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Pak bid foiled

SRINAGAR, May 26: The Indian Army today said its troops foiled an attack by Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT) on a patrol party along the Line of Control in Uri sector of Kashmir, killing two militants. The bodies of the two slain militants were lying in no man's land along the LoC. – PTI

EVM challenge

NEW DELHI, May 26: Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party is the only party which has shown interest in challenging in the EVM hacking challenge organised by the Election Commission on June 3, a poll panel spokesperson said here. – PTI

Drug peddlers

NAOGAON, May 26: Police arrested three drug peddlers today from Islampatty here. Police also recovered a huge quantity of drugs from the peddlers – Mafidul Islam, Mubarak Ali and Kamaluddin, all hailing from Kawaiamari village. – Correspondent

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PM inaugurates country's longest bridge

Dhola-Sadiya bridge named after Bhupen Hazarika

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking a stroll on the newly opened Dr Bhupen Hazarika Setu, on Friday. – UB Photos

DHOLA, May 26: Amid huge applause Prime Minister Narendra Modi today dedicated to nation the country's longest river bridge – the 9.15-km-long Dhola-Sadiya bridge over the Lohit.

Addressing a rally at Zero Point of Dhola in Tinsukia district, the Prime Minister also announced that the bridge will be named 'Dr Bhupen Hazarika Setu' after the iconic cultural figure even as over 70,000 people present there erupted in joy.

"Dr Bhupen Hazarika was instrumental in introducing the Brahmaputra to the world through his songs. His lips often glorified the potential and grandeur of the mighty river. His name must be attached with the bridge," Modi said.

The Prime Minister said the bridge will go a long way in propelling economic revolution in the northeastern region. "This bridge is not only a pride for Assam but it is also an honour for the entire country because the nation has been able to build the longest bridge in the remotest end of Assam," he said.

"The issue of constructing a bridge connecting Dhola with Sadiya was taken seriously by the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee who had also called for a feasibility report. But follow-ups were not done and its certainty appeared

bleak with the change of the government at the Centres... Had Atalji won the elections in 2004 again, the bridge would have been completed ten years back," Modi said.

"The government is giving importance to development of the Northeast because the country's progress greatly depends on harnessing the potentials of the region like tourism, power generation, etc. If permanent development has to happen, both physical and social infrastructure have to be built," he said.

Modi also called for adopting organic cultivation in the region. "I am told that ginger of this area is of high demand. If you can produce this ginger using organic method, you can also capture global market. This bridge has already opened a wide market for the farmers of the region," he said.

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BJP will work for 'New India': Modi

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today lauded the "never-seen-before" people's support for the NDA government in the last three years, particularly at times when the Centre took some "harsh decision" and that, he said, has strengthened the resolve of the government to give a "New India" to the people.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the bridge would bring economic development to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. He said Modi-led NDA government has infused life into the Northeast and ever since it came to power, it built 3,000 km of highways in the region as against the same length by the previous Congress government in 60 years.

Addressing the nation on completion of three years of the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre at a rally here at Khanapara, Modi also reaffirmed his pre-poll promise of bringing underground all black money hoarded in the country.

"Assure you, I will not turn my back on the promise. This fight against black money will continue even if I have to pay a price for it," Modi said in his 50-minute speech at the rally which was attended by nearly one lakh people from across the State. He questioned what prevented the previous governments to notify the benami property law and frame its

rules since 1988 when the law was passed by the Parliament.

Admitting that even the previous governments did initiate projects, Modi, however, claimed that earlier there was a mismatch between the people's needs and the government's efforts.

"Satellites were even launched before. But when 104 satellites are launched at one go and the whole world watches you... it shows the scale of activity, the focus and intent. When the governance is pro-people, pro-poor and pro-active, the faith of the people increases," the PM said, also referring to the achievements in construction of toilets, installation of optical fibre networks, etc., during the last three years.

Starting his speech in his trademark style, Modi extended his greetings to the people in Assam saying Asomor rajjok mor anorkh straddha jomaiso and paid his respects to Chaulang Sulapha, Bir Lachit, Bir Chilarai, Sati Joymoti, Sati Sadhini and Sati Radhika. (See page 4)

Foundation of AIIMS, Guwahati laid

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Guwahati (at Changsar), by pressing a remote button.

The symbolic stone-laying ceremony was held at a function at Sarusajai sports complex in the city, which the Prime Minister attended for less than ten minutes, much to the displeasure of the crowd that gathered in large numbers who had waited for hours hoping to hear Modi speak.

The Prime Minister, who was running behind schedule since his second programme today, reached the Sarusajai sports complex at 5 pm instead of the scheduled timing of 3:30 pm and left at the public meeting at Khamapara within ten (See page 4)

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Floods, landslides kill over 90 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, May 26: Heavy floods and landslides triggered by the worst rainfall since 1970s have killed over 90 people and left 110 missing in Sri Lanka, officials said today, warning the situation could get worse.

Over 20,000 people have been displaced in seven districts as the south western monsoon caused havoc, destroying hundreds of homes and cutting off several roads. "We have seen worst rainfall since the 1970s," said Dunesh Gankamada, deputy minister of Disaster Management Centre (DMC).

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Earlier, the Prime Minister reached Zero Point by a chopper from Dibrugarh Airport. He also made a round up of 3 km on the bridge.

The bridge built at a cost of Rs. 2,000 crore is also considered to be very decisive from the strategic point of view. The bridge will give the Indian Army easy access to the frontier parts of Arunachal Pradesh near the China border. Earlier, the Army had to travel eight to ten hours to reach their barracks in Arunachal Pradesh from

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INTERNATIONAL

EU chief calls on G7 to maintain Russia curbs

TAORMINA (Italy), May 26: European Union President Donald Tusk called today on G7 leaders to maintain sanctions on Russia over the conflict in Ukraine, but the White House said it did not "have a position" on the issue.

The EU and United States under them president Barack Obama imposed sanctions on Moscow over its 2014 annexation of Crimea and fighting in eastern Ukraine between government forces and pro-Russian rebels.

But it is yet unclear whether Obama's successor Donald Trump, who is under fire domestically over allegations that Russia meddled to aid his election campaign last year, will maintain these sanctions.

"Since our last G7 summit in Japan, we haven't seen anything that would justify a change in our sanctions policy towards Russia," Tusk, who coordinates policy for the EU's 28 leaders, told reporters in Sicily.

"I will appeal to the other G7 leaders to reconfirm this policy," he added before the latest summit of seven leading indus-

trialised nations kicked off in the town of Taormina, with Trump one of four leaders new to the G7 party.

Tusk already met with Trump yesterday in Brussels, and said that while both sides did not have a "common position about Russia," they appeared to be on the same line where the Ukrainian conflict is concerned.

In March, the US State Department said Washington's "Crimea-related sanctions will remain in place until Russia returns control of the peninsula to Ukraine".

But Trump's chief economic advisor Gary Cohn appeared to cast doubt on this yesterday.

"Right now, we don't have a position," he told reporters on board Air Force One as Trump headed to Sicily, the final stop of his first foreign trip as president.

"He's got many options," Cohn added, without giving further details.

In his press conference, though, Tusk was optimistic, saying he expected that "the G7 will demonstrate unity regarding the conflict in Ukraine". - AFP

BJP will work ...

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Justifying selection of Guwahati for the NDA government's third anniversary celebration, Modi said, "For us, every corner is Delhi. Everything cannot be Delhi-centric alone."

Crediting the common people for the forward march of the BJP-led NDA Central Government in the past three years, Modi said, "People supporting a party to form a government is part of democracy. But for the first time in India, people have supported the government like never before, through thick and thin." He also appreciated the reciprocation people showed to his appeal for shunning LPG subsidy and declaring actual income to pay taxes.

He said when the Centre decided to demonetise high denomination notes, a political force was out to create unrest in the country. "But the people stood and supported the government," he said.

Modi said an atmosphere of

negativity and hopelessness which was prevailing earlier has changed now. Now people are having a new hope. They are getting stronger and are believing themselves. They see a scope for honest living, he said.

"Earlier, it was the talk of *kala dhan* (black money) that dominated public arena. Now it has changed to *Jai Dhan* and soon it will be *Digi Dhan*," Modi said, mentioning that the government is working towards a "New India" by 2022 when the nation will celebrate 75 years of independence, an India that is advanced, driven by youth, has dignity of labour, gender equality and in equity in all strata."

The meeting was attended, among others, by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, chief ministers of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur Pema Khandu and Niron Singh respectively, central BJP leader Ram Madhav, Assam BJP president Ranjeet Dass, several central ministers and Assam Cabinet ministers.

The bridge will now hugely curtail travel time of the people of Sadiya and Arunachal Pradesh, who often used waterway to reach Tinsukia and Dibrugarh to catch trains, flights, etc., or for education purpose and medical service.

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SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

Taliban attack on Afghan base kills 15 soldiers

KANDAHAR, May 26: At least 15 Afghan soldiers were killed when Taliban fighters attacked their army base in the southern province of Kandahar, the defence ministry said today, in the second such assault this week.

The attack in Shah Wali Kot

district late yesterday came just three days after 10 Afghan soldiers were killed when Taliban militants stormed another base in the same area.

"The Taliban launched a co-ordinated assault on an army base last night (Thursday) in Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar province," ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri

said, adding that the assault

involving 15 Afghan soldiers

was carried out by

15 Taliban fighters.

"Fifteen Afghan army sol-

diers were martyred and five

others wounded."

A provincial official who

spoke on the condition of ano-

nymity gave a higher death toll of 20. - AFP

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Lecture on glorious chapters of Assam history

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 26: The advent of Srimanta Sankaradeva, and that of his successors and predecessors could be described as the golden era of Assam history, stated noted historian and reformer Acharya Lakshminath Tamu.

Tamu was delivering the keynote address on "Glorious chapters of Assam history on the 19th death anniversary of former education secretary and social worker Padma Lochan Bhuyan, on Wednesday. The lecture was organised by the Padma Lochan Bhuyan Memorial Trust in collaboration with the Bohatbar Panjabari Sahitya Sabha (BPPS).

Family said that in the country, many mythological characters had been attributed historical character, thereby making it difficult to make an objective presentation of history of the State.

Senior journalist DN Chakrabarty said that Assam might

be proud of recorded history prior to the rest of the country. "The glorious exploits of the monarchs of Assam were well documented in *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana*. It was the Ahom administration which introduced secular governance prior to any nation in the world," Momai Tamu Barbaruah of Assam put into practice socio-economic planning 200 years prior to the first economic planning by Soviet Russia, "he said.

Chakrabarty regretted the "failure" of intellectuals and historians of Assam to secure for the State a respectable seat in Indian history, for the glorious chapters of Assam spread over 1,500 years. He blamed the "lethargy and indifference" of Assamese writers and intellectuals for their failure in securing for Dr Bhupen Hazarika a Nobel prize for literature for his peerless lyrics in the way Americans did for Bob Dylan.

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, May 26: With less than a month to go for the start of the Ambubachi Mela, all the departments concerned have been directed to formulate their own standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the smooth conduct of the annual event this year.

Senior officials told this newspaper that the city would be divided into zones and sectors during the mela days.

"All departments concerned will formulate their own SOPs for smooth conduct and functioning of the mela from June 22 to 26. Proper action plan and coordination among departments are being emphasised and all the departments have been assigned duties and responsibilities," said an official of the Kamman Metro district administration.

"No person will be allowed night stay within the premises of the Kamakhya Temple. The temple committee shall look after and restrict the stay of people inside the temple and on the premises of the temple," he said.

In the run-up to the mela, the Executive Engineer of PWD (Electrical) Division I and the Chief Electrical Inspector-cum-Adviser will carry out inspection of all the electrical installations inside and outside

the temple to ensure the electrical safety of the venue. "It will include the checking of transformers, generator back-up related issues, adequate lighting and availability of PA system. The district administration will coordinate with the temple committee and the APDCL for necessary repairs and maintenance in view of safety and security. Fitness certificates in this respect will be issued ahead of time," said an official. Temporary sheds on the footpath along the route to the temple will be set up at every 300-metre interval to protect pedestrians in case of rain.

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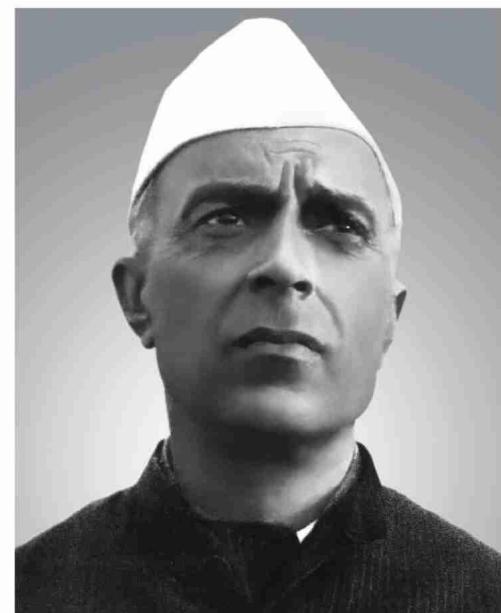
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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Truth never damages a cause that is just.
— MAHATMA GANDHI

The Assam Tribune**Crucial year**

Since India's independence, time and again, charismatic figures had stepped onto the Indian political stage and mesmerized a bulk of the people into putting faith in her or him. The towering personality of Indira Gandhi comes to mind — yet even she lost elections, a telling testimony to the truth that charisma is no substitute for action. If currently Narendra Modi is standing tall amongst the pack, it is because he has been able to engender hope of change for the better amongst the people of India cutting across racial or religious lines. There is no gainsaying that there has been little tangible change in the quality of life for the average Indian in the last three years of NDA rule, in particular those of the rural sector. However, Indians are a patient people, aware that bringing about real and not cosmetic change takes time, and so have been willing to give Modi and the NDA a long rope. Three years certainly are not enough to undo the climate of corruption and stagnation which had afflicted society during the previous UPA regime. That Modi continues to inspire large segments of the poor and illiterate is because they realize that he is trying his level best to bring about concrete changes. But if the coming year does not mark a turning point in the outcomes, hope may translate into disillusion.

The impact made by initiatives such as 'Make in India' or 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' have not yet manifested itself while inflation has not quite been brought under control. The jury is still out on the demonetization move, lack of transparency of the Reserve Bank of India giving rise to suspicion that it had not been the success it had been touted as, with the sudden drop in job creation perhaps being an indicator. That the objective of the move dramatically changed from curbing black money, containing counterfeiters and debilitating terrorists to ushering in a digital regime was another indicator that the envisaged targets were not reached. One of the biggest turnarounds have been on the foreign policy front, with China literally 'trumping' India in the race for economic and military leadership in Asia. The Goods and Services Act has become a reality, but then it had been the UPA's brainchild! Though the common masses are bothered more about economic uplift than ideological concerns, there has been an unwelcome polarization amongst certain segments of society, and an ambience of intolerance seems to have set in, deepened by the enigmatic silence with which Modi mostly reacts to negative developments. Thus Modi has not been able to deliver even a small percentage of what he promised. This is what makes the NDA's fourth year in power so crucial for soon the Indian masses will begin weighing the gains and losses upon a scale.

'Fake' encounters

Even as the Centre is little inclined to amend or revoke the controversial Armed Force Special Powers Act (AFSPA) despite its widespread abuse, a case of alleged fake encounter by security forces during a joint operation against NDFB (S) ultras at a village in Chirang district on March 29 has put the spotlight back on extrajudicial killings. The latest allegation carries a lot of weight, coming as it does from a top CRPF official in the rank of IG. The IG, in his 13-page report, alleged that information about the incident and the FIR filed by the joint squad of forces presented a 'fictitious account' of the operation to 'conceal pre-planned murders of two persons in custody and present it as some brave act of professional achievement'. The Union Home Ministry has acknowledged receiving the report and said it is being studied and action on its content will be taken soon. The 'revelations' by the IG has understandably stirred a hornet's nest, with human rights activists terming it as a tip of the iceberg *vis-a-vis* cold-blooded killing of people under the garb of encounters. Human rights activists also believe that a fairly large number of 'encounter killings' are actually extrajudicial killings by security forces and that the alarming trend is continuing as the AFSPA in particular provides a strong shield to the security forces to carry on with their 'cold-blooded murders' with impunity. According to the Delhi-based Asian Centre for Human Rights, Manipur and Assam alone accounted for almost 21% of 555 fake encounter cases across India between April 2009 and April 2013. The State Government should treat the Chirang case seriously and institute a judicial inquiry into the alleged fake encounter.

It may be recalled that a couple of years back, a Supreme Court-appointed commission probing six cases of alleged fake encounters in Manipur concluded those to be extrajudicial killings, the worse part being that the victims had no criminal record. The findings of such impartial commissions are bound to lend more credence to the general belief that a substantial segment of the encounter deaths are actually extrajudicial killings by security forces. It should be born in mind that even a militant has his right to life — something, as Article 21 of the Constitution puts it, that cannot be taken away except according to a provision established by law. This right embodies a constitutional value of supreme importance in a democratic society, which has been held to be the heart of the Constitution, and the most organic and progressive provision in our living constitution, the foundation of our laws. In recent years, there have been scores of cases in which circumstantial and other evidences have gone against the security forces' version of 'encounter deaths' in areas where the AFSPA is in place. The Centre would do well to take seriously the revelations concerning extrajudicial killings by armed forces, with many parts of the North-east virtually turning into graveyards for human rights.

Enforcing accountability

PLAIN-SPEAK

Arup Kumar Dutta

admit I sympathise with the traffic police of Guwahati, a metropolis that is on the verge of collapsing under the weight of its own contradictions. Every month new vehicles such as cars, motorcycles, scooters, auto-rickshaws, trucks and buses are piled onto the city's streets. For a capital city the roads are extremely narrow; the outcome of the intolerable volume of gradually increasing vehicles are the unending traffic snarls as well as the greater number of traffic accidents.

Haphazard parking of cars and other modes of transport add to the overall anarchy. The Guwahati traffic police well knows the futility of trying to untangle the knotty traffic, and either stands on the roadside twiddling thumbs, or better still, disappears altogether!

Thus the biggest enemies of the Guwahati traffic police are the unruly people of this city who are bereft of the slightest bit of civic sense or respect for the rule of law. Truly managing the traffic of this benighted city is a horrific nightmare. Add to their travails having to brave the fiery sun in summer, get soaked in the rains during the monsoons and breathe in the lung-choking dust-pollution air throughout the year, the lot of Guwahati's traffic police personnel is indeed not enviable.

One has only to walk upon the crowded footpath of a busy road during evening peak traffic hours to appreciate the extent to which things have deteriorated. Everywhere you look, there are people nonchalantly violating the rules of the road. Some, of course, do so out of sheer ignorance. For instance, one of the protocols of road usage is that a driver does not

park a vehicle on the side of the road opposite to a U-turn. This is because cars making such a U-turn are blocked, have to reverse and then complete the manoeuvre. This holds up the flow of traffic and creates logjams.

Yet you discover that in Guwahati, breach of such a protocol is more of a rule rather than an exception. Similar is the case of vehicles being parked in 'no-parking' zones. On an extent vehicle owners can be excused for disobeying the signs that distinguish these zones, for at many places there is absolutely nowhere else to park. However, when careless parking endangers pedestrians, it is a different situation altogether!

Let me give you an example. On the Mother Teresa Road (aka Narengrani Road), less than a hundred metres from Zoo-Narengrani Tiniali, there is a culvert where the mad narrows. Parking of vehicles on the roadside at this particular spot makes the road even narrower so that vehicles can barely squeeze through one at a time. But the culvert does not have a footpath, which entails that pedestrians too have to risk their lives and limbs squeezing through the same narrow passage.

At one point of time this small stretch had come to the notice of the traffic police who flagged it as a 'no parking' area, much to the relief of the pedestrians. However, the venturesome and incorrigible drivers of Guwahati, in ones and twos, began to disregard the no-parking warning and, when they discovered that nemesis had not descended on them, started floating the warning en masse. Needless to say,

today this spot remains as accident-prone as ever!

Two of the most dangerous rule breakers are four-wheel and two-wheel drivers who go against the flow of traffic and those who walk on the pavements and drive across them. Auto-rickshaws, rickshaws, motorcycles and scooters, and cyclists are the most common offenders in the first case, but currently the westerly of taxis which have been suddenly let loose on the roads of Guwahati have joined their ranks. The objective of these lawbreakers is to get from Point A to Point B

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across the shortest possible distance, and this they do with impunity no matter that head-on collision with the oncoming traffic always remains a strong possibility.

Equally dangerous are the motorists who ride over the footpaths, much to the chagrin of pedestrians who have to jump aside to avoid being hit. Most of such flagrant violations of rules occur during the frequent traffic jams the city is prone to — because they cannot progress quickly enough through the packed traffic on the road, many two-wheel drivers nonchalantly take to the footpaths! However, the most dangerous

ones are the 'stunt' motorcycle riders, who streak across the roads in totally unacceptable speed, zigzagging perilously through the traffic, emitting battle-whoops all the while.

These are but just a few of the random examples of traffic violations in Guwahati, there being other no less serious ones too numerous to mention in such a short piece. Yet the sad reality is that the traffic police do not take too many steps to stop such violations and bring culprits to book. On the contrary, they stick to their minimal mandate and remain on street inter-

sections, 'attempting' to keep the traffic flowing. Even their powerful, intercepting vehicles are being used more for routine patrolling than actually apprehending and punishing those who do not obey traffic rules.

Obviously, there are many reasons for the lack of proactivity on their part. First is the lack of adequate manpower. Guwahati has grown up too fast for the traffic police department to keep up with it. Second is the lack of modernistic equipment such as speed guns and video recording devices to document violations. But most significant constraint is the sagging morale of the force, primarily due to political interference and high-handedness of a section of Guwahati's citizens.

Yes, Guwahati does require a modern, well-trained and well-equipped traffic police force which can fearlessly enforce accountability amongst the citizens. In a city like Delhi, even redoubtable taxi drivers fear a traffic policeman. Violators of road laws face instant punishment. We too need fearless traffic

policepersons who can catch by the scruff of the neck and yank a motorcyclist riding on a footpath off his vehicle! We need policepersons who can ignore threats by the rich and powerful who treat public space as their private property and show them who the boss is!

This will involve a change of the current mindset of the force, somewhat demoralized under the previous regime. I have been given to understand that an attempt, under the aegis of the Guwahati Police Commissioner Hiren Chandra Nath and Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic) Anjanjeet Kaur, to rejuvenate the Guwahati traffic police, is being made. One of the steps towards this objective is to usher in a comprehensive change of uniform rendering it smarter and more visible on the roads.

Apparently, there are some people who have taken this 'trial project' with a pinch of salt, arguing that mere change of uniform will not bring about a change of work ethics. I, however, consider this to be an extremely effective and sensible move. The kind of transformation that is being sought to be brought about needs a symbolic gesture, and a new uniform, which implies that a normally neglected force is being brought under the spotlight, is just the right kind of start.

It will give the psychological boost to the force which, if complemented by the removal of the constraints it is saddled with, will bring about the change of mindset which it needs. For too long have traffic offenders in Guwahati have had free rein in the streets, putting ordinary citizens at constant risks. A force dedicated to the task of enforcing accountability is a sine qua non for a burgeoning but unruly city like Guwahati, and we will raise three cheers to those who are trying to create one.

Special cell for women

Gulashmi Rekha Bora

The special cell for women is a platform for all women who face any kind of violence in their social life areas, and a woman willingly comes to the cell and interprets all things comfortably. The special cell for women is located within the police system and works with a clear understanding that violence against women is a crime. It develops a strategic alliance with the police system for a more coordinated, coherent and in-depth response to the issue of violence against women. The special cells mission is to work towards ensuring that women are recognized as individuals, with equal rights and opportunities in society, including the opportunity to live a peaceful, violence-free life.

The first special cell for women was established in 1984 at the office of the commissioner of police in Mumbai and the finance was provided by UNIFEM, Departments of Women and Child Development and Home. Finally in 2005, the

**Letters
to the
EDITOR**

Sir, — Substantial harm has been done to this country in general and Assam in particular because the politicians allowed/encouraged and connived at the large scale and illegal migration of people from the erstwhile East Pakistan and present day Bangladesh to Assam since Independence. Besides a small element of economic factor, the whole phenomenon of this illegal immigration was and is basically because of the Congress vote bank politics which has resulted in reducing the ethnic people of Assam into a minority in the Constitution itself, the lot is expected from the President of India to maintain its sanctity and address the issues of concern of threat and safety of the genuine citizens of Assam, i.e., of this country. Again as the commander-in-chief of the three armed forces, the President has not till date taken steps to prevent this onslaught of illegal foreigners. The face and destiny of Assam has changed beyond recognition. Yours etc., SANJIB SABHAPANDIT, Mother Teresa Road, Guwahati.

Illegal influx and our politicians

Bengali and a parochial one. The Government of India does not tolerate even a single case of trespassing by a Pakistani on the western border, but it remained blind to the influx of lakhs of Bangladeshis virtually annexing Assam. It is sad that all of the political leaders remained mere politicians who could never rise to be statesmen. Today, these illegal immigrants are a security threat to the country also, as may be seen from the reports in the public domain as well as in ground realities.

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Kashmir imbroglio

Sir, — With the ongoing tussle between India and Pakistan

escalating, war seems very much inevitable between these two South Asian nations in the near future if the situation is not controlled now. The genesis of the Kashmir dispute lies in India's Partition and the problem of princely states where Kashmir was one of them. It is ironical but true that these princely states were never a true part of the Indian federation even during the British regime; they were always ruled by independent rulers. After Partition many of these princely states were made a part of the Indian Union through 'Instrument of Accession' without regarding the true aspirations of the people belonging to these princely states.

In case of Kashmir, the Instrument of Accession signed between the Maharaja of Kashmir, Hari Singh, and the Government of India is till date resented by majority of Kashmiris and a strong undercurrent of 'Azadi' resonates among Kashmiri youths. However, the role of Pakistan in abetting and nurturing the Kashmiri separation is in gross violation of international protocols and needs to be condemned in the strongest of

terms. On the contrary, a war between these two nuclear armed nations is the last thing that is expected in the geopolitics of South Asia. The Kashmir situation needs an immediate and permanent solution for the peace and stability in entire South Asia. The Kashmiris also need to realize that 'nationhood' is not the solution for their problem and they have much to gain by remaining with India. Yours etc., SADIQ HUSSAIN LASKAR, Silpukhuri, Guwahati.

Commerce education

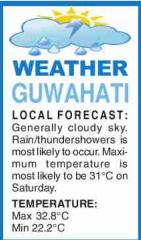
Sir, — The Central Government has recently taken a very good initiative to establish model colleges in the name of Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya. The Assam Government is setting up model colleges under this scheme but they are paying more emphasis on Arts and Science disciplines ignoring Commerce totally. In today's world, commerce is no more a subject to be ignored. Only one college (Bongaigaon) will have Commerce education. This step is detrimental to the propagation of Commerce education. Hence, I request the State Higher Education Department and the

Education Minister to include the Commerce discipline in the scheme with immediate effect. Yours etc., GULAM OMMAR AHMED, Santipur, Guwahati.

Decreasing crime rate

Sir, — It has been reported that Gujarat is a dry State and as such the rate of crime is lower than many other States of India. There is no electricity failure unlike Assam; hence the big or small industries can work without disruptions. In Gujarat, if someone wants to cut a tree, he or she will have to deposit Rs 5,000 with the Government authority and for cutting one tree, he or she will have to plant at least five tree saplings. The Prime Minister should give instruction to all the Chief Ministers of the different States to make all the States dry to save the young generations from destroying themselves and to allow the other people of India to live peacefully. If all the States are made dry, automatically 80% of crimes will be decreased. Yours etc., SYED NUZUR ROHMAN, Silpukhuri, Guwahati.

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Training camp for NCC cadets

GUWAHATI, May 26: A ten-day combine annual training camp conducted by 60 Assam Girls Bn NCC, Guwahati from May 23, is currently on at KV Narangi School, Narangi Military Station. The camp will conclude on June 1.

Altogether 442 NCC cadets from various schools and colleges of Assam are attending the camp along with their respective NCC teachers.

The camp was inaugurated by Brig Anil Choudhury Group Commander NCC Group Headquarters Guwahati. In his speech he encouraged the cadets to actively participate in various NCC training activities.

Camp Commandant Lt Col More also gave a brief account of the camp activities and highlighted the importance of personality building and character building in every cadet. The aim of the camp is to impart outdoor training to cadets with a view to developing leadership qualities and corporate living among them.

IN THE CITY TODAY

Noted economist Prof Prabhat Patnaik delivered the 2nd Dr Amalendu Guha Memorial Lecture titled 'The emergence of a centralised regime of powers and resources' at a function to be presided over by Dr Hiren Gohain at Sudmersen Hall, Cotton College at 4.30 pm.



Joined-up photo shows Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing a public rally at the Veterinary College ground, Khanapara in Guwahati on Friday. - AT photo



Coaching programmes for civil service aspirants

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 26: Despite the uproar over corruption and nepotism and in spite of being marred by controversies, civil services continue to be a favourite choice among the youth.

Realising the growing urge among the young aspirants, the State Level Advisory Committee (SLAC) for students and youth welfare, at the directive of the State government, has initiated a series of coaching programmes for civil service aspirants.

SLAC has initiated the process of providing quality, specialised and concise handholding in the form of classroom civil service coaching both for the UPSC and APSC in Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Diphu, Silchar and Kokrajhar.

Candidates selected via screen test for this free coaching scheme are getting training from experts in the field, including those from Delhi and Hyderabad.

This apart, the committee is also conducting training for the Assam CEE (engineering) at nine different venues across Assam including Nagaon, Diphu, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Majuli, Silchar, Dhubri, Kokrajhar and Dhemaji for the benefit of deprived sections of society.

The State government has also directed holding of major career counselling workshops at district and sub-division levels for the benefit of student community of Assam.

SLAC was formed with an aim to mobilise resources for the youth of Assam to realise their potential in various fields. Lakshya Konwar took over as its member secretary in March, 2017.

Chargesheet in social welfare dept scam filed

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 26: The Anti Corruption and Vigilance Wing of Assam Police today filed a chargesheet in the Court of Special Judge, Assam, in connection with the social welfare department scam naming as many 11 persons, including its directors, as accused.

Those named in the chargesheet are Kulendra Sainia (Director), Rajat Subro Bhattacharya, Deobash Dey, Hemanta Baruah, Kishori Baruah, Sazzad Hussain and Deepali Devi.

Dilip Borthakur (former director), Manohar Deka, Kuman Kalita (former director) and Pawan Agarwalla too have been named in the chargesheet, although they are absconding.

The investigating agency has charged all the accused with siphoning off huge sums of money meant for beneficiaries under various welfare schemes by creating bogus names.

One-year-old Sonowal Govt asked to take concrete steps for women's security

STAFF REPORTER

with crimes against women.

"Safety of women is an important parameter of a safe and secure society and also an essential component of development. Unless women are given that assurance, the big pompous announcements of development hold little significance," a member of a woman's body said.

Despite stricter laws, violence against women – like rape and murder, kidnap-

ping, witch-hunting and trafficking, brutal sexual assault, acid attack, molestation at public places and domestic violence – continue to haunt women in Assam.

The All India Democratic Women's Association, Asom Mahila Samiti, North East Network (NEN) and Sidhou Asom Pragatishil Nari Sanstha have also demanded women's cells at the police station in every district and a task force comprising both government and non-government representatives for dealing

of a college girl in Nagaon by her male friend in October 2016, alleged murder of an elderly woman by her son in Guwahati in September 2016, murder of a woman and two children by the father in an act of domestic violence in Bongaigaon in February 2017 – these are only the tip of an iceberg. Many such cases go unreported, the women's bodies pointed.

Cases of witch-hunting have gripped the State. The recent case was that of the murder of an elderly widow by being branded as a witch by a mob in Dibrugarh in January 2017.

Around 138 cases of crimes against women have been registered at police stations in Dibrugarh so far this year.

"One of the worst barriers to achieving justice is lack of effective police probing, proactive participation of district administrations and insufficient integrated support services for aggrieved women. As a result, perpetrators enjoy impunity. Even before the repercussions of one case subside, another case of violence against women crops up. And women live in constant fear and insecurity," Anurita Pathak of NEN said.

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Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal and State Agriculture Minister Atul Bora waving to the people during the foundation stone laying programme of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), at Gagmukh in Dhemaji district, on Friday. – UB Photos

Gogoi takes a dig at BJP Govt's development claims

CORRESPONDENT

BARPETA, May 26: The opposition Congress on Thursday termed as ridiculous the slogan of development and anti-corruption raised by the BJP-led Government in the State. The BJP Government has only flourished on the foundation of good work of the previous Congress Government, it said, adding that the saffron party is now making misleading statements.

Addressing a gathering on the sidelines of a rally called Jana Jagaran Jatra organised by the Barpeta district Congress committee at Barpeta Road,

Eureka 2017

GUWAHATI, May 26: Holly Child School, Chandmari is organising 'Eureka 2017' an exhibition of creative pursuits on the school premises on June 1-2 next, a press release stated.

The exhibition will be held from 7 am to 3 pm. Prof Gautam Barua, Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology will be the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony on June 1, the release added.

OBITUARY

Arabinda Borua
CORRESPONDENT

JAGIROAD, May 26: Arabinda Borua, a noted businessman of the area, passed away on May 21 at a city hospital, Jorhat due to illness. He was 74.

Born in 1943 at Bagbara village in Morigaon district, Borua did his schooling from Jagi High School, and completed graduation from Arya Vibhavishya College, Guwahati. He was actively associated with various socio-cultural organisations in the area here.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, a daughter besides a host of relatives. Several organisations including, Morigaon District Drug Dealer Association and Jagirod Chamber of Commerce, have condoled the demise of Borua.

Arjun Rajput

CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, May 26: Veteran Congress leader and advocate Arjun Rajput, a resident of Tihu town, passed away at his own residence on May 24 at 6.40 am, due to prolonged illness. He was 76.

He was a member of Lawyer's Association of Nalbari, president of Tihu Nagar Samiti, founder secretary of Tihu College science stream, secretary of Nalbari Zila Congress Committee, chief adviser of Tihu specially disabled committee, law adviser of the chambers of commerce and a State-level volleyball player. He was whole-time Congress leader.

Several organisations and prominent individuals have mourned his demise.



Death of near ones is always painful and especially it is unbearable when it suddenly takes away a life full of wishes and desire for life. My father Barada Kanta Sarma's demise is one such instance which was totally unexpected and we are yet to accept the fact that he is no more.

An epitome of determination and conviction and a person who always fought for the truly defying usual norms, my father Barada Kanta Sarma was born in 1939 at Bongaigaon village under the then undivided Nafratijyoti Barakarhia Panchayat. Later he started his schooling at Margherita Devi. He was the second son and the sixth child amongst nine of his siblings.

Starting his educational career at the Lataasil Primary School, he went to the Manik Chandra Baruah ME School and then to the Cotton Collegiate High School from where he completed his matriculation. Later he joined Cotton College and completed a short stint at the B Borooah College for his graduation. Finally he enrolled for his Masters in Assamese at the Gauhati University.

During his school and college days, my father was actively associated with sports and played badminton and athletics as member of B Borooah College and Gauhati University sports teams apart from playing football as a member of the Rising Eleven Club.



Prabin Ch Saikia, a brilliant and efficient officer who retired as the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police.

He started his career as a lecturer at Bahona College and then he joined the Assam Police as Deputy Superintendent of Police at Titabar. After that he never looked back. With dedication, sincerity and efforts he served the Assam Police in different capacities. During his service he fought bravely against extremists and made the other police personnel more active. He served Silchar, Dhubri, Goalpara as the Super-

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Today, on the occasion of his *adyashradhha*, I pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to his departed soul.

– Suman Sarma

Barada Kanta Sarma: a tribute

CORRESPONDENT

He went on to display his organisational capabilities by being the organising secretary of Guwahati Youth Congress Committee, Cultural secretary of the Kharbhuli Umayani Samiti (1967-68), founder vice-president of Kharbhuli Durga Puja Samiti and founder president of the Kharbhuli Malibagan Sarbojanin Kali Puja Samiti.

He started his career with the Forest Department but very soon he gave up his job as his conscience did not allow him to comply with things that the government system demanded.

Fiercely independent and a straight talker, my father decided to start his own enterprise and made his mark in the field of business by putting up a craft paper bag manufacturer.

ing unit named Shiv Shankar Industries in the early seventies. Subsequently, he stepped into the field of travel and tourism and went to become the secretary of the All Assam Tourist Taxi Association.

He was also a freelance writer and kept on contributing to various vernacular dailies and weeklies published from Guwahati.

He was a real example of determination and strength at times of highest adversities in life and he always believed that wealth, high degrees or social standing does not make a man rich but human sensibilities do.

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– Sanjoy Kr. Hazarika

Mahanta reiterates stand on deportation of foreigners

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, May 26: Former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta has reiterated his stand on detection and deportation of foreigners on the basis of the Assam Accord of 1985.

Mahanta who formally released a book namely, *Somakola*, written by journalist Lakhyajyoti Nath on Wednesday here said that in the book, the writer has clearly presented some articles where he described the present political situation of Assam arising out of the proposed amendment of the Citizenship Act. Mahanta said that Bangladeshi problem of Assam could not be solved along communal lines. He thanked the writer for writing the valuable book.

An open meeting held on the occasion at Pobitora hat, Morigaon was presided over by Mileswar Pator, former

president, Morigaon Zila Sahitya Sabha. Lakhyajyoti Nath is the editor of *Bor Asom*, a weekly newspaper published from Morigaon and has authored four books besides contributing many columns in several editions of Assam.

In the meeting, Naba Kanta Bordoloi, senior journalist and Narendra Nath Keot, former Principal, Morigaon College also spoke.

Existence of indigenous people threatened: Prabir Birudhi Manchi – an anti-migration forum of Assam organised a citizens' meeting here at the Morigaon Press Club on May 20. Addressing the gathering, Upamanya Hazarika, noted lawyer said that the very existence of indigenous people of Assam has been threatened due to the influx from Bangladesh to Assam and by the year 2040 the indigenous people will be a

minority in Assam. Hazarika observed that there are many lacunae in the Assam Land Revenue Regulation Act, 1866 and land rights of the indigenous people have not been protected till date. The Assam Government must ensure the land rights of the indigenous people by reforming the land revenue policy, he added.

Referring to the latest affidavit filed by the State Government in the NRC case at Supreme Court, Hazarika said it was quite unfortunate as the State Government was not concerned about the basis of NRC update. He demanded the update of NRC in Assam on the basis of the year 1951. He said that it is the legal right of the indigenous people of Assam to be protected by the Mancha to protect the land rights of the indigenous people based on the NRC of 1951.

In the meeting, a signature campaign demanding land rights of the indigenous people

RI, fine for rhino poacher

CORRESPONDENT

KAZIRANGA, May 26: A rhino poacher named Sukhdeo Kutumb arrested by forest personnel in rhino poaching on 21.11.2013 at Moamari camp Agarhatoli of Kaziranga National Park, has been convicted by the court of Additional Session Judge (fast track court), Golaghat with a rigorous imprisonment of seven years and a fine of Rs 25,000.00.

The former Chief Minister was given a rousing welcome by the party leaders at Barpeta Road where he had arrived by train.

Gogoi also took a dig at the failure of the Chief Minister

to complete his ministry.

Earlier, addressing a press conference at Barpeta Road Press Club, Gogoi quipped that the Sarbananda Sonowal Government has "misably failed in all subjects" not getting "even a third division."

The present Government has changed the names of development schemes introduced and completed by his Government and claimed success for them, he added. The BJP Government is merely running on advertisements, which have misled the people of the State.

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– Suman Sarma

Repair dilapidated Jorhat roads: AASU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, May 26: Demand for proper repairing of the dilapidated public roads and lanes here, the Jorhat regional unit of All Assam Students' Union (AASU) on Thursday staged a demonstration in front of the office of the Jorhat Deputy Commissioner and submitted memorandum to the Chief Minister and State PWD Minister

to start the works soon.

Gaping potholes on AT Road, JB Road and other arterial roads and lanes here have caused serious accidents on a regular basis. Two-wheeler riders have been finding it difficult to commute on these roads.

Expressing serious concern over the Government's negligi-

gence towards proper repairing of the main roads, several commuters complained that road safety has been compromised.

A few weeks ago, local MLA Hitendra Nath Goswami had assured that the AT Road would be repaired and many other dilapidated roads would be completely reconstructed. However, nothing has come out of it as yet.

"Every road in the city has turned unsafe for the people. We have demanded that the Government should start the repair works soon. We sent a memorandum to the Chief Minister and the State PWD Minister through Jorhat Deputy Commissioner," said Jul Khoum, central executive member of the AASU.

AJYCP submits memo to CM

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIALI,

May 26: The Biswanath Anchal Committee of AJYCP staged a three-hour-long demonstration on Thursday demanding upgradation of Biswanath, one of the prime obstacles in keeping the district clean is the rampant use of polythene bags and hence, these will be banned from the month of June," Deka said.

– Suman Sarma

memorandum to the Chief Minister urging him to take necessary steps to install all the headquarters of the government offices, to release funds for the developmental works in the district, to solve the boundary problem of the district and to revive the Biswanath Chariali sugar mill.

First night flight takes off from Silchar

ARINDAM GUPTA

SILCHAR, May 26: In a major development to the prolonged wait for night landing operations to begin at the Silchar airport, the AT flight 9W 2878 of Jet Airways flew from the airport for Guwahati at 8pm on Thursday, marking a historic beginning for the commercial civil aviation from here.

According to Debasish Borakar, station incharge of Jet Airways at Silchar, the flight flew with 60 passengers.

"We are happy to witness this moment of history. It's a great feeling and hope that the much awaited night flight operations shall get started in the coming days," Borakar told this correspondent. He informed that they took special permission for the day from the IAF to fly the aircraft at night.

On the other hand, Nand Kishore Deoli, airport director at Silchar said "we have been prepared for so long and it is a matter of great excitement. Provided we get a proper schedule, Silchar airport is well-equipped for flight operations at night."

It may be mentioned that in view of the requirement of night connectivity to south Assam despite manning constraints, earlier this year the Ministry of Defence had directed the concerned authorities to extend watch hours at Silchar airport upto 8pm from its present timing of 6pm with effect from March 26.



The SDRF performing a mock drill programme on floods organised by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority of Bongaigaon district at Oudubri in the district on Friday. – UB Photos

Poetry book released

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, May 26: A poetry book titled *Ishwar Duar Biwon* was released at the Sardar Vallabh Patel library-auditorium recently.

The book written and composed by prolific writer and noted social worker Sallen Das and published by Indrani Bhattacharya Das was released at a solemn function presided over by retired Principal, Goalpara District Roma Kanta Baruah.

Addressing the guests, publisher Indrani Bhattacharya Das spoke highly of the efforts of Sallen Das who relied on his emotions, experience and imagination in his compositions

and used his poetry to depict the quality of day to day life.

Ceremonially releasing the book, the Superintendent of Goalpara District Jai Ranjit Chandra Baishya spoke a few words of appreciation about the book and the author and added that the book provides an insight into the realities of modern life experienced by common people.

The function was also addressed by retired Principal, Goalpara College Khagendra Prasad Deka, retired Vice-Principal, Goalpara College Abdur Rahman Saikia, retired Professor, Goalpara College Rohit Sarma, Professor, Goalpara College

Girls rescued

BISWANATH CHARIALL, May 26: A team of Behali Police Station led by O/C Pradeep Barnali managed to rescue three girls from Matinagar, Shiyali and Sukumapur areas in New Delhi on Thursday. They were allegedly trafficked to the capital city by one Harun Mahamanda on the pretext of providing them lucrative jobs there. The girls hailed from Behali in Biswanath district. They were produced in the court, here and were later handed over to their respective families while the accused person was sent to jail. — Correspondent

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Irregularities in Mizoram NLUP: CAG

AIZAWL, May 26: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has underlined several irregularities in the implementation of the New Land Use Policy (NLUP) in Mizoram stalling its major objectives achieved.

The CAG report was laid in the State legislature by Finance Minister Lalawia in the one-day special session of the Assembly yesterday.

The report said that for the delay in the release of cash assistance to the beneficiaries for more than three years, timely implementation of the policy could not be attained.

It also said that due to improper planning and ad-hoc execution, major objectives of the scheme - putting an end to jhum cultivation (shifting cultivation), attaining self-sufficiency in production of rice and afforestation could not be

Tsering appointed as new Chief Secy of Meghalaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, May 26: Meghalaya Government has appointed Yeshi Tsering as the new Chief Secretary of Meghalaya, replacing KS Kropha who has been convicted in the Coal scam.

Tsering is a 1983-batch IAS officer and was the Additional Chief Secretary and the senior-most officer after Kropha. The appointment was made by Chief Minister Mukul Sangma during a Cabinet meeting last evening.

Officials said Sangma and his Cabinet colleagues took the decision after the Government received a copy of the order of



WEATHER NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thunderstorms is very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam on May 27 & 28.

Over Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura on May 29.

Warning: Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam on May 27 & 28.

and over Nagaland, Manipur, Nagaland, Nagaland, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura on May 29.

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Jorhat	30.4	22.2
N Lakhimpur	30.0	20.6
Shillong	24.6	14.4
Imphal	30.2	20.5
Mor	31.1	20.5
Aizawl	31.7	16.8
Agartala	36.2	28.0
Kohima	26.7	16.8
Pasighat	26.3	21.2
Cherrapunji	24.9	18.0

Rockslide in North Sikkim

GANGTOK, May 26: Heavy rains in North Sikkim district has led to a massive rockslide which blocked the Toong-Sankalang road between Saito and Ship-Gyer.

Official sources said due to the large size of the rockslide and the difficult terrain it is

not possible to even cross it on foot.

There is danger of more rocks and stones falling from the mountain at the spot, the sources said.

There was, however, no report of any injury or loss of life as the area is uninhabited. -PTI

Acharya felicitates toppers

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, May 26: Nagaland Governor PB Acharya has felicitated toppers with the Governor's Award and NBSE Awards and also honoured other rank holders of HSLC and HSSLC examination 2017 held under the Nagaland Board of Secondary Education (NBSE) in Kohima today.

Speaking at the award presentation ceremony, Acharya congratulated the students for their achievements but said they will be called real achievers only when they share their knowledge and success with others.

Pointing that the sole and ultimate goal of education is not acquiring degrees and making money or getting rich, he appealed to the students to work for betterment of the State.

"You have to keep up as the torch bearers of the State," he exhorted the students.

"Unless you strengthen the poorest of the poor people, Nagaland cannot be strengthened," he said while referring to the limitation of toppers to the two districts of Kohima and Dimapur.

Lamenting the alarming rate of the educated unemployed in the State, the Governor urged the schools and educational institutions to introduce more skill-related subjects and courses apart from the existing ones to meet the demands and requirements of the State.



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iv.	Assistant Professor in Chemical Engineering	2	1	3	1	1	0	1
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Sensex crosses 31,000 mark, Nifty scales 9,600 points

MUMBAI, May 26: Healthy pick-up in heavyweight stocks of Reliance Industries, Tata Steel and ITC today lifted the BSE Sensex and the NSE Nifty to touch fresh record highs of 31,000 and 9,600 points respectively.

Market observers opined that quarterly results, strong rupee and expectations of further economic reforms from the Central

Government accelerated the ongoing market rally.

The 30-scrip Sensitive Index (Sensex) of the BSE crossed the 31,000 mark for the first time in its history to close at a new high of 31,028.21 points – up 278.18 points or 0.90 per cent from its previous close at 30,750.03 points. The Sensex touched a new high of 31,074.07 points intra-day.

The wider 51-scrip NSE Nifty too, surged and for the first time ever touched the 9,600-mark. The index ended at a new high of 9,595.10 points after touching a fresh intra-day high of 9,640.90 points.

"Markets rallied sharply higher today to new life highs. Gains in index heavyweight Reliance Industries (RIL) and ITC boosted key benchmarks higher," Deepak

Jasani, Head (Retail Research), HDFC Securities, told this news agency.

"Broad market indices like the BSE mid-cap and small-cap indices too rose and outperformed the main index."

The S&P BSE mid-cap index rose by 2.06 per cent and the small-cap index by 1.60 per cent. Anand James, Chief Market Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said: "Impressive rollover numbers and strong rupee boosted sentiments allowing the index to rise to record peaks."

"Banks were also seen jumpy ahead of the RBI's meet on stressed assets recovery. Pharma, though, continued to struggle, which were trounced by dismal earnings numbers and intense pricing pressure in the US market."

On the currency front, the rupee strengthened by 17 paise to 64.44-45 per US dollar from its previous close of 64.61-62.

Sectorwise, all the sub-indices of the BSE closed in the green, except the S&P BSE healthcare index, which fell by 104.02 points. The S&P BSE metal index aug-

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e. Only applications which are signed by the candidates and accompanied by all particulars as called for in the application form prescribed by the Commission shall be considered and candidates fulfilling all the terms of the advertisement of the respective posts shall be called for a Screening Test / Viva-voce interview where necessary as decided by the concerned authority to enable him/her to join the post.

HOW TO FURNISH THE FORM

a. A specimen of the (One) copy of recent photograph on the space provided in the application form firmly with good quality glue adhesive and also should enclose another copy along with the application. The photograph must be signed prominently. The Commission shall not be responsible for detachment/ loss of the photograph.

b. Since the practice of furnishing attested copies of certificates/mark sheets etc. by competent authority has been discontinued by the Govt., the applicant shall furnish copies of certificate/mark sheet etc. declared by himself/herself as certified to be true copy of the original along with the application.

c. Candidates applying for posts in the medical field shall furnish certificate of fitness issued by concerned authority. The Commission will not be responsible for any delay in the processing of application due to non submission of certificate.

d. Incomplete application in terms of the advertisement shall be summarily rejected. No documents will be entertained after the last date of submission of application.

WRITTEN TEST / INTERVIEW:

i. If the number of applicants is large, the Commission may short-list the number of candidates either on the basis of their marks obtained in the qualifying academic examination required for the post in terms of advertisement.

OR

ii. By holding Screening test (Multiple choice objective type written examination) which will be notified in due course. The list of candidates whose applications are found valid or rejected after scrutiny will be made available in the Assam Public Service Commission's website (www.apsc.nic.in) showing grounds of rejections in due course.

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Assam Public Service Commission
Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

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CAPSULE

Supreme Furniture

GUWAHATI, May 26: The Furniture Division is the most well-known crown in Supreme's product range. Aptly led in the eastern region, Nepal and Bhutan by Senior General Manager Mukesh Kaul, he has been instrumental in creating a niche in the market for moulded furniture with strong R&D and strict vigil over quality, stated a press release.

Glenmark Pharma

NEW DELHI, May 26: Glenmark Pharmaceuticals today said it has received final approval from the US health regulator for its generic version Olmesartan Medoxomil Tablets, used in treatment of high blood pressure. -PTI

Greenlam Ind

NEW DELHI, May 26: Surfacing products maker Greenlam Industries has reported a 32 per cent jump in net profit at Rs 17.3 crore for the fourth quarter-ended March 31, 2017. -PTI

Mphasis profit

NEW DELHI, May 26: IT company Mphasis today reported a 7.7 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at Rs 18.4 crore for the period ended March 31, 2017. -PTI

Hindustan Power

NEW DELHI, May 26: Hindustan Power is targeting to raise around Rs 6,000 crore over the next few years to add 56 GW of solar power capacity. -PTI

Indoco Remedies

NEW DELHI, May 26: Drug firm Indoco Remedies today reported a 14.36 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at Re 17.94 crore for the March quarter. -PTI

ICICI Bank

NEW DELHI, May 26: Chanda Kochhar, the chairman of India's largest private sector lender ICICI Bank has drawn Rs 7.85 crore as total remuneration in 2016-17, a jump of over nearly 64 per cent from a year ago. -PTI

Tata Chemicals

NEW DELHI, May 26: Tata Chemicals today reported a 31.82 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at Rs 342.02 crore in the fourth quarter of 2016-17 fiscal even as income remained down. -PTI

Asahi India Glass

NEW DELHI, May 26: Asahi India Glass (AIS) today said it will invest up to Rs 500 crore on a new manufacturing plant at Mehsana in Gujarat. -PTI

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Applications are invited from intending and eligible candidates for the post of Classical Teachers Sanskrit in the graduate scale of pay in provincial High/Higer Secondary Schools of Nagaland District.

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Name of Post	Scale of Pay
1. Classical Teacher i) Sanskrit	Rs. 14000/- to Rs. 49000/- and Grade Pay of Rs. 8700/- and other allowances as admissible.

VACANCY-SANSKRIT

Sl. No.	Name of School	Name of Post	Vacancy	Category Post (Roster)
1.	Adarsha HS, Kalabar, PO- Bengana Ali	AT (Sanskrit)	1	Gen
2.	B.L.B.S.D.V.Hindi HS, Lumding	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
3.	Bahakbari HSS, PO-Pub Guimari	AT (Sanskrit)	1	SC
4.	Bamuri HSS, Bamphur, PO-Bamuni	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
5.	Barapuiga HSS, PO-Barapuiga	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(H)
6.	Bheluguri Anchalki HS, PO- Bheluguri Via Samaguri	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
7.	Borkola HSS, PO- Borkola	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
8.	Chaparmukh BBHSS, PO- Chaparmukh	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
9.	Daboka Girls HS, PO- Daboka	AT (Sanskrit)	1	SC
10.	Dawson HSS & MP School, PO- Nagaon	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
11.	Dhing HSS, PO- Dhing	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
12.	Dhing Girls HS, PO- Dhing	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(H)
13.	Dhing KHS, PO- Dhing	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
14.	Dr. KBK HSS, Parghat, PO- Panigaon Via Parunigudam	AT (Sanskrit)	1	PWD/PH
15.	Haliborgon Adarsha HS, PO- Haliborgon	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
16.	Halwagona Girls HS, PO- Halwagona	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
17.	Jongal Balang Gam HS, PO- Dighaliati	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
18.	Juria HSS, PO- Juria	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
19.	Kachua HSS, PO- Kachua	AT (Sanskrit)	1	SC
20.	Kaki HSS, PO- Kaki	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
21.	Karyani HSS, PO- Palashani	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
22.	Lanka HS, PO- Lanka	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
23.	Lutumjara HS, PO- Dipara	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
24.	Madhab Dev HSS, Tuhalmukh, PO-	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
25.	Madhya Kalabor Girls HS, PO- Bhuramuguri	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
26.	Moniklong HS, PO- Borghat	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
27.	Mowman H HS, PO- Mowmanri	AT (Sanskrit)	1	PWD/PH
28.	Mujanah HSS, PO- Mujar	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
29.	Nagao Bengal Girls HS, PO- Nagao	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
30.	Netaji Vidyaniketan HSS, PO- Lunka	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(H)
31.	Pitha Girls HS, PO- Lunka	AT (Sanskrit)	1	SC
32.	Phulaguri HS, PO- Phulaguri	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
33.	Pub Garubal Teron HS, PO- Gurukunda	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
34.	Ralna Kt. Borkula H. Teron HS, PO- Nagaon	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(H)
35.	Rabintra Vidyaniketan PO- Jamunamukh	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
36.	Radhanagar Dayanayopey HS	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
37.	Sankarderi HSS, Ujarganon, PO- Ujer Ujarganon	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
38.	Sai Radhika Girls HS, PO- Brotavada	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
39.	Singmar Md. Ali HSS, PO- Singmar	AT (Sanskrit)	1	OCB
40.	Singra B. Dev HS, PO- Singia	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
41.	Sonaihaga H. Teron HS, PO- Silongon	AT (Sanskrit)	1	OCB
42.	Sri Sri PDG HS, Murhni, PO- Murhni	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(P)
43.	Saramug HS, PO- Samugam	AT (Sanskrit)	1	ST(H)
44.	Sri Sri PDG HS, Chaitali, PO- Chaitali	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
45.	Sutar HS, PO- Borangarati	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR
46.	Sutah B. P. Girls HS, PO- Uriagao	AT (Sanskrit)	1	UR

Reserve of Vacancies

PWD/PH - Only following categories of PWD/PH persons can apply:

A. Orthopaedically Impaired or

B. Having locomotor disability

Validity of TET

The Government vide notification No. ASE/238/2014/93 dtb. 01.10.2015 has decided for enhancing the validity of TET for Secondary Education held on 23.03.2013 from 2 years to 5 years.

Educational Qualification:

The minimum Educational Qualification for the post shall be under:

Classical Teacher (Sanskrit) : Shastri with 50% marks having degree qualification from any recognized University or BA with Sanskrit as one of the subjects with 50% marks and BT.B.Ed. degree from any recognized University.

Other qualification : In addition to such academic and professional qualification for direct recruitment to the posts, all candidates must have passed the teaching eligibility test (TET) conducted by the Government of Assam for Sanskrit.

No candidate is allowed to apply for the post if he/she does not have M.L. in Bengali, Hindi and Assamese respectively in the HSC.C.E.T. examination. Any candidate having Bengali or Hindi or Assamese as M.L. in HSC examination is allowed for applying in the schools which are imparting education in Bengali or Hindi or Assamese medium exclusively.

The candidates must be a permanent resident of Assam.

Age: As per Govt. Office Memorandum No. ABP/2016/04 dt. 03.03.2016 and No. ABP/2016/07 dt. 26.09.2016 issued by the Personnel (B) Department, Government of Assam, the maximum age limit of the candidates as per 01.12.2017 should not be more than 43 years.

Note: After scrutiny of applications candidates will be called for verification of their testimonials and the select list will be prepared on the basis of marks secured by the candidates in the respective categories.

1. a) HS (Final) Examination

b) B.A/B.Com/C.Sc. examination

c) OBC/SC/ST/Educational and d) TET

There will be no marks in viva except the following:-

a) 10 marks for NCC certificate (10 marks for "C" and 5 marks for "B" certificate)

b) Marks for participation in sports and games represented in Assam.

c) Marks for achievements in Fine Arts and Cultural Activities representing the State Officially at National Level.

How to apply:- The candidates should submit the application in duly filled in prescribed form along with self attested testimonials to the respective Head of Institutions on or before 07.06.2017. In service candidate should apply through proper channel along with NCC from their employer or educational institution concerned to be considered. The candidate must use the prescribed application form typed in legal size paper. The application form is available in the DSC. Application website (www.assam.gov.in) (In Resource Section). No offical format will be accepted.

The candidate should give their mobile number ready and email address. The last date of receipt of Application will be 07.06.2017.

No application will be received in the office of the Undersecretary.

Sd/- Inspector of Schools

NDC, Nagao

On behalf of the Member Secretary of the School concerned.

Solar juggernaut to keep rolling despite higher taxes



NEW DELHI, May 26: The Government's surprise announcement that solar photovoltaic cells and modules will attract a levy of 18 per cent under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime that comes into force on July 1 caught the industry unawares, but experts said it was unlikely to have any lasting impact on the rapid growth of India's solar energy sector.

The GST regime, which does away with State levies such as excise and value-added taxes, will unify the entire country into a common market. The Government has proposed four slabs of taxes under the new system. According to a list of 1,211 items released after the meeting of the GST Council, which comprise finance ministers of all the States of the Union, "Photosensitive semiconductor devices; including photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled in modules or made up into panels", will be charged at a rate of 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

The effective rate for solar panels and modules currently stands at zero.

However, the council has proposed that renewable energy devices, which includes waste-to-energy and biogas plants, solar water heaters, solar lanterns and lamps, solar power-generating systems and windmills, be charged at the lowest tax slab of per cent. The low five per cent tax on wind turbines is expected to keep project costs low for developers such as Inox Wind and Suzlon Energy, and soothe worries of the wind energy sector.

Some battery types and components may get the highest tax of 28 per cent. The rates are not yet final. The proposals are subject to further vetting and

the list may undergo some changes. They will be finalized by the end of June.

The Government has strongly defended the high rate of tax for solar panels and modules. "Tariffs for solar projects vary from project to project. The rise in (tax rate) will be compensated by the decline in corruption and operational difficulties," Energy Minister Piyush Goyal said at a media briefing after the list was made public.

"The prices of solar and wind energy have hit a record low and the industry is now able to stand on its own feet."

But the new rates will hit more than 10 GW of utility scale solar power projects and could pose a threat to their viability, according to Bridge to India. They will result in an increase of 18 per cent in the cost of solar modules, about 12 per cent in inverter cost, and three per cent in all services costs, thus increasing overall project cost by about 12 per cent, the clean energy consultancy said. - IANS

Although the 'Surangan' classical music festival, being organised almost monthly under the auspices of the Sangeet Natak Akademi's North-East Centre, has been able to evoke the expected response from music lovers over the years, the recitals, particularly the vocal recitals of the last festival, held recently, deserve more attention in that the entire group of young vocalists showed their esoteric elan.

For example, the first day's vocalist – Saptarshi Chakravarty of Shillong, mesmerised the audience with his lovingly caressed notes set to *Raga Vilambit in vilambit titkal and drut titkal*. Saptarshi, a postgraduate in Hindustani vocal music from the Rabindra Bharati University, also a disciple of Palma Vibhushan awardee Pandit Jasraj, the doyen of Mewati Gharana, had his own *bandish* composition in *drut titkal* – *Hum un par jaye varji Braja ke Bakri Bihari*, while his guru Jasraj's composition – *Bhajo madhu barangi* was sung in *vilambit titkal*. He dealt aesthetically with his next recital, too, set to *Raga Haveli Banjara*, generally sung in *Haveli Sangeet*. The piece of composition *Lalk Gopala gaudi hamani* in the song could captivate the audience. *Haveli Sangeet* is the devotional creation of poet Krishna Das of the Pustimary Vaishnavite sect; Saptarshi was ably assisted by Dhringovinda Dutta on the *tabla* and Santa Chowdhury on the harmonium.

There were two vocal recitals on the next day – one was that of Kumukucha Noren Singh of Manipur, also a postgraduate in vocal music from the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), and a regular performer of Doordarshan and



Riveting ragas

By Joykanta Sarma

Akashvani. He sang a *khayal*, set to *Raga Bageshwari* in *vilambit titkal and madhyalaya*. He concluded his *dhun* – *Dhanya bhagya seva kara basar payar*, maintaining the quality level of the concert. He could not, however, be assisted, on the *tabla* by K Santa, Pankaj Sarma's harmonium lent a good accompaniment, though.

That evening's concluding concert was that of young vocalist Sangeeta Chatterjee from Dibrugarh, also a postgraduate in Hindustani vocal music, who has been living in Mumbai for quite a long time, pursuing her higher learning. She chose her *Raga Puriya Kalyan* in the

composition *Jai Subarna*, with high-quality *gayaki* and, thus, regaled the audience. Her elongated *daap chari* and *bol daap*, in a soaring throaty voice could create *rasa*, but the keen listeners were confused to find her switching over to *vilambit*, without singing *antara bandish*, which is the normal practice. Anyway, Sangeeta's *taan* and *daap* were well executed. She concluded her recital with the composition *Babul Muraru chulo jai*, with her usual distinguished style, which is a colourful blend-

ing of *gayaki* techniques. She was ably assisted by Dipen Sarma on the harmonium and Govinda Sarma on the *tabla*.

Two young violinists – Devojit Goswami of Guwahati and Anirban Biswas from Agartala, could also show their will to bring in the perspective and subtlety of the *ragas* through years of engagement. Devojit, now a professional advocate, who learnt his lessons in violin under Bidyut Mishra, Satyakrisna Mishra of Barpeta and Dr V Balaji of Baranagar, played the *Raga Bhima Swaraj* in *madhyalaya titkal and drut titkal*. Devojit, generally playing a style which is a composition of both *gayaki* and *gatkar*,

concluded his performance with a playing based on *thumri*.

Anirban, who took lessons on the violin from his father Subal Biswas, Pandit VG Jog, Dr N Rajan and on the *sard* from Buddhadev Dasgupta, and now from Pandit Jaydeep Ghosh, is a postgraduate in Hindustani instrumental music, undergoing PhD research in the department of Music, Tripura University. He chose *Raga Bageshwari*, set to *titkal vilambit, rupak madhyalaya* and *titkal drut and jada sans jor*. Next, he played a *dhun* on *Raga Mankhamar*, generally a mixed *Raga*, with fine notes. He was assisted on the *tabla* by Narayan Biswas, also from Agartala.

The only solo *tabla* recital by Dibyajyoti Chhangmai (one of the best *tabla* artistes of Assam), set to *vilambit titkal*, for a longer period, evoked keen interest among the audience. Dibyajyoti, a disciple of Pandit Sankar Ghosh of Kolkata of the Farukhabad *Gharana*, traversed through different steps like *Pekhawali* and *chakradhar* with *tad visar*. His *laya visar* was also delicate. Thereafter, he switched over to *drut titkal*. He played the *gat* and *chakradar* *royals*, composed by Ustad Masid Khan elaborately. He then concluded his recital with *drut laya's rela* beautifully. Apart from his solo performances in different places of the country, Dibyajyoti has accompanied many stalwarts like – Pandit Rajan Sajan, Pandit Buddhadev Das Gupta, Pandit Manilal Nag, Dr Prabha Atre, Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Pandit Shail Shankar, Pandit Ganesh Prasad Mishra, etc. He was ably accompanied by Prabal Deka on the harmonium.

The first edition of the three-day PickUrFlick Indie Film Festival (PIFF) 2017 at the Instituto to Cervantes concluded on May 21, 2017, with the screening of over 16 multi-lingual films and an award ceremony felicitating 12 winners. In the competition categories, Assam's Jaicheng Jai Dohouta was awarded the Best Director for *Haandub*, while Anirban Guha and his wife Sinjini Sengupta, won the Best Screenplay award for *Elixir*.

The National Award Winner, Jaicheng Jai Dohouta said, "As a filmmaker, it is very difficult to make independent films on such issues like insurgency. I have always wanted to bring out things which are not audible. I portrayed this issue in my own visual way. I have always been tormented by insurgency since childhood; I know families who have been affected by the insurgents. The traumatisation has affected the locals so much, that they have muted their voices; they think it's okay to have such issues. No one has dared to

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bring this on a public platform; it has been a difficult process for me to bring in the real story into the mainstream cinema. To bring this sensitive issue, I tried to portray it in a natural way to not face major consequences."

PickUrFlick Indie Film Festival (PIFF) is India's first multi-city offline and online Indie Film festival for independent filmmakers from across the globe. Their vision is to promote good, independent cinema and support the Indie film fraternity. This year's inaugural edition of the festival received more than 350 films from 50 countries, out of which around 100 films were screened across Bengaluru and Delhi.

The festival witnessed two World Premieres, five Asian Premieres and six Indian Premieres. This edition screened 70 films over four categories in more than 10 languages. Fifty-two shorts, seven features, eight animations and three documentaries spread over 23 Spanish films, 14 silent films, seven Hindi films, four Bengali films, the Golden Oscar winning Arabic film, National Award winning Assamese film and Nepali, Persian, German, French, Russian and Kurdish films were also screened. The Spotlight country for this edition was Spain as more than 30 films from Spain / Latin America were screened at the festival.



Gadadhar award to Bobby Sarma Baruah

Bobby Sarma Baruah, the director, was conferred with the Gadadhar Award 2017, for her contribution in highlighting the history and culture of western Assam through her films. The prestigious award is given to a personality every year by the Gauripur Anchalik Students' Union, in association with the Siksha Aru Sanskriti Unnayan Samiti and the Gauripur Press

Club since 2012, for contribution in the field of art and culture. This year, filmmaker Bobby Sarma Baruah was selected for making a biopic based on the life and time of the legendary folksinger and Padmashri award winner Pratima Baruah Pandey titled *Sonar Baru Parbhi* (The Golden Wing). The film has already participated in many festivals and has been able to gain critical acclaim.

A book on Assamese films

On the occasion of the 52nd Foundation Day of the Gauhati Cine Club on April 26, a book titled *Eight Decades in Frames – a chronological account of films of Assam* was released. The book has been edited and compiled by Badal Chakravarty, one of the Club's senior-most members and a keen movie buff and writer.

The book is a much-needed documentation of the chronological account of Assam's

semece films, including those made in ethnic languages till 2016. It also highlights the 81-year-old long legacy, including the names of films, artistes and major technicians – with still photographs and dates of release. Editor Chakravarty deserves praise for his hard work on a subject that is sensitive and delicate, while the effort by Gauhati Cine Club, a voluntary organisation, to publish the much-needed compilation is appreciable.

Best Child Artiste award

Emajor, a premier socio-cultural organisation of the North-East has selected Rodali Bora for the Best Child Artiste Award for this year. The talented child artiste, who is well-versed in song and dance, besides acting, has won the hearts of the public. She made a mark in acting in films like – *Surasta, Samran Barua Ahi Ase, Shirkhal, Eph Phulit Ephal Sarli, Purab Ki Awaz* (Hindi) and in her latest *Seema: The Story Untold*. She also drew attention with her Bihu and Sattriya dances at the London Olympics and at the Ireland International Festival. The award function is scheduled for June 4.



ROVING EYE

Apurba Kumar Das

Cultural evening of Murchana Music Centre

Recently, a packed audience was regaled by a stimulating cultural show at the Guwahati District Library. Like the previous years, the students of the Murchana Music Education Centre captivated audiences with their instrumental and vocal performances of Assamese, Hindi and western music. Before the function began, floral tributes were paid to the portrait of distinguished litterateur Arun Sarma.

The programme hosted by Bipul Barua saw vocal performances by Pradeesh Kumar Rabha, Sanjay Hazarika, Bipul Biswas, Anurup Sankarit, Swaraj Kumar Nath, Himashree Saikia, Sneha Das, renditions by artiste DR Hitesh Barua and violinless violin rendition by noted artiste Dipak Barua.

A number of budding artists, including Sony Kalita, Kabya Chahila, Anup Chahila, Dibyani Roy Kashyap, Suhasini Singh, Hritik Barua, Dushmanta Kashyap, Tamuli Lavya Agarwalla weaved magic with their skillful interpretations of various Hindi and western music on the guitar and keyboard, leaving the audiences delighted. The highlight of the evening was a creative dance item featuring the students of Murchana, on *Jyoti Prasad Agarwala's* evergreen song *Bonoria aamri bon chorati*, which was directed by Meena Paul.

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.

– Features Editor

Earlier this week, Sujit Das displayed a new series of *Sanchipat* paintings at the Rabindra Bhawan premises in Guwahati, this time focusing mainly on the life of Srimanta Sankaradev. Sujit has done a lot of research already on the Sattriya style of *Sanchipat* painting so as to augment his own, producing a large number of works in this style. While obeying all the technicalities associated with this traditional painting, he, however, has chosen to make a pronounced



departure thematically. In an earlier series of works, he had shown this thematic deviation from the Sattriya tradition (which used to focus primarily on Sri Krishna *Leda*), working on the *Ramayana* theme and depicting key moments of the great epic.

Before moving on to the paintings displayed at Rabindra Bhawan this week, let us have a glimpse of what the process of *Sanchipat* painting entails. The *Sanchipat* painting involves a laborious, time-consuming method. The preparation of the surface (the bark of the *Agar* tree) alone is quite painstaking as it requires drying and the subsequent readying of the surface, which may run into several days. The manual preparation of the indigenous colours, then, is also extremely slow and tedious. The colours that are used are *hengol* for red, *hatal* for yellow, *dhali mati* for white, *kajol* for black,

figurative painter associated with acrylic painting on canvas, has shown admirable dedication and sincerity to experiment with this old tradition, seeking to give the Sattriya tradition of painting a new lease of life and also to take it forward by treading a different thematic route.

Sujit has shown commitment to

stick to the basic tenets of Sattriya

painting and yet produced works of

quality based on his themes. His

hard work has earned accolades in

Folk finesse

and outside the country. During some of his foreign trips, Sujit has tried to enlighten the audience on Sankaradev and his contributions, especially in the fields of literature, art and culture.

In the solo exhibition held at the Rabindra Bhawan, however, he put up Sattriya-style works made on canvas and handmade paper as well; for instance, the painting depicting the key events of Sankaradev's life. Another work that deserves mention is the one that shows Srimanta Sankaradev presenting a *Brindabani Baster* to the King. Sujit has used all the indigenous colours in the Sattriya style of



Sanchipat painting. However, when it comes to the Sattriya paintings made on canvas, he has used acrylics but taken care to replicate the same effect as in the *Sanchipat* works.

The solo show was organised as part of the first State convention of the Sarbarhati Sangeet and Sanskriti Parishad, an organisation devoted to preserving and propagating Indian art and culture.

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Trailer treats with Tubelight

The hostility between Shah Rukh Khan and Ajay Devgn is nothing new for Bollywood enthusiasts. The cold vibes between the two have been evident since their films *Tak Hai Jaan* and *Son of Sardar* clashed at the Box Office. However, it was only in 2015 that they called a truce on the sets of *Dilwale*, when a picture of the two bonding in Bulgaria went viral.

But after all these years, Shah Rukh and Ajay are at loggerheads once again. However, this time for Salman Khan.

According to a newspaper report, the two are battling out yet again to attach the trailer of their upcoming films with Salman's *Tubelight*.

Salman's *Tubelight* is one of the most anticipated films of the year, and both the actors want to encash on the popularity of the film. If Ajay wants to attach the trailer of *Baadshaho* with *Tubelight*, SRK, too, wants the trailer of his next film with Imtiaz Ali to be released with Salman's film.

And this has got the two actors in a tricky situation. However, it seems the two have finally found a solution to their problem. Amar Butala, the CEO of Salman's banner, has come to the rescue of these two stars.

Butala said, "The makers of both films have approached us, and we have decided to attach the two trailers with our film." With this decision, film enthusiasts are definitely in for a treat this Eid.

Mouni Roy to star opposite Akshay Kumar

Earlier this year, it was reported that Akshay Kumar would soon be seen playing the lead role in a biopic titled *Gold*, that would be directed by Reema Kagti. While the film itself is said to be based on India's first win at the 14th Olympiad that was held in London, there are reports that the makers have now roped in the lead actress for the film.

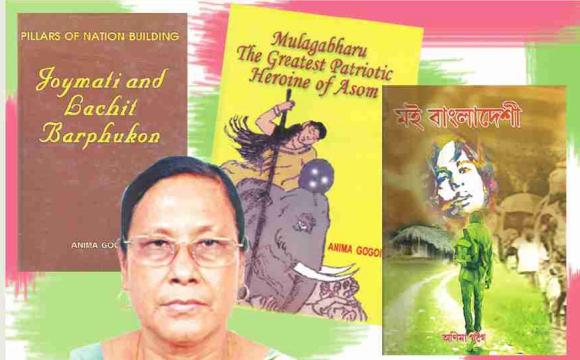
If rumours are true, then television actress Mouni Roy, who made her TV debut as Krishna Tulsii in one of Ekta Kapoor's most iconic serials *Kyunki Saas bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi* and known for her roles as Sati in *Devon Ke Dev... Mahadev* and Shivaanya and Shivangi in *Naagin*, has apparently been roped in for the film. Though details of her character in *Gold* are yet unknown, the film which was slated to go on floors in July or August this year will commence shooting only in October.

As for the film, *Gold*, that will see Akshay Kumar playing the role of a hockey player, it is slated to release on August 15, 2018.

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Clued in to history



History is her first love. It is this subject that continues to show her ways to love life and also to glorify the past. A well-known Guwahati-based writer, Anima Gogoi has recently completed her novel on a very interesting theme. As her favourite subject is Assam history, this new novel takes up this theme. She treats the immigration problem of Assam from a different perspective.

Mala, a woman of unknown antecedents, has completely become one with the Assamese people. Her identity in no way evokes any doubt in anyone's heart. An orphan, she was brought up at a *makhan*'s house and after her graduation, she was married to Arun, a school teacher of Katha-kuti in Goalpara. But, as the process for National Register of Citizens (NRC) begins, Mala is in deep trouble as she is unable to track her legacy to any pre-1971 electoral roll. But her

trouble comes to an end the moment her husband Arun provides her clues to her father's identity. Dibakar Gogoi, a jawan of the Indian army, hailing from Lakhimpur, was part of a contingent that was deployed to train and support the Mukti Bahini that was fighting for liberation of Bangladesh. So it happened that she married Jaya, a

Dr Tapati Baruah Kashyap

young woman who was rescued from the clutches of Pakistani soldiers. But even as the war intensified, Gogoi's unit moved off to Dhaka, leaving his pregnant wife behind. As the situation turned from bad to worse, a pregnant Jaya arrived in Goalpara, along with hundreds of other refugees, where she gave birth to Mala in a refugee camp. Anima Gogoi tells the story of a tumultuous period through Mala and Jaya, in the process, attempting to analyse the problem of immigration in the backdrop of two important wars, those of 1965 and 1971.

A keen observer of historical char-

acters, Anima Gogoi has written as many as 20 books, most of them being biographies, with the list including *Siu-ka-pha*, *Mula Gabbaru*, *Frasengmung*, *Jaimati Kunwari*, *Gadadhar Singha*, *Lachit Barphukan*, *Rudra Singh* and *Bir Chilarai*, among others. "The sacrifices of these men and women inspired me to overcome my personal loss, and I decided to tell these stories in the form of biographies," she says.

Also a silent social worker, she is now president of the Sati Jamati Smriti Trust Society, an organisation that has been working for women empowerment and propagation of values. Established to commemorate the sacrifice of Sati Joyomoti, the society, under her leadership, also organises seminars and discussions relating to various issues affecting women.

A survivor with an indomitable spirit, Anima Gogoi herself makes for a real-life story of courage and determination. Having lost her husband Dr Prafulla Gogoi, a veterinarian, as early as in 1988, when their two sons

and only daughter were very young, she took upon herself the daunting task of bringing them up against all odds. There was a time when she reared poultry, too. She did later get a job in her late husband's office on compassionate grounds, one which helped her make both ends meet.

"Struggling with life, I made it a point to tell my children on a daily basis various stories of courage and sacrifice from the pages of history. This made me read history books so that I could give them the exact descriptions of the heroic deeds and sacrifices of so many interesting people who are part of Assam's history. As I myself drew inspiration from those stories, I also tried to infuse in my children the ideals of those characters whose sacrifices have helped shape the Assamese identity," she says.

Her most memorable moment came when her first book — *Bir Lachit aru Sati Joyomoti* was published in 2006. With the first book generating encouraging response from the readers, she has simply stopped looking back. "Till date, I have written 20 books, which also includes a travelogue and English translations of some of my Assamese books. What I also discovered during the past 10 years is that people, old and young, are actually very fond of reading biographies. Facts, after all, are always more interesting and inspiring than fiction," she says.

While copies of several of her books have received orders from the Directorate of Library Services, Government of Assam, institutions under her leadership have also placed orders for her English titles. Chosen for a literary pension by the Government of Assam in 2009, Anima Gogoi has in her mind a list of more such characters from Assam's history to tell.

A ray of light

Dilip Doley, the man who made the first feature film in the Mishming language — *Panoj Jongki*, is currently busy making a new film. This film, too, is being made in his mother tongue — Mishming. The film is titled *Ruwad*, which means light. A story that crosses ethnic boundaries with its universal theme, *Panoj Jongki* (2001), directed by Dilip Doley and Narayan Seal received the

Frantik Deka

Jury's Special Mention at the National Film Competition. But before this film, another unique film produced by him, *The Sons of Abobant — The Mishings*, and directed by well-known filmmaker Gautam Bora, had bagged the Rajat Kamal Award as the Best Documentary film.

After retirement from his job with the Reserve Bank of India, Dilip Doley became pre-occupied with music, which has been an abiding passion all throughout his life. Around two years back, he directed and rendered songs with other artists in an album made in the Mishming language. In the Eighties and Nineties, Doley became a popular singer and music director.

After achieving fame and respect with *Panoj Jongki*, some 16 years back, Doley returns with renewed vigour to start work on his second film



rest is in Assamese.

Besides directing, Dilip Doley has also produced, scored and written the film's script. The main story is derived from *Navakkallol*, written by Dr Bidyushwar Doley. The associate producers are Gunawati Doley and Alakesh Baisya. Ganashayam Kalita, who has worked in a number of films, is the film's associate director.

Doley's new film deals with themes that are taken from the realities of daily life. After plugging into the immortal love story of young protagonists (based on renowned littérateur Rajinikantha Bordoloi's widely read *Miri Jyoti*) in his debut film, Dilip Doley's new film, vastly different in subject matter, scrupulously tackles several important and contemporary issues like witch-hunting — born out of superstition and all-round backwardness of people, a segment's misconceptions and prejudices towards people coming from the

Islamic faith, Majuli's appalling transportation facilities, severe shortage of doctors due to their utter disinterest to work in the world's largest river island, among other things.

Cinematographed by the experienced Suman Duwera, the various roles in the film have been essayed by Rajiv Doley, Pruspa Mishong, Nilim Dutta, Gagen Pegu, Padma Pegu, Anal Kaman, Golind Narah, Bishnu Priya Mishong, Andherha Gum, Lakshminai Doley, Anima Doley, Gabyanjal Prasad, Ranjana Baisya, Ruku Devi Baisya, Sewali Das, Aneswari Pegu, Utpal Parag, Raja Doley, Dharan Raj Rai, Loknati Kutum, Ranjan Kumbang, Pranaboyti Taid, Migon Doley, Nayan Kaman, Lovely Doley, child artistes Prithimali Karan and Paban. The make-up is by Shanks Barua. Costumes have been designed by Geetaram Goswami. The production controller is Phul Dawka.

The film's editing will be done in Chennai, while the dubbing-mixing work will be carried out in Mumbai. The makers are planning to release the film next year.

the colosseum

■ Neelopal Deka

side screen

- 1) Picture Clue: She was the winner of the Jnanpitri Award in 1981 for *Kajagi Te Canas*. Identify her. (Hirak Jyoti Lahan, Chaudhuri College, Gohpur)



- 2) The 'Bhagwa halu' group performs which dance in front of deities and does not allow women to perform in their group?
- 3) What was Draupadi's name when the Pandavas went into hiding?
- 4) Whose birthday is observed as Teachers' Day in Taiwan?
- 5) In which State in India did the *Kalamkari* hand-print art originate?

unities

- From Shajid Khan, Tangla College –
6) The Indian actor, comedian, screenwriter and playwright's birth name is Mohan Rangachari. An engineer by profession, his drama troupe is named "Crazy Creations". He has also worked as a dialogue writer on a number of comedy films. By what name do we better know him as?

- 7) A 'Cardio Cinema' which features projector screen which features full-length films but has treadmills instead of seats. Which company, headquartered in Irving Texas, introduced this concept? This company was once called the 'Mecca of bodybuilding'.
- 8) Who founded the Indian comic book and entertainment company known for its comic books, and Hungama TV – a TV channel for kids based out of Mumbai, are both owned by the same parent company. Which company?

do-re-me

- From Adisit Agarwalla, Moronhat –
9) Which musical instrument is made up of the *Tumba*, *Tabel* and *Gudu*?
10) As an offering to Krishna, every Brahmin priest of the village of Kuchupudi is expected to perform which mythological character's role?

- ANSWERS** 1) Amrita Prisman 2) Kochupudi 3) Saifuddin 4) Confucius 5) Andhra Pradesh 6) Crazy Mohan 7) Mr. Gymn 8) The Walt Disney Company 9) Star 10) Satyabhama 11) They are stars of Basmati rice, which were promoted by a US company named Rice-Tec 12) Bal Gangadhar Tilak 13) Mimicry Islands 14) Salads 15) Bhikari Thakur.



Heart health

Dr Ananda Bormudoi

The publication division of Dibrugarh University has recently published a unique book authored by Dr Ratan Kumar Kotoky. The title of the book is *Yoga and Coronary Disease*. Heart disease has been claiming more and more lives, and the doctor-author urgently feels the need to do something which might arrest the rapid growth of the disease. Extensive study of subjects belonging to two different fields has enabled the author to integrate his experience and knowledge to work out preventive measures.

Yoga, as the author states in the Introduction, is the control of thought waves in the mind. Reading books on Medical Science created in the author's interest in the principles of Ayurveda and especially, in the *Tridosha* concept of *vaya*, *pitta* and *kapha*, which govern physiological and pathological activities. When these three elements are in state of balance, the person enjoys perfect health of body and mind, but any imbalance causes disease.

The author — Dr Kotoky, finds resemblance between the modern approach to disease and the yoga system of Indian philosophy mentioned by Patanjali in the system of *sutras*, long ago. The principle is that prevention is better than cure. Coronary heart disease means the disease of the coronary arteries and the author observes that, at present, it is a common cardiac ailment in the world, irrespective of age, sex and race.

Anxiety, stress and strain are inescapable conditions of modern life and these have been recognised as some of the key factors responsible for coronary disease. Dr Kotoky observes that yoga is the best way to alleviate stress and strain and thus, to keep away coronary heart disease. Though the author focusses primarily on the preventive aspect of the disease, he also discusses yoga can be a treatment for the ailment.

Yoga therapy, the author underlines, can reduce stress, glucose level in blood in diabetes mellitus patients, hypertension, obesity, atherosclerotic plaques in coronary artery and lipid level in the blood. Dr Kotoky concludes that the eight-fold methods of yoga can be very effective in controlling the thought waves by which *samskara* can be achieved.

In spite of the medical terms used, Dr Kotoky's language is simple, direct and lucid. The book has been written by an expert not for other experts like him, but for the common reader. He tells the readers what coronary disease is all about, and suggests means to prevent it through practice of yoga. This book is likely to go a long way in creating awareness among people.



Yoga and Coronary Disease
Ratan Kumar Kotoky
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Eclectic mix

Bibekananda Choudhury

This is a short story collection comprising around 11 stories. In the title story, the author foresees Assam and its landscape in the aftermath of a disastrous earthquake in 2050, and also an acute water shortage in the region leading to the mass exodus of 80 per cent of the populace. The Assamese language is also losing recognition because of an abysmally dwindling number of speakers. Being a civil engineer, working in the Guwahati Municipal Corporation, and also trained in disaster management, Gogoi also incorporated the fictional aftermath of the dam issue in the title story of this collection. In the second story, in flashback, the narration appears to have stepped in the arena of magic realism, where the protagonist dreams some events in advance and later on, has to bear the horrifying pain of things happening in front of his eyes. In the third one, *Enekoit Samay Asomoyi*, he writes about a person, who, after being ridiculed in his early teens by a girl two years junior to him, emerges successful after 16 years. The depiction, however, could have been better — considering the level that the person had attained and the method of re-emergence as narrated by the author.

Joining Date is the true tale of the cleaners of the corporation he works for — how they age prematurely — hit hard by the dirt and dust for hours altogether, everyday. When the physical features of a worker differ widely from what it is in the office record, the officer is in a practical dilemma. *Sukati Atitar Ashirbad* is about how the simple-mindedness of the grandmother with an age-old mindset finally wins the heart of the town-bred girl. *Duriygar Prakkhatpati* is another story in the backdrop of disaster; *Nabarokha* is a hopeful depiction of the world and the situation around us, as we turn on a fresh calendar. *Thoni Tok Oboko Norberia* is about a retired teacher who does not return home from his morning walk and is ultimately found with the Additional SP; his former student, having a cup of tea and munching on a plate of *jalebis* — the forbidden food, gleefully unaware of the frantic situation back at his home. The last of the collection, *Aair Okhukhia* is about the unrest in South Africa.

The book has its forward written by the publisher Dr Birendra Kumar Sarma, president, Dispur Sahitya Sabha. It is a readable collection, indeed.



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prelude

Born in the year 1883, Douglas Fairbanks was an American film actor and producer, noted especially for the daring athletic feats and expert swordsmanship that highlighted his performances. He was born Douglas Elton Ulman in Denver, Colorado, and, after a short period with a Wall Street brokerage firm, turned to the stage in 1901. During the following 14 years, he rose to stardom, appearing in a variety of roles. In 1915, he entered films shortly after he founded his own production company. He was one of the most popular actors of his day, starring in such films as *The Mark of Zorro* (1920), *The Three Musketeers* (1923), *Robin Hood* (1922), *The Thief of Bagdad* (1924), *Don Q, Son of Zorro* (1925), *The Black Pirate* (1926), *The Gaucher* (1927), *The Iron Mask* (1929), and *The Taming of the Shrew* (1929). In association with his second wife (the actress Mary Pickford), the director DW Griffith, and the actor-director-producer Charlie Chaplin, Fairbanks founded the film-producing company United Artists, Inc., in 1919. His last film, *The Private Life of Don Juan*, was made in 1934. He died in the year 1939. His son, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., also

at least once in his life?

11) Some years back, there was a lot of controversy over something called 'Kasmati' and 'Texmati', which led to the Indian Government launching a legal battle overseas. What are 'Kasmati' and 'Texmati'?

12) Which leader wrote the *Bhagavad Gita Rahasya* when he was jailed in Myanmar?

13) In his travels, Marco Polo refers to the 'Island of Females'?

14) Greek, Waldorf, Russian and Caesar are different varieties of which food item?

crescendo

15) He was an Indian playwright, lyricist, actor, folk dancer, folk singer and social activist in Bhojpuri language, who is popularly known as the 'Shakespeare of Bhojpuri'. Name him. (Shripad Khan, Tangla)

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RECRUITMENT NOTICE

With reference to the advertisement published in Assam Tribune and Amar Asom on 07.12.2016, the interview for the post of Doctor, Nurse and Counselor to be posted at the Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) Centres under Assam State AIDS Control Society will be held as per the following schedule :

- For the post of Doctor and Nurse : 15.06.2017
- For the post of Counselor : 16.06.2017
- Venue : Assam State AIDS Control Society, Khanapara, Guwahati-22
- Time : 11.00 onwards

The name of the short listed candidates has been published in the official website www.assamsacs.org. No individuals or separate call letter will be issued. All the short listed candidates has to come with all original testimonials/ certificates along with a recent passport size photograph and a valid identity proof for verification at the time of interview. No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview.

Sd/- (Manvendra Pratap Singh, IAS)
Project Director
Assam State AIDS Control Society
Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Janasanayog/409/17

অসম লোকসেবা আয়োগ
ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781 022

The Assam Public Service Commission hereby announces the results today (28/05/2017) of the viva-voce test conducted by it for selection to the posts of various categories of posts.

A. Recruitment to the posts of Jr Engineer (Civil) under Irrigation Department

The written exams tests for selection to the above posts were conducted on 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th May, 2015 by the Interview Boards constituted for the purpose and assisted by Experts/Advisors deputed by the Govt. The Commission completed the process of selection and has recommended the following candidates for the aforesaid post, in order of merit:

Position	Roll Nos.	Name of candidate
1	0002051	Miss Mitali Devi
2	000644	Poly Deka
3	000263	Monalika Kumar
4	001684	Banashree Deka
5	000873	Sri Dipika Baishya
6	000213	Gitanjali Gogoi
7	000818	Bilash Manjari
8	000182	Pranita Kalita
9	000188	Sukhi Das
10	000196	Arpana Ranjana Talukdar
11	000169	Rishma Hussain
12	0001849	Miss Apurajita Das
13	0001244	Krishnay Jyoti Samra
14	000362	Hemanta Barua
15	000361	Jyoti Kalia
16	0001808	Ashrafur Rahman Mazumder
17	000533	Rosemary Deka
18	0001793	Nirupama Pathak
19	0001800	Yanayoniti Kalita
20	000245	Banajit Das
21	001772	Monika Das
22	000949	Md Abdur Rehman
23	000695	Hassan Laskar
24	000140	Barasha Kalita
25	000430	Rituparna Das
26	000411	Siddhartha Rajkhowa
27	000833	Chandrima Deka
28	0001598	Tofigul Bouwahl
29	000269	Soham Debeli
30	001732	Kongkolia Choudhury
31	001919	Md Md Hasib
32	0001616	Rubi Bonita
33	0001734	Ananya Sonowal
34	0001577	Santanu Baruah
35	0001599	Mohan Chandra Gogoi
36	000390	Rituparna Das
37	0001251	Nutan Kumar
38	000368	Miss Nirala Das
39	000924	Pragya Boruah
40	0001313	Tulasi Basumatary
41	001354	Sikha Das
42	0008111	Sri Pranjali Barman
43	0001734	Jutima Baruah
44	000437	Himanta Baruah
45	000910	Jyoti Deka
46	001509	Tope Esha
47	0001845	Ujjaswla Samra
48	0001703	Rishma Baruah
49	000227	Rehnumai Prerna Singha
50	000617	Pranali Deka
51	0001703	Niranjan Lalukdar
52	001821	Shobhangshu Das
53	001233	Rupam Mehti
54	001285	Manasi Choudhury
55	0001918	Dipika Deka
56	000966	Dhanashree Mukherjee
57	0001428	Durni Harsangi
58	0001615	Yanayoniti Hazarika
59	0002022	Sri Dipika Baishya
60	0001495	Bimali Barman
61	001837	Bhaskar Pratim Deka
62	000922	Sri Montri Pachani
63	000342	Parimali Deka
64	000705	Ridup Barman
65	000984	Sri Pradip Darmah
66	0001698	Miss Yasmin Ahmed
67	001678	Jaya Kanti Deka
68	000519	Monisha Borochelia
69	0001608	Raj Kumar Gogoi
70	000376	Parimali Deka
71	000931	Sudarsan Sankar Bara
72	001095	Miss Sunu Das
73	002065	Sri Juri Moni Das
74	000257	Rituparna Das
75	000824	Rituparna Deka
76	001227	Krishna Mondal
77	0001510	Sushmita Das
78	000237	Sunita Deka
79	000610	Bikash Mandal
80	000073	Khaenjan Nath
81	000439	Dipika Deka
82	001763	Pritihera Baruah
83	0001797	Sri Loba Kumar Dutta
84	001865	Debika Sheel
85	000112	Debika Sheel
86	001305	Poranjit Borgohain
87	000594	Sebaki Ch Barman
88	001243	Nitul Das
89	000564	Bimali Deka
90	000685	Minhazul Islam
91	000418	Sandipan Das
92	0001244	Monika Deka
93	001362	Gitanjali Hazarika
94	001336	Pankaj Baruah
95	000597	Minral Mohan Kakati
96	001443	Rituparna Deka
97	000918	Bigul Haloi
98	0001612	Phulmuni Brahma
99	000224	Bamali Roy
100	001389	Hemanta Baruah
101	000556	Monomi Deka
102	000364	Kangkanjyoti Nath
103	000168	Alka Deka
104	000623	Dony Jang Penu
105	001444	Sri Dipamoni Das
106	001881	Nabajit Raha
107	000162	Parimali Deka
108	001353	Sri Dhruva Jayoti Das
109	001848	Kausik Muzumdar
110	000181	Hitesh Das
111	000672	Sri Dipamoni Das
112	000204	Palabji Gohain
113	001937	Jyoti Terence Deka
114	000436	Sri Dipamoni Deka
115	0000416	Sri Harihar Engli
116	000658	Kucha Kumar Brahma
117	0002021	Sri Bhagirathi Hazarika
118	000322	Monika Deka
119	000358	Alukhya Baruah
120	001987	Anusheeta Hazarika
121	000353	Sri Dipamoni Das
122	001774	Khongkhor Basumatary
123	001322	Borsing Rongia
124	0002021	Lonnaw Wengken
125	000132	Sanjay Kramsta

NB: For details of the results, all concerned may logon to the APSC's website: www.apsc.nic.in.

Sd/- Under Secretary
Assam Public Service Commission
Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Janasanayog/2486/17

Now candidates to declare their and spouse's source of income

to the "source of income of self and spouse".

The Election Commission had approached the Law Ministry in this regard last year. The Commission is of the view that it will bring transparency in the election process.

In an affidavit filed before the Supreme Court earlier this year on the same issue, the poll watchdog had said that it is necessary

for "healthier democracy" that voters get to know the sources of income of aspiring candidates and family members.

The new rules were notified on April 7 by the Law Ministry. "The existing format of the poll affidavit (as prevalent before April 7) does not give any information in respect of the sources of income of the candidate and his family members to enable the electors to form an informed choice as to whether the increase of the income of the candidate from the previous election is reasonable or not," the Commission said.

Only an Indian national can contest election in the country. But now there will be a specific column asking the can-

SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF MANUSCRIPT, RARE BOOKS, OLD AND RARE DOCUMENTS, RECORD OF HISTORY, 2017-18

Application are invited for Financial Assistance from registered voluntary organizations, educational institutions including private colleges, private libraries and any museum/ galleries including deemed universities and individual for the following purposes:

- Scientific preservation, conservation/pair/ restoration, microfilming, listing, cataloguing, evaluation, translation, publication/reprint of historical documents, record of history, charts, maps etc. in their custody as also for purchase of manuscript/rare books.
- Preservation and conservation of archival photographs and prints (including Oleographs and Lithographs).
- Purchase of items required for preservation and conservation of manuscript/rare books i.e. Air-conditioners, Fumigation Chambers and chemicals for treatment.
- Digitization of manuscript, rare books, old and rare documents, record of history, archival photographs and prints (including support for digitization job work as well as purchase of equipments, viz., camera, scanner, computer, printer, copier etc.)

The maximum limit of financial assistance under the scheme is upto Rs 10.00 lakhs (Rupees ten lakhs only) per year/per project in the ratio of 75:25 (i.e. Central Governments Share 75% and State Government share 25%) of the total cost of the project for the financial year 2017-18.

Application duly recommended by the State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) will sit in the Director of Archives, Assam for scrutiny the schemes then be forwarded to the Chairman, Grants Committee & Director General, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi-1100001 on or before 15th June, 2017 without fail.

For details please visit the office to the Directorate of Archives, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 or you may also visit the National Archives of India website www.nationalarchives.nic.in/Grants-in-aid on home page for details.

Sd/- Director of Archives, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6

ADMISSION NOTICE

Map up Counseling for Selection and Spot Admission into the Post Graduate Courses against vacancy in the 4 (four) Medical Colleges of Assam for the Session 2017.

It is for general information of all the candidates that as per letter dated 28/04/2017, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. vide F. No. V.10/11/2017 dated 28/04/2017 map up counseling and spot admission into the Post Graduate courses in the four Medical Colleges of Assam for the session 2017 will be held on 31st May/2017 at Office of the Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmille, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 at 12:00 am. Candidates whose names have appeared in the State of Assam merit list of NEET-P.G.-2017 conducted by the National Board of Examination, New Delhi and who are qualified in the said merit list as well as who have fulfilled all the eligibility criteria for admission into P.G. courses as per provision of Assam P.G. Admission rules,2006 (Amendment upto 2012) are hereby requested to please note that the date of the map up and spot admission as per schedule. Candidates who have already been admitted as per 1st & 2nd counseling may also appear the Map up counseling for change of course and College against available vacant seats according to merit position. The up to date merit list (Merit position of candidates) after awarding 3% additional marks have been uploaded in the Office website www.dmeassam.gov.in.

The Candidates should come prepared for the spot admission at the same time, date & venue of counseling along with necessary admission fees/ counseling fees etc.

After being selected, the candidates shall execute a duly registered agreement on a non-judicial stamp paper of the value of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten/- only) and same will be appended in Appendix-II of the Assam Medical Colleges (Regulation of admission to Post Graduate Courses) Rules, 2006 (Amended upto 2012) at the time of spot admission. Necessary fee for registration of Agreement etc. shall have to be born by the candidates at time of admission.

The other terms and conditions shall remain same per Admission Notice of 1st & 2nd counseling of Post Graduate courses, session 2017.

Vacancy of seats may arise lately due to surrender of seats by candidates both State & AIO upto 5 pm of 31/05/17. Therefore, the candidates are requested not to leave the counseling hall before completion of the counseling process, so that they may claim for the vacant seat/seats arise (if any).

IMPORTANT NOTE :-

In Pursuance of Ministry & Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India letter F.No.V.11025/ 18/2017-MEP, dated 24th May,2017, the percentile cut offs for NEET-PG.2017 has been reduced by 7.5 Percentile, taking them to 42.5 percentile for general candidates 32.5 percentile for reserved category candidates and 37.5 for PH category candidates. Accordingly, the candidates who becomes qualified now may also attend the counseling.

Sd/- Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmille, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Janasanayog/2485/17

Date : 25/05/2017

PRESS NOTICE /IFB

The Director, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of Assam invites tenders in two bid system through e-tendering on item rate basis from manufacturer/authorized dealer of the manufacturing company/Govt. registered contractors of appropriate class for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 2 (Two) Nos. 160 kVA Diesel Generator Sets (Silent) of approved make as per specification & details given in the Bid Document/BQ.

The tenders may be sent to the website www.siprd-assam.gov.in from dt. 20/05/2017 to 19/06/2017 and Interested bidder may contact the office of State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for details of the work/bid during working hours.

Name of Work	Place of work	Value of the Work	Empanelment 2%	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Completion
Supply , Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) No. 160 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Silent) for Extension Training Centre, SIRD, Amoni Nagaon, Assam	Extension Training Centre,SIRD,Amoni, Nagaon, Assam PIN : 782138	Rs. 15,00,000/-	2 % of the Value of works (for General)		Rs. 1,000/- 60 Days
Supply , Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) No. 160 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Silent) for Extension Training Centre, SIRD, Amoni Nagaon, Assam	SIRD, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam PIN : 781022	Rs. 15,00,000/-	1% of the Value of works for STS(COB)		Rs. 1,000/- 60 Days

Note:

- The bidder should quote basic rate and all taxes and carriages including Installation and Commissioning as per price schedule Section -II of tender documents.
- The cost of bid must be in the form of demand draft/ banker cheque of schedule commercial bank drawn in favour of " DIRECTOR, SIPRD, ASSAM " payable at GUWAHATI for the amount as shown above and bid security also pledged in favour of " DIRECTOR, SIPRD, ASSAM " in the form of TDR/ FDR from any nationalized bank as per guidelines of RBI.

Sd/- DIRECTOR
SIPRD, ASSAM.

Janasanayog/547/17

Date : 25/05/2017

Office of the Mission Director
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, ASSAM

No. NHM/HRD/DAM/3166/2017-18/349 Date: 26/05/2017

NOTICE FOR INTERVIEW

This is to notify that, the candidates who have applied in response to the advertisement No. NHM/Estt/ADV/2512/2015-16/6241 dated 26/12/2016 for the following contractual post under NHM, Assam, that the date of interview of the shortlisted candidates is fixed as per schedule below:

Sl.	Name of Post	Date of Interview	Committee	Roll No.	Reporting Time	Venue
1	District Accounts Manager	1st June 2017	-	1 to 48	10:00 AM	Office of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Salak Commercial Complex, Christianbost, Guwahati-22
2	Block Accounts Manager	2nd June 2017	A	1 to 90	10:00 AM	Office of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Salak Commercial Complex, Christianbost, Guwahati-22
		3rd June 2017	A	161 to 268		
			B	269 to 353		

The list of shortlisted candidates is published in the NHM Website: www.nrhmmassam.in.

The shortlisted candidates shall bring all original testimonials for verification along with a set of self-attested photocopies of the testimonials to appear the interview. No separate call letter will be issued and no TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview. Please visit the website www.nrhmmassam.in for details.

Sd/- Mission Director,
National Health Mission, Assam

Janasanayog/547/17

Date : 25/05/2017

CORRIGENDUM

Please read only C Ann with image intensifier system in the short tender notice "Vide No. SME/JMCH/989/Pt-I/V/2017/1281, Date: 18.05.2017" instead of "C Ann with image intensifier system and OT Table (head down)" in the Short Tender Notice as published earlier.

Also please read the tabular format "Column No: 6 Total Items in NIT" as "1" instead of "2" as published earlier.

Sd/- Principal cum Chief Superintendent
Jorhat Medical College & Hospital,
Jorhat

**CORRIGENDUM
ON E-TENDER**

In inviting reference to e-Tenders No. NIT/DTE 02/2017-18, NIT/DTE 03/2017-18, NIT/DTE 04/2017-18, NIT/DTE 05/2017-18, NIT/DTE 06/2017-18, NIT/DTE 07/2017-18, NIT/DTE 08/2017-18, NIT/DTE 09/2017-18, NIT/DTE 10/2017-18, NIT/DTE 11/2017-18 and NIT/DTE 12/2017-18 dated 24.05.2017, please read DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT ON E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL-26.05.2017 INSTEAD OF 25.05.2017.

Sd/- Director of Technical Education
Assam, Kalihipara, Guwahati-19.



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Walk in Interview

Walk in interview for the posts of Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Academic Planning will be held on 02.06.2017 at Assam Science and Technology University office, Tetelia Road, Near AEC, Jorhat, Guwahati-781013 at 11 AM.

The interested candidates with minimum 15 years of experience in Academic Planning and Academic Administration are requested to attend the walk in interview.

More details can be downloaded from www.astu.ac.in

Sd/-
Registrar(lc)
Assam Science and Technology University

EXTENSION NOTICE

It is for General Information to all concerned that the tender schedule for the works "Improvement of Brahmaputra State Guest House at Kharghuli, Guwahati. (Providing 50mm thick Bullet resistance glass alongwith B.P. steel frame at 3rd floor of Hon'ble Chief Minister's residence , wheel gate as the first layer of security check, providing roadside fencing grills, supplying new Fire extinguisher and refilling of Fire Extinguisher at Hon'ble Chief Ministers residence at Kharghuli, Guwahati) for the year 2016-17" hereby extended due to unavoidable reason and rescheduled as follows :-

- (a) Time & Date of receipt of application & issue of Tender Paper : 01.06.2017 to 02.06.2017 up to 4.00 pm
- (b) Time & Date of receiving Tender Paper : 03.06.2017 upto 2.00 PM
- (c) Time & Date of opening of Tender Paper : From 2.30 pm onwards of 05.06.2017.

This has a reference of this office letter No. SE/B-II/Tech/CS/03/2017-18/5220-27, Dated: 19.05.2017.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer PWD
Guwahati Building Circle-II
Chandmari, Guwahati-3

Janasanyog/906/17

'Supercop' KPS Gill dies at 82

NEW DELHI, May 26: 'Supercop' KPS Gill, who had played a major role in wiping out militancy from Punjab in the '90s and had advised Gujarat and Chhattisgarh governments on security, died here on Friday after suffering complications arising out of kidney failure and heart disease.

Kanwar Singh Pal Gill, 82, died at 2.55 pm at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital where he was admitted on May 18. Gill was suffering from the end-stage kidney failure and significant ischemic heart disease. He had been recovering from peritonitis but died of sudden cardiac arrest due cardiac arrhythmia, said nephrologist DS Rana, who had treated Gill.



Known for his no-nonsense attitude, Gill was also a controversial figure.

When Punjab faced the problem of insurgency by Khalistani extremists in the 1980s, Gill was Director General of Police from 1988 to 1990 and then again from 1991 to 1995 till his retirement.

In a controversial decision, Gill expanded a bounty system of rewards for police who killed militants – a practice his detractors alleged encouraged extra-judicial killings.

Gill was largely credited with having dealt with militancy in

Punjab with an iron hand and breaking the back of the Khalistani movement. During the militancy and even a little later, scores of political leaders and police officials lost their lives in the terror that held sway in the State in the '80s and the '90s. Notable among them was Akali Dal leader Harcharan Singh Longowal, who signed the Punjab Accord with the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Gill was not deterred by the anti-Centre discourse that took place after 'Operation Blue Star' in 1984, and he

dared to command 'Operation Black Thunder' in 1988 to again flush out militants hiding in the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

In 2000, the government of Sri Lanka sought Gill's expertise as an anti-militancy expert to draw a counter-terrorism strategy against the dreaded LTTE, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Two years later, after the post-Godhra violence in Gujarat, Narendra Modi as the Chief Minister appointed him a security advisor in the State.

Gill was also considered an expert on the Northeast region where he worked in his initial years in the Indian Police Service (IPS), essentially in Assam. ~ IANS

prisoner commitment.

CBI lawyers Lalit Kumar Singh and K K Yadav opposed the plea indicating that the court had yesterday indicated that it may frame charges against the accused today and that they should be present on the May 30.

After hearing the arguments, judge Yadav allowed the application for exemption keeping in view the interest of justice on the condition that they should be present before the court on the next date.

The court which is hearing two separate cases, has already fixed May 30 for framing of charges against Mahant Narita Gopal Das, Mahant Rani Vilas Vedanti, Bakul Lal Sharma alias Prem Ji, Champat Rai Bansal, Dharma Das and Satish Pradhan in the other matter. – PTI

PCR vans with commandos for Delhi

NEW DELHI, May 26: In the wake of recent inputs about a possible terror attack here, the Delhi Police has decided to place 10 PCR vans manned by National Security Guards-trained drivers and commandos, in vulnerable spots.

The 'Parakram' vans will be stationed at Vijay Chowk, Palki Bazaar, IP Marg, Select Citywalk Mall in Saket, Vasant Kunj Mall, Pacific Mall in Subhash Nagar, Netaji Subhash Place market and mall complex, Aradheshwar Temple, Lotus Temple and Jhandewalan.

They were flagged off by Delhi Police Commissioner Anil Kumar Patnaik today at an event. In a recent interview to PTI, Patnaik had said that Delhi Police has to make extra efforts in maintaining vigil since the National Capital is a favourite target of terror outfits. "In the light of recent attacks across the globe, it was decided that we should add anti-terror backup," said Delpura Pathak, "Special Commissioner of Police (Operations). – PTI

Advertisement for the post of Registrar at Assam Science and Technology University, Guwahati

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Last date for submission of application to Assam Science and Technology University office is 27th June 2017 (3 pm).

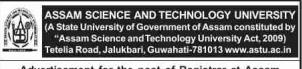
Sd/- Vice Chancellor
Assam Science and Technology University
Guwahati

Janasanyog/411/17

Directorate of Museums, Assam and India Foundation for the Arts, Bangalore

Present
"The Men who hunted heads"
A Film By
Christoph Von Furer Haimendorf
On Sunday, May 28, 2017 in the Assam State Museum, Guwahati
&
An audio visual talk on 'the idea of community based art in Tribal areas'
Mr. Sayantan Mitra Boka, curator along with discussants, Mr. Mahabur Rahman, artist and curator (Bangladesh) and Ms. Manju Rajak, artist from Assam.
All are invited

Venue: Kanaklal Barua Auditorium
Time: 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Sd/- Director of Museums, Assam
Guwahati-1
Janasanyog/247/17



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Sd/- Vice Chancellor
Assam Science and Technology University
Guwahati

Janasanyog/411/17

NOTICE

Applications are invited with Bio-data supported by relevant documents from intending candidates for the post of Project Director, Nagano District Child Labour Project, Nagano.

The post is to be engaged purely on contractual basis with fixed remuneration of Rs. 18,000/- P.M. only. The terms & conditions are as follows—

1. The minimum qualification should be graduate from recognized University.
 2. The candidate should be familiar with office procedure.
 3. He has to work on full time basis under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner.
 4. His upper age limit is 65 yrs and minimum age limit will be 38 yrs.
 5. Preference will be given to Reid. Govt. Gazetted Officer.
- Last date of submission of applications up to 05.06.2017
The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.
Canvassing of any form will be a disqualification.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman
Nagano District Child Labour Project Society
Nagaon, Assam

Janasanyog/408/17



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

**Government of Assam
Industries and Commerce Department, Assam****Tea Cess Utilisation Policy - 2017 (Amended)**

A revolutionary step by the Assam Government to motivate and empower Small Tea Growers (STG)

Objective of the Policy

To empower the small tea growers through financial supports and other incentives

Incentives available under the Policy

1. 75% of the actual cost subject to ceiling of ₹7.50 lakh will be provided to buy motor vehicle for transportation of green tea leaves
2. Subsidy @ 50% against interest of bank loan for development / expansion of small tea gardens subject to maximum of ₹15,000.00
3. Up to 75% grants for setting up of green leaf collection centres subject to limit of ₹5.00 lakh
4. 40% of investments made in plant and machinery and factory building subject to limit of ₹50.00 lakh as special assistance.
5. Assistance for conversion of existing small tea garden to organic tea @ ₹30,000.00 per acre
6. 75% of the fee of certification subject to ceiling of ₹50,000.00 annually

Other incentives

1. Assistance for imparting training for good manufacturing practices.
2. Annual Award to three best performing Small Tea Growers.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Small Tea Growers (STG), Self Help Groups (SHG), Co-operatives of STG's, Partnership firm of STGs and company having 100% equity holders from STG's
2. Names of STG must be there in the STG directory published by the Directorate of Tea

How to Apply

Application forms may be downloaded from www.industries.assam.gov.in and may be submitted in the Office of the GM, DI&CC concerned

Implementing Authority

District Level Committee under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and the General Manager, DIIC as Member Secretary will examine and approve the proposal and release the fund as per policy

Janasanyog/2425/17

For further details, please contact District Industries and Commerce Centres or visit www.industries.assam.gov.in



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NATO attempts to contain Russia raising conflict risk: Moscow

MOSCOW, May 26: Russia today accused NATO of increasing the threat of conflict, insisting attempts by the US-led alliance to curb Moscow have left ties at their lowest ebb since the USSR collapsed.

"At present NATO-Russian relations are at their worst since the end of the Cold War," the foreign ministry in Moscow said in a statement.

The ministry said NATO was pursuing a policy of "containment" towards Russia that has seen it bolster its forces along the country's border in eastern Europe.

"The direct consequence is the increase in the potential for conflict in the Euro-Atlantic region," it said.

The broadside from Moscow came a day after NATO leaders met in Brussels. The threat from Russia has tended to be a major focus of NATO summits since Moscow annexed the Crimean peninsula from Ukraine in 2014 and then backed a bloody separatist insurgency.

But the meeting yesterday saw the Russia issue relegated as US President Donald Trump blasted allies for not spending enough on defence and more to combat terrorism. — AFP

26 Coptic Christians killed as gunmen attack bus in Egypt

CAIRO, May 26: At least 26 people, mostly children, were killed and 25 others injured today when masked gunmen wearing army uniforms opened fire on a bus carrying Coptic Christians in central Egypt, the second major attack on the community in nearly two months.

The bus came under attack when it was heading to Anba Samuel monastery in the Minya Governorate, 250km south of Cairo.

The gunmen were riding in three 4x4 vehicles, the Ministry of Interior said.

Twenty-six Christians were killed and 25 others injured in the attack, it said.

Sources and eyewitnesses said that most of the victims were children.

Reports said there had been between eight and 10 attackers who were wearing military uniforms.

Security forces were searching for the attackers. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. There have been a number of attacks on Copts in the country in recent months claimed by ISIS militants.

Two suicide bombings targeting churches in Tanta and Alexandria on April 9 left at least 46 people dead. In December, an attack on a Coptic church in Cairo killed 25 people.

Coptic Christians, which make up about 10 percent of Egypt's 91 million population, have faced persecution in Egypt, which has spiked since the toppling of Hosni Mubarak's regime in 2011.

Egypt had imposed a nationwide three-month state of emergency after the April bombings, with the option to extend for another three months. — PTI

Russia probe turns spotlight on Kushner

WASHINGTON, May 26: US President Donald Trump's senior adviser – and son-in-law – Jared Kushner has now become the focus of the FBI's ongoing investigation into Russian collusion in the US presidential election campaign.

Kushner, who is married to the President's eldest daughter Ivanka, conversed with at least two Russians in the past – Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak and Russian banker Sergey Gorkov, both of whom he met last year.

While investigators believe Kushner may have significant information relevant to the Russia probe, officials said it does not mean he is suspected of committing a crime or that they are weighing charges, NBC News reported on Tuesday.

Points of focus that pertain to Kushner include the Trump campaign's 2016 data analytics operation, his relationship with former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and Kushner's own contacts with Russians, US officials briefed on the probe have said.

It remains unclear if the Federal Bureau of Investigation plans to talk to Kushner.

Kushner previously volunteered to share with Congress what he knows about these meet-



Jared Kushner

ings," Attorney Jamie Gorlick said in a statement on Thursday.

"He will do the same if he is contacted in connection with any other inquiry."

A source close to Kushner said he was unaware of the FBI's interest in him and hadn't been contacted.

Federal investigators were taking a closer look at the Trump campaign's data analytics operation, which was supervised by Kushner, officials said, and were examining whether Russian operatives used people associated with the campaign, said the report.

Kushner worked with and helped oversee the campaign's data operation contractors based in San Antonio, Texas. He also led the presidential transition's foreign policy efforts. — IANS



70th Cannes Film Festival – The amfAR's Cinema Against AIDS 2017 event – Auction – Antibes, France on Thursday. Models ready as they conduct an auction. — UNI

Nandita Das' Manto leapfrogs on to Cannes canvas

CANNES, May 26: Manto is on the move in Cannes. The first look of Nandita Das' upcoming film, unveiled at the 70th Cannes Film Festival, has triggered much interest among buyers and festival programmers looking for India-themed content.

The director, on her part, feels that her sophomore venture is an extension of sorts of her first film "Firaaq", made in 2008, "although that is not the intention".

She says: "The stories that I chose for 'Firaaq' were more dramatic, but the spirit of the new film is pretty much the same."

"Manto" was a politically engaged writer whose work was infused with deep humanism. He gave voice to the voiceless by turning the spotlight on factory workers, prostitutes and others existing on the margins of society," says Das, explaining why her film is timely.



Nandita Das

Having had to abort plans to shoot parts of Manto in Lahore given the frosty Indo-Pak ties, Das has settled for Mumbai as the principal location. She will film on real locations and use VFX service provider Prana Studio's expertise to disguise the backdrops.

Manto focuses on four years of the life of the iconic Urdu writer who presented brutally honest portraits of the madness that gripped the subcontinent in the late 1940s. "The relevance of his stories hasn't diminished one bit. If anything, it has increased," she says.

With 12 days of filming left to go, Das, who took a few days off from the shoot to be in Cannes along with lead actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Rasika Dugal (who plays Manto's wife Safia), hopes that Manto will be ready by the end of 2017 to catch next year's early film festivals.

Neither of the principal actors can wait to see the film take final shape and hit the screen. "Nandita has done a lot of research before embarking on the project," says Siddiqui. "What could be better for an actor than a director who gives him every minute detail about a character?" — PTI



Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
Chief Minister, Assam

Govt. of Assam
Labour and Welfare Department.

Achievements of Labour and Welfare Department, Assam in the year 2016-17

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

- **Assam Shops and Establishments Act, 1971.** :Revision of Registration and Renewal fees under Assam Shops & Establishment Act, 1971.
- **Payment of Wage Act, 1936.** : The Govt. of Assam has notified 27 No. of Industrial including Plantation to pay wage to all employees by crediting wage through bank account or cheque. This was done as per Govt. of India notification on the Payment of Wages (Amendment) under Section 6 of the Payment of Wages Act 1936.

WAY FORWARD

- **Welfare Society** – A welfare society is proposed for various activities like awareness, survey, study, facilitate payment of compensation to identified bonded labour, rescued child labour, welfare benefits to different section of unorganized workers.
- **Motor Transport Workers Welfare Scheme and Domestic Workers Welfare Scheme** is in process.
- **Ease of Doing Business** : Under the Ease of doing business all points defined by the Industrial policy and promotion (DIPP) for the Commissionerate of Labour has been defined.
- **Model Shops and Establishment Act:** Assam Shops and establishment (Amendment) Act 2016 proposed in line with Model Shops and Establishment Act.
- **Online submission of Annual Return Form-12 named as "Tea Atlas"** is initiated with UNICEF under Plantation Labour Act, 1951
- **Enhancement of Welfare benefits** for registered construction workers and their dependents under The Building and Other Construction Workers (RE & CS) Act, 1996 are proposed.



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Can't write off Kohli: Hussey

NEW DELHI, May 26: Virat Kohli may have had a quiet IPL by his standards but former Australia batsman Mike Hussey said the opposition teams can take the Indian captain lightly during the Champions Trophy at their own peril.

"He is a class player and anyone who wants to write him off in this tournament will probably have to eat humble pie! You can't keep a gun player down for long and I am sure he will be very determined to play well in England and show the world his class again," Hussey told PTI during an interaction ahead of the ICC event.

'Mr Cricket' is confident that the form of top Indian batsmen will have no bearing on the defending champions' chances.

"I don't think it will have much effect at all. It is a

new tournament in a different country, different team and different conditions. It's all about starting well, getting some momentum and confidence going early in the tournament," said Hussey.

The two-time World Cup winner's tips for the Indian batsmen is to play as late as possible unlike Australia where one can meet the deliveries on the rise.

"From a batting point of view, you need to wait for the ball more and play as late as possible. In Australian conditions, as the pitches are generally true and you can go at the ball and hit through the line," Hussey observed.

Hussey also expects that spinners would have some role to play at the three venues – Birmingham, Cardiff and The Oval.

"It is hard for me to say when I haven't looked at the pitches, but if they are dry, then I definitely think the spinners will play a role in the tournament."

The veteran of 185 ODIs feels that Steve

Smith's Australia have a very good chance to win the trophy with the kind of squad they have.

"I think Australia has a great chance. The team looks strong but it is a very tough competition to win as all the teams are very good and you can't really afford any slip-ups along the way. If the team starts well and gets their confidence up, then they will be hard to stop," the West Australian said.

Smith and IPL Orange Cap winner David Warner have both been in good form, which is a great advantage for the Aussies.

"But they always seem to be in good form!" Hussey commented, adding: "They are both crucial to Australia's chances, they always are. It is good that they have been playing cricket and are in good form leading into the tournament."

While he feels that the Champions Trophy final could become a limited overs 'Ashes' rivalry between England and Australia, he won't mind an India versus Australia summit showdown. – PTI



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Barcelona favourite to win Copa del Rey against Alaves

MADRID, May 26: FC Barcelona have their last chance at winning a major trophy this season when they face Deportivo Alaves in the final of the Spanish Copa del Rey (Kings Cup) on Saturday.

After being knocked out of the quarterfinals of the Champions League and losing the Liga Santander to Real Madrid, Barcelona and coach Luis Enrique could end the season on a high note, reports Xinhua news agency.

It would also be the perfect send-off for the Barcelona coach who will sit in the Catalan dugout for the last time in the Vicente Calderon Stadium, ending a successful three-year spell at the club.

The match is also the last to be played in the Calderon, as Atletico Madrid prepare to move to their new Wanda Metropolitano Stadium for the coming season.

Barcelona are the clear favourites to retain the Cup, a competition they have won on 28 occasions, more than any other side in Spain, and which they also won in 2015 and 2016, beating Athletic Club Bilbao and Sevilla in the process. However, Luis Enrique will be without Luis Suarez and Sergi Roberto, both of whom are suspended and consequently has to make changes in both attack and defence.

Lucas Digne will probably play at right back, while Andres Iniesta or Paco Alcacer will occupy the advanced role alongside Leo Messi and Neymar.

Although Barcelonais favourites, it would be an error to write Alaves off out of hand. The side coached by Manuel Pellegrino has been one of the revelations of the season in Spain finishing ninth in the table after winning promotion from the second division last season. – IANS

Sharath Kamal to lead India at World TT

DUSSELDORF, May 26: Sharath Kamal will once again lead India's challenge in the World Table Tennis Championships to be held here from May 29 to June 5.

Since the championships are all about individual performances, the Indian members will have to try hard to make an impression in the eight-day event.

Besides 53-ranked Kamal, the other male members of the squad include Sounojji Ghosh (83), G. Sathiyan and Harneet Desai (95) while the women players are Madhurika Patkar, the reigning national champion, Manika Batra (103), Mouma Das and Aylahika Mukherjee, the rookie, who will make her maiden world championships appearance.

Kamal, the top-seeded Indian in the world will have to shoulder most of the burden of the eight-member squad comprising four men and women padlers, besides his own fans' expectations at the home.

In the previous edition two years ago in Suzhou (China), the Indian spearhead was in a roaring form before pulling himself out in the third round because of a hip injury.

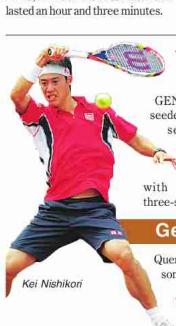
For the 34-year-old Indian, who could probably be playing his last world championships (individuals), the event in Germany presents a good opportunity to make a real good impression and he would try all tricks in his bags to achieve glory. – PTI

Indian shuttlers go down to China

GOLD COAST (Australia), May 26: India's campaign at the Sudirman Cup ended after they went down 0-3 against top seed and 10-time champions China in the quarterfinals of the mixed team championship here today.

It was always going to be an uphill task for the ninth seeded Indian team to breach the Chinese wall and though the mixed doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnapa and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy put up a gritty show to challenge the World No. 2 pair of Lu Kai and Huang Yaqiong, they ultimately went down.

The experienced Chinese combination had the last laugh as they beat Ashwini and Satwiksairaj 16-21, 21-13, 21-16 in the first match that lasted an hour and three minutes.



Geneva Open

Querrey and Kevin Anderson, respectively.

The 32-year-old Wawrinka, who has struggled on clay thus far this season,

on Thursday worked out

some of the kinks in his game in a confidence-boosting 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 win over Querrey, reports Efe.

The big-serving American

took the opening set without losing his serve and then went up

an early break of serve in the second set against the defending champion.

But the sweet-hitting Swiss

delighted the home crowd by

India had qualified for the knockout stage only once in 2011 but even then it was the Chinese who had ended their campaign with a 3-1 win. China, which lost only one of their 10 matches in the round-robin stage,

dished out another su-



Chen Long of China in action during the men's singles match of Group 1 against Kidambi Srikanth of India at Sudirman Cup in Gold Coast, Australia, on Friday.



The third-ranked Wawrinka has a record of just 4-3 on clay this year but is looking to round it out in time for tennis' lone Grand Slam event on that surface, the French Open, which gets under way on Sunday.

In the other matches, Nishikori saved three match points before edging Anderson 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). – IANS

I feel we are beginning to understand our strengths

I've spent the last few weeks adjusting to the red clay of Europe, which is not my favorite surface, with a new partner, Kazakhstan's Yaroslava Shvedova. This has kept me busy and on my toes.

As a new team, we have had a few good wins already and an odd unexpected loss that has only increased our motivation to work harder in plugging the loose ends in our game. I feel we are beginning to understand our strengths that will give us the edge by the time the French Open gets underway.

"Slava and I go back a long way. More than a decade ago in 2007, she beat me in semifinal of

the Bangalore Open on the way to her maiden WTA Singles title and I avenged the loss later that year when I got the better of her in a one-sided encounter at Wimbledon. We've played against each

other several times in doubles as well and 'Slava' was my opponent, partnering Garrigues in a nail-biting quarterfinal that we won after saving match points in Charlesion in 2015. We went on to

break Querrey's serve twice to take the second set and two more times in a comfortable third-set victory.

Stan Wawrinka

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us at Wimbledon last year in the

quarterfinal when she partnered Timea Babos.

I have also partnered Shvedova briefly in 2011 when we won the Washington WTA doubles title in

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'Russia ensuring workers' rights at FIFA WC sites'

MOSCOW, May 26: Russia is ensuring working conditions at all sites being built for the FIFA World Cup 2018 strictly comply with labour and immigration laws, the Russian Foreign Ministry has said.

Ministry's official spokesperson Maria Zakhrova on Thursday asserted this in response to allegations of violations of the rights of "guest" workers from the North Korea working at the World Cup construction site of Zenit-Arena stadium in St Petersburg, reports Tass news agency.

The allegations were levelled by the football federations of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Iceland and filed with FIFA. They had requested FIFA to hold an inquiry into the reports on possible human rights violations.

Zakhrova said, "The relevant governmental agencies exercise strict control over the issues of migration and that's why there are competent people to watch over the guest workers' rights in Russia."

She urged Western activists "to turn their eyes to other well-known countries where the operating conditions for immigrant workers really leave much to be desired."

"Regrettably, this fervent attention towards rights is highly selective and it has turned into an instrument of political contention," Zakhrova said. - IANS

Fairyland HS enter semifinal

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 26: Fairyland High School became the third team to enter the semifinals of the 13th Dhan Sena Sinha Memorial All Assam Inter School Prize-money Cricket Tournament.

In the quarterfinal match played at the Lataasil playground here today, Fairyland boys thrashed Assam Vidya Mandir by 36 runs.

Batting first Fairyland put up a stiff challenge for the opponent by scoring a commendable total of 170 for seven in the stipulated 25 overs. Man-of-the-match Bibek Pourel was responsible for their big total as he cracked 50 plus deliveries. His quickfire knock was studded with sixes and four boundaries.

The Assam Vidya Mandir could not clause down the big total and folded their innings at 123 in 24.1 overs.

Brief scores: **Fairyland HS 170/9** (Bibek Pourel 57, Sandip Kr Pandit 20, Hari Ch Das 2/20, Suraj Tari 2/24, Koushik Das 3/38); **Assam Vidya Mandir 132** (Kausik Das 34, Kausik Sarma 22, Sahil Gupta 3/23).

Toss: Assam Vidya Mandir won the Sunriser English School.

ASKAA meet on May 28

GUWAHATI, May 26: The executive body meeting of the All Style Karate Do Association Assam (ASKAA) will be held on May 28 at the Wushu Association of Assam office in RG Baruah Sports Complex here, stated a press release.

The meeting will be held at 10 am to discuss ASKAA's organisational activities.

Gill's death condoled

GUWAHATI, May 26: The death of KPS Gill, who was the president of the Indian Hockey Federation, was condoled by the Assam Hockey Association (AHA) at a meeting held in Nagaon. Super Cop Gill died in New Delhi today.

The AHA secretary Tapan Das informed that Gill had been associated with the State hockey body and extended ample support while he was at the helm of Indian hockey. He also played in Nagaon hockey league during 1961 to 1963 when he was SP of Nagaon.

IN MEMORIAM



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(For who has taken birth, death is certain and who is dead, birth is certain)

- The Bhagavad Gita.

On your first death anniversary, we fondly remember you with prayers and love in our heart. May your soul rest in peace by the blessings of the Almighty God.

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