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Flood situation

GUWAHATI, July 1: More than 1 lakh people are reeling under floods in eight districts, a report by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority here today said. Over 5,272 hectares of crop area have been damaged in 453 flooded villages. – Staff Reporter

EC drive

GUWAHATI, July 1: The Election Commission (EC) is conducting a month-long special drive from July 1 to enrol young voters in the age group 18-21. Application forms have been made available at the offices of the BLOs and Electoral Registration Officers. – Staff Reporter

Petrol pumps stir

GUWAHATI, July 1: Petrol pumps in greater Guwahati remain shut for 24 hours from 5 min of July 3 in protest against the "arbitrary decision" of the IOC to close down a depot in the city. The North East India Petroleum Dealers' Association stated. – Staff Reporter

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Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launching the 68th Van Mahotsav celebrations in the presence of ministers Atul Bora, Pramila Rani Brahma and Keshab Mahanta, at Kaliabor on Saturday. – UB Photos

Bid to plant 10 crore saplings

Sonowal launches ambitious programme

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 1: Ceremonially launching the Avenue Plantation Programme along the national highway from Kaliabor Timai to Bokhat as part of the 68th Van Mahotsav celebration, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the State government would plant 10 crore saplings throughout the State to realize the vision for a pollution-free environment.

"Plantation is our national duty and under any circumstances Assam won't be lagging behind in performing its national duty. Plantation of 10 crore saplings is our endeavour which would augur well in making Assam greener and free from pollution," he said.

Centre may consider NE police body

R. DUTTA CHOWDHURY

Assam Police came up with proposal in DGPs' meet

submit reports to the Centre.

Security sources told *The Assam Tribune* that the proposal for creation of the NEPOL was mooted by the Assam Police in the conference of the heads of police forces of the northeastern states that concluded here yesterday. The matter would receive "active consideration" of

Tough action against those helping hide black money: PM

NEW DELHI, July 1: Warning of tough action on companies indulging in tax evasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said over 37,000 such shell firms have been already detected and registrations of more than three lakh others have been cancelled.

Modi said his government is committed to taking even tougher action against those helping hide black money and he is not at all concerned about any political implications of strong moves.

Addressing chartered accountants on the foundation day of the ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants in India), Modi also said CAs should take a pledge to bring people in the tax bracket rather than boasting about the number of clients they have saved from paying taxes.

Modi said his government along with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India), is also cleaning India's economy and it has taken tough stand against those who have looted the nation.

In a strong message to the CA community, he asked as to why action has only been taken against just 23 of them for irregularities, while more than 1,400 cases have been pending for many years.

He said it is a bitter truth that only 32 lakh Indians have declared over Rs 10 lakh income, despite crores of them being in high-end professions.

Giving details of action taken post demonetisation, he said data mining shows that over three lakh registered companies indulged in suspected dealings.

"Government has cancelled registration of over one lakh companies in a single

stroke and more than 37,000 shell firms have been identified for strong action," he said.

The Prime Minister also asked CAs that if they know anyone with black money, they should warn them that they would not be spared. He said the impact of the government's steps on checking black money is clear from the latest figures of Swiss banks, which show that Indians' money parked there has dipped to a record low.

Surprisingly, the amount had risen sharply earlier in 2013, Modi said, referring to a period when the Congress-led UPA regime was in power. People with black money will face more difficulties when Switzerland begins automatic information exchange in two years, he added. – PTI

AASU opposes English Adarsha Bidyalayas

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 1: The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) will stage sit-in demonstrations on July 4 across the State from 11 am to 2 pm in protest against the State government's decision to set up English-medium Adarsha Bidyalayas.

The AASU said in a statement that the government's exercise tantamount to undermining the mother tongue (vernacular) educational institutions and an act of compromise on the very identity of the people of the State.

"This is preposterous that the State government should even think of having government-run schools in English medium. Under no circumstances would the AASU allow such regressive developments to take place in the sanctified domains of school education. Our demand is that the Adarsha Bidyalayas must be run in the vernacular medium and must be under the SEBA," it said.

The AASU added that instead

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Top LeT ultra, 2 civilians killed in J-K operation

SRINAGAR, July 1: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants, including commander Bashir Lashkari who was behind the killing of six policemen last month, were gunned down by security forces in Kashmir's Anantnag district today, police said.

Two civilians, 44-year-old Tahira and 21-year-old Shabd Ahmad Cheyan, were also killed during a search operation in Breh-Batpora village in Daila area of the district, police said.

"The encounter is over. Two militants have been killed," Director General of Police SP Vaid said. The other slain militant had been identified as Azad Dada.

Earlier in the day, Tahira died in crossfire between security forces and militants holed up inside a house in the village. Chopan was allegedly killed in security forces' action against protesters near the encounter site.

According to police, Lashkari and his group were involved in the brutal killing of SHO Feroz Ahmad Dar and five other policemen in Achabal area of south Kashmir on June 16. – PTI

175 ASTC drivers hold 'fake' licences

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, July 1: In what smacks of a recruitment racket in the Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC), over 300 of the 620 contractual drivers recruited in 2015 have failed to clear a re-exam. Worse, around 175 drivers allegedly had fake licences.

Sources in the state-owned transport body said the 620 drivers were made to undergo a re-exam in May in the wake of apprehensions over their driving skill. The fresh test was conducted at the city's Rupnarayan complex of the ASTC under CCTV observation.

Sources told *The Assam Tribune* that 342 of those who appeared have failed to clear the test. "About 175 could not produce their driving licence," he said.

These contractual drivers were getting a remuneration of Rs 6,000 plus DA.

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Compulsory voting regime not feasible: CEC

NEW DELHI, July 1: Stating that the number of voters in India is increasing, Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi on Saturday said a compulsory voting regime is not feasible to improve it further.

"India is one of the few countries where in reality, the voter turnout is increasing. Compulsory voting system can help increase the number of voters

but the system is not feasible in India owing to its population."

Zaidi said in an interview with Facebook's Public Policy Director Ankhi Das on Saturday.

"Model of compulsory voting is successful in small countries. They can manage it as the number of electorate is very small but bringing that system is not feasible in a hugely populated country like ours," he said.

He emphasised that the Election Commission cannot force people. "Constitutionally, people have the right to vote or not to vote," he said.

Noting that in the 2014 elections, of the 850 million people, 550 million had participated, he said that if there is a mandate to vote, "we will have to proceed

against 300 million people".

"The cost of administrative compliance subjecting 30 crore people to action is not feasible. As an alternative to mandatory voting, voter education is the right method," Zaidi explained.

He said that there was a problem of a lower voter turn out in the country a few years ago and thus the ECI had to introduce the programme named Systematic Voter Education Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Programme.

"The important contributed factor to the increased voter turn out in the country has been SVEEP. It is a household name under which we focus on voter registration as well as voter participation," he said.

"Under this programme, we undertake surveys that contain the knowledge of voters' attitude. Then we design specific measures categorised by those survey parameters."

"This programme goes down to the level of polling stations where we identify stations with the lowest number of registrations, the areas with less women participation etc. These aspects are taken into account to take specific initiatives," he said.

Zaidi also touched upon the issue of urban apathy. He suggested people's mundane interests as the reason behind it. "In urban areas are more interested in mundane things. They only talk about the things that go wrong in the sys-

tem. Young people in urban areas have attitude problems. They unnecessarily feel that nothing will change." - IANS

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4,400 pilgrims leave for Amarnath

JAMMU, July 1: Over 4,400 pilgrims today left the winter capital for the twin base camps of 3,888 metre high Amarnath cave shrine of Lord Shiva in south Kashmir Himalayas, amid tight security.

The *yatra* was suspended from Jammu base camp after multiple landslides triggered by

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Bhaday", the pilgrims comprising

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left in a convoy of 142 vehicles

for Amarnath this morning and were escorted by the CRPF, a police officer said.

With today's batch, 9,238

pilgrims and sadhus have left

Jammu for Amarnath since the

yatra began from Jammu on

June 28. - PTI

Two asked to tender unconditional apology for threats

NEW DELHI, July 1: A Delhi court on Saturday directed two persons, accused of threatening the chairperson of the Association of the Victims of Upahrar Tragedy (AVUT) Neelam Krishnamurthy, to tender an unconditional apology.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sumit Dass directed PS Sharma and Deepak Kathuria, employees of Ansal Builldwell Limited and Ansal Properties and Infrastructure Limited (APD) respectively, to write an unconditional apology in a proper format and publish it in leading newspapers.

Earlier, both the accused who

were minor children in the Upahrar fire tragedy and has been fighting a legal battle for justice on behalf of the victim's families for the last 20 years, had claimed in her complaint that she and her husband were harassed by the accused persons inside the Patiala House Court premises

on the evening of May 10, 2007, when they were emerging out of the court room.

Krishnamurthy had gone to the court to attend the trial proceedings in the 1997 Upahrar fire tragedy case and Sharma and Kathuria were accused of passing lewd remarks against her and clicking her photographs.

Chairman of API Sudhil Ansal and Chairman of Ansal Buildwell Gopal Ansal were also named in the complaint. Then Chief Metropolitan Magistrate had also summoned them in the case but later, the Delhi High Court quashed the summons against them. - IANS

and Kathuria had threatened her and told her to drop the Upahrar fire tragedy case.

Krishnamurthy, who lost two minor children in the Upahrar fire tragedy and has been fighting a legal battle for justice on behalf of the victim's families for the last 20 years, had claimed in her complaint that she and her husband were harassed by the accused persons inside the Patiala House Court premises

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The apology came after the court had concluded arguments on framing of charges against the duo and was about to pronounce the order in the case.

As per the complaint lodged by Krishnamurthy, Sharma

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IN MEMORIAM



TO-LET

In Fond Memory of
Kusum Chutia
Birth: 01.08.1955
Death: 02.07.2013
We remember you with
tearful eyes and pay homage
to you on your 4th Death
Anniversary on 2nd July
2017. May your soul rest in
eternal peace.

Ramchandra Chutia
(Husband)
Jnandabhiram Chutia
(Son)
Manosi Chutia (Daughter
in Law)
Arunabhiram Chutia
(Son)
Abhiljan Chutia
(Grandson)

CD/InMemor/P/AP876/1

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Born - 01.03.1944
Died - 12.07.2016
You left the earthly plane but you
live forever in our memories.
We pray for eternal peace of your
departed soul.

Deb Suhokan Kur & Family

CD/InMemor/P/1316/61



Late Nibedita Deori
Bharali

On the day of your 10th
Death Tithi, we pray that your
soul rest in peace and
continue to give us your
blessing.

Ajey Deuri Bharyl
(Husband)

Kaushik Deuri Bharyl
(Son)
Bipash Deuri Bharyl
(Daughter)

Manisha Deuri Bharyl
(Daughter)

CD/InMemor/P/1318/4/1



Late Shivnath Miri
Birth: 19.06.1949
Death: 15.06.2017

With profound grief we inform
the sad demise of our
beloved father/husband on
15th of June 2017. Adya
Shraddha (Rituals) will be
held from 1st July to 10th
July onwards at a private
residence. We request the
presence of well-wishers,
friends and relatives.

In Grief
Mrs. Antewari Ngatay (Wife)
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Place: House No. 4A
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Guwahati-29

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RCC building 1st floor with 3
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Two rooms first floor at
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2 bedroom flat on rent near State
Zoo for small family. 9864058234.
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2 rooms attached bath-kitchen Zoo
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RCC two rooms 6500/-
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2 BHK fully furnished flat at
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Single room for coaching ten/
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TL/P/1321/1/1

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Two minor brothers from Bihar rescued
CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, July 1: Two brothers, Abhishek Kumar aged about 11 and Captain Kumar (10) were rescued by RPF personnel from the Kamakhya Railway Station last night and handed over to GRP, Maligaon. Later GRP, Maligaon handed over the minors to Child Line.

Police sources said that the two brothers had come from Madhuwanigao in Purnia district of Bihar. They are students of Ambition Academy, Bihar. Both of them had run away from their school as they could not tolerate the thrashing from their teachers.

The Child Line authority, aided by Assam Police, contacted their counterpart in Bihar and the boys' parents are scheduled to reach Guwahati today. Both the boys are being kept at the Government Children Home for boys at Fatasil Ambari.

Blood donation camp held

GUWAHATI, July 1: Rotaract & Rotary Club of Guwahati Luit together with Narayana Hrudaya Super-speciality Hospital organised a daylong blood donation camp at Sangeneria Bhawan here today.

Over 50 people had registered for blood donation, out of whom 25 were able to donate blood as the donors went through a series of medical check-ups before donating blood.

The donors were given refreshments and a certificate of appreciation each for their service to humanity. The donors would also be entitled to an extraordinary service of getting blood units (of any blood group) whenever required for their immediate family members from the blood bank of the club for six months, said a press release.

Paal Naam

GUWAHATI, July 1: The annual Paal Naam of the Chandmari Nizarpur Nanghar will be held on July 9 with a daylong programme, said a press release.

How safe are Guwahati's swimming pools?

RAJIB PRAKASH BARUAH

One are the days when the city of Guwahati had only one swimming pool - Bimala Prasad Chailha Swimming Pool at RG Baruah Sport Complex - where people from different sections of the society used to come for swimming or to learn swimming.

Nowadays, the city boasts of large number of swimming pools of different types. Many of such swimming pools are located at Sarusajai Sports Complex, amusement parks, star category hotels, shopping malls, clubs, educational institutions, etc. People have now their options to choose pools depending upon their economic and other social factors. But the most worrying factor is that many of these swimming pools in the city don't have adequate safety measures in place for the swimmers.

In recent times, several accidents were taken place at some swimming pools in the city, pointing fingers at the kind of risks that may be encountered especially by the first time swimmers.



ing upon the size of the pool), cleanliness, wash rooms, toilets and above all the overall maintenance of the pool by the pool management.

In most cases, swimming pools in the city don't have trained life guards. It is also seen that the so called coaches/trainers are not at all trained from any reputed government institutes, although some of them are good swimmers or ex-players who represented

the State or the country during their days. But the fact is that a good swimmer or an ex-player may not be a qualified coach, a trainer or a life guard.

It is also seen that first aid facilities and qualified persons to provide immediate first aids are not available at the swimming pools in the city. The conditions of wash rooms and toilets in the swimming pool premises are also not at all hygienic. As a result of such loopholes, some young persons either lost their lives or got injured for no fault of their own.

Therefore, it is high time for the administration to take necessary steps to ensure the safety of swimmers. At the same time, parents/guardians should carry out a survey on the safety measures available in the swimming pools before enrolling their children. The management of the swimming pool concerned should also brief parents/guardians of the swimmers on the facilities available in their swimming pool. Further, the pool managements should take measures for rectifying the loopholes to prevent any untoward incidents in future.



Judo techniques being demonstrated at a self-defence training programme organized by the North East Girl Students' Association at the Nehru Stadium in Guwahati on Saturday. - UB Photos

68th Chartered Accountants' Day celebrated

GST will boost country's GDP: Sonowal

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 1: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today asserted that the rolling out of the new tax regime in the form of GST would effect sweeping changes in taxation and consequently accelerate the country's GDP.

Sonowal, who was addressing the 68th CA Day programme organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at the Pragjyoti-ITA Centre for Performing Arts, Machukhawa, termed the rolling out of the GST a historic occasion for the country for which it was waiting for years.

"The GST marks a paradigm shift in taxation, and it will put an end to tax terrorism. Led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we all worked hard for this. This reflects the BJP government's commitment for the welfare of the common

people. This also marks the next step of the Prime Minister's pledge to fight black money," he said.

Asserting that the 'one nation one tax' regime would streamline the entire taxation process and benefit the masses besides checking corrupt financial practices and tax evasion, Sonowal said it is not just an economic reform but a huge social revamp as well, that would unite society. He added that a region like the North East would gain a lot from the shift.

"The government is prepared to implement it smoothly. Awareness on GST is being spread. It will also ensure enhanced and sustained growth in GDP;" the CM said, adding that Assam would now emerge as the gateway to South East Asia instead of its current status of being the gateway to north-east India.

Among the guests present on the

occassion was Union Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar who also addressed the CA fraternity.

Akbar in his speech gave an account of the benefits accruing from the new taxation regime, saying that it would benefit even more a region like the North East.

"All the essential commodities including foodstuff have either been exempted from taxation under GST or kept in the minimum slab of five per cent. This will benefit the masses," he said, adding that connectivity would also get a boost and the toll gates on highways would now be a thing of memory.

Chairman Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Mahabali Agarwalla also spoke, among others. Chartered accountants from all over the region were present along with government officials, members of trade bodies, various organisations, tax payers, etc.

Factory flouting safety norms: AASU

CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, July 1: Members of the Dimoria unit of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) visited a factory located in the 15th Mile near here today, where a fire broke out last evening.

The AASU members visited the site to take stock of the situation and alleged the factory discharges acids from scrap batteries into the drain. It has also resulted in pollution of the river in Byrram.

Dibyojyoti Medhi, a leader of the students' body, visited the Kamakhya Power Solution factory and noticed that the factory discharges acids from scrap batteries into the drain. It has also resulted in pollution of the river in Byrram.

It is to be noted that water from this river is used by the PHE Department for various water supply schemes in the Dimoria region and discharge of toxic chemicals into the river by the factory can prove very harmful to people's health and choke the river of all aquatic life, mainly fish, Medhi noted.

Dimoria AASU unit president Jatinra Nath Deka alleged that the factory is not following any safety rules to protect the environment as well as the people living nearby. He said the people in the

Death mourned

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 1: A condolence meeting held today under the presidency of Dr Daudin Choudhury, turned the cause of Prof Balit Kumar Deba, former vice principal of Cotton College and founder-president of Pub-Guwahati Junior College on June 29.

The meeting held at the college reflected the contributions of the late Deba in the establishment of the college and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul. It also conveyed its sympathy to the bereaved family.

factory work without hand-gloves and masks. "These types of factories should be immediately closed as it is polluting the environment and functioning without proper

safety measures."

He also raised questions on the authorities concerned for giving permission to such factories to operate and play with the lives of people.

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MESSAGE FORTODAY

The art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.

— SUN TZU

The Assam Tribune**Out in open**

Self-interest guides foreign policies of nations. Nowhere is this truism more evident than in the manner in which many countries tend to downplay their relationship with Israel. This is because not all nations have the muscle-power, or attractiveness as a consumer market, of the US, which can openly avow support for Israel even while hobnobbing with her sworn "enemies". Lesser entities prefer to keep relationships with Israel, no matter how strong, at a low key level as far as flaunting it is concerned. This is because of the fear that any openouting of a strong bond with that nation will offend the Arab world, especially entities such as the Hamas which have waged a protracted war against her. Yet it is equally true that almost all nations of the world, including certain Arab ones, have trade and technology dealings with Israel, which is a highly advanced modern nation having much to offer, especially to developing countries. For instance, in the sphere of agriculture, water-management, hydroponics and making most of scarce natural resources, Israel has no equal. Moreover the efficiency of Israel's intelligence agency, the Mossad, is legion and, in a world perpetually on the razor's edge because of the threat of terrorism, more and more countries are becoming reliant on the invaluable inputs provided by it.

On the other hand, Israel herself has been attempting to lure other nations into unambiguously accepting her existence despite having an extreme right-wing Government bent on erecting new settlements in occupied territories contrary to the international community's wishes. It is, therefore, something of a surprise that India has chosen this particular moment to bring out into the open her relationship with Israel through an unprecedented visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. No PM of independent India had ever paid a visit to Israel in fear of offending the Islamic world; thus Modi's visit marks a dramatic shift in India's foreign policy. Naturally, India has strong relations with Israel for long, in the sphere of bilateral trade, transfer of technology and security/intelligence exchange. But, traditionally, this reality has not been hyped, with the diplomatic niceties set during the Nehru era being traditionally followed in order not to tread on Arab toes. Though an Indian PM has never visited Israel, other senior officials have, yet they had sought to underline India's neutrality in the Israel-Palestinian tussle by simultaneously visiting Palestine. Apparently, on this trip, Modi would break with such a protocol too, thereby bringing out into the open India's partiality towards Israel at the expense of the Arabs. It is not yet certain what has prompted the NDA Government to tweak India's foreign policy in such a manner and what tangible benefits the shift would fetch.

Modernize police

Even as crimes have proliferated and acquired complex dimensions in the past one decade or so, Assam Police seems to be in a state of blissful ignorance about the mounting challenges confronting it. The inefficiency of the police apart, corruption in the department and nexus with criminals have eroded its ability to serve the masses in the desisted manner. The State Government, too, has a lot of blame to share. In stark contrast to the emerging challenges before the police, the men-in-uniform continue to be hamstrung by perennial constraints in the form of manpower shortage, inadequate logistics and amenities, and poor training and intelligence. To say this is having an adverse impact on its performance would be an understatement. Unless the Government does its bit in equipping the police with the required logistics and training, a matching mechanism to deal effectively with crimes and criminals will always elude our forces. It is obvious that the top-heavy department is made to spend a lot for the comfort of the bigwigs but for those in the forefront in the fight against criminals, life remains one of ordeal as they have to function under debilitating constraints. For streamlining police functioning, these concerns must be addressed immediately. We have had a number of important police meets in recent years, the latest being the just-concluded DGP meeting of the northeastern States. Yet, the recommendations submitted in such events for improving police services are rarely implemented.

A comprehensive modernization package with due thrust on infrastructure and training is what the police urgently needs to boost its sagging morale. Many of our police stations and outposts are poorly equipped and this seriously affects their functioning. Similar have been the condition of the housing facilities for the policemen. Then, there is an urgent need for sharing intelligence and enhancing coordination among the police in the northeastern States in view of the rising incidence of trans-border crimes and inter-State militancy. Another imperative need is to separate law and order from routine investigations. The abysmal conviction rate is yet another concern, as a very high percentage of the arrested criminals manage to get away due to poor investigation and prosecution. The growing trend of aggressive agitations and violent protests has also complicated matters for the harrowed policeman.

The Assam Tribune**From THE PAST****Assam Reorganization****SEARCH FOR AGREED BASIS OF DELHI DISCUSSIONS**

From Our Delhi Office

NEW DELHI, July 1: Forty-three members of Parliament and the State Legislature from Assam have been invited by the Union Home Minister, Sri Y.B. Chavan, to participate in the forthcoming discussions scheduled to begin here on July 8 on the reorganization of Assam, it is learnt here today. The Home Minister, who will preside over the joint discussions, had been having discussion with officials of his Ministry and of the Prime Minister's and Cabinet's Secretariat during the last few days in search of a new acceptable formula which may form the basis of the discussions at the ensuing conference. The task is indeed difficult and complicated especially in view of the sharp divergence of demands from the leaders of the Hills and Plains of Assam. What appears to be the maximum offer of the leaders of the plains does not seem to meet even the minimum demand of the APHLC leaders.

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Lokpal: key to fighting scams

■ Aswini Thakur

The Joint Parliamentary Committee on Stock Scam of 2001 defined scam as:

"Individual cases of financial fraud in them may not constitute a scam, but persistent and pervasive manipulation of public funds falling under the purview of statutory regulators and involving issues of governance, becomes a scam."

A lot has been written and discussed about these various multi-crore scams and ways to tackle them. But every time, these scams emerge with more force and severity. And more alarmingly, in most of such cases, the accused persons manage to escape the noose of the law due to lack of proper investigation and prosecution. So where does the problem lie?

It has been held consistently by the Apex Court that fair investigation is a part of the constitutional rights guaranteed under the Article 20 and 21 of our constitution; Big scams after scams are being dug up under the nose of great leaders; few small paws have been arrested in course of investigation, leaving the "big fishes" to enjoy their share of the "loot" of public exchequer. The arrested babs are also facilitated to come out of the jail on completion of sixty days by according statutory sanction for prosecution of a Public Servant. Section 197 of the code of criminal procedure and section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act have given some sort of immunity to

In early 1960s mounting corrup-

tion in public administration set the

winds blowing in favour of an ombudsman in India too. For redressal of various anomalies in several government departments and for addressing problems of redressal of citizen's grievances, the ARC set up in 1996 recommended the constitution of the two tier machinery of Lokpal at centre and Lokayukta in the state. But the onerous intention of the Administrative Commission has not materialized for various reasons.

Till 2013, states like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Haryana, H.P., Karnataka, Kerala,

We are astonished as to why more than four years have been allowed to roll by without effect to the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013 which was duly notified on February 16, 2014.

MP, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Uttarakhand, U.P. Goa had enacted Lokayukta Act of their respective state to combat the menace of high level corruption within their respective jurisdictions. However, except Karnataka, the State Lokayukta Acts in all the other states proved a damp show with no proper functioning of the appointed Lokayukta. Even in Karnataka, the appointed Lokayukta, especially Justice Santosh Hegde, could not discharge their official duties properly due to constant political intervention; as a result the very objective and purpose behind enacting

the State Lokayukta Act was clouded.

In our state, The Assam Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayuktas Act, 1985 (Assam Act XX of 1986) received the assent of the President of India on December 12, 1986 which provided for the appointment of a Lokayukta and one or more Upalokayuktas to investigate and report on allegations or grievances relating to the conduct of public servants. Upa Lokayuktas have been appointed from time to time and they retired at the end of their respective tenures without much fruitful functioning, which may be attributable mainly due to lack of awareness among the people of the state about the availability of such a forum or the procedure thereof. The provisions of the Lokayukta Acts vary from one State to another resulting in lack of uniformity. Therefore, the need for a strong central legislation was felt to bring uniformity in the laws relating to corruption and to establish a strong institution like Lok Pal with greater powers to tackle the menace of corruption.

Setting up of constitutional bodies like Lokpals and Lokayuktas will certainly strengthen the existing legal system with institutional mechanism to combat corruption in discharge of mandated obligation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

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and Lokayukta Act, 2013 which was duly notified on February 16, 2014.

The centre had given an explanation at the Supreme Court that it could not constitute the constitutional body as there was no leader of opposition at the Lok Sabha. Under the provisions of the said Act, the chairman and eight members of the Lokpal are required to be appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of (1) Minister as Chairperson (2) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha (3)

The leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha (4) The Chief Justice of India or a Judge as his nominee (5) One eminent jurist as members of the body. Lack of sincere political will dragged the matter till middle of this current year. Same time in the month of April last, the Supreme Court, in deciding a petition by two NGOs, has said that "we do not see any legal disability in a truncated selection committee to constitute a search committee for preparing a panel of persons for consideration for appointment and to make recommendation to the President of India for appointment.....".

In passing the judgement Justice Ranjan Gogoi said that "In our considered view these are attempts at streamlining the working of the act and in no way constitute legal hindrance or bar to the enforcement of the provisions of the act as it stands today".

So vulnerability of political and administrative inertia formed the basis of disaster of socio-economic scenario of our society. It is highly difficult to handle this type of inertia with our poor investigating set up.

Philosophy of value

■ Dr Jyotsna Bhattacharjee

We very often use the term "value" in our day-to-day life. Normally we use it from the economic point of view. But in philosophy the term is used for excellence and it means Truth, Beauty and Good, which are supposed to be the highest values pertaining to the Absolute Reality.

There is a distinction between fact and value and it has a great influence upon our explanation of life and the universe. We know the universe as the domain of things and events as they are, but we may find that it has a reference to an ideal, which is not a matter of our choice. Positive sciences remain content by considering things as they naturally are and many of the realistic thinkers state that philosophy to be scientific and rational must study things only in their positive character. According to them facts and events have no ulterior significance beyond what they present to us in external experience. They think that to introduce any ulterior motive is to indulge in mysticism, which philosophy as a rational and logical analysis of things cannot allow.

But we have to admit that there are normative considerations of things which philosophy demands. Things and events do not exhaust their character only by being what they are, but suggest ideals of what is the value for their fuller comprehension. The normative sciences like Ethics, Aesthetics, Politics and even Logic, which Russell and others cannot ignore, are indicative of the fact that behind these actuality, things and events have an ideal reference. Values cannot be reduced to facts. Many scientific writers like Eddington, Whitehead and Lloyd Morgan are convinced that the things and events of the world have, over and above their mechanical framework, constituted by matter, force, space, time and causality, an ideal framework or a value constitution without which they cannot be fully explained. The realms of life and mind convince us that their being is connected with values with mechanical facts. The conception of value evaluates the world of things and the

world of minds. This value-frame is the totality of spiritual values, which constitute the Absolute Spiritual Reality with which the different contents of the world are organically related.

The psychological theories of value define it as anything that satisfies a human need or invokes a feeling of pleasure and use it as a synonym for empirical good. So every judgment of value is dependent on the experiences of the affective-volitional life of a man. Hence from the psychological point of view value is essentially subjective. But if the value of an object consists in its satisfaction of human desire or the fulfillment of human interest, the question is raised by the psychologists themselves. How is interest itself worthy of being satisfied? Thus the psychologists become compelled to consider the question of intrinsic value as against the subjective character of value, though it is difficult for the psychological theory to account for the intrinsic character of value.

Realistic philosophers also offered different theories of value. According to Alexander value has no reality of its own. It is not a determination either of the spirit or of nature, but it emerges as a third something from the interaction between spirit and nature. The spatiotemporal structure of the universe is neutral to start with, but tends towards evolution of values. Prof Laird thinks that there is no need to distinguish between fact and value, between actual and normative. For him everything is valuable to itself. Value is intrinsic, absolute and objective, and independent of mind or consciousness and applicable to anything that is selective.

Another realistic account of value is presented by Moore in his "Conception of Intrinsic Value". According to him all things possess intrinsic value by virtue of being what they necessarily are. Moore says that "a kind of value is 'intrinsic', if and only if, when anything possesses it, the same thing or anything else which it would necessarily and must always under all circumstances, possess it in exactly the same degree". In spite of his realistic position, Moore

is not definitely opposed to admission of life and mind as objects of value nor does he maintain that purely physical state of affair are the only spheres of value. Later in his "Principia Ethica" he speaks of the aesthetic value of the beautiful as that demands the admiring contemplation and thus definitely includes in his conception of value a reference to mind or consciousness.

From the pragmatic point of view value is apparently synonymous with utility. The pragmatist's criterion of truth is usefulness or feeling of satisfaction. To the pragmatist, therefore, the underlying idea of value is utility just as underlying idea of truth is also utility. For them value is nothing intrinsic nor is it a reality by itself as an independent essence, but is a result of satisfaction of different wants and desires of an individual or of the society. But pragmatism has failed to distinguish between prejudice and a necessary meaning of things. If utility is the criterion of value for the pragmatist, then utility must always be for the individual concerned. There are indeed moral and aesthetic values which have objective reference. It is on the basis of objective reference in moral and aesthetic values that some of the pragmatists have tried to remove subjectivity which utilitarian conception of value necessarily entails. They think that in our judgements like "He is a good man", "That picture is beautiful", etc., the moral and aesthetic values that are involved are objective, although at the same time intimately connected with utility or usefulness of the evaluator. But we must note that utility always refers to pleasure and pleasure must refer to an individual. It is very difficult to pass from the pleasure of the individual to the pleasure of society. So in spite of the attempts of some pragmatic writers on value to make value objective the ground of ethical and aesthetic objectivity, the difficulty of subjectivism attached to fundamental utilitarian conception of values from the Pragmatist position in general remains unsolved. Again, the ethical, aesthetic and religious values are disinterested ideals and therefore intrinsic in character.

Voices of the WEEK

Courtesy: THE HINDU

"The presidential polls is not a Dalit versus Dalit issue. It is our fight to safeguard and strengthen the India Republic." — SITARAM YECHURI, general secretary, CPI(M)

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"Loan waiver is quite right for farmers' relief, but it is not a permanent solution." — MOHAN BHAGWAT, chief, RSS

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"To begin with, people could face some difficulties because any change over (GST) has its own problems." — ARUN JAITLEY, Union Finance Minister

★ ★

"Destructive forces trying to assault India's distinctive characteristic of unity in diversity and communal harmony will never succeed in their design." — SONIA GANDHI, President, Congress

★ ★

"I try to stay out of politics." — IVANKA TRUMP, US President's daughter

★ ★

"The captain is the only person who can run an international cricket team properly, because so much of the job involves on the field decision making." — IAN CHAPPELL, former Australian skipper

★ ★

"It is a clear case of racial discrimination. I have spoken to the commissioner, Delhi and asked him to get it probed. The incident... will destroy the social fabric of India." — KIREN RIJU, Minister of State, Home Affairs hitting out at the Delhi Golf Club (DGC) for denying entry to Khasi woman

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"Our repeated suggestions to take some more time to properly implement GST have fallen on deaf ears." — MAMATA BANERJEE, Chief Minister, West Bengal

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"I have respect for my illustrious opponent and I don't have an edge over him. But my ideology certainly has an edge over his ideology and that I am very sure of." — MEIRA KUMAR, former Lok Sabha Speaker and Presidential candidate

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"I condemn the incident and appeal to people to maintain peace. Efforts are on to nab the other accused in the case." — MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR, Chief Minister, Haryana on killing of Junaid Khan

Personal Assistants

minister is a mere putty in your hands.

• Do give precedence to listening to cricket commentary on your mobile radio over visitors waiting to see the minister.

• Do let people who have been given appointments to see the minister wait for a minimum of 3 hours.

• Do ask the peon to dust and rearrange the furniture when the office is full of people waiting to see the minister.

• Do order a hot cup of coffee for yourself deliberately ignoring the vis-

itor sitting opposite you.

• Do smirk facetiously and deliberately give vague answers when visitors who have been given appointments to see the minister ask plainly,

"Will I have to wait much longer to see the minister?"

• Do leave the office at the strike of 5 in the evening even if your office is full of people waiting to see the minister.

• Don't offer a visitor a chair lest he sits on it.

• Don't give a civil answer to the polite query, "Can you give me an ap-

pointment to see the minister?"

• Don't give a person an appointment to see the minister until he has grovelled before you for a minimum of 3 hours and 25 minutes.

• Don't let the people who are in your office waiting to see the minister forget who the real boss is.

• Don't give a polite reply to the query, "Can I see the minister now?"

• Give the impression that the minister's department runs only at your directive and the heavy burden of work that you have to bear.

And finally, "Don't forget to call the shots."

The Assam Tribune**From THE PAST****Assam Reorganization****SEARCH FOR AGREED BASIS OF DELHI DISCUSSIONS**

From Our Delhi Office

NEW DELHI, July 1: Forty-three members of Parliament and the State Legislature from Assam have been invited by the Union Home Minister, Sri Y.B. Chavan, to participate in the forthcoming discussions scheduled to begin here on July 8 on the reorganization of Assam, it is learnt here today. The Home Minister, who will preside over the joint discussions, had been having discussion with officials of his Ministry and of the Prime Minister's and Cabinet's Secretariat during the last few days in search of a new acceptable formula which may form the basis of the discussions at the ensuing conference. The task is indeed difficult and complicated especially in view of the sharp divergence of demands from the leaders of the Hills and Plains of Assam. What appears to be the maximum offer of the leaders of the plains does not seem to meet even the minimum demand of the APHLC leaders.

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WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF DOCTORS ON CONTRACT

ONGC, Assam Asset, Nazira intends to engage Doctors/Specialists on contract basis for a period up to 30-06-2018 on a consolidated honorarium for the following posts. Interested and eligible candidates are requested to report for walk in interview along with application in prescribed format duly filled in as given on the ONGC website on the date and venue mentioned below:

REPORTING/REGISTRATION TIME : 09:00 AM
Interview Date : 09-07-2017
Venue : Officers' Club, ONGC Colony, Nazira

Sl. No.	Post	No. of Posts	Qualification	Fixed Honorarium Per Month
1.	Contract Medical Officer - General Duty / Contract Medical Officer-Field Duty / Contract Medical Officer - Emergency Duty	09* (UR-01, OBC-04, SC-03, ST-01)	MBBS	₹72,000/- (Office) ₹75,000/- (Field)
2.	Contract Medical Officer - Gynaecology (Part Time/Full Time)	#01 (UR-01)	MD/MS (Gynaecology)	₹1,00,000/- (Full Time) ₹55,000/- (Part Time)
3.	Contract Medical Officer - Orthopaedic	01 (UR-01)	MD/MS (Orthopaedics)	₹1,00,000/-
4.	Contract Medical Officer - Paediatric	01 (UR-01)	MD (Pediatrics)	₹1,00,000/-
5.	Contract Medical Officer - Ophthalmology	01 (UR-01)	MD/MS (Ophthalmology)	₹1,00,000/-
6.	Contract Medical Officer - Radiology	01 (UR-01)	MD (Radiology)	₹1,00,000/-

*Male/female
*The detailed breakup is: General Duty Medical Officer-01, Field Medical Officer-02, Emergency Medical Officer-06. The post of Contract Medical Officer - General Duty / Emergency Duty, are identified suitable for PWD (OA or OL only).
Qualification required for post at Sl. No. 1, is MBBS and for posts at Sl. No. 2 to 6 is MD/MS in relevant discipline.
Eligible and interested candidates are advised to visit website www.ongcindia.com for detailed information.

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ADMISSION NOTICE
Dated: 30th June, 2017
Admission process for B.Tech., B.Tech.(Lateral), M.S. and M.Tech. programmes of Gauhati University Institute of Science and Technology for the session 2017-18 will start soon.
B.Tech. admission will be from CEE counseling as per schedule and will be notified by the Director of Technical Education & Assam Board of Local Government. There is no need for submission of forms for B.Tech. admission. The student from CEE may collect and submit the form at the temporary counter, CEE counseling venue during the counseling days.
Applicants for B.Tech. (Lateral) admission will have to appear an Entrance test on 20th July, 2017, for which applications may be submitted from 3rd to 15th July, 2017 at the GUITST office.
For M.Tech. and M.S. programmes, visit Gauhati University website www.gauhati.ac.in.

Course	Eligibility	Admission criteria
B.Tech. (4 yrs.)*	As per CEE (Assam) norms	As per CEE rank
B.Tech (lateral entry to 2nd year)	3-year Polytechnic Diploma or equivalent in the concerned branch	Admission Test will be conducted by GUITST on 20th July, 2017.
M.Tech. In Biotechnology (2 yrs)	M.Sc. (Biotechnology) and/or allied subjects or B.Tech (Biotechnology and/or allied subjects) or B.S. (medical Biotechnology)	
M.Tech. in i. Signal Processing and Communication (2 years) ii. Signal Processing and VLSI Design (2 years)	B.Tech./B.E. in Elect. & Comm./Instrumentation/Electrical or M.Sc. (El/Sc./ECT/Instr.) or equivalent	Admission criteria, notes etc. are to be notified by Gauhati University in the website and GU Prospectus-2017
M.Tech. in Information Technology (2 yrs)	B.E./B.Tech. in CSE/IT/CE/ MCAM/Sc.—IT/M.Sc.—CS/M.Sc. "Maths & Computing" or equivalent	
M.Tech. in Materials Science and Technology (2 yrs)	B.S. (4 yrs.), M.Sc., B.Tech. in relevant branches	On the basis of marks obtained in B.S.
M.S. (2 yrs.). Chemical Science, Mathematical Science, Physical Science	B.S. in relevant subject from Gauhati University only	

* In Biotechnology, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Information Technology

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Reservation: Reservations shall be as per G.U. Rules. The candidates seeking admission on reserved quota viz. SC, ST, OBC and MBC shall be given relaxation up to 5% (Five percent) of the marks prescribed for eligibility criteria. The relaxation will not be applicable to candidates seeking admission on any other reserved quota. Candidates for other reserved seats viz. Extra and Co-curricular activities, Fringe village, ward of GU employee, Differently abled have to submit additional prescribed application form available in the office of the Secretary, University Classes, GU.

Gauhati
June 30, 2017

Sdr. H. K. Nath
Secretary, University Classes

GST should be applicable to those in NE who earn over Rs 20 lakh annually: Cong

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 1: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee has urged the State government to remove the check-gates run by the government departments irrelevant, the State government should close down all these check-gates which have emerged as the hub of all the illegal syndicates.

It further demanded that in line with the other parts of the country, GST should be applicable in NE region for only those people or establishments, who earn more than Rs 20 lakh per year. Or, there should be a provision to offer subsidies to all the petty traders and industrial units.

In a statement here, APPC media department chairman Pradyut Bordoloi also called for steps to relax the reverse mechanism for the buy-

ers of the NE region who make their purchases from the petty traders, otherwise GST would become a bone for the small traders of the region.

Since GST will make the check-gates of the sales tax, transport, forest and other departments irrelevant, the State government should close down all these check-gates which have emerged as the hub of all the illegal syndicates.

Bordoloi said that when the GST was first proposed by the UPA government at the Centre, it was announced that the region GST will cover all those people who are earning Rs 10 lakh annually with effect from July 1, 2017, whereas in other parts of the country the new taxation system will cover only those who earn Rs 20 lakh a year.

The composite tax structure



A model walks the ramp at a fashion show in Guwahati on Friday evening. — UB Photos

Governor urges people to work for nation-building

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 1: Governor Banwarilal Purohit today called upon the people to add value to their thoughts and join hands and move together for a developed nation.

Speaking at the valedictory function of Netrisha Sadhana-VIII organised by Ramhambha Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) at the State Institute of Rural Development,

Kahukuchi today, Purohit urged the young participants in the camp to remain focused and work for nation-building.

"As individuals, we should all think big for the nation and contribute to the progress and development of the country," he said. Recalling the words of George Washington, he said, "We must strive to associate ourselves with good company, because it is always better to be alone than to be in bad company."

Executive Director of Ramhambha Mhalgi Prabodhini Ravindra Sathe, Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University Dr Mridul Hazarika, along with a host of other dignitaries were present in the function.

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Post 4- Sr. Resident - 6 nos

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Chief Executive Officer

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A group of women transplanting paddy saplings in a field, at Narayanpur on Friday. – UB Photos

Cleanliness drive

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, July 1: The Tinsukia District Committee of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) in collaboration with the AASU Saikhowa Unit and Tinsukia Girls Riding Association (TGRA) carried out a cleanliness drive recently at the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Bridge, the longest bridge of India which connects Sadiya with Dholna.

After inauguration of the bridge by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 26, thousands of visitors have been visiting India's longest bridge everyday. A section of these visitors made the bridge dirty by spitting, throwing plastic bottles and packets here and there on the bridge.

The AASU and TGRA activists cleaned up the entire bridge and urged the people to keep the bridge clean.

Youth body stages protest

CORRESPONDENT

RANGIYA, July 1: Ason Yuva Parishad (AYP) of Rangigya unit on Thursday staged a sit-in protest demonstration for ensuring 100 per cent reservation for the local people in 'C' and 'D' grade jobs in the Railways.

Hundreds of demonstrators shouted slogans against the railway authority for depriving the local people in the railway jobs. The protesters appealed to the authorities concerned to ensure and appoint 100 per cent locals in all 'C' and 'D' category jobs. "We will launch a long-term agitation, if our demands are not fulfilled immediately. The NF Railway has been depriving the local youth which has become a matter of concern for them," they warned.

Meritorious students feted

CORRESPONDENT

JAGIROAD, July 1: Around 120 meritorious students who secured first division in the last HSLC and HS examinations of Jhargram area were felicitated recently at the Mohanbonghi Das Junior College in Morigaon district.

A meeting was organised at the college premises in which Jagiroad MLA Piyush Hazarika, Morigaon district BJP president Dharanidhar Bordoloi, BJP leaders of Morigaon district and dignitaries of the area felicitated the students.

3 more held in Hiranya Doley murder case

ANN Service

JONAI, July 1: Dhemaji district police on Friday arrested three persons on charge of their involvement in the killing of Hiranya Doley of Dekham (Jonai), who was shot dead by suspected members of Liberal Democratic Council of Misringland (LDCM) on June 24 last. With the trio's arrest, the total number of arrest in Doley's murder case has gone up to six, with three linkmen held under Jonai subdivision.

The police, having information that some LDCM members are hiding in a bamboo shed

at Moonmuni chapori, a sandbar in Brahmaputra river, cordoned off the area and apprehended them with the help of Mising students, who were TMPK activists. The trio initially opened fire at the police, but later were compelled to surrender. The police seized a 7.65mm pistol with six rounds of ammunition from their possession.

Police said that the three accused have confessed their involvement in Doley's murder. Police are set to nab other members of the outfit, who have positioned themselves at Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Sonitpur and Jorhat districts to create their base.

They might be 30 to 35 cases under the leadership of Ruhana Patir, a self-styled leader in-chief of the

outfit, who hails from Misamori village under Simenchapori police station in Dhemaji district, police said.

The police following investigation of the case (Simenchapori PS case no. 13/2017) earlier arrested three LDCM linkmen including Ranjana Pait of Jonai Lakhi-Nepali basti, Robin Kumbang and Biju Doley of Dekham, who have been remanded to judicial custody.

Reacting on the recent arrest of the LDCM members and their involvement in the killing, Takan Mising Puvin Kebang (TMPK) president Naren Kumbang said that peace-loving Mising people would never tolerate killing of innocents. He has asked the people to the community not to give shelter to the communists.

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Musical show at Jamugurihat

ANN Service

JAMUGURIHAT, July 1: Niaman Shahal, an artiste of Jamugurihat, organised a unique show recently at the Bapuji Bhawan here, where he showcased his handmade musical instruments and presented songs like Borgest, Bihugeet,

folk songs.

His self-made musical instruments like violin flute, jalataranga, sharengi, dotara, pepa of wood attracted around 200 strong audience.

His wife Lukumani Shahal also sang rare and near extinct Bihari Bandana, along with 15 women singers of Kewari-

chuk village.

The show was inaugurated by Bhola Kataki, actor of yesterday and a recipient of National Award Phani Sharma award.

Shahal was felicitated at the function by Sudarsan Sangkrity Gosthi and he presented self-made musical instruments to the organisation.

NM Joseph: a tribute

 NM Joseph, a noted educationist and social worker, died on June 27. Starting his early education in Cooor, Ooty and Yercaud, he completed his graduation from Loyola, Madras. After that, he joined Osmania University, Hyderabad and from there he shifted to St Xavier's, Bombeday for his B.Ed.

In 1963, he was recruited by the Bhutan government to run and develop schools at Dagana, Shantagao. In 1965, he shifted to Shillong and joined St Edmunds School as a teacher. In 1967, he set up his own

Aruna Goswami

Aruna Goswami, the senior most citizen of Kharbhuli area of Guwahati passed away on June 22 last. Born to eminent poet Singha Dutta Dev Adhikary and Subhadra Devi in 1921 at Nahira (Balasham), the grand lady was highly adored for her genuine qualities of head and heart by one and all. A perfect homemaker as she was, Borma was at the helm of affairs in shaping her beloved

school, Loyola English Medium High School at Nagon on the invitation of the then Education Minister of Assam, Devakanta Barua. The school started on January 16, 1967 with only 103 students and now is a flourishing school of central Assam. The school has contributed immensely in spreading the English language in Nagona district and in the State.

He was also a leading member of Lions Club, Nagon and was secretary and president at different times. His contribution for the uplift of the Nadakal clan in Chotti is also known to all.

On his departure, I have no words left to express my heartfelt grief, but to recall all the good things that he had taught and done for me. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

– Mukul Kathar

Prospect of Applied Ethno-botany in NE region discussed

GUWAHATI, July 1: A day-long UGC-sponsored State-level conference was organised by the Department of Botany at Dhing College in Nagon district on June 21 on the topic, 'Prospect of Applied Ethno-botany in North Eastern Region of India,' a press release received here stated.

As many as 75 delegates, including lecturers, teachers and NGOs, besides students, common people and local media personnel attended the conference.

The objective of the conference was to make the students' community, including youth and general public aware of the aforementioned topic. Ethno-botany has been defined as a discipline concerned with interactions between people and plants. There are many aspects of Ethno-botany, including the ways that people name and classify plants, the values placed on them, their uses and their management.

The main aims are sustainable use of natural resources with restoration, if necessary, and a fair distribution of the benefits and costs, to maintain

and restore the fundamental biological wealth of the planet with a fair distribution of the benefits and costs.

The objectives of the conference were conservation of plants, including varieties of crops and other forms of biological diversity, botanical inventories and assessments of the conservation status of species, sustainability in supplies of wild plant resources, including of non-timber products, enhanced food security, nutrition and healthcare. Other objectives included preservation, recovery and diffusion of local botanical knowledge and wisdom, reinforcement of ethnic and national identity, assertion of the rights of local and indigenous people, agreements on the rights of communities in protected areas, besides identification and development of new economic products from plants, for instance crafts, foods, herbal medicines and

herbal medicine in our day-to-day life. He also shed light on the efficacy of ethno-botanical plants used in the North Eastern region of India. Prof Partha Pratim Barua elaborately discussed about ethno-botany and its importance in Assam and North-East India. Dr PK Das discussed about the use of plants by different communities for various purposes with special reference to North East India.

In the first technical session, Dr Rohindra Tasa, Associate Professor in the Department of Life Sciences & Biotechnology, Assam University, Diphu campus in Karbi Anglong presented a detailed discussion on Applied Ethno-botany – A Tool for De-

scribing Plant Diversity and Community Management of Natural Resources'.

In the second technical session, Dr Ajit Tamuli, HoD, Department of Life Science & Bioinformatics, Assam University, Diphu campus in Karbi Anglong discussed elaborately on 'Traditional Knowledge on Alternative Cattle Fodder in the Flood Plains of NE India'.

The two technical sessions were presided over by Dr PK Das, Chief Scientist of the Regional Agricultural Research Station, Assam Agricultural University, Shillongnani, Nagon, which was followed by an interactive session. Apart from these, more than 10 papers were presented in the conference.

The conference finally recommended the Government to implement as follows: to support the development of an ecosystem-based approach to conservation and sustainable development as a basic orientation for the development of Applied Ethno-botany.

Promotion of standardisation in the levels of

rigour expected of courses and programmes in Applied Ethno-botany within countries and internationally, besides to raise awareness on the value of Applied Ethno-botany within universities and educational institutions, and among potential students and employers.

Further, to promote greater rigour in research in Ethno-botany, including through the formal selection and testing of hypotheses on people-plant relations.

The certificate distribution session of the conference was held under the chairmanship of Dr SK Dutta, who in his address gave an overview of the 'Prospect of Ethno-botany in North Eastern Region of India'.

Dr Dutta felt that the conference would help in creating a platform in developing awareness and sensitivity among the students, farmers, NGOs and the other measures to identify the importance of ethno-botanical plants with special reference to North East India. Dr Sanjeeb Kumar Nath subsequently offered the vote of thanks.

Week-long Van Mahotsav begins at Kalaigaon

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIAGON, July 1: The civil administration of Bhergaon subdivision has launched a week-long celebration of Van Mahotsav at Bhergaon subdivision from today.

The inaugural programme was held at Kanaklata Das Bio-diversity Park at Kalaigaon at 9 am. DN Hazarika, ADC, Udalguri cum SDO (Civil) in-charge, Bhergaon subdivision formally inaugurated the series of plantation and awareness drives at the bio-diversity park situated at the picturesque Kalagon Sevashram in presence of hundreds of students, teachers, officials and public.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC Hazarika narrated the history of construction of Kanaklata Das Bio-diversity Park. With lot of pride, he mentioned the contribution of freedom fighter late Panu Doley of Kalagona who had donated 35 bighas of land for the construction of the park in

the memory of his wife, noted social worker and a Gandhian late Kanaklata Das in 2007. He also thanked the people who had been working relentlessly for the conservation of flora and fauna of the locality. He specially requested the students for taking care of the job of protecting the nature and wildlife of their respective areas.

Wildlife activist Jayanta Das spoke on the need for creating awareness among the people, especially among students and children so as to protect and conserve bio-diversity for smaller animals, birds, reptiles like snakes, monitor lizards, butterflies, insects etc.

It needs mentioning that Bhergaon civil administration will continue the week-long celebration of Van Mahotsav at Tangla on July 2; Khagana HS, Khoirabari on July 3; at all offices of the subdivision on July 4; Khagrabari Janata HS on July 5; at Kachar HS on July 6 and finally at Khalingdhar Reserve Forest on July 7, where selected students from all the places mentioned will be taken deep inside the forest for knowledge of wildlife and nature.

3450 litres of kerosene oil seized

CORRESPONDENT

RAHA, July 1: Raha police on Thursday night seized 3450 litres of kerosene oil meant for public distribution and arrested four persons involved in the illegal transportation of the oil.

Moloy Kumar Acharjee, officer in-charge, Raha police station, said that a tip-off of a team from Raha PS stopped two vehicles bearing no. 04-AC-7580 and AS-02-AC-3539 on NH-37 at Raha on Thursday night and recovered 3450 litres of illegal kerosene oil. The two vehicles, loaded with 15 drums of illegal kerosene, were on their way from Monipurup to Raha to Jagiroad.

Police also arrested four persons identified as Izul Haque, Haricharan Das, Ziaru Rahman, Ashiru Rahman involved in the transportation of the oil.

It might be mentioned here that an illegal trade of kerosene and other fuel oil has been on the rise at places like Amanashahi, Thikeraguri and Monipurup for the last few years. Surprisingly, till the other day, the administration has failed to take a strong action against those involved in this illegal business.

Workshop for rural scribes held at Mangaldai

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, July 1: 'Role of media is very important in nation building and journalists, considered to be the fourth pillar of democracy, provide accurate information about government programmes, plans and policies to the people. So it is very important to disseminate proper information of the government programmes to the media at the grassroots level,' observed Ashok Kumar Barman, Deputy Commissioner, Mangaldai.

He was addressing the inaugural function of the rural media workshop for information dissemination in rural areas, titled 'Vartlap, organised by the Press Information Bureau, Guwahati in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office here on Thursday, as the chief guest. 'Media should extend a helping hand to the people by providing the information about government programmes and schemes,' he maintained. The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the need for the media to be effective for the media and bring the media closure to the available government schemes in the district.

In the technical sessions, Bhupesh Ch Das, chief executive officer, Darrang Zila Parishad cum Project Director, DRDA, Darrang, as the resource person, delivered speech on 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All,' a mega flagship programme of the Central government. Supported by power-point presentation, he highlighted different aspects of the programme including norms for beneficiary selection, procedures for fund release, period for completion of one unit, govt approved model, steps to check the possibility of fund diversion by a section of beneficiaries, relevant land policies, among others. He also confidently responded to the queries made by different participating mediapersons.

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dresser, LTK Singh, Joint Director, Press Information Bureau, Guwahati said that the Union government has implemented several social sustainable programmes to the people and the success of these schemes will be achieved only when necessary information is disseminated to the rural masses through the local media.

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In the last technical session, Pulaknath, marketing executive, Head Post Office, Mangaldai spoke on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padas' and said that BBP aims to provide education to the girl child in the nation. The workshop which ended with the vote of thanks by Monimala Gogoi, DIPRO, Darrang was anchored by young mediaperson Barasha Das. More than 70 scribes from all across the district participated in the day-long workshop.



A broken wooden bridge over the Kumarkata river at Mikirbori Suk, in Gohpur on Friday. – UB Photos

Homage paid to Assam Rifles jawan

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL. July 1: The Assam Rifles and Manipur Government on Saturday paid homage to the Assam Rifles

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O. A. No. 103 / 2017

BANK OF BARODA
VS...
Mr. Sohan Lal Sharma & others
Opposite Party

To, Mr. Sohan Lal Sharma
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KRC3 Road, Near Shiva Mandir,
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SUMMON
Whereas O. A. No. 103 / 2017 was listed before me for Preleasing Officer on 20.06.2017

Whereas the Hon'ble Tribuna is pleased to issue Summons notice on the said application U.S. 194 of the Act has been issued by me on 20.06.2017 of date of Rs.53,33,793.69/- only

In accordance with Sub section 4 of Section 19 of the Act, You the defendants are directed as under:-

i) To show cause within 10 days of the receipt of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

ii) To disclose the other movable and immovable properties, assets, owned by them or held by them and sold by mortgaged, lost and the sale proceeds was not sufficient to liquidate the balance loan amount.

You are also directed to file written statement with copy of summons directed to appear before this Tribunal on 3rd day of August, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. failing whereupon process shall be heard and decree will be passed.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on the 30th day of June, 2017.

Assistant Registrar (C
Debt Recovery Tribunal
Guwahati)

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jawan Biju Sorupurawho died in a bomb blast in Ukhrul district on Friday.

A wreath laying ceremony with full military honours was conducted at Tuhil International Airport as a mark of tribute to the martyr.

State Chief Secretary O N Nahaskhish Singh and officiating IG Assam Rifles Brig RK Singh and other senior officials of the State Govt, Army, Assam Rifles paid floral tributes to the departed soul by laying wreaths.

Sorupuraw is a resident of Lakhimpur district of Assam and is survived by his wife and two children.

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WEATHER
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Forecast for North Eastern States:

Moderate rainfall in Assam is very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

Warning: Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on July 3 and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on July 3. Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh on July 4 and 5 and over Assam and Meghalaya on July 5 and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on July 4 and 5.

Temperatures :

Max (°C) Min (°C)

Dibrugarh 28.2 23.5

Tinsukia 30.5 24.8

Silchar 33.5 25.5

Dhubri 29.1 25.8

Jorhat 28.5 24.4

NLakhimpur 27.4 22.0

Shillong 26.1 21.0

Itanagar 27.6 21.9

Gangtok 29.5 13.3

Agartala 32.0 26.1

Kohima 25.2 16.4

Pasighat 24.7 23.0

Cherrapunji 21.7 20.0

Sikkim transporters on indefinite strike

GANGTOK, July 1: Transporters in Sikkim are on an indefinite strike after miscreants vandalised and looted Sikkim-bound trucks near Siliguri in West Bengal.

Sikkim Truck Drivers Association president, Mingma Sherpa said "Our trucks plying to Siliguri in West Bengal to ferry goods are being attacked and the drivers' life is at threat."

He said the Association decided to go for indefinite strike from yesterday after members of the Association reviewed the June 28 incident of Siliguri when the driver of a truck was beaten up, his truck vandalised and looted by a mob.

"After proper fact finding we took the decision to go for the indefinite strike," Sherpa stated.

He said the strike would continue till the West Bengal Government gives an as-

"Arrangements must be made to keep

the highway open. We also demand the West Bengal police arrest the culprits who attacked the truck driver on June 28 at the earliest and take stringent action so that no such act is repeated in future", he said.

Sikkim's ruling party SDF on June 20 extended its support to the "democratic demand" for a separate Gorkhaland.

The SDF had also appealed to the Centre, West Bengal Government, the people of Darjeeling and the political parties in the hills to ensure that the National Highway which connects Siliguri to Gangtok and which passes through Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts was left open as it was the "life-line" of landlocked Sikkim.

The Sikkim Assembly had, on March 29, 2011, passed a resolution in favour of Gorkhaland. - PTI

Meth tablets seized in Mizoram

AIZAWL, July 1: Mizoram Excise and Narcotics department officials have seized 11,200 methamphetamine tablets and arrested a man in this connection at Vairengte in Kolasib district.

The tablets, worth Rs 28 lakh, were seized from a man yesterday. Spokesperson of the department said.

The accused has been booked under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, he said. - PTI

No MD/P/MAY/PRO/16/2017
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT) FOR HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES
(TENDER NO.6-OF-2017-18)

Mission Director, PMAY-HFA(U) Administered Sealed Bids for housekeeping services in my premises, having capacity to provide cleaning and housekeeping works with the suitable and uniformed trained manpower for the office of the undersigned.

Interested parties are requested to submit their bids by hand/post along with specific documents or before 14-07-2017 up to 3:00 pm to the office of the undersigned, after which no Tender will be accepted. Tender documents may be downloaded from the website www.pmayassam.in from 01-07-2017 to 14-07-2017.

In case of any holiday on the day of opening, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time but the tender box will be sealed on same day and time, as scheduled above. No tender by FAX will be entertained.

The contract period will initially be for a period of one year extendable on satisfactory performance and consent on same terms and conditions on yearly basis for another two years.

The bids are to be sent in single part - one sealed envelope mentioned on the top of the envelope BID FOR HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES. The bids shall be signed by a person duly authorized on behalf of the bidder.

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Name of Work Hiring of HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES for
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Availability of quotation Interested parties can visit the office address mentioned above to collect the Bid documents.

EMD Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque of Rs.5,000/- drawn in favour of Mission Director, PMAY-HFA (U), Assam, payable at Guwahati

Last date & time of submission of Bids 14-07-2017 up to 3:00 PM

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Sd/- Mission Director,
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Flash flood hits Manipur capital



CORRESPONDENT

of Imphal including Paona Bazaar, Thangal Bazaar, Dharmsala, BT road, Polground, etc., government offices including State Secretariat were inundated by heavy rainfall. Residents of Sejeng in Imphal East district were forced to vacate their houses after flood water entered their homes.

The rain in Imphal East,

Imphal West and Ukhrul districts also created havoc by flooding the Sejeng sector of the Imphal-Ukhrul road.

The water level of the major rivers – Imphal, Namjal, Iri and Kongba – which passes through thickly populated greater Imphal areas are rising, according to sources.

washed away near Dree Ground here following a spell of rainfall early this morning. As a result, traffic movement along NH-415 has stopped totally.

The incessant rain for the last couple of days has also put normal life out of gear in the twin capital cities of Imphal and Naharlagun today.

The National Highway 415 – the only link that runs from Banderbaula, the gateway of Arunachal Pradesh, to connect the twin capital cities – faced Nature's wrath with a major portion of the highway being

Chief Minister Pema Khandu accompanied by Itanagar MLA Techi Kaso and a team of senior officers took stock of the severe road damage on the Sejeng-Naharlagun road.

Khandu directed the officers to start the work on war footing by today itself so that the vital road is restored for vehicular movements within a day or two.

Meteorological Department has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places starting June 30 to July 4.

Online bid preparation and last date and time of manual submission of hard copy of cost of Bid Document, Bid Security separately mentioned above & self signed documents uploaded along with copy of Bid Document is from 10.30 hours of 03/07/2017 up to 14.00 hours of 12/07/2017. Time of opening of bid document is at 14.30 hours of 12/07/2017. The bid will be available through the link <http://assamtenders.gov.in> from 10.30 hours of 03/07/2017 up to 14.00 hrs of 12/07/2017.

Sd/- Managing Director
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The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering system (ETS) of the Govt. of Assam at <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The details of re-invitation of bids can be viewed in the portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://assamtenders.gov.in) from 03/07/2017 to 12/07/2017.

The contractor/bidder must register free of cost. Contractors/Bidders have to download the bidding document from the ETS using their own ID (Digital Signature Certificate). Bid document not procured (downloaded) through the ETS, not using the contractor's own ID will be considered invalid and summarily rejected. Contractors submitting bids online have to submit copy of the documents of technical bid manually along with Bid Security & cost of bid document before the expiry of the sequence "Online Bid Submission" date and time as mentioned in the tender schedule. Bid will be rejected if cancelled if Bid submitted off line hard copy.

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KSO threatens to launch indefinite strike in Manipur

GANGTOK, July 1: Sikkim Human Resource Development department has signed a MoU with British Council to enhance quality of education in the State.

The MoU was signed by GP Upadhyay, additional chief secretary cum principal secretary Human Resource Development department and Alan Gemmill, Head of British Council.

The MoU signed recently will improve the educational structure of the schools in Sikkim, Upadhyay said.

The purpose of the MoU is to support the aims and aspirations of the young people of Sikkim through collaborative projects in the area of English, education and skills by strengthening the capacity of the youth and other professionals working with youth in the State and support its cultural economy. - PTI

DIMAPUR, July 1: Detection of suspected artificial eggs sold in a shop near Bethel Hostel in Kohima created fear among the public on Friday evening.

Three Naga youths, who jointly run a roadside snack stall near Old MLA Hostel, reportedly bought eggs which after being cooked appeared to be "abnormal" with a thin and soft outer shell.

They reportedly purchased a carton of eggs from a grocery shop near Mao Market on Wednesday. The youth unsuspectingly boiled the eggs and fried them, preparing for a snack which is a regular demand.

However, finding out that the outer layer of the eggs appeared different, they reportedly examined some eggs in other crates and found out that uncooked eggs had a rotten odour while

the boiled eggs were odourless.

They returned the remaining eggs from the shop to the retailer immediately but did not know whom or where to lodge a complaint. On Friday evening, when inquired about the matter, the persons managing the grocery store confirmed that a carton of eggs was returned by a customer but as they were not aware, the cake is now blended with the other crates.

Joint Director of Health & Family Welfare, Dr Kevichhua Medehirhi, who is in charge of the Food Safety Cell, said the matter has been brought to his notice. Food Safety officers have already detailed to collect samples of the alleged 'plastic eggs', he said.

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Maruti, Audi, JLR cut prices

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, July 1: Several automobile companies have reduced their vehicle prices after the rollout of the goods and services tax (GST). Diesel 'have increased.

GST effect

On its part, automobile major Maruti Suzuki India said that after the implementation of GST, the showroom prices of its models have come down by up to three per cent. - IANS

E-Tender Notice No. CMW/Maruti/Vehicle Date: 23-06-2017

Open tender through E-Tendering System are invited by the undersigned for the following works:

- 1. Work of design, Swift Dzire similar along with fuel and driver for official use of CE/TP/MLC for period of 1 year. (24 months).
- 2. Approximate Total Value: ₹ 26,000/- Earliest money deposit: ₹ 14,520/- Cost of tender document: ₹ 22,000/- Completion period: 24 Months.
- 3. Date of Closing of E-tender: 15.00 hrs. on 01-07-2017.
- 4. Date of Opening of E-tender: 15.00 hrs. on 03-07-2017 at Deputy Chief Engineer-Bridge-Line, Majugaon, Guwahati-11.
- 5. For details please visit www.ramps.gov.in
- 6. By General Manager

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
Janasanayog/1554/17
Tender Information 8 & 9 (Security)

No. CE/BLD/ELECT/06/93/PT-IV/23 CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

It is for general information to all concern that the Press Notice, No. CE/BLD/ELECT/06/93/PT-IV/20 published in News Paper on 30.06.2017 against Janasanayog No. 1493/17 for the work "Providing CCTV Coverage to the District & Session Judge Court Complex, Nagaon (Supplying, Installation, Testing & Commissioning I.P. Bases CCTV System) for an amount Rs. 14.4 Lakhs, is hereby cancelled due to technical reason.

Sd/- Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (Elect),
Janasanayog/1551/17 Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

CANCELLATION OF TRAIN SERVICES

In view of Traffic Block at AJURI station in Lumding Division the following train services will remain cancelled :

15717/15718 (Guwahati-Mariani Jn-Guwahati)
Intercity Express will remain cancelled on 02-07-2017.

Inconvenience caused to the Passengers is regretted

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No. .NIT/E-TENDER/DTE-01/2017-18 E-TENDER NOTICE

The Director of Technical Education Assam invites e-tendering in two bid systems from manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply, installation and commissioning of Equipments & Machines to Johat Institute of Technology & Engineering, Johat, Assam through the e-tendering website www.assantenders.gov.in

Important Dates:
DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT ON & E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL : 30-06-2017

LAST DATE AND TIME FOR ONLINE BID SUBMISSION : 21-07-2017, 14.00 HRS

LAST DATE AND TIME FOR HARD COPY SUBMISSION : 21-07-2017, 14.00 HRS

TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF BIDS : 21-07-2017, 14.45 HRS

Sd/-THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASSAM KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI-781019
Janasanayog/1542/17

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Memo No. Acctt-14/SSA/Purchase committee/03/1119
Dated: 30/06/2017

Sealed tender offering non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 6.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paise) are hereby invited for following particulars from well established Govt. register supplier/stationery shop/ dealer/owner etc. Interested parties may collect the bid documents from the undersigned under payment of Rs 200/- (Rupees two hundred and forty) Non-Refundable. Bid value demand draft / banker cheque in favour of Assam Sankha Shiksha Abhiyan Mission, Bongaigaon, payable at Bongaigaon. Bid documents will be issued from 01.07.2017 to 15.7.2017 in all working days.

The tender documents will be received up to 2-00 PM on 17/07/2017 and will be opened at 3:00 P.M. on the same day. If any date of submission/ opening of tender document will be higher than the next working day will be treated as submission/ opening day.

Name of particular-Quotient for supply of refreshment hiring vehicle office stationary computer accessories.

Sd/- District Mission Co-ordinator (IIC)

SSA, Bongaigaon
Janasanayog/783/17

Notice for walk-in- interview

It is for general information to all Doctors who have passed PG courses from Medical Colleges of Assam and the result of which was declared by the Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences on 19th June 2017, that counselling shall be held in the office of the Director of Medical Education Assam, Srimanta Khansapura, Guwahati-22 for posting of Doctors against different vacancies in Medical Colleges of Assam as per the schedule mentioned below. The doctors who have completed PG courses and who are interested to appear for the counselling session 1. All Doctors who were admitted under All India Quota and received stipend from Govt. of Assam.

It is further mentioned herewith that Doctors who have been qualified for DM MCh courses within the State of Assam or outside the State are also to appear in the counselling to submit their details and also to enter into a new bond.

All candidates appearing for counselling are requested to bring all relevant original testimonials and papers at the time of interview in the office of the undersigned as per schedule given below:-

Date	Time	Subjects
06-07-2017	10.30 A.M.	General Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, Endocrinology, General Surgery, O&G, Orthopaedics, ENT, Dermatology, Anesthesiology, Orthopedics, Radio-Diagnosis and Radiotherapy.
07-07-2017	10.30 A.M.	All other subjects.

Sd/- Dir. Director of Medical Education, Assam Srimanta, Khansapura, Guwahati-22
Janasanayog/4608/17

Country will benefit immensely from GST, says Jaitley

NEW DELHI, July 1: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has said the goods and services tax (GST) that was rolled out from Saturday across the nation is a modern, efficient tax system and the country will get immensely benefited from this.

The government wanted a modern and efficient tax system through GST. And we wanted it to be assesses-friendly, taxation-friendly and a simple procedure. The country will benefit immensely from the GST," he said while speaking at the Chartered Accountants Day function organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India here on Saturday.

Jaitley said that the traders need to do after taking the Goods and Services Taxpayer Identification Number is to put

their monthly transaction before the 10th of next month in their software. "The auto-populated returns or matching will be self-generated."

He said some people gave the argument of single rate of tax or two rates for GST. "That is not possible now. We can converge some taxation in the future. 12 per cent and 18 per cent can be converged into one. But if we make a single rate of 15 per cent now, then item like food, which is consumed by poor people will get hit."

Jaitley mentioned direct tax is progressive and indirect tax is regressive.

"It is important to have equality in taxation policy. I am fully confident that the step taken by the country with the coop-

gar and another in Shillong. Each of the five other NE States will have its own commissionaire from now.

"The decentralisation of tax administration will take the department closer to the tax-filers," he said.

fusion will be cleared during the implementation process. We are receptive to the problems and we are ready to help to the extent possible," he said, adding that a helpline will also be opened for the purpose.



Gauhati GST commissionate readies vehicles for launching GST awareness drives, in Gauhati on Saturday. - UB Photo

issues relating to the process of spreading awareness about GST among the existing and potential residents," Paul told a press conference today, marking the celebration of GST Day in the country.

The Commissioner also al-

layed fears of traders regarding the new tax regime, saying the taxpayers need not worry much about the procedural aspects.

"The government has already given some relaxations. We are expecting some more relaxations. As and when problems are encountered, solutions will be given. It is an evolution. Con-

pounds, thus facilitating the software and internet connectivity will also be done in due course.

"The only thing traders need to do is that the invoicing should be done as per the GST," he said.

Amid reports that the GST could encourage "inspector raj", Paul said the entire procedures are system-based.

"There is no interface. There

is no reason for an officer to go to the field, neither does the taxpayer have to come to the GST commissionaire. Only in doubtful cases, we will have to conduct some inquiries. There will not be any arbitrariness," he said.

Describing the GST as a transformational reform, the Commissioner said it is not just a "taxation reform" but a "business reform".

"Now business will be done in a new form. It will be more transparent and there will be a lot of use of IT," he added.

Asked as to why the state checks are still not being closed down even though they have become redundant under GST, the GST Commissioner said it is a subject matter dealt with by the State Tax department and they will be able to give a more "authentic information."

Govt notifies GST identification number rules

NEW DELHI, July 1: The government has notified the rules related to Registration and Composition Scheme of Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) that came into effect from June 22, 2017.

The intent of notifying these

rules is to start the process of issue of registration certificate, GSTIN, to taxpayers who have already been issued provisional ID for registration (PID) as well as to the new taxpayers, a Finance Ministry statement said here on Saturday.

"Any person who has PID and who opt for composition scheme on GSTN for getting the certificate of registration.

It is clarified that a period of three months is allowed to complete this procedure, that is, the formalities can be completed on or before September 22, 2017.

In the interim period, they can issue tax invoice using the PID already allotted to them, the statement clarified.

"A person seeking fresh reg-

istration can apply for registration within 30 days from the date on which he becomes liable for registration. They can also opt for composition scheme at the time of filing of registration," it added.

The statement said: "The applicant for grant of new registration can issue a bill of supply for supplying goods or services during the period from the date of liability to obtain registration till the date of issuance of the registration certificate, if he has applied for registration within 30 days from the date he has become liable for registration. - IANS

E-commerce players offer 'GST discounts'

NEW DELHI, July 1: With the country's much-awaited

the goods and services tax (GST) regime in action, e-commerce players are optimistic that more tax benefits will come in within the new tax system, which will be shared with the consumers.

"Earlier, we were not able to take tax credit for many things. Now that we are able to take these, there is definitely some saving from the cost side also. If we have more margin, then we should pass it on to the consumer and we are definitely doing

"that," Vishwas Shringi, founder of Voylla Fashions, told IANS.

The fashion jewellery e-commerce platform, which also has over 100 physical stores in the country, has started offering an additional "GST bonanza discount" for the customers starting July 1. Shringi added that it is not a stock clearance sale, but providing customers an idea of the benefits under the new system.

Suchi Mukherjee, Chief Executive and co-founder of LimeRoad, online platform for fashion and lifestyle, said:

No. PDDE(II)14/2017/13
Dated 30-06-2017

NOTICE

The last date of receiving tender by Commissionerate of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam for appointment of a firm for developing a "Human Capital Management System" issued vide Commissionerate N.I.Q.No. PDDE(II)14/2017/11 Dated 12-06-17 is hereby extended up to 2.00 P.M. of 07.07.17. The tender will be opened at 2-30 PM. on the same day.

The tender documents may be collected from our office up to 11.00 A.M. of 7th July/17 and all other terms and conditions will remain same.

**Sd/- Commissioner,
Panchayat & Rural Development
Assam**
Janasanayog/1553/17

Re E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

No. AD/DC/746/09/17984 Dated Guwahati the 30th June 2017. Managing Director, AIIDC, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21, reinvites Bid through e-tendering from eligible registered contractors (u/s 21 of the Act) for the supply of Document of Work (DwD)/Registered Industrial unit under having ATM-II for the work :- Dismantling the existing old PS tank of size 5.00m x 3.75m x 2.50 m over steel stading and replace by new PS tank of same size and painting completely at Industrial Estate, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21' ON SINGLE BID SYSTEM.

Specified date and time for on-line as well as Hard copy submission of bid is 12/07/2017 up to 14:00 hour.

For details kindly visit website: www.assamtenders.gov.in

**Sd/- Managing Director
Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation, Industrial Estate, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21**
Janasanayog/793/17

THE ASSAM STATE TEXTBOOK PRODUCTION AND PUBLICATION CORPORATION LIMITED, PANBAZAR, G.N.B. ROAD, GUWAHATI-781001 ATC/SM/16/17 RE-ADVERTISEMENT

In continuation/modification of the notice No. ATC/SM/16/17/1853 dated 9.05.2017, attention of the authorities of private schools/private educational institutions or institutions run by trusts (which are not entitled to receive Free Textbooks distributed by the Govt.) is once again drawn to the fact that this Corporation will print price books from class Ka-sreni to class X on the basis of a written application with a statement giving in detail the requirement of textbooks provided that same is received at this end latest by 31.07.2017. Priced textbooks can be lifted directly by such school authorities from the godown of the Corporation. Every such application is to be accompanied by a demand draft of Rs. 500/- drawn in favour of Managing Director, the Assam State Textbook Production and Publication Corporation Limited, adjustable against the value of books actually lifted.

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Sd/- Managing Director

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GVK Emergency Management and Research Institute, Assam invites applications for the following positions:

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3. Emergency Management Executive : B.E. / B.Tech (Automobile / Mechanical) with 1-2 years' experience/ Freshers may also apply.

4. Pilot cum Technician : HSLC with valid HMV, IIC PSV driving license with minimum 3 years' of experience, Age-25-35 years.

5. Fleet Coordinator : Diploma in Automobile Engineering/Mechanical Engineering (Specialization in Automobile), 3-5 years' experience in relevant field. Advanced MS Excel proficiency is must.

6. Automobile Electrician : ITI passed. Must have minimum 5 years' experience in a reputed workshop.

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CHANGE IN TIMINGS OF 15605 KAMAKHYA-DIBRUGARH INTERTCY EXPRESS

It has been decided to revise the existing timings of 15605 Kamakhy-a-Dibrugarh Intercity Express from Furkating to Dibrugarh with effect from 05-07-2017. The Existing and revised times are as under:

STATIONS	15605 Up			
	Existing	Arr.	Dep.	Revised
Kamakhya		20.15	--	20.15
Furkating	03.55	04.25	03.55	05.00
Golaghat	04.36	04.38	05.11	05.13
Numaligarh	04.58	05.00	05.33	05.35
Khumali	05.05	05.06	05.40	05.41
Budalipar	05.13	05.14	05.48	05.49
Rangaliting	05.22	05.23	05.57	05.58
Barua Bamugan	05.33	05.35	06.08	06.10
Moabund	05.48	05.49	06.43	06.44
Bhalukpara	05.58	06.00	06.53	06.55
Rowriah	06.12	06.13	07.06	07.07
Jorhat Town	06.25	06.30	07.16	07.21
Cinnamara	06.58	07.00	07.33	07.35
Mariani	07.35	08.05	08.00	08.30
Nakachari	08.17	08.19	08.42	08.44
Amguri	08.35	08.37	09.13	09.15
Namiali	09.06	09.08	09.37	09.39
Simaluguri	09.25	09.30	09.52	09.57
Sibsagar Town	09.46	09.48	10.13	10.15
Moranhat	10.22	10.24	10.50	10.52
Dibrugarh	11.15	--	11.40	---

General Manager (Operations)

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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Dietary benefit

Mediterranean diet may cut colorectal cancer risk by 86 per cent, says a study

Consuming a Mediterranean diet – rich in fruits and fish – while decreasing the intake of soft drinks may help prevent the risk of developing colorectal cancer by nearly 86 per cent, a study has showed.

Colorectal cancer develops from intestinal polyps and has been linked to a low-fibre diet heavy on red meat, alcohol and high-calorie foods.

"We found that each one of these three choices was associated with a little more than 30 per cent reduced odds of a person having an advanced, pre-cancerous colorectal lesion, compared to people who did not eat any of the Mediterranean diet components," said Naomi Fliss Isakov from Tel Aviv Medical Centre, in Israel.

"Among people who made all three healthy choices the benefit was compounded to

almost 86 per cent reduced odds," Isakov added.

For the study, presented at the ESMO 19th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer, the team included 808 people who were undergoing screening or diagnostic colonoscopies who were between 40 and 70 years old and had adhered to a Mediterranean diet.

A typical Mediterranean diet was defined as consumption levels above the group median for fruits, vegetables and legumes, nuts and seeds, whole grains, fish and poultry and a high ratio of monounsaturated to saturated fatty acids, as well as consumption below the median of red meat, alcohol, and soft drinks.

Consumption of even two to three components of the diet, compared to none, was associated with half the odds of advanced polyps, the study showed. – IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 2, 2017:

This year you could be as changeable as the Moon's phases and the tides. Some people could be drawn to your moodiness. You certainly are never boring. If you are single, you have a magnetic personality and a positive attitude. You are a good catch until you know someone well. If you are attached, the two of you often struggle to find some middle ground. Your life together will be filled with lots of variety. SCORPIO can be a fun and interesting playmate, though he or she also can be sarcastic and demanding.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You could be more explosive than you realize! Your anger may be aimed at a system or structure that is imposed upon you right now. Change your status quo, at least for a while. Your rants are likely to be heard by many. Tonight: Surprise others with your choices.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Get as much done as possible. You might go back and forth about how much you want to give of your time and talent. You probably have your limits and boundaries – not only for others, but also for you. You send to say "yes" to easily. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your playfulness emerges in the morning. You draw others to you and express your childlike personality. Be spontaneous with your love. By midday, if a project gains importance: focus on it. Make time to run some errands. Tonight: A loved one wants you time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your playfulness emerges in the afternoon, after some quiet time. You have really rallied around you, and together you might start up a game of Scrabble or some other fun activity. You naturally encourage others to get together. Tonight: A loved one wants you time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Makes calls in the morning. You might wonder about several statements you hear. Differences of opinion could color your morning. So don't let a family member in the evening. Your attention is more important to this person than you realize. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Be careful about your choices in the morning, especially as it would be hard to come to an agreement about plans with someone else. You would be upset by the unpredictability of a partner or loved one. Tonight: Pick up a phone or chat with a friend whom you don't see often.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You wake up ready and willing to enjoy the day. A friend or two or one more could use more of your time and attention. Make a visit possible. If you can't get together today, Be aware of your budget and spending habits. Tonight: Curb an innate possessiveness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You could feel sort of twists dealing with someone you don't often see. A friend or loved one is likely to become very commanding in reason or action. It's his or her way or the highway. You have a choice to make. Tonight: Touch base with a relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Use the daylight hours to encourage a friend to go along with your suggestions. You've got a creative solution. Some of what is said could have some validity, but some might not. Tonight: Join a loved one for dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might be tired of not making the impression you would like to. A conversation with someone more sophisticated than you is likely to bring you closer to a solution. A friendship could be quite demanding. Think carefully about your feelings. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for answers. You also will want to stop talking with a friend at a distance. The more ideas you work with, the better your personal decision will be. Do your best not to irritate an older relative or friend. Tonight: A forced to be reckoned with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Reach out to a loved one who often does not see eye to eye with you. You could be stunned by what you hear. Give this person some time to rethink his or her position. Consider taking a drive into the country for the afternoon. Tonight: Try something new and different.

Thought to the day

If you want truth to go round the world you must hire an express train to it; but if you want a lie to go round the world, it will fly: it is as light as a feather, and a breath will carry it. It is well said in the old proverb, 'he will go round the world while truth is pulling its boots on.'

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13:00 Roll No. 21	22:00 Planning	22:30 CID	14:30 Movie
16:00 Uncle Grandpa	23:00 BS-GB	23:30 Crime Patrol - Satark	15:00 Movie
17:00 Steven Universe	12:00 StarPlus	18:00 Life OK	16:17 Movie
19:30 Hardi Meri Bratty	13:00 StarPlus	18:30 Sava Dhan India	17:00 Movie
20:00 Roll No. 21	14:00 Dance Plus	19:00 Saath Nibhana Sahayya	18:00 Movie
22:00 Dragon Ball Z	15:00 Dance Plus	19:30 Sher Pyjama	19:30 Movie
23:00 Telephoning	16:00 More Angre Main	20:00 Chandrakanta Prem Ya...	20:00 Movie
13:00 Chota Bheem	17:00 More Angre Main	21:00 Sambhav India	21:00 Movie
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India's U-17 WC group matches shifted to Delhi

NEW DELHI, July 1: Heeding to the government's request, football's world governing body, FIFA today shifted India's group matches of the upcoming U-17 World Cup from Mumbai to the national capital.

The All India Football Federation (AIF) initially wanted Mumbai to host India's matches but later asked FIFA to shift them to New Delhi under pressure from the sports ministry. The government felt it was appropriate that the national capital hosts the home team's matches.

"Following a request from the All India Football Federation to hold the group matches of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 in which India are playing in New Delhi, and the fruitful discussions

between the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the local government, FIFA has agreed to amend the match schedule," the Local Organising Committee (LOC) said in a statement.

As per the amended schedule, Group A, featuring the home team, which is automatically seeded as A1, will be based in New Delhi and teams of Group B will be based in Navi Mumbai. Matches for the knockout stage remain as planned before.

Acknowledging the increased efforts of the local authorities and the LOC in connection with the requested amendment, FIFA's Head of Tournaments

Jaime Yarza said: "Attendance, especially in the venue where the home team plays its matches, is one of the priorities of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017, crucial to achieving the purpose of better positioning football in the country, so the government's commitment in this regard is highly appreciated."

"The presence of the secretary of state at the meetings concerning the state of the works in the stadium and training sites sends a positive message and reflects the strong involvement of the authorities."

"We expect this involvement to extend into the area of pollution preven-

tion, which has been an important topic discussed in relation to the tournament, in particular in Delhi. We are now expecting an action response plan to prevent pollution levels from affecting the tournament, which ideally should continue beyond the tournament."

Besides India, who are automatically

qualified as hosts, the following teams

have booked their tickets to the competition: Iran, Iraq, Japan, Korea DPR (Asia); New Caledonia, New Zealand (Oceania); Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay (South America); Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, USA (North, Central America and Caribbean); England, France, Germany, Spain, Turkey (Europe); Mali, Niger, Ghana, and Guinea (Africa).

KOLKATA, July 1: Cricket after Anil Kumble stepped down, which the likes of Virender Sehwag, Tom Moody, Lachand Ranjput, Richard Pybus and Doddha Ganesh have also applied. -PTI

Former India team director Ravi Shastri has emerged as a front runner for the top job, for

July 10 in Mumbai.

The former India captain is one of the three members of the CAC, along-side Sachin Tendulkar and VVS Laxman.

"The interview will be held on July 10 in Mumbai," Ganguly told reporters at CAB before leaving for London to attend MCC's World Cricket Committee meeting at the Oval on July 3 and 4.

July 9 is the deadline to apply for the coach's job, which has been reopened for the second time to seek more applications

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- Good communication skill

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- Long term customer relationship
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- Good communication skill

PROFILE

- Exp. Minimum 3-4 yrs in sales and marketing in any sector as a Team Leader
- Age: 25 to 35 years
- Salary - Upto 28k plus incentives

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Vacancies opened - 2 nos.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Team target achievement in sales and value added services
- Sales & marketing to customers & services
- Maintaining reports on team performance
- Lead generation & Management
- Long term customer relationship
- Should have a two wheeler and carry LMV license
- Good communication skills

PROFILE

- Experience: Min 5 yrs in sales as a Team Leader and Internal Training
- Age - 30-35 yrs
- Salary - Upto 40k plus incentives

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Vacancies opened - 1 nos.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Team target achievement in sales and value added services

PROFILE

- Experience: Min 5 yrs in sales as a Team Leader and Internal Training
- Age - 30-35 yrs
- Salary - Upto 35k plus incentives

SR. SCOURING MANAGER

Vacancies opened - 1 nos.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Team target achievement on Evaluation of used cars

PROFILE

- Maintaining reports on team performance
- Should have a two wheeler and carry LMV license
- Also perfect in driving four Wheeler

PROFILER

- Experience: Min 3 yrs experience
- Should have a degree or diploma in Automobile Engineering
- Age - 25-35 yrs
- Salary - Upto 28k plus incentives

SOURCING MANAGER

Vacancies opened - 2 nos.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Evaluation of used cars

PROFILE

- Should have a two wheeler and carry LMV license

PROFILER

- Also perfect in driving four Wheeler
- Should have lots of knowledge on excel for reporting purpose

PROFILER

- Experience: Min 1 yr experience

PROFILER

- Should have a degree or diploma in Automobile Engineering

PROFILER

- Should be technically sound

PROFILER

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- Salary - Upto 15k plus incentives

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We are geared up to fulfil SC-given mandate: Rai

will be done," he reiterated.

He was referring to the Supreme Court's July 18, 2016 order of sweeping reforms in the BCCI based on the Justice Lodha Committee recommendations.

"There is no question of being disappointed or not over the outcome of the SCM which decided to form a small committee to revisit certain points of the Supreme Court order. We have a mandate to fulfil and we are geared up to fulfil it whether the SCM takes decision this way or that," said COA chairman Vinod Rai after its meeting here today.

"We were building a consensus (among the members) but if the consensus is not built up, we will have to implement the mandate. It's as simple as that," the former CAO insisted.

"Whether the (BCCI) members implement or not (the Supreme Court's directive is to implement the order and that

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Pradeep Nuniisa (L) and Nipon Das have been appointed as technical officials for the 22nd Asian Athletic Championship which will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from July 6 to 9

State chess players for C'wealth meet

GUWAHATI, July 1: A three-member team of Guwahati Chess Academy will participate in the Commonwealth Chess Championship, organised by the All India Chess Federation on behalf of FIDE and Commonwealth Chess Association at New Delhi from July 2 to 10.

The players to participate in the championship are – Pran Govinda Parasar Kashyap, Navoneel Choudhury and Aslesha Talukdar.

Pran Govinda and Navoneel Choudhury will participate in boys section while Aslesha will participate in girls section. All three players become eligible to participate in this tournament on the basis of their performance in National U-9 Chess Championship held in 2016, stated a release.

CAB to hold its AGM after SC hearing

KOLKATA, July 1: The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president Sourav Ganguly today told the members that the body cannot hold its AGM, scheduled later this month, due to clarity on Lodha committee recommendations.

"Not sure what will happen next. We will wait for the Supreme Court hearing (on July 14)," the former India captain told reporters after their emergent meeting.

CAB's legal counsel Ushanan Banerjee, who attended the meeting, said the association cannot hold an Annual General Meeting before the pending issues before the Supreme Court.

"Holding of AGM will be wrongful and illegal unless the amendments as directed by the SC are effected which are in doubt as a

number of issues are awaited for a final call in the apex court," Ganguly said.

In an act of defiance, the structural reforms recommended by Justice RM Lodha and approved by the Supreme Court nearly a year ago have not been implemented by the BCCI and its members.

Lodha, a former Chief Justice of India, was backed by the BCCI's defiance and critical of the Committee of Administrators (COA) for not being proactive enough, saying there was no ambiguity in the order.

But the CAB legal counsel Banerjee said: "A number of issues have been placed before the Supreme Court not only by the CAB but all over India including BCCI. The Supreme Court is saying they will hear. So till a full clarity is reached it's difficult to implement." - PTI

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INDRANI RAIMEDI
discovers the labour of love that produces meals for children.



Freedom from hunger



It was Mother Teresa who had once opined that "Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think is a much greater hunger than the person who has nothing to eat." Akshaya Patra, one of the largest NGOs in the world, is committed in its mission not only to gift children with the feeling of being loved, but also ensuring that they are fed a piping hot meal everyday. The forgotten world is made up of the developing nations, where most of the people comprising of more than 50 per cent of the world population, live with hunger as a constant companion and the fear of famine is a very real menace.

Hunger and malnutrition have devastating consequences for children and have been linked to low birth weight and birth defects, mental and physical defects and poorer educational outcomes. Akshaya Patra runs a mid-day meal programme serving wholesome lunch to over 1.6 million children in 13,636 schools across 12 states in India.

Looking out of a window in Mayapur, a village near Kolkata, His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada saw a group of children fighting with stray dogs over scraps of food. From this single heart-breaking incident was born a determination to no child within a radius of 10 miles of Iskcon Temple would go hungry. This resolve led to the generation of the Akshaya Patra Foundation, aptly named after the vessel in the Mahabharata that never ran out of food.

In June 2000, the Akshaya Patra Foundation started the mid-day meal programme in Bengaluru, Karnataka. It started with serving food to a modest 1,500 students across five government schools. The vision was simple— "No child in India shall be deprived of education because of hunger."

Today, partnering with the Government of India and various State Governments, as well as philanthropic donors, the organisation runs the world's largest mid-day programme. Built on a public-private partnership, Akshaya Patra combines sound management, innovative technology and smart engineering to deliver

er tasty and nutritious lunch to school children. The positive results are there for all to see – enrolment in schools has risen, malnutrition is being tackled on a war-footing, children have more attention span in the classroom, and most of all, the motivation to turn up at school, come rain or shine.

Akshaya Patra is not only studied as a business model by universities such as Harvard, but has also won innumerable awards abroad and in India.

Curious to discover for myself the endeavour that has reached such epic, life-changing proportions, I present myself at an unearthly hour at dawn at the organisation's first centre in Assam, located at Amingaon in North Guwahati. It is a model replicated across this vast country.

I am met at the front door by Durgesh Kumar Gupta, an MBA who is Manager, Operations. A deeply religious person, he expresses how profoundly fulfilling his work is.

He takes me on a tour across the 35,000 sqft. kitchen. Hundred and thirty uniformed workers, 30 of them women, are working with robotic synchronicity – cooking a vast amount of cooked rice, vegetables and dal meant for 47,000 children in 107 schools.

Giant rice chutes separate the chaff from the grain. There are clouds of steam around the huge cookers, with a conveyor belt transporting steel carriers of food to the dozens of vans parked outside. Three boilers service eight rice cookers, two dal cookers and three sajji cookers. The workers chop the vegetables and prepare the spices the previous night itself. Cooking starts from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Loading of the carriers is completed by 9. By 11:30 a.m., the vans park in front of innumerable schools, children eagerly line up with their plates, chattering and smiling.

"There is stringent testing throughout the process," says Durgesh Kumar. "We undertake great pains to check that only the best ingredients are used, and the nutritive content of the meals is high. We also make changes in the menu so that children are not tired of eating the same items."

At present the Akshaya Patra Amingaon kitchen supplies meals to schools in Kamalpur, North Guwahati, Hajo, Sualkuchi, Airport, Rani and Jakukban.

Each meal costs roughly Rs. 8.50 which of the government contributes Rs. 4.50. The organisation relies on donors to fill this gap. There is also the need for a plot of land to set up the kitchen because the rent of its present premises is not cost effective.

With steam-based cooking, cold storage facilities, the kitchen is ISO certified. The workers are paid minimum wages, have access to Provident Fund and ESIC. At a time when everybody else is asleep, these men and women make sure that children they do not know will get to savor what they have lovingly cooked for them. This is something deeply fulfilling to witness first-hand.



Going colour

DR. MANASH P. GOSWAMI travels back in time to India's first colour film.



Ever since the summer of 1896, on the seventh day of July, when India had the

privilege to be the first Asian country to witness the screening of Lumière's film reels at Watson's Hotel, Bombay, the saga of the Indian film industry continues to be stronger and bigger with every passing year.

The Indian film industry (which started with Dadashah Phalke's *Raja Harischandra*, in 1913) has achieved many milestones in the nearly 11 decades of its ongoing journey. It has already established itself as one of the largest film industries, with annual average production of 1,000 films and viewership of over three billion globally.

With Phalke's *Raja Harischandra*, based on the mythological story of a Hindu King Harischandra, the Indian film industry had the modest beginning of making a full-length Indian feature film. This silent film, with its cast and staff primarily consisting of Marathi theatre artistes, entertained the contemporary audiences of Bombay and the suburban areas. In the absence of sound, the inter-titles were the mainstay of Indian cinema and other silent films of the early days of Indian cinema.

Indian cinema had another success in Ardesir Irani's *Alam Ara*, produced in 1931. It was the tireless effort of Irani, a Parsi film entrepreneur born in Poona, Bombay Presidency, which made the art of storytelling more interesting and meaningful with dialogue and music.

Still, there was one crucial component missing in films and that was colour.

The long wait from the mundane black-and-white to colour film ended with the screening of India's first colour film – *Kisan Kanya*, in 1937.

Produced by Ardesir Irani, under the Imperial Pictures banner, directed by Moti B. Gidwani, it was the first colour film of India and of South Asia, made in Hindi-Urdu, released in Bombay. Prior to *Kisan Kanya*, the film *Sairandri*, directed by Rajaram Vankudre Shantaram, made an unsuccessful attempt in 1933.

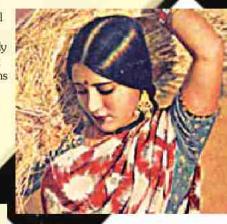
The film *Kisan Kanya* (The Peasant Girl), was based on a story written by Prof. Zia-ud-Din of Shantiniketan, and had its dialogue and screenplay prepared by Indo-Pakistani writer Saadat Hasan Manto. The film grimly described how landlords used to ill-treat the peasants in rural India.

Although from the commercial point of view *Kisan Kanya* achieved moderate success at the Box Office, the film had historical significance. In the very next year, Irani made another valiant attempt to produce an early version of Mehboob Khan's epoch-making *Mother India*. However, colour did not become a popular feature of Indian films until the late 1950s.

In spite of enjoying moderate success at the Box Office,

Kisan Kanya remains a path-breaking film for its successful leap into technology and setting the trend of constantly improving and experimenting with technological innovations of the times. In fact, if Dadashah Phalke is remembered as the father of Indian cinema, I believe, Ardesir Irani deserves to be called the father of Indian talkies and colour films.

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A Singpho feast

DEEP SHANKAR GOGOI has his taste buds tickled.

about the choice of dining. But all my fears were soon put to rest. The food was far better than all the praise my friends had expressed. It was a wonderful trip and many more were yet to follow.

The food here even managed to mesmerise my friends from the heartland of India – who used to consider Northeastern cuisine too exotic for their taste buds. And soon we had become regular companions in this amazing sojourn of discovering culinary delight. Among the plethora of dishes, two of my



Arunachal Pradesh to as far as northern Myanmar and China. They are known as Kachin in Myanmar, and in China, they are called Jingpo. In India, they number about 7,200 and live in 13 villages, namely, Bordumisa, Dibang, Ketetong, Pangna, Ulep, Ingthem, Mungphea, Pangsun, Hasak, Katha, Bisa, Namo and Namsai. They speak the Singpho dialect of the Jingpo language. They had been growing and brewing tea

favourites are boiled chicken and pork. No oil is added during the preparation of this dish. Rather, the animal or bird fat melts during the process of preparation, which is used to cook the food. So, it is quite healthy, besides the divine taste it has to offer. One should also try the chicken or pork roast here. Even the tomato chutney is worth tasting.

Some other dishes worth mentioning are the chicken, pork or fish wrapped in *kolpat* leaves. The wonderful aroma of the leaves is infused into the food within.

Flavours are further augmented by the use of herbs indigenous to the Singphos, like powdered *Sin-gla-kpa* leaves and *Na-tang-*

ban leaves. One can also include short visits to the Oil Museum and the War Memorial of Digboi in one's itinerary. The Museum is a treasure trove of knowledge and also houses the second oldest oil well in the world. One may also pay a visit to the Coal Museum in Margherita.

Anyone who tries the food at Singpho Dhaba is fascinated and is bound to return again and again. Over the years, it has built an unmatched reputation in the region. A reputation grounded in a phenomenal culinary heritage and aided by the enthralling beauty of the land.

WOMEN PLUS

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Hands to serve

PRAGYA KAKATY reveals some uncomfortable truths of the nursing profession.

Working on a dissertation topic is always a self-evolving process. One gets to understand many realities which one might not be mindful of while doing literature review or forming research questions. That's the beauty of research, I guess where you go with a certain set of understanding and questions, but the field always overwhelms. As part of my dissertation, I went to interview healthcare providers of a government hospital in Assam, to understand their perspective on gendered vio-

lence and care (my questions revolved around burn/acid attack victims of violence owing to my topic).

While my interactions revolved around what kind of care is provided to a victim of gender violence who comes to access healthcare, what bewildered me most was when one of the nurses aptly commented, "We (nurses) always face gender violence and gender discrimination and it is not only from the inter-professional group, but

also from patients and attendants." This comment changed the whole perspective of how I see gender violence in a healthcare setting, where looking at the victims is not enough; the picture of care-givers also needs to fit in.

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RELATIONSHIP

Kris Bennette

Love thy neighbour

When we talk about cultivating bonds, we immediately think about our relationship with our family and friends. How about our relationship with our neighbours? How many of us actually take the time to talk to our neighbours?

Today's lifestyle does not encourage friendships between neighbours. Most people drive straight to their work every morning and into their garage at night. Thus, it is very easy not to know anything about their neighbours. However, you need to realise that taking the time to get to know your neighbours is very important. According to safety experts, neighbourhoods become safer and friendlier when the people living there know and look out for each other.

You can be a good neighbour and get to know who are living near you with these simple tips.

Smile and say hello

Sometimes, all it takes to connect with a neighbour is to smile and greet them respectfully. It is the simplest way of making contact. If you enjoy walking up and down your street, you can take the extra effort to be friendly to your neighbours. Step out of your comfort zone and give your neighbour a simple, friendly wave. Doing so can go a long way.



Ways to strengthen relationships with neighbours

Strike a conversation

Most neighbours love to make small talk; thus, it is okay to be the one to break the ice. As you see your neighbour work in their front yard, you can strike a conversation. You can ask, how their children are – whether they are still toddlers or in college. You can also offer help in case they lock up at night. This will encourage safer communities.

Set up a neighbourhood watch programme

Your neighbours can help you in case of an emergency. To make it easier to call for help, it is best that you set up a neighbourhood watch programme. In doing so,

you can easily send important information to your neighbours. For instance, if a neighbour's car has been burglarised during the night, the next day, the neighbourhood watch can send a warning message to residents to keep their valuables inside their homes, instead of in their cars and make sure they lock up at night. This will encourage safer communities.

Be considerate

If you borrowed something from your neighbour, such as a gardening tool, you should return it as soon as you are finished using it. If your pet or your children broke something that belongs to your neighbour, you

should replace them. These acts of consideration will encourage friendship and help cultivate your bonds.

Host a party

You can consider throwing a block party and invite your neighbours. You can host an ice-cream party at the end of the summer. This is a fun and enjoyable way of connecting with your neighbours. This is also a good way to meet new neighbours who recently moved into your block.

Cultivating bonds between neighbours doesn't take a lot of effort.

Strengthening neighbourhood relationship will not only help you make friends, but also build a strong and safe community.

Almond blanket**Ingredients:**

● Flour	2 cups
● Cold butter	1 cup
● Salt	1/2 tsp
● Ice cold water	1/2 cup
● Almond paste, ground	1 1/2 cups
● Eggs, beaten	2, plus 1 beaten egg white
● Sugar, ground	1 cup, plus extra for topping
● Almond or vanilla essence	1/2 tsp
● Salt	1 pinch
● Almond flakes	4 tbsp

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Divide dough into four portions and roll each portion into a 30 x 10cm rectangle. Shape the almond mixture into four rolls. Place one roll of almond mixture on each pastry rectangle. Roll up, and pinch the ends to seal. Place the rolls on a baking tray. Prick with a fork and brush with the beaten egg white, and sprinkle lightly with almond flakes and sugar. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 160°C and bake for 10 minutes, or until golden. When cool, cut into slices and serve with tea or as dessert.

Method:

In a large bowl, mix the flour, cold butter and salt in a large bowl. Using two forks or butter knives, cut the fat into the flour until all the butter is mixed in and the mixture is grainy.

Make a well at the centre, gradually add cold water. Mix together until the mixture forms a ball. Do not over-mix. Refrigerate until ready to use.

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FASHION

Annie Brown

Summer tresses

A few hairstyles for long hair this season.

When summer comes calling, it's a sign to pull out those dresses, sit by the pool and take in the sunshine. What can make this a tough feat is if you have long hair. Although flowing tresses look lustrous and magnificent, caring for them can be tedious in the summer months. That's why it's important to opt for the right hairstyles for long hair during the sweltering season – so that your locks can look wonderful with minimal effort.

Braided top knot

If you find the top knot too basic for your long hair, look no further than its braided version. Adding a braid before you twist your hair into a top knot can breathe life into your look and give it a classic touch. To get the look, tie your hair length into a ponytail at the back of your head. Then plait the ponytail into a three-strand braid. Finally, wrap it around the base of the ponytail and use bobby pins to secure it in place. Especially for a formal dinner or a hot summer night, this is the updo for long hair that you need to try.

**Fishtail braid**

If you are looking to give your summer look a gyp touch, the fishtail braid is your answer. It's sophisticated, stunning and only looks deceiving. To make the fishtail braid the long hairstyle of your choice, follow these steps. First, divide the hair length into two large sections. Next, take a small section of hair from the right hand side of Section Two and cross it over to Section One. Then, from Section One, take a small section of hair from the left hand side and cross it over to Section Two. Repeat this criss-crossing of hair sections until you have reached the end of the hair length. Tie your fishtail braid with a transparent band to make your long hair look fantastic.

Space buns

Need to add a touch of playfulness to your summer beauty look? Then space buns are where it is at. From the numerous types of hairstyles for the season, this one definitely hits the mark as the most quirky. To make the space buns your own, start by parting your hair down the centre to divide it into two sections. Take a section of hair, position it above your ears, wrap the length around the base and pin it in place. Repeat the step for the other side too. Your long hair will be tucked in place for you to flaunt your space buns at a music festival.

**Twisted ponytail**

Since the ponytail is every long haired girl's go-to hairstyle, you can give it a slight upgrade this summer with the help of a few twists. To do so, brush all your hair back and separate two sections on the side of your head. Twist the entire hair length of each of these sections until its end. Then add these twisted sections to your main ponytail and tie the entire length of your hair together. Wrap these twisted sections around the hair and tie to finish off the sporty hairstyle.

Chignon bun

If all you want from your long hair is a formal, elegant type of hairstyle, then turn to a chignon. Trust us, this French hairstyle for long hair will have all eyes on you at your next summer wedding. To try the chignon for yourself, first collect your hair at the base of your head. Then twist the entire hair length into one, long rolled section. Coil this section in a circular pattern until your hair has been used up. Finish the look by pinning it in place with bobby pins – that's all you need to give your long hair a sophisticated touch!



gather with your hands until you have a sticky dough.

Transfer the dough to a clean work surface, dusted with flour, and knead vigorously for 10 minutes until the dough is smooth and elastic.

Place the dough into a lightly-oiled bowl. Cover with a clean, damp cloth. Place in a warm area and leave to double in size, about an hour.

Punch down the dough on a lightly-floured work surface.

Divide into 36 equal ping pong-sized pieces.

Grease a large muffin tray.

Place three dough balls, seam side down, in each muffin cup, to form a cloverleaf.

Cover the muffin tray loosely with a clean, damp cloth; let rise until doubled in size, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 190°C. Brush with melted butter. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until puffed and golden.

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FICTION

Shilpa Chaya Mazumdar

She woke up with a shudder. She could still hear loud music being played outside her room. And voices of girls and boys singing to the tunes of the songs, in a distorted manner. They are probably drunk. They might be celebrating somebody's birthday.

She had an intense urge to go out and get some fresh air. She wished she could take some deep breaths to soothe herself. She was frightened. She took out her laptop and hoped to continue her work on the ongoing project where she was engaged as an intern.

Everything started two weeks ago. It was a Saturday morning. It had been two weeks since they had been here. There were ten of them. They had been selected from across the country to work on a project on water sharing over international boundaries. Tanya and she shared the same floor and were the only girls there. They did not know all of the others. They were familiar with two guys. Abhishek was a nice guy. He helped them a lot in knowing the whereabouts of the nearby places. He took them out to buy some necessities. The other friend, Mayank, had left three days before that fatal Saturday. He talked less, he was not missed much. They were enjoying the campus, the nearby tourist spots, the food, the new work; life was good indeed.

She was in deep sleep that Saturday morning when she heard loud knocks on her door. Her video chat was still active with Nikhil. She cut the call and typed a message, "I miss you. Good Morning."

She thought it might be the cleaners. It had been a week and they had not turned up for room cleaning. She opened the door and was shocked to see a barefooted Tanya with untidy hair, moist eyes and a petrified look on her face.

"Sakshi, someone came inside." And then Tanya started sobbing. She was clueless. She checked her phone. It was 5.25 in the morning. Too early for Tanya to wake up for work.

"What's the matter, Tanya? Tell me. Had a bad dream? Why are you



The intruder

barefoot? Drink some water. Come inside.

"Sakshi, he came inside. He tried to lift my top. Believe me, I just want to leave," Tanya was speaking up. I screamed. But he ran away and took the screen could not follow him. I don't want to stay here."

She did not know how to react. It was difficult to believe that these things happen in top institutes of the country. She tried to get things clear.

"Tanya, tell me, how could someone get inside without opening the door? Did you not lock it last night?"

"I did. But I was not getting much sleep. I went to get some water at about 5 o'clock. I was reading a book at that in my room. I did not bolt the door," Tanya replied, still crying.

"Okay, fine. Can you identify the guy? I heard many of them partying last night near my room. Maybe

someone too drunk did this. We'll inform the authorities. Nothing to worry."

She always took this upfront position when it came to standing for a right cause.

"No, Sakshi. I could only see his red t-shirt and blue pants. I don't want to tell anybody and I am leaving today. I am going to call Papa."

Tanya went out, almost running.

She left the campus that very evening. Sakshi informed the authorities about the incident. But without the victim's statement, they were reluctant about even investigating such matters.

She asked Abhishek for help. He seemed more concerned about his career. He refused, saying, "I don't want to get involved in your 'social work'." What if they think of me as a rebel and my grades go down?"

She got busy with her work after that and the thing just got out of her mind. And now there are six more days to go and it is again a weekend. Tomorrow will be a Saturday morning. And some people are busy getting drunk outside her room. That incident with Tanya was just a repercussion of heavy partying.

Tanya left out of fear.

She is stuck inside her room out of fear.

The authorities feared that they might end up accusing the wrong person or their institute may become unpopular.

Abhishek feared that his image would be affected if he spoke against such matters.

But for how long?

How long are we going to take to overcome our fears and speak up? Time to think.

LEGAL EASE

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I have been occupying a rented premise since the last 15 years. I have a rent agreement with the landlord, which is renewed every two years. While doing so, the landlord increases the rent to a much higher extent. Is there any rule for determining how much rent can be charged or increased?

— Sashi

Ans: If your rented premise falls under any of the Urban Municipal areas, the Rent Control Law is applicable for determination and increasing the rent, in absence of any contract between the tenant and landlord to that effect. Under the Rent Control Law, no landlord is entitled to charge rent higher than the 'standard rent'. 'Standard rent' is a monthly rent calculated on the basis of annual payment of an amount which is equal to 7.5 per cent of the aggregate estimated cost of construction and price of land, including municipal

Tenancy tips



taxes payable. Only the proportionate value of the premise rented out of the entire building structure is to be taken for considering annual payment. However, if any addition, improvement or alteration (not being a repair) is effected at the landlord's expenses, the cost of which was not considered in fixing 'standard rent', the landlord will be entitled to increase the monthly rent by an amount not exceeding

one-twelfth of 7.5 per cent of the cost of such addition, improvement or alteration.

'Standard rent' fixed can also be re-determined taking into account any variation of taxes due to Municipal assessment of the building. Whereas, if after five years of continuous occupation of the tenanted premise, the market price of the land and estimated cost of construction increases by more than 25 per cent (over

the value taken for determining 'standard rent'), then the landlord will be entitled to increase the monthly rent. But, such increase of rent cannot exceed one-twelfth of the 7.5 per cent of the increase in market price of land and cost of construction, and shall be subjected to a maximum increase of only 50 per cent of the previously determined standard rent. Such re-determined increased rent is called 'fair rent'. Any further increase in rent can be made only after a lapse of five years of the revision in 'fair rent', if the market price of the land and estimated cost of construction increases by more than 25 per cent (over the value taken for determining preceding 'fair rent'). Alternatively, the Rent Control Law also provides for determination of 'fair rent' by Court in cases where dispute arises regarding rent payable in respect of the tenanted premise. On an application made by either the landlord or tenant, the Court, on making such enquiry, as may be necessary, determines the 'fair rent' in accordance with the provisions of the Rent Control Law for determination of 'standard rent' and 'fair rent'.

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Guwahati.

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— Nitu Borgohain,
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MY SPACE

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We have come a long way. Only about 30 years ago, I could not talk to my folks in India because they did not even own a phone. A telegram, if it came, usually carried bad news. Fifty years ago I used to travel in India by train packed with people inside, outside and on the roof, because that's all we could afford. Transistor was invented in the 1960s. After the discovery of fire and the wheel, this, perhaps, has had the most profound effect on the modern world. Without semi-conductor, there won't be modern-day computers, cellphone, internet, video games, HDTV, live streaming, a distant war or terrorism or refugee crisis, iPod, YouTube, html, C++, and so on. But we have gotten used

to it. If you tell a kid that we did not have radio, they would perhaps wonder why we did not watch TV. And I don't think I am quite that antique yet.

I grew up with longhand calculation, slide rule, vacuum tube, mechanical calculator, chart recorder. Then graduated through heterodyne AM radio, FM, PCM, HF/VHF transmission, discrete circuit, integrated circuit, LSI, magnetic core memory, solid state memory, logic circuits, analog-to-digital conversion, Fortran, Assembly language etc. Now, hardly anyone talks about those either. Now even babies who can barely talk or walk grow up using a hi-tech talking or giggle toy. We have iPod, iPhone, iTunes, iEverything, texting, clicking pictures, Facebook, Instagram, social networking – they

are wired; they don't meet face-to-face, but talk to a Facebook friend for hours.

Now we have more gadgets than we know what to do with. There are people babbling on cellphones, texting, chatting on the internet, playing video games, dating a stranger from an alien land, clicking remotes to change hundreds of channels (and that's not enough) on a huge screen TV, playing poker, sexual predators prowl for innocent victims, cyber hackers trying to make instant money or shut you down or bring down a democracy. People can today relate better to gadgets than they can relate to other people. They love things and use people instead of being the other way around. Parents have no time for children, so they try to make up for it by showering

more hi-tech gifts.

We have more time-saving gadgets, yet, we are always short on time. We drive like crazy while talking on the cellphone. We get irritated at small things and show our frustration by showing the middle finger. We use Hummers to be macho or to own the road. We live in the suburbs and navigate through crawling traffic for hours using onboard GPS. We stare at a computer all day until our eyes go blind. The gadgets are supposed to save time, but we literally stay on call 24 hours a day. The cellphone rings even in the restrooms. We express our love with preprinted cards, e-greetings, and expensive gadgets. We give less and less time to warm hugs, a smile, a thank you, a sorry as if these words or feelings are losing out against

Technology: A commentary



We can't live without it. If there is a catastrophe sending us back to a primitive era, shall we be able to survive without these modern-day miracles?

People Speak

Today's topic

“Can there be any solution to Guwahati's flash floods?
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Sunday Reading invites all readers to speak out on vital issues that touch their lives. Our next topic is – "Why public protests are not effective?" Send in your response, not exceeding 100 words, enclosing your name and address, latest by July 15, addressed to: People's Tribune, Chandmari, Guwahati-781003 or e-mail us at sundayreading@assamtribune.com

A citizens, we are all responsible for the recurring floods in Guwahati. We have encroached upon the beautiful wetlands and water bodies, we have occupied the hills that were rich in bio-diversity, we have been dumping garbage in drains, streams, wetlands and vacant plots in our neighbourhoods, all contributing to water-logging and floods. Successive governments too have failed to protect the city's hills, forests and wetlands, and even after enactment of two important laws that provide for protecting them, there has been very little effort to actually implement these laws. Families who have been on the hills and wetlands for over 20 years should be rehabilitated elsewhere, and the newer ones should be evicted. Moreover, polythene use has to be banned. Only stem action can save Guwahati.

— Samundra Gupta Kashyap,
Journalist, author of two books
on Guwahati.



The problem of floods can be tackled by implementing both short-term and long-term solutions.

Short-term solutions include: • Drains should have proper slopes so that they can carry the water away, rather than storing them. • The manholes and potholes should be repaired and covered properly. • People must be stopped from dumping garbage in drains and rivers.

Long-term solutions include: • Hills should not be allowed to be cut. The government needs to focus on housing for all, which in turn, would reduce houses on hills. • An underground drainage system should be built with several connections to the Brahmaputra, and the water should be treated well before it enters the Brahmaputra.

— Rumi Sarkar,
Guwahati.

O wing to heavy rains, there is silting from the hills and it clogs the drains and finally, Guwahati roads get flooded up. Unplanned urbanisation and unchecked deforestation have taken a toll. The water bodies of Deepor Beel and Borsolia Beel have to be freed from massive encroachments for these are natural water reservoirs. The condition worsens when the Brahmaputra backflows during the monsoon. The much-awaited Smart City Project should try to save this landscape and riverine ecosystem. The bullock-up area of the city has already reached high density index and it needs a satellite township to stop further population influx. A plastic-free city and solid waste management will surely help its causes to mitigate disasters.

— Kamal Baruah,
Guwahati.



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Wind Chimes

Wind chimes. The very name rings with a gentle melody, of soft tones that waft into the breeze in the stillness of a summer afternoon. The sound sits tenderly on the consciousness, bringing calm and peace to the mind.

And surely, this is no surprise, for wind chimes are thought to have been invented in the East, in some region of China. They have been used in Feng Shui, and are believed to bring in good luck. Whether they do bring in a windfall in the form of a lottery win or not, it is true that the soothings tones of a wind chime certainly bring harmony and a feeling of appreciation for aural beauty.

Wind chimes are different from bells, which also give us aural pleasure. But bells, in several cultures, are part of religious rituals. We have the temple bells, whose sounds are considered auspicious. Worshippers at Hindu temples finish up their obeisance by ringing these. Churches use bells to summon the faithful to prayer, and indeed, church bells have been part of the aural landscape of predominantly Christian regions, worldwide. These bells of the different faiths do not depend on something as fickle, or weightless, as the wind to generate their sounds. Often, these bells reverberate with a deep, gong-like resonance which seem to reverberate within the very flesh, blood and bones of the worshipper, which, perhaps, is the intention in the first place. Temple and church bells inspire us with awe, with reverence.

Wind chimes are different. They are not usually part of organised, ritual prayer, though they are found in Buddhist shrines, too. Today, they hang in doorways and windows around the world, secular in the way they scatter their music to all listeners, no matter what their faith. This is a democratic idea in the way it gives pleasure to anybody who passes by, and is dependent on something as ephemeral, and yet as basic, as the wind to spread joy. Its music is the song of the wind. It brings serenity to the mind, and a sense of balance.

The different materials in which chimes are cast these days give a huge range of sounds,

Many people assemble their chimes carefully, taking into account their different tones and pitches. And so, when a good gust of wind makes them all quiver, there is a symphony of sound that brings a kind of deep veneration that has nothing to do with organised religion, but is, nevertheless, a form of worship, of one-ness with the Universe itself.

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This little home of theirs is indeed a testimony of this love. Wherever she goes, she makes it a point to buy a wind chime. She carefully checks if it is of good quality, and also whether its tones will match up with those she already has. Their cottage has a wrap around balcony, and from its roof hang chimes from all across the globe. As the breeze blows down from the hills, and across the valley to this cottage, the sound of those many chimes fill the atmosphere in a huge range of melody. All Things Considered, this symphony is a testimony to her love, her sensitivity in bringing home souvenirs whose sound her husband can hear.

For most of us, the sighted, the other senses take a back seat as far as our perception of the world around us is concerned. It is such a strong sense that of sight, that we tend to ignore the other sensory inputs that take place all the time through the four other sense organs that most of us possess.

Of course exceptions exist. Those whose livelihoods depend on being aware of other sensory inputs certainly amaze us with the way these become such an important part of their lives. Tea tasters, and perfumers, for example, depend greatly on the sense of taste and smell for their livelihood. Musicians have a heightened awareness of the aural world around them, of that sound. But one finds that even these people do not normally incorporate the inputs of these other senses into their day-to-day lives, if they are sighted. Their aural awareness, or the awareness of sensory perceptions other than that of vision, is part of their work lives, rather than their everyday, routine existences.

Sometimes, wind chimes take on a meaning that overwhelms. There is this beautiful little cottage nestled in a valley in Andhra Pradesh. It serves as a weekend getaway for two people, not young, whose marriage is so full of love and caring that it cannot help bring in a lump to the observer's throat. One of them is sighted, the other is not. The husband, though without sight, travels the world, and is a highly respected person in his sphere of work. The wife, too, is a successful individual in her own right. But what lights up their world is the love they have for each other.

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5 THINGS / Winged words

"Writing for children is no child's play"

Well-known children's writer **BANDITA PHUKAN** takes her craft very seriously indeed.

1 We must germinate the seeds of reading

For an adult, writing for children is a tough job, as their childhood has been left behind long back. Anyway, it is our duty to write for children, firstly, in order to germinate the seeds of reading in them. Also, to entertain them and, to generate a sense of adventure. We need to pass on indirect moral messages, too. With my own experiences of more than

30 years of writing for children, I try to consider a few salient points when I write for children.

2 Care in using words/ sentences

A children's writer should be careful in using words or sentences. We should be very simple and easily comprehensible in our writings.

3 Staying away from gore

A children's writer should not narrate violent, horror-filled scenes. These might exert a negative impact on a child's psyche. Similarly, one should not write stories of revenge, or sadistic acts.

4 Leave behind a message

In the process of growing up, children keep receiving too many "not to do" messages. They also receive orders as well as advice from their parents, teachers or their guardians at every stage of life. Therefore, while passing on a message, we need to be extraordinarily careful.

5 Mining one's past

A children's writer should try to look back on his/her own childhood. The writer must ask himself or herself what would he or she have done in a situation described in the story, and proceed accordingly.

(As told to Indrani Raimedhi)



FORECAST

JULY 3 – 9, 2017

ARIES



Your stubbornness, coupled with your mate's jealousy, don't make for a favourable time. Do not over-spend on entertainment. Catch up on any correspondence you have neglected for too long.

TAURUS



You may have problems with those you live with. Involvement in fitness clubs will be conducive to engaging romantic connections. Changes in your home will be positive.

GEMINI



Make amends if you can. Conflicts over joint finances are likely. Don't let your emotions interfere with your professional integrity. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER



Sort situations out as best as you can. Watch your spending habits. Make alternate plans, just in case you need to make a career shift. Knowledge can be acquired if you listen. Focus on your hobbies.

LEO



You may find yourself in the lime-light for the wrong reasons. Expand your knowledge and sign up for courses and seminars. Make changes that will heighten your appeal.

VIRGO



Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. Travel opportunities should be your first choice. Don't overspend to impress someone who interests you.

LIBRA



Try not to be too emotional with those around you. Need some adventure in your life? Exotic destinations beckon you. Opportunities for romance will develop through activities with large groups.

SCORPIO



Get involved in the activities of children. Be careful not to consume too many spicy foods, or minor health problems could put you out of commission for the week.

SAGITTARIUS



Changes in your home environment are likely. Your self-esteem will come back if you take part in organisational functions that allow you to be in the lime-light.

CAPRICORN



You could have a need to make some changes this period. Don't lend or borrow money or belongings. Compromising could be on the agenda now. Friday is your lucky day.

AQUARIUS



Be prepared to take care of the issues at hand. Stick to your own projects and by the end of the day, you'll shine. Good time for romance. Your lucky day is Thursday.

PISCES



You may be up for some changes at home. Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days together. You must take care of health problems that have been lingering. Be careful not to push your luck.

MOVIE WATCH

Bidisha Singh

The Big Sick

Cast: Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan, Holly Hunter, Ray Romano.
Director: Michael Showalter.



Based on a true story, this small film with a big heart is winning rave reviews from critics and film goers alike. Pakistani stand-up comic Kumail Emily (now married) bare their souls to tell us the story of how they met and how their otherwise overbearing cultural differences melted in the face of Emily's 'big' sickness. A courtship story with a difference, this one shows us how rom-coms can have a fresh twist to them and yet work alright.

Weekly Top Grossers

1. Baby Driver
2. Transformers: The Last Knight
3. Cars 3
4. Wonder Woman
5. Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
6. The Mummy (2017)

FOODTALK

Dr. Ritu G. Goswami

Packed with nutrients

Unravelling the goodness of Makhanas or lotus seeds.

Known as Nikori in Assamese, Makhanas are seeds of the lotus plant which grow in water. The plant is mainly cultivated for its edible seeds. The seeds are white in colour and round in shape. When the raw lotus seeds are puffed, they resemble a popcorn. Makhana is used in many rituals and mostly eaten during religious fasts as it is neither a cereal, nor a pulse. Lotus seeds are famous for their antioxidant, free-radical scavenging, anti-inflammatory and immuno-modulatory properties. Each 100 gms of Makhana contains energy (350 Kcal), carbohydrates (77 gms), proteins (9.7 gms), fat (0.1 gms), fibre (7.6 gms), sodium (210 mg), potassium (500 mg) and calcium (60 mg). In addition, lotus seeds are high in phyto-nutrients (disease-fighting nutrients), including alkaloids, gallic acid and saponins. Being low in fat and high in other nutrients, Makhana can be used in our diet for many health benefits. The lotus seeds which are in dried form can be soaked in water overnight prior to use. The puffed seeds can be used in soups, salads, curries, pulao, fried rice, kheer, puddings and dry-roasted snacks. Some of the health benefits of Makhana are given below:

Benefits of Makhana:

- Being low in fat and high in fibre, the puffed seeds can be eaten at any time of the day. It is good for people who want to lose weight and for those who feel hungry often.
- Makhana seeds are beneficial for people suffering from high blood pressure and heart ailments, due to their high potassium and low sodium content.

● Makhanas are recommended for people suffering from diabetes. It has a low glycemic index.

● The presence of a natural flavonoid called kaempferol in Makhana seeds helps in prevention of inflammation and ageing.



● In Ayurveda, lotus seeds are recommended for treating kidney ailments and for restoring vital energy in the body.

● Makhana is said to be superior to other dry fruits (like almonds and walnuts) in terms of nutrients. It is much popular as a fasting food.

● Those suffering from sleeping disorder can include lotus seeds in their regular diet, instead of taking sleeping pills.

● Women suffering from gestational diabetes can include lotus seeds in their diet. It is high in calcium, which is beneficial for the foetus.

● Makhana helps in removing stress of day-to-day life. It has calming properties which can alleviate restlessness, palpitations and insomnia.

● Makhana is especially good for women, as it is very rich in calcium.

● Being rich in antioxidants and calcium, Makhana is good for fighting arthritis and impotency.

● Lotus seeds have beneficial effects for the respiratory system, veins and digestion.

So, instead of having junk food and chips, Makhana can be consumed as snacks by roasting and sprinkling with spices and lona salt.

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Spider-Man: Homecoming

Cast: Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Robert Downey Jr.
Director: Jon Watts.

T is a new approach to Spiderman that the makers are risking to take, what with the young Peter Parker trying to get into the groove of being a normal teenager, albeit his superhero alter ego. Post his exciting antics in Captain America: Civil War (2016), Parker now finds himself in unfamiliar territory, even though he has Iron Man Tony Stark to mentor him, much like he did in the previous film. But this young superhero must fight his own battles and his own villains. Formidable Michael Keaton as Vulture is his new nemesis.

The BETTER HALF

By GLASSBURN

"I don't have any children, so it's your job to take care of me when I get old."

"We have a diversified retirement portfolio: 25% down the drain, 40% out of the window, 35% gone with the wind."

"If an asteroid doesn't destroy the Earth before you retire, what's your Plan B?"

"I don't have any children, so it's your job to take care of me when I get old."

"I can't afford to retire... and with these gas prices, I can't afford to keep working!"