interview will be notified later on.

• Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify the candidate.

• Incomplete/ defective applications will be rejected without any intimation.

Sd/- Chairman,

Selection Board - CBI,

Additional CBI Court No.1,

Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

## অসম লোকসেৱা আয়োগ

### ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

The Assam Public Service Commission hereby announces the results today (25/08/2017) of the viveo-vote test conducted by it for selecting the post given below:

A. Recruitment of Language Officers and Language Officers under Legislative Department

The viveo-vote tests for selection to the above posts were conducted on 21st, 22nd 24th and 25th August, 2017 by the Interview Boards constituted for the purpose and assisted by Experts/Advisors deputed by the Government of Assam. The Commission completed the process of selection and recommended the following candidates for the aforesaid post wise discipline wise, in order of merit:

## RESULTS

Recruitment to the posts of Chief Language Officers and Language Officers under Legislative Department

(1) Chief Language Officer (Assamese)

Number of post-01 (OC). Number of candidates appeared: 13

Position | Roll No | Name of candidates | Vacancy relating to reservation | Caste | Remarks

1 | 0000008 | Subhash Mahanta | OPEN CATEGORY | GENL. | M

(2) Chief Language Officer (General)

Number of post-01 (OC). Number of candidates appeared: 12

Position | Roll No | Name of candidates | Vacancy relating to reservation | Caste | Remarks

1 | 0000014 | Parmiti Samui | OPEN CATEGORY | GENL. | F

(3) Language Officer (Assamese)

Number of post-02 (OC). Number of candidates appeared: 48

Position | Roll No | Name of candidates | Vacancy relating to reservation | Caste | Remarks

1 | 0000034 | Bharabi Devi | OPEN CATEGORY | OBC | F

2 | 0000010 | Nasavita Mishra | DO | GENL. | F

(4) Language Officer (Bengali)

Number of post-01 (OC). Number of candidates appeared: 5

Position | Roll No | Name of candidates | Vacancy relating to reservation | Caste | Remarks

1 | 000011 | Anupama Banik | OPEN CATEGORY | GENL. | F

(5) Language Officer (Hindi)

Number of post-01 (OC). Number of candidates appeared: 2

Position | Roll No | Name of candidates | Vacancy relating to reservation | Caste | Remarks

1 | 0000005 | Hemanti Sen | OPEN CATEGORY | GENL. | F

Sd/- Secretary  
Assam Public Service Commission

## CINEMA PROGRAMME

### SILVER SCREEN

Bijoy, Nagor, Opp. ICICI Bank  
Digital Projection & Dolby Surround  
Sound System. Luxurious Puff & Seats  
seats with delicious food & drink

Rs. 11.00 am to 11.30 pm

INDEPENDENT DAY (Hindi Dubbed)

9:30 am to 11:30 pm

For any query please call at 973-303-  
9008, 9708-90972 & 88763-36234

www.bookmyshow.com

GRANDE CINES

Floor, Palan Bazar, Bala Building,

Opp. Bazaar Bookshop, Dibrugarh

Rs. 11.00 am to 11.30 pm

INDEPENDENT DAY (Hindi)

9:30 am to 11:30 pm

For any query please call at 973-303-  
9008, 9708-90972 & 88763-36234

www.bookmyshow.com

ANABELLE: CREATION (E-2)

Daily 9:30 am to 11:30 pm

BARBERSHOP (Hindi)

10:45 am to 11:30 pm

FOR BARBERSHOP BILL PLUTON etc.

Contact mob: 9708-185-187

BABUMOSHAI BANDOOKBAZAAR (H)

Sig. Newcauton Sotdaq, Bala Bigr

Regular Ticket : Rs. 150/-

Online Booking:

www.bookmyshow.com

Please follow us at 0373/2227222

AMBIKA CINE PALACE

Dudhnoi, Jorhat

Digital Picture & Dolby Surround Sound

System. Luxurious Puff & Seats

Rs. 11.00 am to 11.30 pm

INDEPENDENT DAY (Hindi Dubbed)

9:30 am to 11:30 pm

For Online Booking Please Visit

Book My Show

Ticket Rates: Regular Show -

Rs. 150/-, Gold Box - 250/-

Gold Box - 350/-

Evening Show -

Rs. 80/-, 120/-, 180/-, 200/-, 300/-

Website : [www.bookmyshow.com](http://www.bookmyshow.com)

URVASI CINEMA

From 10.00 am to 11.30 pm

BABUMOSHAI BANDOOKBAZAAR (H)

Sig. Newcauton Sotdaq, Bala Bigr

Sound System. Luxurio

us Puff & Seats

11.00 am to 11.30 pm

QADIB BAZAR

Advance Time: 9:30 am to 11.30 pm

GENTLEMAN (Hindi)

Ticket Rates: Regular Show -

Rs. 150/-, Gold Box - 250/-

Gold Box - 350/-

Evening Show -

Rs. 80/-, 120/-, 180/-, 200/-, 300/-

Website : [www.bookmyshow.com](http://www.bookmyshow.com)

MEHDOOT PICTURES PALACE

Digital Picture & Dolby Surround Sound

System. Luxurio

us Puff & Seats

11.00 am to 11.30 pm

A GENTLEMAN (Hindi)

Ticket Rates: Balcony: Rs. 60/-

Reserve: Rs. 40/-





Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, Arun Jaitley speaking after releasing the NITI Aayog's 'Three Year Action Agenda', in New Delhi on Thursday. - PTI

## Forex reserves dip by \$211 mn

MUMBAI, Aug 25: India's foreign exchange (Forex) reserves kitty depleted by \$211 million as on August 18, 2017, official data showed today.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly statistical supplement released today showed that the overall Forex reserves declined to \$393.40 billion from \$393.61 billion reported for the week-ended August 11.

India's Forex reserves comprise of foreign currency assets (FCAs), gold reserves, special drawing rights (SDRs) and the RBI's position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Segment-wise, FCAs – the largest component of the Forex reserves – declined by \$208.1 million to \$369.69 billion during the week under review.

Besides the USD, FCAs consist of nearly 20-30 per cent of major (non-US) global currencies. The FCAs also include investments in US Treasury bonds, bonds of other selected governments and deposits with foreign central and commercial banks.

The country's gold reserves were stagnant at \$19.94 billion.

However, the SDRs value dipped by \$1.2 million to \$1.49 billion. Similarly, the country's reserve position with the IMF slipped by \$1.8 million to \$22.26 billion. - IANS

## CAPSULE

### Samsung heir convicted

SEOUL, Aug 25: Samsung heir Lee Jae-Yong has spent his life trying to prove himself worthy of his father's legacy, and today he followed in the older man's footsteps by being convicted in the same courtroom. - AFP

### Coal India

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: The stalemate between Coal India management and trade unions over issue of salary hike has come to an end as both have reached an understanding. - PTI

### HT Media

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: HT Media said its board has approved demerger of the entertainment and digital innovation business of the company into a wholly-owned subsidiary. - PTI

### McDonald's case

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) today asked US fast food giant McDonald's and its estranged Indian joint venture partner Vikram Bakshi to consider settling their dispute among themselves. - PTI

### Honda Cars

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: Honda Cars India Ltd today announced the introduction of privilege edition of its premium hatchback Honda Jazz priced between Rs 7.36 lakh to Rs 8.82 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). - PTI

### Zydus Wellness

MUMBAI, Aug 25: With consumers increasingly becoming health conscious, looking for sugar substituted Zydus Wellness feels its brand 'Sugar Free' has the potential to double its sales in the next three to four years. - PTI

## Insurers fear being flooded with claims from flood-hit States

MUMBAI, Aug 25: The rising number of damage claims, mostly from the industry, fire and motor segments, pouring in from the flood-hit States has the general insurance sector worried.

Since late June, several States like Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana and Rajasthan have been hit by devastating floods, leading to heavy loss of lives and damage to livestock as well as property.

State-owned non-life insurer National Insurance Company

has received a total of 209 claims so far from Gujarat and Assam with a value of around Rs 23 crore. A majority of claims have been generated under the fire segment.

"It is a matter of concern that catastrophic losses which are essentially Black Swan events, are happening every year. This will put considerable pressure on property," National Insurance chairman Sanath Kumar told this news agency.

But the company has been diligent in settling claims of the fire segments. - PTI

## RBI to ramp up supply of Rs 200 notes

MUMBAI, Aug 25: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the supply of Rs 200 notes, brought into circulation today, will soon be ramped up across the country through banking channels.

"The production of these notes is being ramped up by the currency printing presses and over time as more notes are printed, it will be distributed across the country through the banking channels and will be available for public in adequate quantity," the RBI said in a statement.

Currently, these notes are available only through select RBI offices and banks as is normal when a new denomination of notes is introduced and the supply increases gradually, it said.

Introduction of this denomination is expected to facilitate

affected people even at the cost diluting some of the procedural norms, because "it's our endeavour that financial help is delivered to the policyholders who have been affected by the floods in Assam, Bihar, Gujarat and elsewhere," Kumar said.

Another State-run player

United India has received a

total of 216 flood-related

claims from Gujarat alone so

far. Most of these claims

are from the motor and industry

segments. - PTI



exchange transactions for the common man and provide complete series of denominations for transactions at the lower end.

The Rs 200 denomination bank note in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) series bears the signature of RBI Governor

Ujjit Patel. It has the motif of the Sanchi Stupa on the reverse while its base colour is bright yellow.

The note has other designs and geometric patterns aligning with the overall colour scheme, both at the obverse and reverse. - PTI

## Patowary inaugurates 'Battery Vehicle Tech Expo'

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary inaugurated the three-day 'Battery Vehicle Tech Expo' at the Maniram Dewan Trade Centre here today.

Altogether, 28 electric vehicle companies from across the country, including one each from China and Japan are participating in the expo.

The Minister also inaugurated the office of the Chairman, Assam Trade Promotion

Organisation (ATPO) at the trade centre.

Speaking on the occasion,

Minister Patowary underlined the importance of e-rickshaws in connecting every nook and corner of the State. He also said e-rickshaws can open new vistas of employment to a large extent. Appreciating different technical benefits of e-rickshaws, he said it is one of the most eco-friendly vehicles used as public carriers.

The Minister stated that the e-rickshaw would be included for funding under the Prime

Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and the upcoming Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment (SVAYEM) scheme of the Industries and Commerce Department, so that it can be a source of income for unemployed youths.

Reiterating that Assam is the gateway to South-East Asia, Patowary said, "If you think of investment, think Assam" while calling on global traders to invest and set up production centres in the State.

## Andrew Yule to set up bought leaf factory in Sivasagar dist

KOLKATA, Aug 25: Diversified PSU Andrew Yule would set up two bought leaf factories in Assam and north Bengal to raise production, an official of the PSU, said.

The company board has decided to set up two bought leaf factories in Assam and North Bengal, outgoing chairman of Andrew Yule Sunil Munshi told this news agency.

Munshi said that earlier, "We used to buy bought leaf from others. But due to intense uprooting and replantation in the gardens, production of tea has increased substantially and touched an all-time high."

So there was no surplus capacity in the gardens and hence the decision to set up the factories, he said.

The first factory would come up at Assam's Sivasagar district followed by north Bengal. Munshi, instrumental in reviving the tea business of the PSU, said.

Both the factories would have a production capacity of one million kg per annum, he said.

The new CMD of Andrew Yule Debasish Jana said, since the company is run by the Government, there are many restrictions on operations.

"It is the easiest way to raise production without acquiring gardens. Straightaway, production would increase by two million kg, which would add both to the top and bottom line."

The present production capacity is 12

## Infosys may rope in 'alumni' in its global search for CEO

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: Former Infosys may well have a shot at clinching the top job as Infosys CEO, with the company looking at "alumni" along with internal and external candidates in its global search for the lead onboard.

Within hours of taking charge as Infosys non-executive Chairman, Nandan Nilekani told investors today that Infosys was going to "cast a very wide net" globally to get the best talent onboard.

"We are looking at internal candidates, external candidates and Infosys alumni," he said.

Nilekani added there are Infosys who have left the company and have "charted their own success stories". "We have an open mind. It will be a global search... The goal is to find someone who has the expertise in managing a global corporation, who can accelerate the execution of our strategy and has strong appreciation of the cultural transformation that is required," he said.

### 'Nilekani will lead Infy out of trouble'

HYDERABAD, Aug 25: Independent Director Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw today said everyone has confidence that Nandan Nilekani would lead Infosys out of its troubled times.

"The unanimous decision of the board (to appoint Nilekani as non-executive chairman) reflects the confidence everyone of us has in his credible leadership to steer Infosys out of these troubled times," she told this news agency.

Nilekani said earlier today that the nominations committee headed by Mazumdar-Shaw would search for a CEO for the Bengaluru-headquartered company.

The company's co-founder and former CEO, Kris Gopalakrishnan, extended his good wishes to Nilekani.

"I wish Nandan all the very best," he said.

The company's former CFO, TV Mohandas Pai, yesterday said, "Nilekani coming back (to Infosys) is good, he knows everybody, he is approachable. Nandan coming back as non-executive chairman will be a good thing for the company and settle the issue once and for all." - PTI

An active Twitter user, Nilekani took to the microblogging platform to express his thoughts.

"Joined @Infosys at 26, re-joined it at 62. Life does turn full circle!" he tweeted.

Nilekani, along with six other engi-

nies – Jeffrey Lehman and John Etchemendy – also put in their papers. Co-chair Ravi Venkatesan has now moved to the role of an independent director.

"We have an excellent nominations committee headed by a very well known and global entrepreneur like interim CEO Pravin Rao, CFO Raniganath Mavinkere, president and dep-

uty COO Rav Kuma S and BPSI head Mohit Joshi are in fray for the top job.

With Infosys now looking at alumni as well, the contenders could include names like V Balakrishnan (ex-CFO),

Mohandas Pai (former CFO and HR Head), Ashok Venuri (former Americas Head and Board member) and RG Srinivas (former president).

Infosys – which has been in the midst of a face-off between the founders and management – would also look at re-casting its board in the coming weeks.

Last week, Infosys CEO Vishal Sikka quit, citing slanders. Yesterday, board chair

On his own stint, he said: "I plan to be here as long as necessary. I will not be here as soon as I am not necessary". - PTI

## Joined Infosys at 26, re-jointed at 62: Nilekani

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: At 62, most people would be glad to hang up their boots and enjoy retirement. But not for Nandan Nilekani, who has been brought back to turn around the fortunes of the crisis-hit Infosys as the new Chairman.

The architect of unique ID Aadhaar – a data mine that contains biometric information of a billion Indians – says life has come a full circle for him, as he heads back to the company he founded over three decades ago.

The company's former CFO, TV Mohandas Pai, yesterday said, "Nilekani coming back (to Infosys) is good, he knows everybody, he is approachable. Nandan coming back as non-executive chairman will be a good thing for the company and settle the issue once and for all." - PTI

neers, founded Infosys in 1981. Set up with an initial capital of USD 250, the company today has grown to be over USD 10 billion in revenue and has over two lakh employees.

He served as Infosys CEO between 2002 and 2007. He was appointed as the chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), a Cabinet-ranking position, in July 2009.

The technocrat, after bidding adieu to Infosys, tried his hands at politics. He contested the 16th Lok Sabha election from the South Bangalore constituency on a Congress ticket, but lost.

However, Nilekani's mettle made him an attractive catch for the Narendra Modi Government, where he was entrusted with the task of overseeing the drive for a less-cash economy after demonetisation last year. - PTI

## 'Aadhaar will come out with flying colours'

BENGALURU, Aug 25: Nandan Nilekani, the new Chairman of Infosys and Aadhaar architect, today expressed confidence that the biometric identifier will sail with "flying colours" as it addresses the design principles laid down by the Supreme Court with regard to privacy.

In his maiden address to investors, hours after he began his second innings at Infosys, Nilekani responding to a specific query on the Supreme Court ver-

dict said: "I think it's a superb decision".

The apex court yesterday ruled that privacy is a Fundamental Right and an intrinsic part of Right to Life and Personal Liberty. "I think, while it has upheld privacy as a Fundamental Right, it also acknowledges that in the interest of larger societal reasons, you may have some constraints on them," he said.

A panel headed by Justice BN Srikrishna has been tasked to recommend a framework for data protection, he noted.

"I think, basically, the court has said properly that it is a Fundamental Right, but not an absolute right. They have also defined a set of considerations on which it can be done," he said.

Nilekani observed that actual Aadhaar matter is going to go to a smaller Bench, and said he is confident that Aadhaar will come out with flying colours because it addresses all the design principles laid down by the Supreme Court". - PTI



State Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary at the Battery Vehicle Tech Expo under way at the Maniram Dewan Trade Centre in Guwahati, on Friday.

## McLeod Russel India reviewing 'marginal TE's'

KOLKATA, Aug 25: The world's largest bulk tea producer, McLeod Russel India Ltd, is reviewing "low-yielding and marginal tea estates" to "revive them first", a company official said here today.

Baheti was asked whether the tea planter was trying to cash out of the marginal estates.

The tea producer on Wednesday entered into an agreement for sale with Voom Food Industries Private Limited of Siliguri, West Bengal, to dispose off its Bhatpara Tea Estate, a loss-making unit in Darjeeling.

"And in case we find there are difficulties to revive them, we may look at (disposing of as-

sets). This review happens every year," the company's Chief Financial Officer and Whole Time Director Kamal Kishore Baheti told this news agency.

Baheti was asked whether the tea planter was trying to cash out of the marginal estates.

The tea producer on Wednesday entered into an agreement for sale with Voom Food Industries Private Limited of Siliguri, West Bengal, to dispose off its Bhatpara Tea Estate, a loss-making unit in Darjeeling.

"It incurred a loss of Rs 3-4 crore in the last fiscal," Baheti said.

According to a statement, Voom Food Industries intends to make appropriate investment in the Bhatpara Tea Estate to make it viable in future. - IANS

**P**erhaps the very essence of a great intercultural performance is the leap away from its source text. Witnessing Ratan Thiyam's interpretation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* brought this home through the powerful, visceral material that the performance was built on. Thiyam is one of the living greats of world theatre, and after the demise of Heisnam Kanshaiyal and Kavalam Narayana Panicker, probably the lone proponent of the Theatre of Roots.

Studying theatre for nearly 30 years now, and having seen performances in many parts of the globe, I was yet to see any of Thiyam's performances until the August 7 production of *Macbeth* at the annual Natyasurya Theatre Festival. This was going to be an unforgettable experience. The place was actually humming in anticipation, even as we queued up to go in, and entering the hall sat down to look upon the bare stage.

Then the drums rolled, and enter-four witches. Immediately we began to wonder at the presence of the fourth which (Macbeth appears much later in Shakespeare). Draped in gauzy tentacles that remind you of an octopus or a tarantula—primeval creatures that cannot be named, the witches drew into their thrall the audience in the same manner as one is drawn to invite evil—inevitably.

In this visualisation of the witches, Thiyam had, right at the commencement of the play, set the tone, and recontextualised Macbeth. Then Macbeth and Banquo enter, in keeping with this relocated space dressed as tribal chieftains. There was a very clever use of intertext in this conception of royalty; if one is familiar with Thiyam's oeuvre, one is aware of the great influence of the Japanese *Noh* and *Kabuki* genres on his craft. And then there are many among us who are familiar with Akira Kurosawa's *Throne of Blood* and the similarities in costuming were apparent, as also the death of Macbeth. This production resonates with all manner of influences.

The use of horns, tribal jewellery, armours and masks fashioned out of wood and bamboo all coming together in Thiyam's sketchbook, and then crafted in his workshop, likewise speak of the many influences; but no specific one dominates his conception. Like he said somewhere in an interview, "I have invented a new tribe with new rituals, customs, but they have elements of all tribal cultures." The live orchestration of indigenous percussion instruments that resound, the stylised choreographed action, his use of specific colour washes in the lights, and the dialect that is delivered almost in the manner of ritual – all of these are elements that make for a unique performance event.

The actors of the repertory fleshed out the director's vision of the play, and while no

## Making waves

**C**Natalia Ningthoujam

An Assamese short film on menstruation – *Alert – Condition: Red*, is set to soon compete at the International Images Film Festival for Women, in Zimbabwe. Its Assamese director, Zahid Khan, says the festival is special because the films that are going to compete or get screened there are all based on women's issues.

The short film, which has been to various festivals, including the International Guwahati Film Festival and Cine Miami Fest in the US, is about a girl's first period in a public place.

"Yes, it is in the competition section. It will be held from August 26 to September 2 in



at the festival are all based on women's issues," Khan said in an exclusive e-mail interview with IANS.

Most indie filmmakers from

North-East India tend to make films on the political situation there or about the numerous tribal groups. What made him pick up a subject like menstruation?

"It's good that India filmmakers from the North-East make films on such topics as they are very informative and eye-openers. But I try to think about global issues, rather than being limited to regional issues. I came across an article about the struggles of piles patients and discussed it with somebody. That's how I thought about menstruation and the struggles of women."

Menstruation is often considered as a taboo in many countries," he said.

So, he decided to bring it out on a public platform and discuss menstruation. – IANS

## Jahnu Barua heads IFFI Steering Committee

**O**n August 18, I&B Minister Smriti Irani appointed a 13-member steering committee and technical committee for IFFI (International Film Festival for India) that will be held in November 20–28, in Goa. This steering committee will be headed by Jahnu Barua (Convenor), while the technical committee Chairman will be filmmaker Nagesh Kukunoor. The other members include filmmaker Anand Gandhi,

## Calendar under production

**A**n Assamese feature film – *Calendar* produced and directed by Himjyoti Talukdar, under the banner of Emjori Films, is presently on the editing table. The cast in this family-oriented film includes veteran actors like Moloya Goswami, Arun Nath, supported by Gunjan Bharadwaj, Rimjhim Deka and others. Shantanu Roumurai-

ya has written the screenplay, while the cinematography is by Dikshit Das. Shooting was extensively done in and around the scenic backdrop of Golaghat, Dergaon and parts of Upper Assam. Well-known singer-composer Tarali Sarma has scored the music for the film that is scheduled to release in the early part of next year.

## Sonar Boron Pakhi in South Korea

**A**n 86-minute feature film – *Sonar Boron Pakhi*, directed by noted film-maker Bobby Sarma Barua was screened at the Mosaic Film Festival held in Seoul, South Korea, on August 12, 2017. The film, based on the life of acclaimed folk singer Pratima Barua Pandey, has been winning accolades from the press and viewers of America, Canada, Australia and Bangladesh where the film was screened on the occasion of the International Film Festival, besides Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, etc. The film subtitled in English as *Golden Wing* is produced under the banner of Basanta-Bobby production, in collaboration with the Assam State Film Finance and Development Corporation. The film is scheduled for release all over Assam on November 24.



– Features Editor

## Utpal Barpujari's Ishu

**A** feature film – *Ishu*, directed by Utpal Barpujari and based on the inhuman practice of witch-hunting in parts of the country, particularly Assam, is ready for release soon. The story of *Ishu* has been penned by noted writer Manikanta Bhattacharya, which depicts a glimpse of the ancient system through the eyes of a child, whose aunt is known as a witch. The role of the 10-year-old child is portrayed by Kapil Garo. The dialogue has been jointly written by director Barpujari and Sukracharya Rabha, award-winning theatre director and head of well-known Badungdupper Kalakendra of Rangpur, Agartala.

A number of actors from the Kalakendra have enacted various roles in the film, including Dhananjay Rabha and Basanta Rabha. The cast also includes National-award winning actor Bishnu Khargoria and National awardee Manipuri actress Leishemthem Tonthongambi Devi, along with Chetana Das and Pratibha Chowdhury. Suma Dowerai is the cinematographer, while famed editor S.S. Karimprasad edits the film. The sound design is by Amit Pritam and musical score is by Anurag Saikia – both National Award winners. Importantly, the film is going to be presented at the national level under the auspices of the Children's Film Society of India (CFSI).

Readers are hereby invited to contribute original articles related to culture of the North-East (film, music, drama, etc.) along with photographs. They may be e-mailed to cultural@assamtribune.com.

# Epidemic of Macbeth

**Asha Kuthari Chaudhuri**

actor in a production like this can be singled out, one has to mention Chingkhengnabi's Lady Macbeth, as she reads her husband's letter which is in the form of a long scroll; when she greets Duncan, and when she is finally lost to the rational world. This, after all, is the role that some of the best actors in the world have vied for, and her performance alone is likely to

forget in a hurry.

This was a play that used some powerfully articulated lines – in Manipuri. The informed spectator knew their Shakespeare apart, but how did the rest



of the audience grasp at the meanings? Almost literally through their skins; the intense vibrations of the actor's body were offset by the uniformed nurses, in perfect synchronised tempo; two of the wheelchairs are occupied by a broken Macbeth and his wife who is washing her hands incessantly. Now this was an interpolation that per-

rhythms of the performance. Thiyam's expertise in using colour washes and spotlights, the choreographed sequences where the actor's body moved in perfect sync with the lights and sounds, throwing up unexpected meanings. In this sense, one physically felt, rather than linguistically grasped the meanings.

While Thiyam kept close to the Shakespearean text, he made massive, modern interpolation. For him, as the playbill put it, "Macbeth is the name of a disease

spreading out with the greatest speed in the contemporary world and across so-called advanced civilisation. It is a dangerous epidemic". And, therefore, the use of modern metaphors from medicine. Just after Macbeth's meltdown, mummified bodies are wheeled into the stage by uniformed nurses, in perfect synchronised tempo; two of the wheelchairs are occupied by a broken Macbeth and his wife who is washing her hands incessantly. Now this was an interpolation that per-

haps not all of us were happy with, as it broke down the unique, pristine flavour of the rest of the play and brought in a kind of Brechtian quality, in the form of an *avant-garde*'s note. But Thiyam maintains in many interviews that this was necessary to drive home his idea of the disease of power, greed and corruption that besets the modern world.

The three death scenes were remarkable in their rendition. Duncan's diminutive form lying helpless under Macbeth's gigantic sword in a tableau, the darkness, and then the sudden wash of blood red – this is intended to, and does shock the viewer. Banquo's killing by hired assassins is again rendered in a stylised manner; the most spectacular death is, of course, that of Macbeth which is nothing like the one envisaged by Shakespeare. This death is almost like a lynching, performed in the manner of a war dance, as the soldiers move in to their kill, and Macbeth's sword-ridden body is revealed, again awash in an explosion of red lights. One wonders at this point, as to why Thiyam did not make use of *Thang-ta* and other Manipuri martial arts for violence. One wonders at this point, as to why Thiyam did not make use of *Thang-ta* and other Manipuri martial arts for violence.

To this end, Thiyam adds his own bits of irony to 'uman' Macbeth – sweepers wearing surgical masks come and broom the space clean, flinging their brooms into his sword-ridden body. Macbeth the hero is left just a bag of infected trash.

## Revisiting *Hasti-vidyarnava*

**Avinibesh Sharma**



**W**hen the first President of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad visited Assam in the year 1954, Bishnu Ram Medhi, then Chief Minister presented him an elephant caught in the forests of Assam. In his speech commemorating the occasion, Medhi said, "In doing so, I offer to you the goodwill and affection which the inhabitants of the State entertain towards you and the Government and the people of India. An elephant is the stateliest animal on earth, and in presenting an Assam specimen to you I am reminded of the great qualities which that animal possesses, and which the lessons it has conveyed to human beings in this part of the world, since ages long gone by... Assam could not have chosen a better symbol than an elephant."

The preponderance of elephants in Assam and the eminent part they have played throughout the ages has been borne out of tradition and history. Most of us must have heard about Supratika, the elephant of Bhagadatta, the King of Pragtyotisha. The legendary Chinese traveller, Hieun Tsang recorded that in the South-East region of Kamarupa there were elephants roaming in herds which could be utilised for war purposes. Elephants also find mention in the copper-plate grants of the Kings of Kamarupa and in the *Buranjis* which are brimful of references to elephants.

However, the finest account on elephants is the voluminous treatise named *Hasti-vidyarnava* or the sea of elephant-lore. Compiled in the year 1754 under the orders of King Siva Singh and his consort, Queen Ambika Devi, it preserves the entire gamut of knowledge about elephants as possessed by the Assamese and their tribal neighbours, together with the background of classical Indian traditions derived from classics like *Kasodakini* and *Mitsara* and Vasudeva's writings.

"Gone are the days where heroines just needed to be a puppet and a mere tool of glamour in films," Bhumi told LANS over phone from Mumbai. Bhumi, 27, feels it's high time women took centrestage in movies, and she is happy that the change has started setting in.

"Now is the time characters need to be made around girls and women because, honestly, they are the ones either suffering or celebrating at the moment because after a very long time we are finally seeing some sort of change in the society and in the film industry. I'm just glad that such movies are written," said the actress, still savoring the success of *Toilet: Ek Prem Katha*.

Bhumi will next be seen in RS Prasanna directorial *Shubh Mangal Saavdhan*, which deals with erectile dysfunction. Bhumi has also been roped in for the next film by director Abhishek Chaubey of *Udaan* fame, which revolves around Chambal dacoits and is set in the 1970s.

tion to detail. Every folio of this treatise comprising of 150 folios (the original manuscript had 193 folios) not only elucidates the different species of elephants, their respective characteristics, their modes of training and care, their diseases and remedies, but it is also a source material for information regarding the various facets of the socio-cultural life of Assam under the Ahom rulers. Originally in the custody of the Late Mohindar Burhagohain, it was recovered by Pandit Hemchandra Goswami in the year 1912. It has since been preserved at the Assam Government's Department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies.

The defining feature of the manuscripts of *Hasti-vidyarnava* is its illustrations which are of unique significance. Furnished by two painters named Dilbar and Doshai, the illustrations are inserted almost on every page. They depict different types of elephants and all relevant matters appertaining thereto. Royal processions and recreations are also shown with all accompanying details. According to Pratap Choudhury, the Librarian of DHAS, not much is known about the painters, though it is believed that they were Muslim painters, either invited by the King for the purpose or already natives of the land. The paintings display their expertise and one cannot but be awestruck at the remarkable atten-

## SRK's new TV show

**S**hah Rukh Khan is currently gearing up for his new TV show – *Tell Tales India: Noxi Soch*, which is all set to go on-air in September. It was initially being reported that Javed Akhtar will be the first guest on the show. But that's not true. Karan Johar will be SRK's first guest on the show.

Karan and SRK have been best buddies since forever. All this while whenever Karan's new season of *Koffee With Karan* has been launched, it's always been a norm that Shah Rukh is his first guest. So it's not actually very surprising to know that Karan will be returning the favour by being SRK's first guest on his show.

About his TV show, SRK, who will be the curator, had earlier told reporters, "People will share stories about changes in society, in life – whether it's about the climate, dangerous diseases or to help empower women – and all of this will be integrated. There are some beautiful stories – both Indian and international – which the team is planning to get on one platform and do a nice mix of Hindi and English speakers. I feel it will be a niche show."



# Sattriya maestro

**H**aricharan Bhuyan is an expert in Sattriya dance, music and *Ankiya Bhaona*. He is not only a senior guru, but also a musical composer of Sattriya dance, *gayan-bayan* performer of Sattriya dance and a famous director of *Ankiya Bhaona*. The Natun Kamalabari Satra had honoured him with the title of *Borbaray* in 1985.

He came to the Natun Kamalabari Satra as a monk at the age of five years. He has won a Sangeet Natak Akademi award for his contribution to Sattriya dance music and *Ankiya Bhaona*.

He first learned *Borbaray* (*khol* playing) at the Natun Kamalabari Satra under Devananda *Borbayan* and Thageswar *Borbayan*. Later, he took guidance for Sattriya dance under Adhyapak Devananda *Borbayan* for ten years. He learned *Gayan bida* from Adhyapak Shantiram Gayan and Adhyapak Monin Pathak, and the traditional dance drama *Oja pali* from Adhyapak Nagen Gayan for five years. And he learned the special pray song

*Namlagura* from Adhyapak Shantiram Gayan. He is also an expert mask maker and costume designer for Sattriya dance and *Ankiya Bhaonas*.

Haricharan Bhuyan has performed Sattriya dance at various festivals all over India, even abroad. He also teaches Sattriya dance at Dulajan, Dibrugarh University, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Majuli, Biswanath Chariali, Chaitia, Tezpur and邦加萨。His students, who now perform this classical dance throughout the country, include Atul Bhuyan, Ranjan Borah, Alomoni Saikia, Upen Baruah, Nitul Saikia, Monisha Bhuyan, Alomoni Saikia, Meenakshi Medhi, etc.

Haricharan Bhuyan *Borbayan* composed his *Nrityabhinnas* based on *slokas*, *Borgat* and songs of *Ankiya Bhaona*, traditional *Oja pali* and other songs of Vaishnavism. His *Nrityabhinnas* are quite popular in the field of Sattriya dance and these include *Balichalan*, *Rongacharan*, *Arjunor Bishwuaroo Darshana*, *Gopir Akulika*.

**C Atul Dutta**  
ta Pran, Chaturbhingshata Avatar, Sitakharan, Keli Gapala, etc.

In an interview with *Borbayan*, this writer asked him about the difference between today's Sattriya dance training and the traditional Sattriya dance training. *Borbayan* says that the traditional training is mainly related to the *Bhaktimarg* philosophy, a part of the prayer way of Neo-Vaishnavism. The out-of-Satra training is a system of performing art; it is about imparting the basic training of Sattriya dance in a systematic and contemporary manner, keeping the originality as well as the verisimilitude of its rich legacy.

Nowadays, some performers present Sattriya dance where the physical movement is influenced by other Indian classical dances. *Borbayan* says that every Sattriya dancer should present Sattriya dance style in his/her own bodily movements, gestures, footwork, headgear and face

Nowadays, some performers present Sattriya dance where the physical movement is influenced by other Indian classical dances. *Borbayan* says that every Sattriya dancer should present Sattriya dance style in his/her own bodily movements, gestures, footwork, headgear and face

expression with the help of a systematic learning process.

Haricharan Bhuyan also talks about today's over-composition of Sattriya dance, and that one should first learn the original pure form perfectly. *Nrityabhinnas* compositions must be based on the classical elements of the traditional form. If Sattriya dance's own style gets lost, any new composition will never be perfect; Sattriya dance will miss its unique style and simple structure.

Today some performers compose the dance on the texts of Sur Das, Kabir, Tulsidas, *Zikirs*, etc. In this regard *Borbayan* feels that there are so many texts in the literature of Neo-Vaishnavism. It has its own *marg* philosophy. These texts reflect the brightness of Sattriya dance elements perfectly – body movements, footwork, hand gestures, body language. The dance will not be the same when composed in other language texts.

When asked how performing arts like Sattriya dance and *Ankiya Bhaona* can grow, *Borbayan* says that Sattriya dance and *Ankiya Bhaona* must maintain the traditional elements. For example, we should incorporate our own style of costumes like *pat-mugra*, a *Guru Asasan* on stage, Vaishnava paintings, beautiful choreography of *Mati akhara* by solo performers or group dances. The music must be rhythmic with the use of *tambura*, violin and flute. Footwork of the *Gagan bida* and the traditional and classical hand gestures must be artistic and aesthetic.

It is often said that the gurus, Vaishnava monks and *Natus* of Kamalabari Satra have broken the tradition and originality of the Sattriya dance from. *Borbayan* feels that it is true. There have been recorded performances of dance compositions based on Sur Das and Mira Bhajans where the *khol* has been played by Kamalabari Satra's *gurus* or *Borbayan*. With regards to costumes, Kamalabari's monks and dancers have broken the tradition by performing without Sattriya's male shirt or *sula*, they have dressed in other styles of dance forms. They have broken the style of pure dance and composed non-traditional, unacceptable dances. There have been strong influences of other dance forms, and these have been aided by the monks of Kamalabari.



## All for a song

**C Prantik Deka**

tobor, at the Sarusojai Stadium in Guwahati.

Once he sets his sight on a goal that inspires him, he bravely goes about with a steadfast resolve to complete it. Apuraj Barooh's efforts are not just limited to the sphere of painting, where he has scaled massive heights. He has allowed his

the State, including eminent artistes like Sudakshina Sarma, Anima Choudhury, Tarali Sarma, Shanta Uzir, Namita Bhattacharyya, JP Das, Pulu Banerjee, Beauty Sarma Barua, Nilima Bhatoon, Sandhya Menon, Mira Das Saharia, Mahshika Bora, Anupam Saikia, Dilip Das, Apurba Bezbarua, Dilshu, Rupam Bhupan, among others. Weaved around Bihu, Bodhi songs, *Dihanaon*, *Zikir*, among other such traditional folk tunes, the song lyrically paints, among other things, Assam's natural beauty, animals, birds, historical places, major tourist spots besides renowned personalities like Mamoni Raisom Goswami, Bhupen Hazarika, Hiren Bhattacharyya, etc.

The song also features the work of eminent musicians like Prahabrat Sarma, Dipak Sarma, Manoj Barua, Pankaj Sarma, Kailash Rabha, among others. *Aami gao Asomir gaan* has been musically arranged by noted musician Rupam Talukdar, who is trying his best to bring a new texture to this epic of a song. Also, Apuraj Barooh has closely collaborated with writer Limakrishna Bora Phukan in the making of this song.

As informed by Barooh, the song will be completed by October-November and the video version will be shot thereafter. Recently, at a press meet held in connection with the song at a city-based hotel, Barooh proudly announced that once completed, his song will set a new world record, eclipsing the previous record held by a song with a duration of three hours-and-five minutes. Barooh was also quite happy with the response from the artistes and musicians, who were in full attendance on the occasion.



multi-faceted talents to shine in other domains like playwriting, music composition, song-writing, etc.

Without resting on his laurels, Barooh is now focussing all of his energy on creating a new record with a three-and-a-half-hour-long song, yet another painstaking effort that is currently being recorded at the Sabdarupa Studio in Guwahati. This song will be rendered by a hundred or so veteran and popular singers of

the culture and spirit of the land; it is scheduled to be showcased this year around September-Octo-

### prelude

Oprah Winfrey is an American television talk show host and actress, whose nationally syndicated talk show became one of the most popular programmes on television. Born in Kosciusko, Mississippi, Winfrey went on to win a full scholarship to Tennessee State University, after a difficult childhood. While in college, she worked as a Black woman to support herself at the local Memphis television station. After graduation, she worked as a television newsreader and later became a television talk-show host. She then became the host of the television talk show *AM Chicago*, which was renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in 1985.

As an actress, Winfrey's role as Sofia in the film *The Color Purple* (1985), from the novel by Alice Walker, won her an Academy Award (Oscar) nomination for Best Supporting Actress. The powerful and unsettling *Beloved* (Jonathan Demme, 1998), in which Winfrey starred as well as produced a per project of hers, and was partly produced by her own company, Harpo Films. Winfrey is highly

influential, and vies with Steven Spielberg for the position of the world's highest paid entertainer. In 1995, she signed a contract to produce films for Capital ABC—*Woman of Substance* (1998), *Before We Were Yours* (1997), and *The Wedding* (1998)—in which she also acted.

E-mail your questions with answers to: [coloseum@assamtribune.com](mailto:coloseum@assamtribune.com).

### harmonisers

From Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat –

- Along with Agni, to which God are the most number of hymns in the *Rig Veda* dedicated?
- Which musical instrument is played using a wooden stick called the danksa?
- What is the *Vatana* of Goddess Ganga?
- Which musical instrument was known as *Shata Tandri Veena* in Sanskrit?

From Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat –

- Who wrote the script of the 1958 Bimal Roy classic film *Madhumati*?

### the colosseum

**Neelopal Deka**

#### side screen

**Picture Clic:** He is known as "Father of Hollywood". He was a real estate developer who helped create the Hollywood subdivision in Los Angeles, Southern California. He and his wife Margaret Virginia W. L. Ladd named the "Whitely" town while on their honeymoon in 1886. Name him. (Hirak Jyoti Lahari, PTC, Dergaon)



7) Who started his playback career in the 1944 Punjabi Film *Gul Baloch*?

8) Which was the first Hindi film to play back singing?

#### do-re-me

9) Which Indian Black comedy film premiered at the Tokyo and Mumbai Film Festivals, where it won the Spirit of Asia Prize and the Oxfam Award for Best Film on Gender Equality? (Narjuma Begum, Tangla)

10) Which Branch of Ayurveda deals with mental disorders? (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)

11) *Fires the Mandir*, *Fastening, Feasting, Cry*, *The Peacock*, *Clear Light of Day* are notable works of which Indian novelist? (Mridusmita Talukdar, Tangla College)

#### ANSWERS

1) Hobart Johnstone Whitley 2) Indra 3) The *nagara* 4) Makara 5) Santoor 6) Ritwik Ghatak and Rajinder Singh Bedi 7) Mohd Rafi 8) *Dhoop Chhau* (1935) 9) Lipstick Under My Burkha 10) *Bhadravati* 11) Anup Desai 12) Hema Malini 13) A painting done by a person alone, not aided by anyone else 14) The three *Vedas* 15) Swami Chinmayananda

## BOOKSHELF

### Man behind the legend

**RD Goswami**

**I**t is very difficult to permeate into the character of a celebrity who just refuses to get into the lime-light and makes a conscious effort to remain in the background, despite the accolades and fan following. Surendranath Medhi aka Sourab Kumar Chalija, the master storyteller, was one such enigmatic person. Ankur Deka, a journalist working with *Garyoshi* and his wife Anurupa Choudhury, an Education department official, consider themselves very fortunate to have known Chalija during the last 15 years of his life. Chalija passed away on June 25, 2011, and after six years, the husband-wife team have come up with a book, *Sourab Kumar Chalija – Bismoy Aru Sanidhya*, recollecting their experiences with the man.

Ankur and Anurupa say that a chance five-minute interaction with Chalija on January 20, 1996, at his Nitachalpur, Maligaon residence turned into an experience of a lifetime. Both the writers, unashamed fans of Chalija's stories have managed to draw out the qualities of the writer. The book is not about Chalija's writings or their analysis, but an attempt to know him as an individual and present the same before the public at large. Chalija, who joined the Assam Engineering College as a lecturer of Physics in 1960 and took voluntary retirement in 1988 as the Head of the Department, loved to jest and was fond of riddles (*saathor*). He was a humanist to the core of his heart. He used to write riddles on small pieces of paper and ask Ankur to try to solve them. He used to love joking and playing around with children. He was also somewhat of an art connoisseur. He had a vast collection of paintings by German artists. He also knew German quite well as he had begun his teaching career in the late 1950s in Germany as well as in England. Sourab Kumar Chalija possessed an extraordinary creative talent as his first short collection – *Ashanta Electron*, showed. It made quite a splash when it released in 1962. Many followed. He also won many awards but did not receive them in person. He also hated being photographed. It is no wonder that most people would not recognise him as not many photographs of his exist. Anurupa though, was permitted to click a few later.

Anurupa, on her part, reveals a bit of his physical traits. Tall, skinny, unkempt hair, a nose like that of a parrot's beak, big ears, he was most often clad in a simple shirt and trousers. "Medhi Sir was always very interesting to talk to. White talking, his lips seemed to be quivering with joy. He was always neat and clean, even when boxed in by insurmountable problems," she writes. Chalija just loved kids, Anurupa reiterates. "Chalija also had a peculiar habit of writing on the white paper inside cigarette jackets. And he used to tie them up with rubber bands. His creative endeavours were written on cigarette packets," she says.

Ankur and Anurupa have done a remarkable job by trying to bring into the public domain the character and nature of a legendary figure in Assamese literature who eschewed publicity of any kind.

### True face of a warrior

**Hemanta Rajbanshi**

**S**ome books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and few to be chewed and digested" – wrote Francis Bacon. While searching for a book to be tasted, a few days ago, the news of a new book being released by the Assam Book Depot caught my attention. It is an Assamese biographical novel, indeed a daring attempt by a novice writer on the life and philosophy of Arjuna of the *Mahabharata*. I am not aware if there is any other such novel on the life of the great Pandava available in India. Probably none.

It is no less than a research work. Though a novice in the field of fiction, Debjani Bhagawati Nath has added a new chapter, a milestone in Assamese literature through her debut novel – *Moi Arjun*. It would be a narrow approach if we try to categorise the perception of the writer only in the feminist aspect. For her, Arjuna was not only a warrior or an archer; he was a complete human being with all his human feelings, emotions, love and wisdom. This biographical first person narrative tries to focus on the life and events of the great personality in a very realistic and rational way.

The publisher has paved a new way in the field by publishing with such a new concept.



**Moi Arjun**  
Debjani Bhagawati Nath,  
Published by Assam Book Depot.  
Price: Not stated

### crescendo

15) At the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago in 1893, Swami Vivekananda represented the Hindu religion. Who was the representative at the same meet in 1993? (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)

1) Hobart Johnstone Whitley 2) Indra 3) The *nagara* 4) Makara 5) Santoor 6) Ritwik Ghatak and Rajinder Singh Bedi 7) Mohd Rafi 8) *Dhoop Chhau* (1935) 9) Lipstick Under My Burkha 10) *Bhadravati* 11) Anup Desai 12) Hema Malini 13) A painting done by a person alone, not aided by anyone else 14) The three *Vedas* 15) Swami Chinmayananda

## 41 mn affected by S Asia flooding, situation could worsen: UN

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 25: Almost 41 million people have been affected by flooding and landslides in India, Bangladesh and Nepal and there is possibility the situation could deteriorate further as rains continue in some flood-affected areas.

A UN agency said.

The 41 million people affected by flooding and landslides in Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

Nearly a thousand people have been killed, and tens of thousands of homes, schools and hospitals have been destroyed in Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

"There is the possibility that the situation could deteriorate further as rains continue in some flood-affected areas and flood waters move south," the UN Office

for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) today said in an updated note. The note said governments in all three countries are leading the response with support from in-country humanitarian agencies, national Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies, private sector and militaries. However, many areas remain inaccessible due to damage to roads, bridges, railways and airports.

In India, rescue operations are ongoing in many flood-affected areas, with those stranded being rescued by helicopter. More than 600 people have died and 32.1 million people have been affected with the floods, OCHA said.

Rescue operations are ongoing in many flood-affected areas, with those stranded being rescued by helicopter. Flood relief camps have been established for those displaced by the disaster where they are being provided with food and shelter.

The number of camps is increasing as the flood-affected area continues to expand. The government recently announced additional funding for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and flood mitigation. In addition to people suffering, Indian authorities also reported large parts of a famous wildlife reserve park destroyed, with endangered animals killed. In Bangladesh, nearly 2,000 local medical teams have been deployed, even

as one-third of the country is reportedly underwater. Aid workers are concerned about waterborne diseases, such as diarrhoea and malaria.

"Their most urgent concern is to access safe water and sanitation facilities," OCHA said earlier this week, citing national authorities. It also warned of dangers to women and children, who are at increased risk for abuse, violence and sexual harassment. - PTI

**The Assam Tribune**

## SHOPPERS' CORNER



### KITCHEN APPLIANCES

**Sintex**

**False Ceiling**

**DOOR**

**PVC Modular Kitchen**

Price Starts @ **19990/- onwards**

Authorised Distributor: **ASHOK INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE**  
51, S.R.C. B. Road, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-781001  
Ph: +91 9435109252, 9707066008, E-mail: slotainvind@gmail.com

**Celebrate freedom this Independence day @45%**

**GLEN**  
Suction Power 1250m³/h  
GL 8062 TS Black 90 cm | ₹ 29,995  
@ ₹ 16,497

GUWAHATI- Glen Gallery: 9884507418, Interior Galleria: 943518993, Indigo Flame: 988408561, Home Plaza: 954627269, May Kitchen: 9875631052, Interio Shoppe: 988408561, Indigo Flame: 988408561, Indigo Flame: 988408561, Indigo Flame: 988408561, BISWANTH CHARALL- Upnagar: 9811919318, NORTH LAKHIMPUR- Jai Ma Light House: 9836015254, TINSUKIA- Maruti Enterprise: 9439635849, DCHOWM- New Sabut: 9812930841

**100% DEPENDABLE... Caps**  
That's our guarantee!  
**Orion**

Introducing MULTI UTILITY chimneys with essential APPLICATIONS  
**Auto Platinum Plus** **Brio**

Sales & Service: Barpeta-98643 20229 | Dibrugarh-94351 28738/98458 66531 | Dhemaji-98458 77057 | Dibrugarh-98540 70757 | Golaghat-98643 20229-88129-14151 | Howrah-98643 20229 | Jorhat-98640 57419-98540 77054 | Nagaon-98643 20229/98599 41091 | Nalbari-98643 20229 | Morigaon-98643 20229/98599 41091 | Pathsala-98643 20229 | Sivasagar-98640 57415 | Tezpur-94351 08221 | Tinsukia-8461 58063

Trade end: 9435146909/9435559056 Toll Free: 1800 103 4646

**Littmann Stethoscopes**  
Your best and most reliable source for Littmann Stethoscopes

**MODELS**  
• Classic II • Paediatric • Master Cardiology • Cardiology III • Electronic

**Make sure you own a genuine 3M™ Littmann**  
Exclusive Sales & Service Centre in North East  
**INDIA FOREIGN SURGICO INFO'S ESTD.1949**  
Ph.: 0361-2540888, 2514888, +91-9435199011, +91-9864800888  
WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER IN HEALTH CARE...

**Keep track of your Blood Glucose & Blood Pressure with Home Monitors**

- REGULAR SELF TESTING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO STAY ALERT
- IT ALSO HELPS YOUR DOCTOR TREAT YOU BETTER

**BLUETOOTH GLUCOSE MONITOR** **BLUETOOTH PRESSURE MONITOR**

Authorised Distributors & Wholesalers  
**INDIA FOREIGN SURGICO INFO'S ESTD.1949**  
K.B. ROAD, PANIBAZAR, GUWAHATI-781001(ASSAM)  
Ph.: 0361-2540888, 2514888, +91-9435199011, +91-9864800888  
WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER IN HEALTH CARE...

### HEALTH & FITNESS

**Aerofit FITNESS CORNER**  
(House of Health & Fitness Equipment)

25% Discount

Opp. L.I.C. Office, M.L.N. Road, Lakhimpur, Police Point, Guwahati-781001  
Phone: 0361-2735971/74  
Mobile: 9435109072/9513549726  
887625606/8876189570  
Mail Id: fitnesscorner.comers@gmail.com

"WE UNDERTAKE INSTALLATION OF CORPORATE & DOMESTIC GYM"

### EDUCATION

**Engineering Admission 2017**  
Diploma(Polytechnic) & Degree(TECH) equivalent Courses

- Civil
- Automobile
- Architectural

100% Placement Assistance  
30% less for STC/SC/Girls  
Eligibility: 10th/12th  
Lateral Entry for ITI/Polytechnic Holders

**MATRIZ COLLEGE**  
Zoo Road Tiniali, Guwahati-24, Ph: 0361-2414888  
098640-91884, 088761-20469 ,www.matriz.in

### BOOKS & JOURNALS

অসমীয়া গ্রন্থপ্রেমীদের আমার নবতম উপহার

বিলিষ্ট গবেষকৰ ভাস্তু কুমাৰ চৰকুৱাৰ  
একটি মানবীণী  
গবেষৰ সকলৰ  
দৃশ্যমান লাইভ  
আৰু অন্যান্য গল্প  
সাহিত্য-প্ৰকাশ  
চৰিত্ৰ বিশ্বাস  
তৰাহাটী-৩  
মূল্য: ₹ ৬০.০০ টকা

প্ৰথিতৰূপ সাংবৰ্ধিক নিবোদ টেক্সুৰী  
'১০ দণ্ডক দুম বাণী' ও ধৰ্মৰিদিকভাৱে প্ৰশংসিত এজন নৈপুণ্যৰ হিতাকাৰী দুমুল চাকলাজুলী প্ৰচ্ৰেণৰে আৰু বাতাবিৰঙ্গণ... গ্ৰন্থৰ লক্ষণ  
প্ৰিয়া প্ৰিয়া প্ৰিয়া  
প্ৰিয়া প্ৰিয়া  
ধৰুৰী হত্যাকাণ  
আপোনাৰ কঠিপটো আজিছই সংগ্ৰহ কৰক  
সাহিত্য-প্ৰকাশ  
প্ৰিয়া প্ৰিয়া  
মূল্য: ₹ ২০.০০ টকা

### SINTEX PRODUCTS

**Sintex** presents  
**PORTABLE TOILET & SEPTIC TANK**

Corporates may also contact for their CSR activity

**EASY BINS & CONTAINERS**

Authorized Distributor: **ASHOK INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE**  
51, S.R.C. B. Road, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-781001  
Ph: +91 9435109252, 9707066008, E-mail: slotainvind@gmail.com

### ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS

**0% INTEREST EMI EASY FINANCE**  
MOBILE / LAPTOP / LED / AC / FRIDGE / WASHING MACHINE  
M.O.V.E / INVERTER / WATER PURIFIER

**A/C Dhamaka Offer**  
• FREE Installation  
• FREE Home Delivery

0% Down Payment No Processing Fee  
Buy LG TV with easy EMI offer\* from Bajaj Finance and get upto 100% cashback Call: 9859971447

**Home Plaza**  
Cell : 88220 3000 / 98540 72769  
Kapishpara Colony Bazaar, Lekhota Road, Ghy. 18  
Mandatory Documents : Pan Card, Bank Pass Book Last 3 Month Update Photo 1 Copy, Cheque 2 Copy & Guwahati Local Address Proof

**LG**  
Assured CASHBACK UPTO 100% ON LG TVs!  
TAC Apply

Buy LG TV with easy EMI offer\* from Bajaj Finance and get upto 100% cashback Call: 9859971447

**SONY BRAVIA**  
Happiness Comes alive this festive season  
Call: 9859971447

**SONY BRAVIA**  
Special interest rate just for you!  
Call: 9859971447

**SONY BRAVIA**  
Bigger product smaller EMIs  
SONY Whirlpool LG IFB Panasonic  
Call: 9859971447

**TARANGS**

**Interest Free Instalment**  
**LUMINOUS INVERTER+BATTERY+UPS**  
Luminous Inverter + Battery  
Call: 9859971447

**FABER AIR MATTERS**  
**IFB Chimney**  
Document : PAN Card, Residence Proof (Guwahati), 1 No. Photo, 1 No. Cheque & Bank Statement upto date.

## Privacy verdict to have bearing on beef ban: SC

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: The landmark judgement declaring right to privacy a fundamental right would have "some bearing" in matters relating to slaughter of cows, bulls and bullocks in Maharashtra, the Supreme Court said today.

The Bombay High Court had on May 6 last year struck down Section 5(D) and 9(B) of the Maharashtra Animal Preservation (Amendment) Act, 1995. While section 5(D) criminalises possession of flesh of cows, bulls or bullocks, slaughtered outside Maharashtra, Section 9(B) imposed burden on the accused to prove that meat or flesh possessed by him/her does not belong to these animals. The State government had filed an appeal in the top court.

The apex court observed this while hearing a batch of appeals filed

against the high court verdict decriminalising the possession of beef in case of animals slaughtered outside the State.

A bench comprising Justices AK Sikri and Ashok Bhushan was told by senior advocate Indira Jaising, representing some of the petitioners, that after yesterday's privacy verdict by a nine-judge constitution bench, the right to eat food of one's choice was now protected under privacy.

Senior advocate CU Singh also told the apex court that the privacy judgement would have to be looked into while deciding the issue. "Yes, that judgement will have some bearing on the issue," she said.

The Supreme Court had yesterday said "nobody would like to be told what to eat or how to dress" while ruling that these activities come under the realm of right to privacy.

During the hearing, Jaising referred to a 2005 seven-judge bench judgement of the apex court imposing a complete ban on slaughtering of even unproductive bovine and said that this was also required to be relooked by a larger bench.

"Right to eat food of your choice is now protected under privacy. Right to eat is now our fundamental right. Apart from this, I have also raised the issue of reconsidering the seven-judge bench judgement in the Mirzapur Moti case by a larger bench," she said.

The petitioners have challenged the high court's verdict upholding ban on slaughter imposed by the State government.

Jaising informed the bench that the Maharashtra government has already challenged the high court verdict and the matter was pending before another bench of the apex court.

"The Maharashtra government's plea is pending before another bench. Notice was issued on the plea. We are challenging the same judgement of the high court. I am only asking for tagging of all these matters," she said.

The Maharashtra government had approached the apex court challenging the high court's verdict striking down Sections 5 (D) and 9(B) of the 1995 Act on the ground that it infringed upon a person's "right to privacy". The high court had termed as "unconstitutional" the provisions which held that mere possession of beef was a crime, saying only "conscious possession" of the meat of animals slaughtered in the State would be an offence.

It had upheld the ban on slaughter of bulls and bullocks imposed by the Maharashtra government, but had decriminalised the possession of beef in case the animals were slaughtered outside the State.

The State government, in its appeal before the apex court, has assailed the verdict saying the restriction imposed by the 1995 Act on possession of flesh of cow, bull or bullock could not be interpreted and concluded to be an infringement of "right to privacy".

It had said the high court "while coming to the finding that right to privacy forms part of the fundamental right to personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of Constitution, ought to have appreciated that right to privacy was not yet designated as a fundamental right". - PTI

No. DICC/VIII/01/GCTP/2017 DL 26.8.2017  
অসম চৰকাৰৰ উদ্যোগ আৰু বাসিন্দা বিভাগৰ জন্ম কলাৰাটে  
National Institute of Fashion Technology'সহযোগত কলাৰাটে  
Block Printing & Tie Dye' এটি পাঠ্যনির্মাণ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া এবং কলাৰাটে  
আৰু মানবিক কৃষিৰ পথ আৰু মানবিক পথে ইচ্ছুক  
প্ৰশ়াসিত হৈছিল শিক্ষণ আৰু প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰক্ৰিয়াত পথে।  
প্ৰাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সীমা ১০২.৭ লক্ষ ২ জনুৱাৰীত ১৮ বছৰৰ বয়স ০৫ বছৰ  
ৰাখা কৰা হৈছে। বৰ্তমান সীমাৰ মধ্যে কলাৰাটে শিক্ষণস্থানৰ পথে  
Diploma/ Certificate পাঠ্যনির্মাণ অৰতা দৰখা অৱশ্যিকত ২ বছৰ  
দৰখা কৰা আৰু কলাৰাটে বৰ্তমান পথে কলাৰাটে শিক্ষণস্থানৰ পথে  
মাঝে পথে কলাৰাটে আৰু কলাৰাটে বিভাগৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰিব। এখন কলাৰাটে  
মাঝে অৱশ্যিকত প্ৰক্ৰিয়া প্ৰাথমিক নিৰ্দিষ্ট কৰা হৈছে।  
ইচ্ছুক প্ৰাথমিক তিলা উদ্যোগ আৰু পথে কলাৰাটে পথে  
লক্ষণ যোগাযোগ কৰিবলৈ অনুমতি আৰু হৈছে। আৰু আৰু সৈতে অৱশ্যিকত  
স্বতন্ত্ৰ প্ৰযোজনীয় পথে আৰু কলাৰাটে কলাৰাটে পথে পথে  
দিবি লাগিব। যোগাযোগ কৰিবলৈ যোগাযোগ কৰিব। কলাৰাটে কলাৰাটে  
দৰখাৰ কৰিব। কলাৰাটে পথে কলাৰাটে কলাৰাটে কলাৰাটে কলাৰাটে  
দৰখাৰ কলাৰাটে নিৰ্দিষ্ট কৰা হৈছে।  
আৰু আৰু সৈতে আৰু শেষ তাৰিখ ০১/০৯/২০১৭।  
আৰু আৰু পথে কলাৰাটে পথে কলাৰাটে  
জিলা উদ্যোগ আৰু বাসিন্দা কেন্দ্ৰ পৰিচয়ৰ  
(মহানগৰ) বৰ্তমানৰ পথে।

### জাননী

No. ATDC/CS/583/2017  
**PRESS NOTICE (QCBS)**  
Managing Director, Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Patnagarh, Guwahati-8 invited Bids for the following works from the contractor registered under ATDC Ltd. in appropriate category having experience in similar nature of works.  

State/ package	Group	Name of work	Approx. value of work (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Bid security (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Class of Bidder
Assam/ ATDC E00_21	A	Infrastructure Development of Talatal Ghat Main Complex & Rang Ghat at Sivasagar & Charaideo	9,01,93,782.00	24 (twenty four) months	18,03,876.00	10,00,000	I (A), ATDC, APWD (B), CPWD
	B	Infrastructure development of Joysagar, Sivasagar & Charaideo Maidam at Charaideo	9,09,58,031.00	24 (twenty four) months	18,19,161.00	10,00,000	I (A), ATDC, APWD (B), CPWD

Details of the Bid may be seen at e-procurement portal : [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) ATDC Portal: [www.assamtoursimonline.com](http://www.assamtoursimonline.com) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 11.00 AM of 08.09.2017 to 2.00 PM of 18.09.2017.  
The bidders must be enrolled in [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).  
Sd/- Managing Director  
Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd  
Janasanayog/C/2974/17

### No. ATDC/CS/583/2017

### PRESS NOTICE (QCBS)

State/ package	Group	Name of work	Approx. value of work (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Bid security (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Class of Bidder
<b>Development of Tezpur-Majuli-Sivasagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadeshi Darshan Scheme</b>							
Assam/ ATDC E00_21	A	Infrastructure Development of Talatal Ghat Main Complex & Rang Ghat at Sivasagar & Charaideo	9,01,93,782.00	24 (twenty four) months	18,03,876.00	10,00,000	I (A), ATDC, APWD (B), CPWD
	B	Infrastructure development of Joysagar, Sivasagar & Charaideo Maidam at Charaideo	9,09,58,031.00	24 (twenty four) months	18,19,161.00	10,00,000	I (A), ATDC, APWD (B), CPWD

Details of the Bid may be seen at e-procurement portal : [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) ATDC Portal: [www.assamtoursimonline.com](http://www.assamtoursimonline.com) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 11.00 AM of 08.09.2017 to 2.00 PM of 18.09.2017.

The bidders must be enrolled in [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).

Sd/- Managing Director  
Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd  
Janasanayog/C/1245/17

### PRESS NOTICE

Earlier Bid Invitation Reference Memo No. SE/BII/Tech/CS/14/2017-18/7026-38, dt. 20.07.2017  
The Superintendent Engineer, PWD, Guwahati Building Circle-II, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 on behalf of the Government of Assam - Department of Public Works is inviting tenders for the execution of nature of work from APWD registered firms - (A, B & C) contractors. Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours. The bidders must be enrolled in [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) for participating in the bidding process.

Sl. No	Name of Project	Approx. Value of Work	Bid Security	Bid Security Drawn in favour of	Time of Completion	Cost of Bid Document
1	Construction of Mukundpur Bongshor Residence in Charaideo under United Fund (State Specific Fund) during the year 2016-17	Rs. 2,00,000/- Category Rs. 1,00,000/- for reserved category	Rs. 2,00,000/- Category Rs. 1,00,000/- for reserved category	PWD, Guwahati Building Division-II, Dispur, Guwahati-6	06 (six) months	Rs. 3,000/-

Note:  
1. The "No Objection Bidding" Bids for the above noted work invited vide Press Notice No. SE/BII/Tech/CS/14/2017-18/7026-38, dt. 20.07.2017 is hereby cancelled.  
2. The Bidder who submitted bids earlier, if willing to participate in the tendering process should submit fresh bids once again. The earlier bid documents submitted by the bidders are requested to take back the same on application.  
3. Any modification of tender may be seen in the PWD portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).  
Sd/-Superintending Engineer, PWD  
Guwahati Building Circle-II,  
Chandmari, Guwahati-3.  
Janasanayog/C/2955/17

### কথকৰ বাইজৰ জ্ঞাতাৰ্থে

'পৰি ভাৰতত সেউজে পিলৰৰ সচাৰা' আৰম্ভন অধীনত কৃষক বাইজৰলৈ বিভিন্ন কৃষি  
সমষ্টী ক্ষেত্ৰৰ বাবে বাজাসৰাহা

ইয়াৰ ভাৰততে কৃষক বাইজৰ জ্ঞাতাৰ্থে জনোৱা যাব বৈ, ২০১৭-১৮ বৰ্ষত কৃষকযোগৰ কৃষি প্ৰক্ৰিয়াতে কৃষক বাইজৰ জ্ঞাতাৰ্থে সুন্দৰ শৰীৰ আৰ্দ্ধনিৰ অধীনত নিম্নোক্ত কৃষি সামৰণীসমূহৰ বাজাসৰাহাৰ প্ৰযোজনীয়তাৰ কৰা হৈছে, হিঁতাবিকীৰ্তিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰকলৈ আৰম্ভনৰ অধীনত আৰম্ভচৰ্চাৰ বাজাসৰাহাৰ ধৰন প্ৰযোজনীয় কৰা হৈছে। কৃষিকৰণৰ ক্ষেত্ৰকলৈ আৰম্ভনৰ অধীনত পৰিবান প্ৰযোজনীয়তাৰ কৰা হৈছে।

ক্ৰমিক	কৃষি সমষ্টী	অনুমোদিত মাজা	সাহায্যৰ অনুমোদিত পৰিবান
১	অনুসূয়াৰ আৰু মাটি শোধক		নিম্নিষ্ঠাৰ শৰ্যা আৰু সৰোচ্চ ২ হেক্টেক কৃষিকৰণৰ বাবে এগৰোকী তিতিবিকৰণীলৈ নিম্নোক্ত পৰিমাণৰ সাহায্য অবলোকন মূলৰ বৰো শৰ্তাবশ (যিটোৱে দৰিদ্ৰনী)
	(ক) জিংক চালকেট মাটি আইট্ৰো	১০ কিলোগ্ৰাম / হেক্টেক	প্ৰতি হেক্টেকৰ বাবে ৫০০,০০ টকা
	(খ) ভৰ্তিপ্ৰাণীৰ (এ্যুক্সিলিকুম/ পি এন্ড লি)	৪ কিলোগ্ৰাম / হেক্টেক	প্ৰতি হেক্টেকৰ বাবে ৩০০,০০ টকা
২	সুৰক্ষাৎ শস্য সৰ্বকাৰ ব্যৱহাৰণা শস্যৰ বাকাৰ বাবে বাস্তুত কৰা বাজাসৰাহাৰ পথক্ৰম / ভোৱিক কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক	অসম কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে জনোৱা অনুমোদন অনুমোদি	প্ৰতি হেক্টেকৰ বাবে ১০০,০০ টকা
	(ক) জিংক চালকেট মাটি আইট্ৰো	১০ কিলোগ্ৰাম / হেক্টেক	প্ৰতি হেক্টেকৰ বাবে ৫০০,০০ টকা
	(খ) ভৰ্তিপ্ৰাণীৰ (এ্যুক্সিলিকুম/ পি এন্ড লি)	৪ কিলোগ্ৰাম / হেক্টেক	প্ৰতি হেক্টেকৰ বাবে ৩০০,০০ টকা
৩	ফলাফলকৰণ প্ৰযোগ জনোৱা আৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক		মুঠ মূলৰ ৫০ শৰ্তাবশ (প্ৰতি মূলৰ ২০,০০ টকা হিচাপত প্ৰতিজন কৃষকৰ বাবে সাহায্য ১৫,০০,০০ টকা)
	(ক) প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগ ব্যৱহাৰণা আৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক		প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগৰ বাবে ১০,০০ টকা
	(খ) প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগ ব্যৱহাৰণা আৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক		হোৱাৰ কৰা মূলৰ ৬০ শৰ্তাবশ।
৪	চাপোৱাৰ পাটক ব্যৱহাৰণা আৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক		প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগৰ বাবে ১০,০০ টকা
	(ক) প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগ ব্যৱহাৰণা আৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক		প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগৰ বাবে ১০,০০ টকা
	(খ) প্ৰযোজনীয় প্ৰযোগ ব্যৱহাৰণা আৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কৰ্মীশৰ্ক / অকৰ্মীশৰ্ক		হোৱাৰ কৰা মূলৰ ৬০ শৰ্তাবশ।
৫	সুবিশেষ জানিবেস জিলা কৃষি বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয়ৰ সৈতে (যোগাযোগ কৰক। কৃষি বিভাগ, অসম		



Performers during festivities marking the start of the annual harvest festival of Onam in Kochi, on Friday. - UNI

## Probe against Dera chief was 'game of wits', recalls former official

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: With a senior directoring them to close the case and the woman who alleged sexual abuse getting married, it was a "game of wits" for the CBI team that probed the rape case against Gurmeet Ram Rahim, recalled a retired official.

As a special CBI court in Pathankot convicted Dera Sacha Sauda chief Head Gurmeet Ram Rahim of rape, and Haryana High Court ruled today, the working of officers in handling the situation arising out of the verdict.

The court added that no political, social or religious leader will issue any provocative statement and that FIR would be registered in case it was done by anyone, according to Jain. - PTI

The man himself appeared during questioning, he said.

"It was a game of wits. Sometimes we won and sometimes we lost, but at the end, today's verdict showed that no one can escape the law of the land," he said.

Gurmeet was posted as Deputy Inspector General of Police (Special Crimes) in Delhi when he was sent to the Punjab and Haryana High Court to rule today, he said.

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

The full bench directed the authorities in Punjab and Haryana to maintain law and order at any cost. The court also ordered that no political leader, including a minister, will interfere in

the working of officers dealing with the situation arising out of the verdict.

"Officers dealing with their job without fear and favour. In case any officer is found wanting in performing duty, strict action will be taken by the court," the bench ordered, according to Jain. - PTI

## Loss due to violence to be recovered from Dera: HC

CHANDIGARH, Aug 25: The losses caused to property due to violence and arson by the followers of self-styled godman Jagdeep and Justice Surya Kant, who were involved in the sexual exploitation of women followers at Dera Sacha Sauda in Sinsa.

May 2002: High court directs Surya Kant and Sessions Judge to probe the allegations in the letter.

Sept 2002: High court hands over the file to the Dera chief in an Ambala court.

July 2007: CBI files charge-sheet against the Dera head in an Ambala court.

## Around the WORLD

### Prez Macron's makeup costs prompt criticism



PARIS, Aug 25: President Emmanuel Macron's office has confirmed a report that the French leader spent 26,000 euros (USD 30,695) on makeup during his first three months in power, and says it's trying to find a cheaper alternative.

The report in Le Point news magazine prompted harsh criticism of the president from French social media users. It said the cost includes the pay of a freelance makeup artist following Macron during television appearances and trips abroad.

The president's office confirmed the amount today. The report comes at a bad time for Macron, with polls showing his popularity plumping in recent weeks following the announcement of budget cuts and divisive labor reform. Le Point said Macron's makeup expenses are lower than those of predecessor Francois Hollande, who paid a full-time employee about 10,000 euros monthly. — AP

### World's oldest Italian wine discovered

WASHINGTON, Aug 25: Scientists have discovered evidence of the world's oldest Italian wine in a large storage jar from the Copper Age which reveals that winemaking began in the country as far back as the 4th millennium BC.

Traditionally, it was believed wine growing and wine production developed in Italy in the Middle Bronze Age (1300- 1100 BC) as attested just by the retrieval of seeds.

Scientists from the University of South Florida in the US conducted chemical analysis of residues in elongated pottery found at the Copper Age site of Monte Kronio in Agrigento, located off the southwest coast of Sicily.

They determined the residue contains tartaric acid and its sodium salt, which occur naturally in grapes and in the winemaking process.

The finding, published in Microchemical Journal, is significant as it is the earliest discovery of wine residue in the entire prehistory of the Italian peninsula. Researchers said it is the first time carbon dating such residue as it requires the ancient pottery to be excavated intact, they said.

Researchers are now trying to determine whether the wine was red or white. — PTI

### Snow-covered dunes on Mars



WASHINGTON, Aug 25: NASA's Mars orbiter has beamed back a stunning image of the red planet's snow-covered dunes creating beautiful patterns over the rust coloured background.

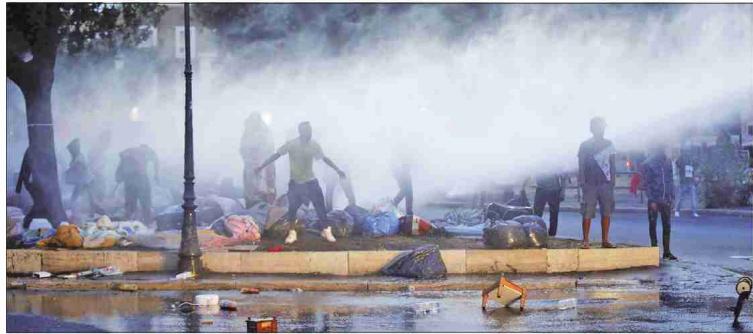
The image was taken on May 21 in the Northern hemisphere of Mars by the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera on US space agency's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

Unlike on Earth, the snow and ice is carbon dioxide, better known to us as dry ice.

When the Sun starts shining on it in the spring, the ice on the smooth surface of the dune cracks and escaping gas carries dark sand out from the dune below, often creating beautiful patterns.

On the rough surface between the dunes, frost is trapped behind small sheltered ridges.

NASA's HiRISE Project Laboratory manages the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which was launched in 2005 and attained Martian orbit on March 10, 2006. — PTI



Italian Police use a water cannon as they clash with refugee squatters who had occupied a small square in central Rome, Italy on Thursday. — UNI

## Japan hits nuclear-armed North Korea with fresh sanctions

TOKYO, Aug 25: Japan said today it will impose fresh sanctions on North Korea by freezing the assets of Chinese and Namibian firms doing business with the nuclear-armed state.

The move against a half dozen organisations and a couple of individuals comes days after Washington expanded its own punitive measures against Chinese and Russian firms, as well as people linked to Pyongyang.

The US move drew an angry response from Beijing, North Korea's key ally, while Japanese media said today that Namibia has been tightening its links to the North in recent years.

"We will continue to make strong calls (for North Korea) to take actions toward denuclearisation," Yoshihide Suga, the Japanese govern-

We will continue to make strong calls for North Korea to take actions toward denuclearisation... Now is the time to apply pressure

Yoshihide Suga

ment's top spokesman, told a regular press briefing.

"Now is the time to apply pressure," he added.

The sanctions are aimed at disrupting the flow of cash funding North Korean weapons programmes, which are

in violation of United Nations resolutions. Japan has previously frozen the assets of entities and individuals involved in natural resources and research work related to Pyongyang's nuclear and missile development programmes.

The US and its allies, particularly



Japan and South Korea, have been on high alert in recent months as North Korea carried out successive missile tests. Tensions have eased since North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un pulled back from a plan to send a salvo of missiles towards the US Pacific territory of Guam.

Pyongyang Wednesday disclosed significant technological advances and ambitious plans to further improve its missile capabilities.

US President Donald Trump, like his predecessors, has called on China to play more active roles in convincing North Korea to stop threatening its neighbours and the US. But China has so far been lukewarm on the idea, preferring to address the issue through long-stalled talks. — AFP



## Fresh violence kills 71 in Myanmar's Rakhine state

MAUNGDAW (Myanmar), Aug 25: At least 71 people including 12 security forces were killed as Rohingya militants besieged border posts in northern Rakhine state. Myanmar's authorities said today that the worst violence in months to hit the Rakhine largely eschewed violence.

But a previously unknown militant group emerged as a force last October under the banner of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), which claims to be leading an insurgency based in the remote Mayu mountain range bordering Bangladesh.

A Twitter account frequently posts purportedly from the group @ARSA\_official — today morning confirmed its fighters were engaging Myanmar's military in Rathedaung township. It accused the military of carrying out atrocities in that area in recent weeks.

Today's violence pushed more Rohingya to leave, with two boats containing around 150 women, children and elderly people attempting to cross the Naf river into Bangladesh.

But they were pushed back. "They were scared. We felt pain to send them back," a Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) officer told AFP.

The flare up came just hours after former UN chief Kofi Annan released a milestone report detailing conditions inside Rakhine and offering ways to heal the festering sectarian tensions there. — AFP

could be heard throughout the night.

"We are still hearing gunshots now, we dare not go out from our house," the resident said by phone, asking not to be named. Despite years of persecution, the Rohingya largely eschewed violence.

But a previously unknown militant group emerged as a force last October under the banner of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), which claims to be leading an insurgency based in the remote Mayu mountain range bordering Bangladesh.

A Twitter account frequently posts purportedly from the group @ARSA\_official — today morning confirmed its fighters were engaging Myanmar's military in Rathedaung township.

It accused the military of carrying out atrocities in that area in recent weeks.

Today's violence pushed more Rohingya to leave, with two boats containing around 150 women, children and elderly people attempting to cross the Naf river into Bangladesh.

But they were pushed back. "They were scared. We felt pain to send them back," a Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) officer told AFP.

The flare up came just hours after former UN chief Kofi Annan released a milestone report detailing conditions inside Rakhine and offering ways to heal the festering sectarian tensions there. — AFP

## Ex-PM Yingluck pulls vanishing act on court date

BANGKOK, Aug 25: Thailand's ex-prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra missed a court appearance on a negligence trial on Friday that could have seen her jailed, prompting the Supreme Court to issue an arrest warrant amid snowballing speculation that she has fled the country.

Thousands of supporters – outnumbered by security forces – waited from dawn for a glimpse of Thailand's first female prime minister, but she did not show, with a senior source telling AFP she is "likely in Singapore".

If her flight is confirmed, Yingluck will have joined her billionaire brother Thaksin in self-exile - a knock-out blow to the family and their political ambitions.

Thailand is deeply divided between the Shinawatras and their

political base, which is mainly drawn from the rural poor; and a royalist army-aligned elite, who loathe the clan and refuse to cede power to democratic governments.

Yingluck's government was removed by a military coup in 2014.

In a day of high drama, Yingluck ducked her court hearing for negligence over a flagless rice subsidy policy, which carried up to 10 years in prison and a life ban from politics.

"Her lawyer said she is sick... And asked to delay the ruling. The court does not believe she is sick... And decided to issue an arrest warrant," fearing she may flee the country, lead judge Cheep Chulamorn told the court, rescheduling the verdict to September 27.

A minister in her government was jailed hours later for 42 years in a separate trial for corruption linked to the policy.

Thai junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha denied knowledge of her whereabouts but ordered border checkpoints "to be stepped up," while his number-two Prawit Wongsuwon said it was "possible" Yingluck had fled through neighbouring Cambodia.

A senior source in the Shinawatra family told AFP that "as of now she is likely in Singapore... It's impossible she left without the military greenlight."

Yingluck's brother, Thaksin Shinawatra also a former premier, fled Thailand in 2008 before he was convicted of graft and handed a two year jail term. The telecoms tycoon who once owned Manchester City football club, has not returned since and his Thai passport has been revoked. — AFP



Supporters of ousted former Thai prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra wait for her at the Supreme Court in Bangkok, Thailand, on Friday. — UNI

## 'High achievers' more likely to cheat in exams: study

TORONTO, Aug 25: Students who are known as "high achievers" and take highly competitive courses are most likely to cheat in their exams, a study has found.

Accurate statistics for academic misconduct are difficult to report due to the reliance on self-reporting by students.

It has been thought that lower-level students were more likely to cheat because they had more gain in the form of higher grades.

However, researchers from the University of Guelph in Canada have found that the opposite was true in students who submitted tests for grading.

Regrading — submitting an ungraded exam for another look by the professor — is a common practice offered to students who think their original grade was not accurate.

The study, published in the journal *Advances in Physiology Education*, scanned more than 3,600 original exams from 11

undergraduate physiology-based courses to determine how frequently academic misconduct was committed.

The researchers examined 449 resubmitted tests for additions or deletions of text or additional markings that were not present on the original exams.

They found 78 cases of cheating, almost half of which were submitted by "repeat offenders" — students who had cheated on more than one test during the study period.

The difference between male and female cheaters was insignificant. Two-thirds of the cases of academic misconduct were identified in one highly competitive course.

"Our results point to high-achieving students as a specific group who may be more likely to commit these acts and show no indication that men are more frequent offenders than women, which goes against much of the existing (academic misconduct) literature," the researchers said. — PTI



Accurate statistics for academic misconduct are difficult to report due to the reliance on self-reporting by students

Y our belly fat can put you at increased risk of cancer, say scientists including one of Indian-origin who have found that a protein released from fat in the body can turn cells cancerous.

It is well established that obesity is a contributor to cancer risk, but how it actually causes

# Cancer risk

Thicker waistline may increase cancer risk, finds a study

cancer is still a question that has not been fully explained. Researchers from the Michigan State University (MSU) in the US offer new details showing that a certain protein released from fat in the body can cause a non-cancerous cell to turn into a cancerous one.

It also found that a lower layer of abdominal fat, when compared to fat just under the skin, is the more likely culprit, releasing even more of this protein and encouraging tumour growth.

"While there have been several advances in treating cancer and improving the quality of life of patients, the number of new cases continues to surge," said Jamie Bernard, assistant professor at MSU.

"It's important to understand the cause so we can do a better job at reducing the number of cancer cases using dietary modifications or therapeutic interventions," said Bernard.

It is estimated that more than one-third of the population is obese. Obesity has been linked to several types of cancers, including breast, colon, prostate, uterine and kidney, but Bernard indicated

that just being overweight is not necessarily the best way to determine risk.

"Our study suggests that body mass index (BMI) may not be the best indicator." It is abdominal obesity, and even more specifically, levels of a protein called fibroblast growth factor-2 that may be a better indicator of the risk of cells becoming cancerous," she said.

There are two layers of belly fat. The outer, known as subcutaneous fat, lies right under the skin. The layer under that, called visceral fat, is the one she found to be more harmful.

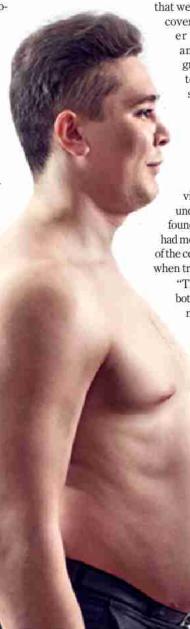
Researchers, including postdoctoral student Debrup Chakraborty, studied mice that were fed a high-fat diet and discovered that this higher-risk layer of fat produced larger amounts of this fibroblast growth factor-2 (FGF2) protein when compared to the subcutaneous fat. They found that FGF2 stimulated certain cells that were already vulnerable to the protein and caused them to grow into tumors.

Researchers also collected visceral fat tissue from women undergoing hysterectomies and found that when the fat secretions had more of the FGF2 protein, more of the cells formed cancerous tumours when transferred into mice.

"This would indicate that fat from both mice and humans can make a non-tumorigenic cell malignantly transform into a tumorogenic cell," Bernard said.

There are several other factors released from fat, including the hormone estrogen, that could influence cancer risk, but many of those studies have only been able to show an association and not a direct cause of cancer, researchers said.

The study was published in the journal *Oncogene*. (Source: PTTI)



## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! for Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017:

This year you open up to many new experiences that could be quite intense. Others might perceive you as someone who is very serious. You simply want to be liked. Despite a situation involving a sibling or neighbor if you are single, you will meet someone interesting. In fact, you might have more friendship with one of them. If you are attached, the two of you experience a depth and intensity like you had not yet experienced. Respect each other's news. SCORPIO seeks you out for conversation.

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

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

\*\*\*\* You are not getting there could be a challenge. Someone might be used to seeing you so calm. Some of what you choose to do, you are likely to enjoy yourself. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* You might be used to catching up on everything you need to do during the week. Someone very enticing is used in convincing you to join him or her in celebrating something. A side of this person's personality that you might not have noticed could be a source of fun.

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

\*\*\*\* You might be used to punctuating your mind processes as you mind processes. You quickly might wonder about a routine matter that punctuates your daily life. Be willing to make some adjustments rather than a complete change. Tonight: Don't let yourself be pressured into doing anything.

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

\*\*\*\* You might be used to buying a new item for your wardrobe or adding a new color to your hair. You can see the difference in how people perceive you. You certainly will turn more heads. Allow your feelings to come through. Tonight: Romance might be on the verge of appearing.

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

\*\*\*\* You seem to have an inner glow that attracts others. You find it useful for bringing and tailoring possibility. This opportunity could invoke someone very different from what you're used to. Invite others over for a get-together before summer ends! Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

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

\*\*\*\* If you don't ask, how can you expect to get what you want? You are a Renaissance person from different backgrounds. Others might not intuitively know what you desire. It might be time to keep less and just go for it. You will be pleasantly surprised. Tonight: A long overdue chat.

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

\*\*\*\* Whatever you have been weighing in your mind, decide to act on it. You will give your brain a break as a result. Your good nature comes through, and others can't help but respond. Your desire to indulge could be costly. Keep your budget in mind. Tonight: Out on the town.

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

\*\*\*\* Your personal life might not always show through your intimacy and inquiring observations. For whatever reason, this is not the case today. In fact, the full force of your personality emerges. Otherwise love your high energy. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

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

\*\*\*\* You have been putting off a difficult situation. Whether you're taking a nap or walking on the beach, you will relax more when you are by yourself. Know that the right response will emerge when the time is right. Ask a friend for feedback. Tonight: Do what pleases you.

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

\*\*\*\* Friends might appear from out of nowhere, or an unexpected invitation could come your way. A loved one might be a little concerned, as he or she is cherishing his or her time with you. Figure out a way to bring everyone together. Tonight: Your wish is someone else's pleasure.

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

\*\*\*\* Enjoy the moment, but know that it also is a great time for networking. Some of you might be shooting the breeze with several different people. Your ideas seem to be the highlight. Tonight: Make it a late night.

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

\*\*\*\* Go to a concert, a sporting event or a movie. Swap ideas with an unusually knowledgeable and equally creative person. As a result, you will feel revitalized. Tonight: Be with a favorite person, and try a new spot together.

\*\*\*

The thought of the day

The banners of the king advance, the mystery of the cross shines bright.

- VENANTUS FORTUNATUS

that just being overweight is not necessarily the best way to determine risk.

"Our study suggests that body mass index (BMI) may not be the best indicator." It is abdominal obesity, and even more specifically, levels of a protein called fibroblast growth factor-2 that may be a better indicator of the risk of cells becoming cancerous," she said.

There are two layers of belly fat. The outer, known as subcutaneous fat, lies right under the skin. The layer under that, called visceral fat, is the one she found to be more harmful.

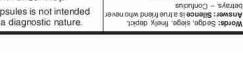
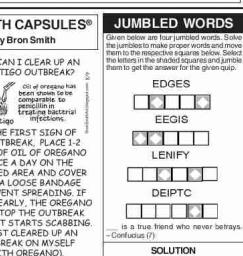
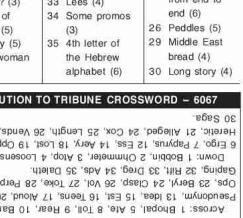
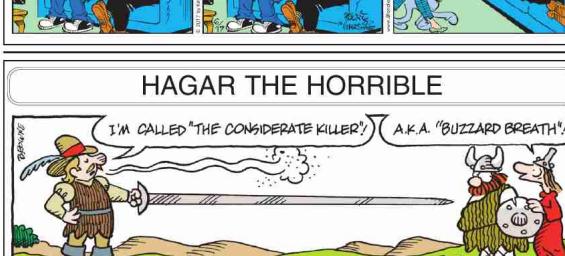
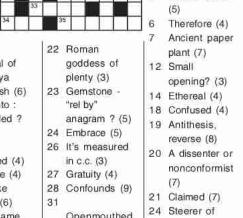
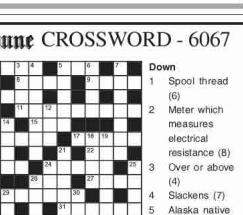
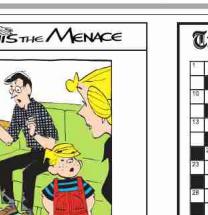
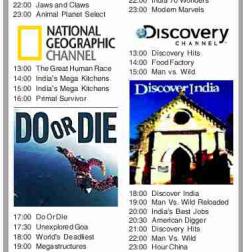
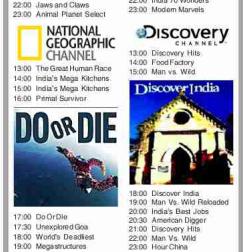
Researchers, including postdoctoral student Debrup Chakraborty, studied mice that were fed a high-fat diet and discovered that this higher-risk layer of fat produced larger amounts of this fibroblast growth factor-2 (FGF2) protein when compared to the subcutaneous fat. They found that FGF2 stimulated certain cells that were already vulnerable to the protein and caused them to grow into tumors.

Researchers also collected visceral fat tissue from women undergoing hysterectomies and found that when the fat secretions had more of the FGF2 protein, more of the cells formed cancerous tumours when transferred into mice.

"This would indicate that fat from both mice and humans can make a non-tumorigenic cell malignantly transform into a tumorogenic cell," Bernard said.

There are several other factors released from fat, including the hormone estrogen, that could influence cancer risk, but many of those studies have only been able to show an association and not a direct cause of cancer, researchers said.

The study was published in the journal *Oncogene*. (Source: PTTI)



Green below are four jumbled words. Solve the puzzles to make proper words and move them to their correct places. Then unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes and jumble them to get the words in the given quote.

EDGES



LEMIFY



DEIPTC



In a true friend who never betrays.

-Confucius (7)

SOLUTION

Answers: 1. DEDUCE; 5. AID; 8. TAIL; 9. FAIR; 10. BEMBO; 11. PEASOON; 13. TEEB; 15. TEEB; 16. TEEB; 17. TEEB; 18. TEEB; 19. TEEB; 20. TEEB; 21. TEEB; 22. TEEB; 23. TEEB; 24. TEEB; 25. TEEB; 26. TEEB; 27. TEEB; 28. TEEB; 29. TEEB; 30. TEEB; 31. TEEB; 32. TEEB; 33. TEEB; 34. TEEB; 35. TEEB; 36. TEEB; 37. TEEB; 38. TEEB; 39. TEEB; 40. TEEB; 41. TEEB; 42. TEEB; 43. TEEB; 44. TEEB; 45. TEEB; 46. TEEB; 47. TEEB; 48. TEEB; 49. TEEB; 50. TEEB; 51. TEEB; 52. TEEB; 53. TEEB; 54. TEEB; 55. TEEB; 56. TEEB; 57. TEEB; 58. TEEB; 59. TEEB; 60. TEEB; 61. TEEB; 62. TEEB; 63. TEEB; 64. TEEB; 65. TEEB; 66. TEEB; 67. TEEB; 68. TEEB; 69. TEEB; 70. TEEB; 71. TEEB; 72. TEEB; 73. TEEB; 74. TEEB; 75. TEEB; 76. TEEB; 77. TEEB; 78. TEEB; 79. TEEB; 80. TEEB; 81. TEEB; 82. TEEB; 83. TEEB; 84. TEEB; 85. TEEB; 86. TEEB; 87. TEEB; 88. TEEB; 89. TEEB; 90. TEEB; 91. TEEB; 92. TEEB; 93. TEEB; 94. TEEB; 95. TEEB; 96. TEEB; 97. TEEB; 98. TEEB; 99. TEEB; 100. TEEB; 101. TEEB; 102. TEEB; 103. TEEB; 104. TEEB; 105. TEEB; 106. TEEB; 107. TEEB; 108. TEEB; 109. TEEB; 110. TEEB; 111. TEEB; 112. TEEB; 113. TEEB; 114. TEEB; 115. TEEB; 116. TEEB; 117. TEEB; 118. TEEB; 119. TEEB; 120. TEEB; 121. TEEB; 122. TEEB; 123. TEEB; 124. TEEB; 125. TEEB; 126. TEEB; 127. TEEB; 128. TEEB; 129. TEEB; 130. TEEB; 131. TEEB; 132. TEEB; 133. TEEB; 134. TEEB; 135. TEEB; 136. TEEB; 137. TEEB; 138. TEEB; 139. TEEB; 140. TEEB; 141. TEEB; 142. TEEB; 143. TEEB; 144. TEEB; 145. TEEB; 146. TEEB; 147. TEEB; 148. TEEB; 149. TEEB; 150. TEEB; 151. TEEB; 152. TEEB; 153. TEEB; 154. TEEB; 155. TEEB; 156. TEEB; 157. TEEB; 158. TEEB; 159. TEEB; 160. TEEB; 161. TEEB; 162. TEEB; 163. TEEB; 164. TEEB; 165. TEEB; 166. TEEB; 167. TEEB; 168. TEEB; 169. TEEB; 170. TEEB; 171. TEEB; 172. TEEB; 173. TEEB; 174. TEEB; 175. TEEB; 176. TEEB; 177. TEEB; 178. TEEB; 179. TEEB; 180. TEEB; 181. TEEB; 182. TEEB; 183. TEEB; 184. TEEB; 185. TEEB; 186. TEEB; 187. TEEB; 188. TEEB; 189. TEEB; 190. TEEB; 191. TEEB; 192. TEEB; 193. TEEB; 194. TEEB; 195. TEEB; 196. TEEB; 197. TEEB; 198. TEEB; 199. TEEB; 200. TEEB; 201. TEEB; 202. TEEB; 203. TEEB; 204. TEEB; 205. TEEB; 206. TEEB; 207. TEEB; 208. TEEB; 209. TEEB; 210. TEEB; 211. TEEB; 212. TEEB; 213. TEEB; 214. TEEB; 215. TEEB; 216. TEEB; 217. TEEB; 218. TEEB; 219. TEEB; 220. TEEB; 221. TEEB; 222. TEEB; 223. TEEB; 224. TEEB; 225. TEEB; 226. TEEB; 227. TEEB; 228. TEEB; 229. TEEB; 230. TEEB; 231. TEEB; 232. TEEB; 233. TEEB; 234. TEEB; 235. TEEB; 236. TEEB; 237. TEEB; 238. TEEB; 239. TEEB; 240. TEEB; 241. TEEB; 242. TEEB; 243. TEEB; 244. TEEB; 245. TEEB; 246. TEEB; 247. TEEB; 248. TEEB; 249. TEEB; 250. TEEB; 251. TEEB; 252. TEEB; 253. TEEB; 254. TEEB; 255. TEEB; 256. TEEB; 257. TEEB; 258. TEEB; 259. TEEB; 260. TEEB; 261. TEEB; 262. TEEB; 263. TEEB; 264. TEEB; 265. TEEB; 266. TEEB; 267. TEEB; 268. TEEB; 269. TEEB; 270. TEEB; 271. TEEB; 272. TEEB; 273. TEEB; 274. TEEB; 275. TEEB; 276. TEEB; 277. TEEB; 278. TEEB; 279. TEEB; 280. TEEB; 281. TEEB; 282. TEEB; 283. TEEB; 284. TEEB; 285. TEEB; 286. TEEB; 287. TEEB; 288. TEEB; 289. TEEB; 290. TEEB; 291. TEEB; 292. TEEB; 293. TEEB; 294. TEEB; 295. TEEB; 296. TEEB; 297. TEEB; 298. TEEB; 299. TEEB; 300. TEEB; 301. TEEB; 302. TEEB; 303. TEEB; 304. TEEB; 305. TEEB; 306. TEEB; 307. TEEB; 308. TEEB; 309. TEEB; 310. TEEB; 311. TEEB; 312. TEEB; 313. TEEB; 314. TEEB; 315. TEEB; 316. TEEB; 317. TEEB; 318. TEEB; 319. TEEB; 320. TEEB; 321. TEEB; 322. TEEB; 323. TEEB; 324. TEEB; 325. TEEB; 326. TEEB; 327. TEEB; 328. TEEB; 329. TEEB; 330. TEEB; 331. TEEB; 332. TEEB; 333. TEEB; 334. TEEB; 335. TEEB; 336. TEEB; 337. TEEB; 338. TEEB; 339. TEEB; 340. TEEB; 341. TEEB; 342. TEEB; 343. TEEB; 344. TEEB; 345. TEEB; 346. TEEB; 347. TEEB; 348. TEEB; 349. TEEB; 350. TEEB; 351. TEEB; 352. TEEB; 353. TEEB; 354. TEEB; 355. TEEB; 356. TEEB; 357. TEEB; 358. TEEB; 359. TEEB; 360. TEEB; 361. TEEB; 362. TEEB; 363. TEEB; 364. TEEB; 365. TEEB; 366. TEEB; 367. TEEB; 368. TEEB; 369. TEEB; 370. TEEB; 371. TEEB; 372. TEEB; 373. TEEB; 374. TEEB; 375. TEEB; 376. TEEB; 377. TEEB; 378. TEEB; 379. TEEB; 380. TEEB; 381. TEEB; 382. TEEB; 383. TEEB; 384. TEEB; 385. TEEB; 386. TEEB; 387. TEEB; 388. TEEB; 389. TEEB; 390. TEEB; 391. TEEB; 392. TEEB; 393. TEEB; 394. TEEB; 395. TEEB; 396. TEEB; 397. TEEB; 398. TEEB; 399. TEEB; 400. TEEB; 401. TEEB; 402. TEEB; 403. TEEB; 404. TEEB; 405. TEEB; 406. TEEB; 407. TEEB; 408. TEEB; 409. TEEB; 410. TEEB; 411. TEEB; 412. TEEB; 413. TEEB; 414. TEEB; 415. TEEB; 416. TEEB; 417. TEEB; 418. TEEB; 419. TEEB; 420. TEEB; 421. TEEB; 422. TEEB; 423. TEEB; 424. TEEB; 425. TEEB; 426. TEEB; 427. TEEB; 428. TEEB; 429. TEEB; 430. TEEB; 431. TEEB; 432. TEEB; 433. TEEB; 434. TEEB; 435. TEEB; 436. TEEB; 437. TEEB; 438. TEEB; 439. TEEB; 440. TEEB; 441. TEEB; 442. TEEB; 443. TEEB; 444. TEEB; 445. TEEB; 446. TEEB; 447. TEEB; 448. TEEB; 449. TEEB; 450. TEEB; 451. TEEB; 452. TEEB; 453. TEEB; 454. TEEB; 455. TEEB; 456. TEEB; 457. TEEB; 458. TEEB; 459. TEEB; 460. TEEB; 461. TEEB; 462. TEEB; 463. TEEB; 464. TEEB; 465. TEEB; 466. TEEB; 467. TEEB; 468. TEEB; 469. TEEB; 470. TEEB; 471. TEEB; 472. TEEB; 473. TEEB; 474. TEEB; 475. TEEB; 476. TEEB; 477. TEEB; 478. TEEB; 479. TEEB; 480. TEEB; 481. TEEB; 482. TEEB; 483. TEEB; 484. TEEB; 485. TEEB; 486. TEEB; 487. TEEB; 488. TEEB; 489. TEEB; 490. TEEB; 491. TEEB; 492. TEEB; 493. TEEB; 494. TEEB; 495. TEEB; 496. TEEB; 497. TEEB; 498. TEEB; 499. TEEB; 500. TEEB; 501. TEEB; 502. TEEB; 503. TEEB; 504. TEEB; 505. TEEB; 506. TEEB; 507. TEEB; 508. TEEB; 509. TEEB; 510. TEEB; 511. TEEB; 512. TEEB; 513. TEEB; 514. TEEB; 515. TEEB; 516.

'ISIS counterattack kills 34 Syria regime forces in Raqa province'

BEIRUT, Aug 25: At least 34 Syrian soldiers and allied fighters have been killed in an Islamic State counterattack in the east of Raqa province, cutting back regaining gains, a monitor said today.

The Syria Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor, said the jihadist group had recaptured large swathes of territory from government forces in the fighting yesterday.

Syria's army is seeking to advance through Raqa province to reach neighbouring Deir Ezzor, where jihadists have besieged government forces and civilians in the provincial capital since 2015.

Earlier this month, government troops and allied fighters arrived at the outskirts of Madan, the last IS-held town in the eastern Raqa province countryside before Deir Ezzor.

But in Thursday's counterattack, ISIS "made major progress and... expanded the area under its control along the southern bank of the Euphrates," the Observatory said.

"ISIS has managed to push regime forces back 30 kilometres from the western outskirts of Madan," Observatory director Rami Abdel Rahman said.

The Syria army operation in the area, backed by air support from ally Russia, is separate from the battle for provincial capital Raqa city.

The effort to oust IS from the city, which the jihadist group's Syrian stronghold, is being led by the Syrian Democratic Forces, a US-backed alliance of Kurdish and Arab fighters. - AFP



People search under rubble of a house destroyed by a Saudi-led air strike in Sanaa, Yemen on Friday. - UNI

## US worried Pak's N-weapons could land up in terrorists' hands: official

WASHINGTON, Aug 25: The Trump administration is worried that nuclear weapons and materials in Pakistan could land up in the hands of terror groups and the concerns are aggravated by the development of tactical weapons, a senior US official has said.

The senior Trump administration official said that during a compressive review, one of the major issues that continually came up for discussion and is very important to the US was the nuclear danger in the region.

"It (South Asia policy) also prioritises the escalating tension between India and Pakistan, the official told

reporters during a conference call. The Trump administration is worried that nuclear weapons and materials in Pakistan might land up in the hands of terrorist groups or individuals, the senior administration official said, on condition of anonymity.

The South Asia strategy announced by US President Donald Trump on Monday notes that the "nuclear weapons or materials could fall" into the wrong hands, the official said.

"It (South Asia policy) also prioritises the escalating tension between India and Pakistan, the official told

**The South Asia strategy announced by US President Donald Trump on Monday notes that the "nuclear weapons or materials could fall" into the wrong hands**

nuclear power countries, and looks for ways to de-escalate the tension between the two to avoid any potential military confrontation among them," the official said.

"We are particularly concerned by the development of tactical nuclear weapons that are designed for use in battlefield. We believe that these systems are more susceptible to terrorist theft and increase the likelihood of nuclear exchange in the region," the Trump administration official said.

The official said it was due to this that the strategy also focuses on confidence building measures

between India and Pakistan and encourages them to come to the negotiating table.

The danger of nuclear weapons was also mentioned by Trump in his Afghanistan and South Asia policy speech on Monday.

"For its part, Pakistan often gives safe haven to agents of chaos, violence, and terror. The threat is worse because Pakistan and India are two nuclear-armed states whose tense relations threaten to spiral into conflict. And that could happen," he had said in his first prime time televised address to the nation. - PTI



Afghan security forces arrive at the site of a suicide attack followed by a clash between Afghan forces and insurgents after an attack on a Shi'ite Muslim mosque in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Friday. - UNI

## 20 people killed in mosque attack in Afghan capital

KABUL, Aug 25: Militants stormed a packed Shiite mosque in the Afghan capital during Friday prayers, in an attack that lasted for hours and ended with at least 20 worshippers killed and another 50 seriously wounded, many of them children, an official said.

Two of the assailants blew themselves up and another two were shot to death by Afghan security forces, according to police official Mohammed Sadique Muradi.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest to target Afghanistan's minority Shites.

The Taliban condemned the violence, with a spokesman for the militants, Zabihullah Mujahid, telling The Associated Press in a telephone interview that the group had

## It's important for India to continue its work in Afghanistan: US

WASHINGTON, Aug 25: Reiterating that India has made important contributions towards Afghanistan's democracy and stability, the White House has said that it is important for Delhi to continue that effort.

"It's important that there's a regional approach, and part of that is developing and strengthening that relationship and partnership with India. They've been making important contributions towards Afghanistan's democracy and their stability, and we think it's important to continue that effort," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters at her news conference.

She was responding to questions on why the US President thinks drawing closer to India will prompt the Pakistanis to play a constructive role rather than becoming defensive and playing more into a strategy of giving harbour to extremists.

Earlier this week, Trump delivered his first prime time address to the nation on America's path forward in Afghanistan and South Asia.

"The President's strategy is based on conditions on the ground, not arbitrary timetables. And it will ensure terrorists never again use Afghanistan as a haven to attack the United States," she said.

"The brave men and women of our nation's military have given extraordinary sacrifices to



this longest war in American history," she said.

When it comes to the strategy in Afghanistan, Sanders said, they're going to be focused on the conditions on the ground, which will be determined by the generals in the military on the ground and certainly through the Department of Defense and Defense Secretary James Mattis and his team, and not arbitrary timetables.

However, Sanders said, the ultimate goal is a peaceful settlement between the government of Afghanistan and the Taliban that protects US interest and protects American lives. "That's the focus," she said in response to a question. - PTI

## India, Pak, China jointly present credentials to S African Prez

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 25: In a rare event, the envoys of India, Pakistan and China presented their credentials simultaneously to South African President Jacob Zuma.

At the event, Indian High Commissioner to South Africa Ruchira Kamboj and her Pakistani counterpart Sohail Khan sat next to each other while Chinese Ambassador Lin Songtian sat opposite them.

There was no hint of the current tensions between India and its two neighbours at the event where President Zuma welcomed the diplomats alongside their counterparts from Israel, Chile, Spain, Uganda and Ghana at the State Guest House in Pretoria.

Ambassador Lior Keren of Israel, India's newest partner after a recent visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was seated next to Kamboj.

"I am confident that you will contribute towards enhanced mutual beneficial relations between our



At least in early farmers, milk did not make for bigger, stronger skull bones

## Farming may have changed human skull shape: study

LOS ANGELES, Aug 25: The advent of farming, especially dairy products, had a small but significant effect on the shape of human skulls, according to a study.

Humans who live by hunting and foraging wild foods have to put more effort into chewing than people living on farming, who eat a softer diet.

Although previous studies have linked skull shape to agriculture and softer foods, it has proved difficult to determine the extent and consistency of these changes at a global scale.

Researchers at University of California, Davis in the US used a worldwide collection of 559 crania (skull) and 534 lower jaws from more than two dozen pre-industrial populations to model the influence of diet on the shape, form, and size of the human skull during the transition to agriculture.

They found modest changes in skull morphology for groups that consumed cereals, dairy, or both cereals and dairy.

"The main differences between forager and

farmer skulls are where we would expect to find them, and change in ways we might expect them to, if chewing demands decreased in farming groups," said UC Davis graduate student David Katz.

The largest changes in skull morphology were observed in groups consuming dairy products, suggesting that the effect of agriculture on skull morphology was greatest in populations consuming the softest food (cheese), researchers said.

"At least in early farmers, milk did not make for bigger, stronger skull bones," Katz said.

However, differences due to diet tended to be much smaller than other factors, such as the difference between males and females or between individuals with the same diet from different populations, said Katz, who is now a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Calgary in Canada. - PTI

### Symptoms of this disease

Acute fever, headache, mental irritability, vomiting tendency, convulsion and loss of consciousness

### To prevent this disease

Keep pigs and piggeries away from your house

Always wear fully covered clothes

Always use mosquito net (LLIN) while sleeping

Fog your house in the evening. Keep the doors and windows open for half an hour during fogging

Burglars loot jewellery worth millions from Indian chain in UK

LONDON, Aug 25: A gang of thieves smashed their way into the UK branch of an Indian jewellery shop in a "meticulously planned and audacious raid" and stole 1.8 million pounds worth of gold, diamond and other jewels, police said today.

Scotland Yard today released CCTV footage and images of the raid at Joyalukkas jewellers on Green Street in east London.

Burglars smashed a hole in the wall of the shop and crawled inside to steal Indian-style gold and diamond necklaces, bracelets, pendants and earrings.

"This was a meticulously planned and audacious raid on a jewellery shop with 1.8 million pounds of items stolen," said Detective Chief Inspector Andy Pallett from the Met Police's Newham CID (Criminal Investigation Department).

"While we think it only took the suspects around 20 minutes to make the hole, it must have been noisy work and we would appeal for anyone who heard or saw anything suspicious to contact us," Pallett said.

Several men were hanging around the area for a number of hours before the raid.

"If you have any information no matter how small, please come forward," he said in his appeal relating to the robbery reported to police on July 10.

Joyalukkas, which has its registered office in Kerala, is one of several jewellery shops selling Indian-style gold and diamond jewellery in the Green Street area of east London. - PTI

If any of the symptoms is observed, contact health workers and rush the patient to the nearest hospital

## Be alert for Japanese Encephalitis!



Any type of fever might turn out to be Japanese Encephalitis. Immediate medical treatment can save life and prevent complication of Japanese Encephalitis.

For any help, dial 104

Progressive & healthy nation is our mission

National Health Mission, Assam

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

# Hype meets reality as Mayweather, McGregor face off

LAS VEGAS, Aug 25: Hype will collide with reality here on Saturday as boxing legend Floyd Mayweather takes on mixed martial arts superstar Conor McGregor in a battle of combat sport kings tipped to be the richest fight in history.

A little over two months after the fight was confirmed in June, Mayweather and McGregor will touch gloves at Las Vegas's T-Mobile Arena in a 12-round boxing contest which will be beamed to more than 200 countries and territories.

Fight promoters have breathlessly tallied up the bout surpassing the USD 600 million (508 million euros) generated by Mayweather's 2015 fight with Manny Pacquiao, insisting that interest has been off the chart.

"This is the biggest event that has ever happened in combat sports," said Dana White, the chief executive of MMA's Ultimate Fighting Championship.

"This fight will reach over a billion homes worldwide."

Ringside seats were being offered on secondary ticket markets for an eye-watering USD 100,250 apiece as of Thursday, even though some 1,700 seats in the 20,000-capacity venue remained unsold.

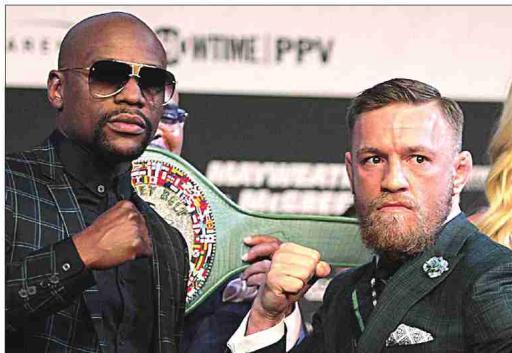
Millions of fans across the United States meanwhile are expected to shell out USD 99.95 to watch the fight on pay-per-view television, the most important economic engine of the spectacle. The sense of anticipation has endured despite an unrelenting chorus of disparagement across the boxing world.

Forc's Freshlook, Circus. Mismatch. Rip-off. Bad for boxing.

It has been impossible to follow the build-up to the fight without being made aware of the near-universal tide of derision.

A cursory glance at the tale of the tape explains the cynicism.

Mayweather, 40, is one of the most skilled boxers of his generation, a master of ringcraft who retired in 2015 after a glittering 21-year career



Boxer Floyd Mayweather (L) and MMA fighter Conor McGregor pose during a press conference at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas ahead of their Saturday's fight.

with a perfect 49-0 record.

McGregor, a two-time world champion in UFC, has never boxed professionally and has looked awkward and ungainly during training camp sparring sessions. He has demonstrated punching power in the UFC, but has never faced an opponent as elusive as Mayweather.

Anything other than a convincing Mayweather win will be regarded as a surprise; a McGregor victory a monumental upset.

Yet the millions who will gladly part with their cash to watch the fight in the arena or on television do not appear to be bothered by the possibility that they may be taken for an expensive ride.

Stephen Espinoza, the head of cable network Showtime Sports which is selling the fight on pay-per-view in the off-chance of witnessing "something incredible."

"We did some focus group test-

ing, and the casual fans were absolutely adamant," Espinoza said. "Their response almost universally was 'We don't care if it's a mismatch. We don't care if it's non-competitive – if there's a .01 chance that something incredible could happen, we need to watch it.'

"And that's why they're going to watch it."

Inrespective of the outcome, the two men at the centre of the action will be laughing all the way to the bank.

If pay-per-view targets are met, Mayweather could earn as much as \$200 million, pushing his career earnings towards \$1 billion.

McGregor, who four years ago was living off unemployment benefit in Dublin before his emergence as a star of MMA, could pocket \$100 million.

A gaudy "Money Belt" is also up for grabs to the winner, comprising 3,360 diamonds, 600 sapphires, 300 emeralds mounted in 1.5 kilos of solid gold and set in alligator leather. – AFP

## Will take lessons from the draw: Constantine

MUMBAI, Aug 25: Heartbroken after conceding a late goal to be held to a 1-1 draw by lower-ranked St Kitts and Nevis, India coach Stephen Constantine said that his team learned some important lessons from the game.

"We had enough chances to finish the game twice, but we didn't take those chances. In the end we were stung by a corner, which was disappointing because we had worked on it. If it's football, it happens, so we will take a lesson from this," Constantine told reporters after the match last night.

Jackichand Singh gave the home side the lead in the 38th minute, but Amory Gavaune scored the equaliser for St Kitts and Nevis in the 72nd minute to split points with the home side.

The coach also seemed unhappy with the way his boys

started the game.

"No, we didn't start as brightly as we should do. The last time when any of them played a 90-minute game, it was at the end of the I-league season, last year May. That's why I needed these two games before Macau," said the coach.

Constantine said he was worried about the manner in which his boys conceded goals.

"Someone is going to score, not you always. We won and drew one. I am worried about how we conceded the goal, not that we conceded but how Constantine's side swept into the Champions League group stage for the first time in three years with a 4-2 win over Hoffenheim on Wednesday.

The electric atmosphere at Anfield fuelled Liverpool's vibrant display in midweek and Belgian goalkeeper Mignolet expected Arsenal to be greeted with a stormy hostile reception from the Kop on Sunday.

After their opening weekend draw with Watford, Liverpool have had three successive victories in all competitions to prove they can thrive without injured Barcelonista target Philippe Coutinho.

Now Mignolet wants Liverpool to build their momentum by securing a statement of intent victory on Sunday.

"At Anfield it is always a special night and I think we show what we can do over here. It is electric, that is what Anfield is about and this is where we belong," he said.

"Everybody has been really eager to play again at this stage, that is where all the history has been made at this football club," Wenger said.

## Liverpool ready to add to Arsenal woes

LONDON, Aug 25: Energised by Liverpool's emphatic progress in Europe, Simon Mignolet challenged the Reds to underline their association with a victory against Premier League title rivals Arsenal on Sunday.

Jürgen Klopp's side swept into the Champions League group stage for the first time in three years with a 4-2 win over Hoffenheim on Wednesday.

The electric atmosphere at Anfield fuelled Liverpool's vibrant display in midweek and Belgian goalkeeper Mignolet expected Arsenal to be greeted with a stormy hostile reception from the Kop on Sunday.

After their opening weekend draw with Watford, Liverpool have had three successive victories in all competitions to prove they can thrive without injured Barcelonista target Philippe Coutinho.

Now Mignolet wants Liverpool to build their momentum by securing a statement of intent victory on Sunday.

"At Anfield it is always a special night and I think we show what we can do over here. It is electric, that is what Anfield is about and this is where we belong," he said.

"Everybody has been really eager to play again at this stage, that is where all the history has been made at this football club," Wenger said.

In contrast to Liverpool's surge, Arsenal

are already facing a familiar crisis of confidence after coming from behind to narrowly beat Leicester and then slipping to a 1-0 defeat at Stoke last weekend.

Losing to Stoke exposed the fault lines in Arsenal's defence, while Arsene Wenger's side were again unable to turn possession into goals with star forward Alexis Sanchez

Sánchez has missed the start of the season due to injury and illness, but the Chile international is expected to make his first appearance on Sunday.

Amid continued speculation that Sanchez wants to leave Arsenal before his contract ends at the end of the season, Wenger insisted he was happy to welcome back a player wanted by Manchester City and Chelsea.

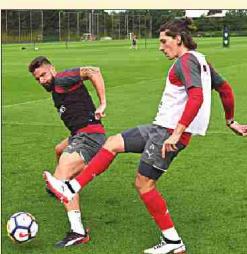
"He has always been focused on his job, he loves to play football and I don't think he is too disturbed by all the noises that happen," Wenger said.

"Players at that level are used to it now, I want me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI



Olivier Giroud (L) and Hector Bellerin of Arsenal during a training session ahead of their Sunday's Premier League clash with Liverpool.

some deal better with it than others but I don't think he is too bothered by that."

Manchester United have set the early pace with two successive 4-0 wins to climb to the top of the table and Jose Mourinho's men hope to carry a positive week defeating Leicester at Old Trafford. – AFP

## Tough draws for Shiva at World Championship

HAMBURG, Aug 25: Shiva Thapa and Vikas Krishan were headed opening-round byes and seedlings but the going will not be easy for the Indian boxers, all of whom have got tough draws to deal with at the 19th World Championships here.

The 25-year-old Vikas is the best-ranked among the Indians, given the third seeding in the middleweight (75kg) category. Shiva has been seeded fifth in the light-weight (60kg) category while Sumit Sangwan (91kg) is ranked sixth in his weight category.

All three of them will be in action from the pre-quarterfinal stage.

However, the road to the podium won't be an easy one for any of the eight Indians, who will be competing in boxing's marquee event.

For Vikas, the bronze-medalist from the 2011 edition, it

will be the winner of tonight's contest between Kenya's John Kyalo and England's Benjamin Whittaker in the last-16 stage on August 27.

Should he win that contest, fourth seed Kamran Shakhsuravly of Azerbaijan awaits him in the pre-quarters. Shakhsuravly is an Olympic medalist, besides being an European silver-winner.

Shiva, on the other hand, will open his campaign on August 28 against the winner of the clash between Kazakhstan's Adilet Kurnetov and Georgia's Otar Eramosyan.

If he wins his tournament-opener, the 24-year-old Asian Championships silver-medalist will, in all likelihood, be up against the man who beat him to the gold – fourth seed Elmar Abduraimov of Uzbekistan. Shiva had won a world championship bronze in the 2015 edition. – PTI

## Dhoni told me to bat like I do in Test cricket: Bhuvneshwar

PALLEKELE, Aug 25: Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who played a crucial role along with Mahendra Singh Dhoni in rescuing India after a startling collapse in the second ODI, says the former captain advised him to build his knock like he does in Tests.

Bhuvneshwar scored 53 and raised a 100-run partnership with Dhoni for the unbeaten eighth wicket to guide India to a three-wicket win the hosts last night.

"When I went in to bat, MS told me to play my natural game like I play in Test cricket and don't take any pressure as we had a lot of overs at that time. We knew if we played them out we would chase easily," Bhuvneshwar said at the post match press conference.

"I knew there is nothing to lose in this situation as we were already seven down. I was just thinking that I can play and that I have to support MS

as much as I can. And that's what I tried to do," he said.

Lankan off-spinner Akhil Dananjaya took six for 54, his maiden ODI five-wicket haul, to trigger an Indian middle-order collapse after an aggressive start from Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan.

"The only thing was they

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 47 overs. That was my plan," Bluvneshwar said.

Asked how he countered Damyanja who was on fire, Bluvneshwar said, "I had a plan against him."

"He is an off-spinner but he was also bowling leg spinners and googlies so it was a surprise for us. I just wanted to play him for the wrong one or the googlies, which he was bringing in to me. And whatever was going away from me I wasn't really worried about that."

"Whatever wickets he took that was on the googly, the incoming delivery, so my plan was to counter his incoming deliveries. Initially it was a bit difficult to read him from the hand but later on when I played him for 10-15 balls I could read his variations," he explained. – PTI

Wan to open up a 6-1 lead early on but the Indian slowly got his bearing as he made it 5-6. His movement improved and his trademark smashes helped him to make it 8-8.

However, Son Wan managed to move ahead and a return from Srikanth going to net helped the Korean to have the 11-8 advantage at the first break.

The duo looked to outwit each other by changing the angles and pace of their strokes during the rallies. Srikanth reduced the margin to 12-13 but the Korean once again managed to move up to a 15-12 lead with a deceptive back hand return.

Srikanth's errors helped Son Wan to move to 19-13. The Korean grabbed six game point opportunity and sealed it when the Indian hit the net twice. – PTI

Srikanth made a nervy start to the quarterfinals, allowing Son

wanted me to play as long as possible. I also wanted to do the same thing because that was the only chance to win if I could play all those 4

# Sigurdsson cements Everton's spot in group stage, Ajax knocked out

PARIS, Aug 25: Club-record signing Gylfi Sigurdsson scored a stunning long-range volley just after half-time to secure Everton's place in the Europa League group stage following a 3-1 aggregate victory over Hajduk Split on Thursday.

The Iceland midfielder fired home from 40 yards within seconds of the restart in Croatia as Everton held on for a 1-1 draw in the return leg of their play-off tie after Jordan Pickford saved a second-half penalty from Ahmed Said.

Josip Radosevic drilled the home side into a 1-0 lead on the night in the closing minutes of the first half, but Everton's £45 million (£58 million, 49.4 million euros) newcomer combined with Pickford to help the Toffees clinch qualification.

Patrick Cutrone scored the only goal as AC Milan won 1-0



Gylfi Sigurdsson (3rd L) of Everton celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Hajduk Split during the UEFA Europa League qualifying play-offs round second leg in Split, Croatia.

away to Macedonian outfit Skendija to complete a 7-0 aggregate victory over Rosenborg.

But last season's runners-up Ajax crashed out against

Rosenborg, after a shock 2-1 home loss. - AFP

## Sanjana clinches double crown

JORHAT, Aug 25: Sanjana Srimalla of Telangana State won both the singles and doubles titles in the girls event of the ATTA-National Senior Tennis Championship played at the Jorhat Tennis Club here today.

In the singles event, she had a comfortable win over Kristi Boro of Assam 6-3, 6-3 and soon after teamed up with Ishika Chakma of Assam to win against the pair of Kristi Boro and Shatavisha Ghosh of West Bengal 6-4, 6-0 to claim the girls doubles title.

The boys singles semifinal, Udit Gogoi trounced Anumay Yesghes Devaraj of Karnataka 6-1, 6-1 to set up a title clash with Maanav Jain of Karnataka who beat Harsh Pradeep Kumar of Karnataka 6-0, 6-0.

## Tennis coaching camp ends

GUWAHATI, Aug 25: The 7-day Summer Tennis Coaching Camp, organised by the Guwahati Lawn Tennis Association (GLTA) at the Nirmal Amin Tennis Complex, Pan Bazaar Sports Complex here came to an end today.

Altogether 49 players from various parts of the region took part in the camp. Coaching was imparted by Kalyan Kumar Das, Sushanta Mohanty, Sudhanta Mohanty, Siddhartha Bhuyan, Indrajit Buzbarua and Manoj Chouhan.

Hrishikesh Goswami, Media Adviser to the Chief Minister, attended the closing function



Participants, officials and coaches pose for a photograph during the closing function of the Guwahati Lawn Tennis Association organised Summer Tennis Coaching Camp at the Nirmal Amin Tennis Complex at the RG Baruah Sports Complex in Guwahati, on Friday.

## Neeraj suffers groin injury in Zurich

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: Top Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra suffered a groin injury while taking part in the prestigious Diamond League Meetings final, which led him to skip his last two rounds of the competition in Zurich.

The 19-year-old Indian junior world record holder did not attempt his fifth and final throw due to the injury and his first round effort of 83.80m fetched him a seventh place finish in a strong eight-man field in Zurich last night.

He fouled his second round throw and came up with 83.38m in the third.

"During the third round throw, I had a groin injury. I tried for the fourth throw but (because of the pain) I stopped at the run-up, did not do running in," Neeraj told PTI from Zurich, Switzerland.

That is why his fourth throw was also shown as fouled attempt. Every participant gets six attempts.

"After that I did not further take part in the competition and I skipped my final two throws," Neeraj, who has a season's best of 85.63m and personal best of 86.48m, said.

Asked if the injury was a minor one or a serious nature, he said, "It (injury) is not minor, it is much more than that. If it was minor I would have continued and attempted the final two throws."

"I had swelling after the competition and my physio did ice treatment. It is not very serious. I don't think I will need a surgery or something like that."

"Had I continued with my final two attempts in the competition, it (injury) would have been aggravated. I think it will be all right but I will need rest for a longer time."

Neeraj did not undergo any medical examination as he had a return flight to catch. - PTI

## Ramkumar ousted from US Open qualifying event

NEW YORK, Aug 25: Country's top singles player Ramkumar Ramanathan bowed out of the US Open qualifying event after losing his second round match to seasoned Frenchman Nicolas Mahut, here.

Ramkumar, who recently created ripples by scalping top-10 player Dominic Thiem, lost 3-6, 7-6(5), 2-6 to Mahut in two hours and 29 minutes.

Ramkumar's defeat means that India will not have rep-

resentation in the singles event of the last Grand Slam of the season since Yuki Bhambhani and Prajneesh Gunneswaran's challenge had ended in the first round it-

self. - PTI

**POTENTIAL**  
IIT-JEE | AIPMT | AIMS | NTSE  
EDUCATING THE FUTURE DOCTORS & ENGINEERS

**STUDENTS GOT ADMITTED IN MBBS IN DIFFERENT GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGES IN ASSAM, 2017 NEET-2017**  
Out of the selected students, 21 were from Capsule Course

**ADMISSION OPEN**

**CAPSULE COURSE**

**- FOR - NEET & JEE**

**EVENING BATCH**

**FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> STUDYING & PASSED STUDENTS**

**BATCH START  
10<sup>th</sup> OCT. 2017**

**Early Bird Concession**

500/- off students who take admission before 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017  
3000/- off students who take admission before 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017

**GUWAHATI**

SHAGOR ROAD PH: 92079 46768

ZOO ROAD PH: 99540 84904

DIGHALIPUR PH: 70689 46207

MALOJON PH: 92370 43756

CE ROAD PH: 58128 34167

TEZPUR PH: 98540 19461

NASIM PH: 98540 19461

**“HIMANSHU BHARTIA”**

I feel myself privileged to be a part of POTENTIAL. When I came with a mind to prepare for the NEET, I was in a dilemma in choosing the best coaching institute for me. I took admission in some other institute before but I was not satisfied with the teaching methodologies. So, without any further delay, I choose to join the CAPSULE COURSE in POTENTIAL. It is due to the CAPSULE COURSE that I am studying in Grawahati Medical College. Now, I can proudly say that my decision of choosing Potential is worth enough.

I also owe the debt of gratitude to all the teaching and non-teaching staff of Potential. I gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness for their constant inspiration and support throughout the course.

In addition to it I would like to say that Potential Coaching brings together the best of faculty and I thank them all for making my dream come true.

*Himanshu Bhartia*

## Tharanga suspended for two matches

PALKELE, Aug 25: Sri Lankan skipper Upul Tharanga has been banned for two ODIs for slow over rate in the unaffected second one-dayer against India.

Sri Lanka were three overs behind the over rate as even as the match was reduced to 47 overs for the Indian chase. India won the match by three wickets with 2.4 overs to spare and took a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

This is Tharanga's second ban in recent times after he suffered a similar two-match ban for slow over-rate in the Champions Trophy when he had led the side against South Africa in the absence of then-skipper Angelo Mathews.

Ronaldo named Player of the Season

MONACO, Aug 25: Cristiano Ronaldo was named UEFA Player of the Season for 2016-2017 on Thursday after a campaign which saw the Portuguese superstar help Real Madrid to the La Liga and Champions League double.

It was the third time that Ronaldo had won the award which was presented on the sidelines of the Champions League group stage draw.

His great rival Lionel Messi has won the prize on two occasions and could pave the way for him to capture a fifth Ballon d'Or title.

"There are the same goals every year, to meet the same challenges, win everything if possible, qualify for the World Cup with my national team," said Ronaldo. - AFP

Sri Lanka have made two changes to their squad, bringing in Test skipper Dinesh Chandimal, who was initially left out of the ODI squad, and batsman Lahiru Thirimanne for the next two matches.

Thirimanne, who was also included in the Test squad but didn't play, has been brought into the side because opener Danushka Gunathilaka injured his shoulder while fielding yesterday. Gunathilaka is expected to miss the next two ODIs minimum.

Surprisingly, Chandimal will not be leading the side in the third and fourth ODIs. Instead, Chamara Kapugedara, who scored 40 runs in the second ODI, will lead the side. - PTI

**25% OFF\*\***

**FLAT 25**

**ON ALL TITAN LENS**

11<sup>th</sup> Aug - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2017

\*Offer valid only on purchase of a complete spectacle.

Store locator: <https://eyeplus.titan.co.in/storelocator> | Call: 18004198000  
Available at: Guwahati: Chandmari- Ph: 9864408053; GS Road- Ph: 0361-2467467;  
Christian Basti- Ph: 0361-2343838; Six Mile- Ph: 0361-233019;  
Malgajpur- Ph: 9678072207; Pan Bazaar- Ph: 0361-2752988

**TITAN eyeplus**

**POWERFUL. AGILE. INTELLIGENT.  
THE ALL-NEW BMW 5 SERIES. BUSINESS ATHLETE.**

**BMW OSL Prestige  
Kolkata**  
Tel. +91 33 22517010, +91 8420012065  
[www.bmw5series.com](http://www.bmw5series.com)

For more information, log on to [www.bmw5series.com](http://www.bmw5series.com) or to book a test drive, visit [bmw5series.in/testdrive.html](http://bmw5series.in/testdrive.html). Terms and conditions apply. \*Ex-showroom price (Kolkata) for the BMW 520d Sport Line and BMW 530i Sport Line. \*Only for the BMW 530d, 520d and 530i models. The model, equipment and possible vehicle configurations illustrated in this advertisement may differ from the vehicles supplied in the Indian market.

**POWERFUL BMW TWIN POWER TURBO ENGINE WITH 265 HP\***

**REMOTE CONTROL PARKING WITH BMW DISPLAY KEY**

**NEW INTERFACE DESIGN WITH BMW GESTURE CONTROL**

