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Agri award

GUWAHATI, June 21: Assam has been selected as the best State in Agricultural Growth in the India Today Agri Summit Awards. The awards instituted by the India Today Group will be presented in New Delhi on June 23 - Staff Reporter

Mishap claims 3

BOKAKHAT, June 21: Three persons were killed and three others were injured when a pick-up van collided with a truck on the NH-37 at Saptari near here this morning. Those killed are Mukumati Gowala, Subarna Roy and Sobhan Basumatari. — ANN Service

FIR lodged

GUWAHATI, June 21: The Kamrup (Metro) Excise Superintendent tonight lodged an FIR at Panbari C.P.S. office for selling liquor online which is illegal as per Excise Act rules. — Staff Reporter

Road accident

GUWAHATI, June 21: Two persons — one Balu Das and Modish Haque died in a road accident at Blumeruguri near here today when their car collided with a truck. — Correspondent

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19 underperforming Members shown door

FOREIGNERS TRIBUNAL

SANJOY RAY

GUWAHATI, June 21: In a major development, the State Government has shown the door to as many as 19 Members of the Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) for their underperformance during the last two years.

Further, the home department has also issued strict warning to another 15 Members of the FTs asking them to improve their efficacy by accelerating the rate of disposal of cases.

In pursuance of the approv-

al conveyed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the State Government has released the list of 19 Members who could retain their position on June 20. The new Members will take charge from June 23.

The Members whose services were discontinued owing to their unsatisfactory performance are mostly from districts like Dhubri, Goalpara, Barpeta and Nagaon.

The home department, time and again, had cautioned the Members to improve their efficacy and had even formed screening committees

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None from NE in list for NFR jobs

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 21: At a time when various organizations and outfits in Assam and the Northeast have repeatedly called for reservation of Grade C and Grade D posts for locals in the Indian Railways, not even a single candidate from this region has been selected for filling up of vacancies for the positions of commercial inspector and commercial clerk in the Northeast Frontier Railway.

A total of 51 candidates

were selected for the posts after completion of a two-year training period as commercial apprentice at the Zonal Railways Training Institute, Alipurduar, followed by passing out of the final written examination.

A letter in possession of this newspaper shows that none of the 51 candidates are from Assam and the Northeast.

The letter was written on June 16 by RNTiwari, Assistant Personnel Officer (APO) Training, on behalf of the NF Railway General Manager.

The letter contains the names of all 51 candidates who have been selected for the posts of commercial inspector and commercial clerk, after completion of the two-year training period and the written exam, and they have been directed to report to their respective divisions for further posting.

The candidates had initially been selected as commercial apprentice in 2015 and sent for the two-year training.

Organizations like the All Assam Students Union have

both at the State and the district levels to screen judgements where the person in question was declared 'not foreigners' contrary to the submissions of the police.

More than 40,000 orders, where the accused were eventually declared as 'not foreigners', were passed in the span of last two years or so by the tribunals.

The screening committees,

meanwhile, has challenged nearly 50 cases for their review in the Gauhati High Court.

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World joins India in Yoga Day celebrations



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the yoga programme in Lumbini. — UNI

centrepiece of the celebrations was Lumbini, where the Prime Minister joined over 51,000 people at the sprawling Ramabai Mandir.

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State poultry policy in the pipeline

RITURAJ BORTAKUR

GUWAHATI, June 21: Do you know that the weight of an egg determines its price and importers based here buy the eggs from outside at different rates depending on the size? The eggs, however, notwithstanding their sizes are sold at the same retail price in the market.

Assam Livestock and Poultry Development Corporation Limited administrative officer Parananda Konwar told *The Assam Tribune* that the weight of a standard egg is around 54 grams.

"Those up to 45 grams are called pullet eggs (laid by young hens). These are priced less and people outside normally do not buy them," Konwar said.

"The traders here buy the two qualities of eggs at different prices outside. But they normally mix both and sell them to the unsuspecting consumer at the same price," he added.

To put tabs on the unregulated poultry framing and trade, Assam Livestock and Poultry Development Corporation Limited is in the process of drafting a poultry policy for the State.

Corporation's chairman Manoj Salkia said the State did not have a policy on poultry so far and so, unregulated trade, unhygienic slaughter, storage and disorganized farming were going on.

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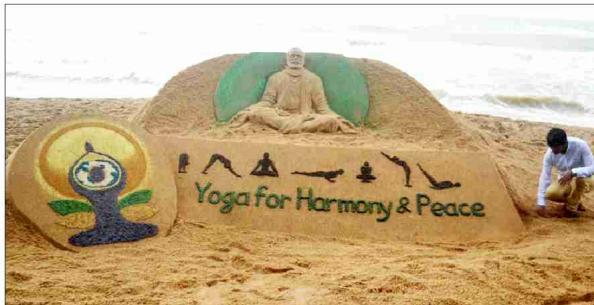
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Cracks in Opp ahead of crucial meet, Meira Kumar meets Sonia

NEW DELHI, June 21: Cracks appeared in the Opposition ahead of tomorrow's crucial meeting on the presidential poll, with the JD-U deciding to stay out of the talks after extending its support to NDA nominee Ram Nath Kovind today.

The Opposition camp is yet to name its candidate for the poll, but former Speaker Meira Kumar's meeting with Congress president Sonia Gandhi at her residence to-

day, a day before the meet, fuelled speculation that she had emerged as the front runner.

Sources said the JD(U)'s announcement led to hectic deliberations through the day between senior leaders of the Congress and other non-NDA parties on how to keep the opposition together.

The Congress, which is co-

ordinating the Opposition meet, expressed the hope that leaders of all parties which attended the May 26 luncheon hosted by Gandhi would present.

Sources said top Congress and other Opposition leaders talked to several leaders to ensure the presence of all non-NDA parties at the meeting, which will decide on the oppo-

sition's presidential candidate. "No matter what happens, we will contest the election," a senior Left leader said.

Asked about the Congress's choice for the poll, AICC spokesperson Manish Tewari said it was a "hypothetical" question, adding that the opposition would decide on a joint strategy for the July 17 poll tomorrow. - PTI

Mexican Navy ship in Mumbai

MUMBAI, June 21: Mexican Navy Ship ARRA Cuauhtemoc began its five-day Mumbai visit from today with its chief thanking the Indian Navy for launching search and rescue operations recently to find a Mexican naval cadet who fell overboard around 550 nautical miles off the Goa coast.

The visit will conclude on June 26.

The ship is commanded by Captain Rafael Antonio Lagunes Arteaga and fallen over board. - PTI

PSLV to launch Cartosat-2, 30 nano satellites

BENGALURU, June 21: India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle will launch Cartosat-2 series satellite along with 30 co-passenger satellites from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on June 23, ISRO said.

The PSLV-C38 will launch the 712 kg Cartosat-2 series satellite for earth observation and 30 co-passenger satellites together, weighing about 243 kg at lift-off, into a 505-km polar Sun Synchronous Orbit, the space agency said.

The co-passenger satellites, comprise 29 nano satellites from 14 countries – Austria, Belgium, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Slovakia, the United Kingdom

and the United States of America besides a Nano satellite from India.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said PSLV-C38 will be launched from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre on June 23 at 09.29 hrs.

This will be the 40th flight of PSLV and 17th flight of PSLV-XL configuration (with the use of solid strap-on motors).

The space agency also said the 29 international customer nano satellites are being launched as part of the commercial arrangements between Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), commercial arm of ISRO and international customers. - PTI

NGT relaxes restriction on tourist vehicles to Rohtang Pass

NEW DELHI, June 21: In some good news for those planning to visit Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh to beat the summer heat, the National Green Tribunal has allowed 100 more tourist vehicles to pass through the eco-sensitive area.

The panel, which had earlier permitted 800 petrol and 400 diesel vehicles to go beyond Manali on Rohtang Pass road, has allowed more vehicles to the picturesque location to ensure that more tourists are accommodated.

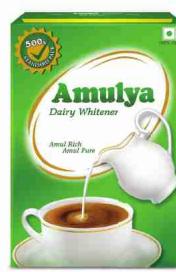
"We hereby permit 100 more cars out of which 60 per cent would be petrol cars and 40 per cent diesel cars. The applicants under this category will be only the tourists driving their own vehicles from Himachal Pradesh and other parts of the country."

"75 per cent of such applications would be granted permit under outside tourist category i.e., the tourist driving their own vehicles from outside Himachal Pradesh. The remaining 25 per cent would be the tourist from other districts of State of Himachal Pradesh," the NGT said.

bench headed by National Green Tribunal (NGT) Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar said. On issuing permits, the bench held that online registration for permits to Rohtang should be opened at 10 am every morning and then again at 4 pm on the same day instead of 12 noon as before.

As environmental compensation for such default, the green panel announced that any vehicle, taxi or tourist which is found to be violating any condition of the permit or directions of the NGT would be liable to pay Rs 5,000

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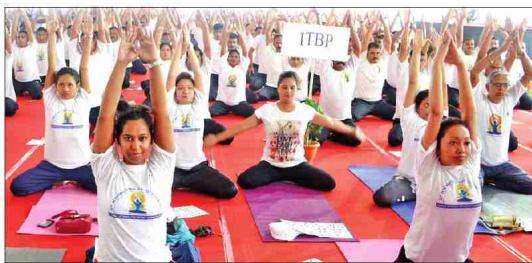
Yoga Day celebrated with enthusiasm

STAFF REPORTER/CORRESPONDENTS

GUWAHATI/JALUKBARI/JO-RABAT, June 21: Along with the rest of the country the third International Yoga Day was celebrated by yoga enthusiasts across the breadth of the State.

While Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on the occasion that celebration of International Day of Yoga in 177 countries across the globe is a clear example of India's emerging status as a superpower, State Health and Family Welfare Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the government is mulling a proposal to set up 100 yoga centres along with trained instructors in the State.

Sarma also said that several steps have been taken to improve ayurvedic healthcare and the State government will set up two new ayurvedic medical colleges in the State. Meanwhile, armed forces including the Indian Army, SSB and Assam Police too celebrated the day in their respective locations with enthusiasm. Hundreds of security personnel took part in the yoga camps.



People participating in a yoga session at Sonaram HS School playground in Guwahati on Wednesday. — AT PHOTO

International Yoga Day was celebrated by the NDRF as well as the SDRF. The Commissionerate of Panchayat and Rural Development (P & RD) too organised camps for yoga enthusiasts.

International Yoga Day was celebrated by the Kamrup (Metro) district administration at Sonaram Higher Secondary School playground here today.

Officials and staff from the district administration and Central armed police forces like SSB, CRPF, BSF and ITBP participated in the event.

Individuals from the Indian Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, Guwahati; Patanjali Yoga Peeth; Art of Living Foundation, among others, also participated, besides students and general public.

Kamrup (Metro) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu said that the district administration would make necessary arrangements with the schools and colleges to popularise yoga among students.

Besides the DC, the event was attended by GMC Mayor Mrigen Sarania, GMC Deputy Mayor Biju Kalita Medhi, IG of SSB Bhunu

Upadhyay and other senior officials.

International Yoga Day was celebrated by the Gauhati University NSS Cell in association with Vivekananda Kendra, Guwahati Branch today on the GU campus.

The programme included yoga demonstration by practitioners, exhibition on yogic postures, lecture on yoga and distribution of information, education and communication (IEC) materials among all the participants.

Around 200 NSS volunteers from Saraghat College, West Guwahati Commerce College, Harayatri College, Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya and LCB College participated in the Yoga Day programme.

International Yoga Day was celebrated at the NF Railway Indoor Stadium, Maligaon, today in presence of a large number of staff, officials and their families.

The event was inaugurated by NFR

General Manager Chahate Ram.

Art of Living Foundation Guwahati was associated in the event where their instructors conducted a mass yoga session for the participants.

Karmashree Hitewar Saikia College with its NSS unit celebrated International Yoga Day today on the college premises.

On the occasion, the college's

Yoga and Meditation Centre was opened by Dipen Deka, Director

AYUSH Mission, Assam. International Yoga Day was celebrated at the North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute also, in which doctors, patients and staff and officials of the hospital participated.

The yoga camp, conducted by Bedakanta Mahanta, was inaugurated by actors Nipon Goswami and Sidhartha Sarma along with hospital chairman Ganesh Tamuly. The camp was also attended by managing trustee Kandarpa Saikia and hospital managing director Dr Mumun Niranjan Baruah, among others.

Yoga trainees from the Vivekananda Kendra, Guwahati conducted yoga camps in various locations including offices and educational institutions since early morning. These included Gauhati University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Cotton University, Indian Institute of Information Technology, KC Das College, RG Baruah College, Arya Vidyapeeth College, IAST, Regional Science Centre, IIT Guwahati, Jyotiashram Academy, Assam Institute of Management and NERIM.

A yoga camp was conducted at the Royal Global University also.



New executive of advocates' body

GUWAHATI, June 21: The new executive committee of the Advocates' Association, Guwahati has been formed for the session 2017-18 with Hashim Ali as president, Dhruv Ram Saikia as vice president, Prabhat Malakar as general secretary and Hari Ram Das as assistant GS.

Others who have been selected as members are Pratap Bharali, S Ch Barman, Chambaras Gogoi, Manomohan Sarma and Samuels Hoque. — Staff Reporter

AHRC directs probe into custodial death

STAFF REPORTER

health deteriorated.

Mandal's family had alleged that he was physically tortured by police personnel while in Gorchuk Police Station. Doctors in GMCH too had indicated the victim bore injury marks.

Younger brother of the deceased alleged that Krishna was tortured during police custody

with a copy of the post-mortem report, inquest report and videography of post-mortem examination.

The Commission also received a complaint submitted by Gopal Mandal, younger brother of the deceased alleging that his brother was tortured during police custody in the name of interrogation, causing head injuries.

The deceased was produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate on June 1 and was remanded to jail. He was shifted to the GMCH on June 11 as his health condition started to deteriorate while in jail.

The AHRC has issued notice to the District Magistrate, Kamrup (Metro) to conduct an inquiry to find out the circumstances leading to the death of the person and to submit the report within one month along

Awareness programme on RTI

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 21: The Assam State Information Commission organised a right to information awareness programme today at NEDFi House here.

During the programme, SP Nandy, former Commissioner & Secretary, Govt of Assam, delivered a presentation on the salient matters of the RTI Act, 2005.

KK Dwivedi, Commissioner & Secretary, Administrative Reforms & Training, gave a presentation on voluntary disclosure under Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005 with special

reference to the status of voluntary disclosure by public authorities of Assam.

Jatin Lalakar, consultant, Assam Information Commission briefed the audience on the handling of RTI matters by SPIOs and FAs.

As part of the programme a panel discussion on the role of media in implementation of the RTI Act, 2005 was held and it was moderated by HS Das, State Chief Information Commissioner. Officials, veteran journalists and other dignitaries participated in the discussion.

NA Hazarika, State Information Commissioner delivered the welcome address of the programme. — Staff Reporter

Science Circus at RSC

GUWAHATI, June 21: Science Circus, a project launched by the Australian government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in nine science centres across India, will be held at the Regional Science Centre (RSC) here on June 23.

Dr Graham Walked and Dr Stuart Kohlhaugen, two leading science communicators from the Australian National University, will perform the Science Circus at RSC Guwahati.

Three shows — at 9.30 am, 11 am and 12.30 pm — will be held. The Science Circus project in India has been initiated by the Australian government's Department of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the National Council of Science Museums and the Australian National University. — Staff Reporter

Call for review of move on adarsha vidyalayas

the Sammilan said.

The literary body alleged that the State government is, from the outset, highly appreciative of the CBSE model of education in order to endear itself to the Central lobby as well as to reap heavy political benefits in the process. The christening of the adarsh vidyalayas in the name of Deendayal Upadhyaya and presently, the decision to establish adarsha vidyalayas for opening up job opportunities for the Hindi lobby are clear manifestations of the said attitude, the Sammilan argued.

In a press statement the Sammilan also pointed out that the condition that one must have passed out from English medium schools in order to be eligible for appearing in the Special TET is a plain indication of the fact that the present government is insistent on diverting the already scarce teaching positions for the benefit of the Hindi lobby.

Such a decision clearly betrays an utter disregard for the sentiments of the community and the region at large, the Sammilan argued.

Drawing the attention of the Chief Minister and the MLAs to these newly adopted policy decisions, the Sammilan called for unbiased and rational discussions on the merit of such decisions.

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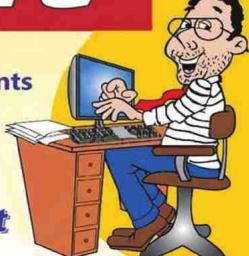
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*Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.*

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

The Assam Tribune

Penchant for festivals

The Sonowal Government in Assam appears to be fascinated by the concept of holding celebratory festivals, given that a host of these have been held since it came to power. In keeping with such a penchant, it has gone out of its way to magnify the famous Ambubachi Mela into an event far grander than it has been for years. Of course, there is nothing novel about this Mela—it has been held since time immemorial to mark the presumed annual menstrual cycle of the Goddess Kamakhya. However, with the coming of the BJP Government, the event has been invested with unprecedented magnitude. The Kamrup Metro District administration has made elaborate arrangements to accommodate and feed the lakhs of devotees expected to make their way to the Nilachal Hills, setting up camps with toilet and water facilities. Thousands of volunteers have been enlisted to assist visitors and precautionary measures taken to ensure security and maintain sanitation. The Assam Tourism Department has not been too far behind to take advantage of the tourism potentials of such an occasion; it has launched a tour package and embarked on a promotional campaign to make the event an integral part of the national religious tourism circuit. While in earlier Melas devotees had come on their own volition, this time the bigwigs have received invitations, so one can expect a number of high-profile visits.

However, while the benefits such a mega event is likely to accrue to the State, one must take into consideration certain negative trends. One of these is the nature of the individuals who throng to this Mela. Undoubtedly, bulk of the visitors from outside are genuine devotees, while many arrive with both spiritual and tourism objectives in mind. Unfortunately, it has been lately noticed that a sizeable section has pecuniary motives and come for material gains rather than spiritual sustenance. During the Mela, it is customary on the part of genuine devotees to make large donations in cash or kind to beggars and holy persons. Unscrupulous elements coming from outside take advantage of this to enrich themselves. The administration and the Tourism Department need to keep this phenomenon in mind while giving figures of devotees, tourists, researchers, *et al*, who had come to this Mela. At the same time, it has been observed that the Assam Tourism Department focuses on a few tourism hotspots such as Kamakhya or Kaziranga while ignoring other potential attractions. The State Government needs to adopt a holistic perspective in its attempt to boost tourism in Assam, and pump in equivalent if not more money in developing the infrastructure at other places. Even today visitors to such places in Assam of historical, religious or nature-endured remain pauper, something which the 'lakhs' who come to the Ambubachi Mela will in no way compensate for.

Tea workers' welfare

A largely neglected community, the tea garden workers continue to remain a marginalized lot when it comes to access to education and healthcare. This is all the more deplorable given their immense contribution to the tea industry, making it among the State's biggest and most profitable industries. Despite there being laws and rules that govern tea labour welfare and make it obligatory on the part of the managements to provide the labourers certain amenities including facilities for education and healthcare, those have remained more or less on paper. Matters stand worsened by the indifference of the State Government towards the tea workers, with little intervention forthcoming to ensure that the workers get a proper deal. It is against this backdrop that the Centre and the State Government's assertion that the tea garden managements must boost education and healthcare for the tea tribe community offers hope. The State Government has now asked the tea garden managements to provide at least an acre of land for developing schools and community halls failing which stern legal action would follow. High school dropout has been a big concern among the tea tribe community which also fares poorly in other human development indices, especially health. Both maternal mortality and infant mortality rates are high among tea workers, while a vast number of tea worker women, including lactating mothers, are anaemic. These are distressing trends that have been persisting for decades, placing the entire tea tribe community in a disadvantageous position *vis-à-vis* their right to a healthy and honourable living.

Provisions of the Plantations Labour Act continue to be violated with impunity in the State, making a mockery of the legal safeguards meant for protecting the legitimate interests of the tea workers. It is for the State Government to ensure that tea garden managements strictly adhere to the provisions of the Act. A majority of the cases of infringement of provisions relates to securing the healthcare and hygiene needs of the labourers. It is a fact that fatalities from preventable diseases such as gastritis, malaria, etc., are quite high in tea garden areas for lack of effective intervention by the authorities. Similarly, the problem of malnutrition of children is acute amongst the tea tribe community. A large segment of adolescent girls and women, too—mostly belonging to tea gardens—is anaemic due to poor diet. Malnutrition in children and women is largely responsible for the prevailing high infant and maternal mortality rates. A major factor behind the high prevalence of malnourished children in tea gardens concerns inadequate breastfeeding. Lactating mothers are compelled to go to work barely after a week of giving birth, depriving the babies of much-needed maternal nourishment and care. This cruel practice needs to change and the Government should intervene firmly by making legislation, if necessary. The low level of awareness among the tea garden community regarding healthcare and hygiene, too, has compounded matters further.

Only one answer

PRIMARY MOTIFS

Monalisa Changkija

The day after Shangyung, Khaspang breathed his last on June 9, 2017, at Taga, Myanmar. I received calls from several colleagues from 'mainland' India but just one message from a young journalist from a neighbouring State asking me "where does the K factor go from here?" And the entire Naga freedom movement too? And yes, an email from a news portal asking me if I would be "interested in writing a piece taking off from Khaspang's death? What does this mean for the Naga peace process? Will most groups gather around the NSCN (IM) now? What direction do you think Naga political aspirations will take now?", etc. This could be taken as a breach of confidence but these are the same questions all of them asked. And, my replies would have also been made public. But that's not the issue – even 12 days after Khaspang died, we are asking the same questions in Nagaland too – and inaditably, so must the governments of India and Myanmar, and their intelligence agencies also.

Nobody can accurately answer the question, "Now what?" Most of all because we are talking about an organization of which we know only what it wants us to know – and that goes for all similar organizations for secrecy and opaqueness are their strength and best defence. Moreover, the success of guerrilla warfare hinges on stealth, so even if such organizations are very hospitable towards journalists, *et al*, they will reveal only what they want to. This is even more pertinent because such organizations consist of tribes, and

hospitality is one of the most defining tribal traits, besides all tribes are loathe to divulge our 'kitchen affairs' in front of guests. If it weren't the case, there would have been no speculations by journalists, who have gone to such organizations' camps, interviewed the leaders and wrote articles, features and books on them about who after Khaspang.

True, Khangon Konkyl has reportedly taken over as the chairman of the NSCN (K) but somehow things within this camp still appear to be quite fluid. Not surprisingly, because this group has members from two countries – India and Myanmar – and it would take some time to find a leader that would be acceptable to all, as was Khaspang. Also, it would take a long time to find a leader with the same, well almost, the same personality, stature and command, as Khaspang. And during this period of transition, anything and many things can happen – (a) it is possible that the several other such Naga groups would reach out to the NSCN (K) cadres, on both sides of the border; (b) inaditably, the governments of India and Myanmar, through their respective intelligence agencies, would also work on reaching out to the new leadership – not least individual cadres; (c) let's also not forget that NGOs and civil societies in Nagaland had already approached the NSCN (K) to come to the negotiating table much before Khaspang passed away – possibly and probably such efforts are now intensified and the results could surprise us all; (d) possibly also now with the passing away of the

old, so to speak, the NSCN (K)'s new leadership could totally change strategies that could alter the face of insurgency movements in the North-east – either ways. The list of possibilities are endless and so anything or many things can happen in the next few months that could and/or would impact on 'peace' particularly in Nagaland and the rest of the North-east.

Then again, while the official mourning period, by all Naga tribes

be futile to speculate on the answers for there are circles within circles to understand the rationales of why insurgent groups operate the way they do or the ways of 'national movements'. And these circles have a lot to do with much more than the political – after all, we existed centuries before conflicts such as insurgency and militancy emerged, which are not even a century old. Older conflicts of histories, ideologies, politics, cultures, traditions, religions, beliefs, superstitions, lore and legends of tribes are harder to understand, analyse and deal with through alien modern concepts such as democracy and its institutions, unimodally imposed post-independence, on ancient societies which have their own trajectories of democratic concepts and practices. Also conflicts entrenched in tribalism, conflicting aspirations and interests, cultural diversities and dreams and schemes of tribal hegemony, besides power struggles at varied and various levels of society, perhaps due to multiplicity of existing value systems, are often forgotten and ignored, especially keeping in mind that these are the very same factors that also spawned insurgency and militancy, which can be understood and appreciated better if we consider that not only have tribal societies in the North-east, especially Naga society, been rudely tossed from our subsistence economies into modern forms of economies but also our histories and cultures were unceremoniously hijacked at a certain point of time by alien forces and factors, which has disoriented us – spawning newer

– normally five to seven days for men – is over, let's not forget that the NSCN (K) is still in mourning for the passing away of not just their organization's tallest leader but also of one of the tallest Naga leaders in the history of the Naga political movement in the modern period. Even the younger generations of Nagas have heard of Khaspang – much more than they did of AZ Phizo. Now, while strategies are made and future plans discussed during the period of mourning, decisions are normally never finalized at this time – so, only time holds the answer to "now what?" or "what next?" And it would

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Surrendering State's rights over education

Akhil Ranjan Dutta

Under the neo-liberal developmental model, definite trends have emerged in the domain of education in India. First and the important one is, of course, handing over education into the hands of the corporate and private houses. Private is in this context is not necessarily private big businesses. Private are also those who are struggling to build hegemony over education for political mileage. The school network under Vidyabharti, an RSS affiliate, falls under this arrangement. Apart from handing over education to these private and corporate forces, what has also been conspired is to hand over the federal provincial rights over education to the Central Government which has been done as a part of the political strategy of consolidating the monolithic discourse on 'one country, one nation', devoid of diversity and plurality. This is nothing new as it has been happening since the days of Emergency. However, the trend is becoming quite strong and explicit in the recent years.

In Assam today, it is none other than the State Government which has been alleged to have gotten indulged in targeting the provincial institutions entrusted to conduct,

regulate and monitor the public educational affairs. The striking one is the debates and controversies around the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA). This is not for the first time that SEBA is under public scrutiny and outrage. In the recent years, the inefficiency and callousness of SEBA in conducting the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examinations has drawn criticisms from different quarters. However, those controversies and criticisms did not aim at discrediting and dismantling the institution. Rather, the public demand has been to undertake adequate measures to reorganize and rejuvenate and also to rectify the loopholes so that SEBA can be re-established as a credible institution. However, the recent controversies have been quite different in nature. It is around the planned attempt on the part of the Government itself to discredit the institution itself, so that the educational institutions presently under SEBA would finally be affiliated to the central educational agency, i.e., Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The logic has been quite appealing. None other than the Education Minister argues that the economically advanced sections of the society have opted both for Eng-

lish medium and CBSE schools for their children, for those being considered to be competitive and qualitative. Therefore, the attempt towards transferring a few select SEBA-affiliated schools to the CBSE aims at opening up those opportunities to the students drawn from the sections not quite well-off. Apparently, the argument is quite logical. However, the inherent meaning is quite detrimental. It is all about disowning the constitutional responsibility of the State Government towards its own institutions. Disowning this responsibility has several other consequences. As it is happening in other domains like healthcare, there has also been a move in the education sector to push for Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Under this arrangement, the Government will build up the infrastructure, and the running of the institutions will be handed over to the private players.

The recent controversy in Assam

has been around the recruitment in the model schools being established by the State Government. These schools initially were proposed to be established by the Central Government. However, subsequently, after the BJP-led NDA Government came to power, the Central Government handed over them to the State Government in the pretext

of non-availability of fund. The State Government has advertised for filling up a few posts in some of those schools. The advertisement clearly specifies that the recruitment will take place per the rules and procedures enacted by the State Government. However, those schools will be affiliated to CBSE. Besides, the schools will be of English medium and, therefore, only those candidates who have studied in English-medium schools will be eligible to apply for those posts. Ironically, two other posts advertised were for Hindi and Assamese. The eligibility criteria for the candidates, for these language posts too, were not only degrees in the respective subjects, but also to have studied in English-medium schools. This was an irony of the highest kind, which, however, was rectified subsequently.

There are a few other fundamental issues here. First of all, if these schools are to be funded and run by the State Government and the recruitment are to be made under provincial rules and regulations, there is no logic of getting them affiliated to CBSE. Second, there are quite a number of 'model' schools named Navodaya Vidyalayas, which are run by the Central Government and are affiliated to CBSE. Now, if the State Government is commit-

ted to build up 'model' schools, those should be under its control and supervision, which warrants getting them affiliated to SEBA, rather than to CBSE. Besides, both SEBA and the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council are already following the courses and curricula of NCERT. Therefore, affiliation to CBSE will not make much difference if the State Government continues to be apathetic to the public education system.

The initiatives of the State Government towards establishing a network of English-medium schools are indeed laudable. However, those should be available all across the State. The State Education Minister has stated that model schools will not be the monopoly of the English-medium schools alone; there will also be a reasonable number of Assamese, Bengali and Bodo-medium model schools funded by the State Government. This will of course have the inherent danger of being discriminatory, as the other government schools will be deprived of the patronage being offered to the 'model' schools. This will, therefore, in the long run, require building all public schools as model schools. If the Government fails to do so, will the model schools be handed over to the PPP model, making it a domain of private profiteering?

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir,—

The decision of the

Government of Assam to increase

the number of reserved seats

for admission into the State

MBBS programme this year

comes as a bolt from the blue to the general

category candidates. While we have

nothing against the constitutional

provisions for reservation, this

decision at the last moment, when

the entrance examination results

are imminent and admissions are

about to start, has put a lot of

hopeful aspirants into a state of

despair for no fault of theirs. Here

are the reasons. Out of the total 588

state quota MBBS seats, the

number of unreserved seats just

got reduced from 350 to 270, by as

much as 12%. With this news,

the current reservation

stands at 26%, 15% and 7%

respectively for OBC/MOBG, ST

(H&P combined) and SC communities.

In addition, 32 more seats are

set aside for different other

communities and categories raising

the overall reservation to a

Quota for MBBS admission

whopping 54%. I would like to request the Government to proportionately increase the overall number of seats so that even after the increase in reservation, the number of unreserved seats does not get decreased and the overall reservation stays within 50%. The Central Government followed the same policy while implementing the Mandal Commission recommendations for the OBC (NCL). Otherwise, this sudden decision will be extremely cruel to all the candidates not belonging to any of the reserved categories at a very crucial juncture of their career. Yours etc., ABHINAN BARUA, Silchar

GST division

Sir.—I write this letter in the context of the 'Viewpoint' column of *Planet Young*, the Thursday supplement to *The Assam Tribune*. From March 30 to June 8, 2017, around 40 school students from different parts of Assam expressed their mixed feelings about "What is the future of Kaziranga?" All of them are truly proud of this unique nature's paradise on earth. At the same time they are anxious about the natural and other calamities such as illegal poaching, encroachment on forest land, deforestation, flood, etc. At this juncture, I would like to share some of the reasons for preserving Kaziranga National Park (KNP). It may not be wrong to say that nowhere in the world we come across such a unique haven of peace and tranquillity where nature is so blessed in various forms. The KNP is the lifeline of tourism industry in Assam. It had earned

revenue worth Rs 5,39,03,957 during the tourist season 2016-17 (AT, May 16). In the 'Viewpoint' column, many students suggested promotion of KNP through both public and private endeavours.

Even the Government should get the support of the fringe village dwellers for preventing poaching of animals and other atrocities against wildlife. Local people should be encouraged to run voluntary organizations so that they can be given a greater role in serving and safeguarding the environment and the Park. A venture like Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMC) may be helpful in this regard. Yours etc., RAQEED UDDIN, Kaziranga.

Mistakes in book

Sir.—I am a candidate for APSC CCE (Prelims) examination 2017. After consulting with many of my friends, I bought the book *General Studies for ACS Preliminary Examination 2017*, published by Chandra Prakash, Pathazan, Guwahati. The book is written and edited by several scholars of Assam. So, the content of the book

is really good. But, the problem is that the book has numerous mistakes. One question has

different answers in different parts of the same book. There are a lot of printing mistakes. Students like us depend on such books for exams and if these books have such mistakes, it turns out to be a problem.

Chandra Prakash, a well-known publication house of Assam, should have taken utmost care while preparing the answers because even a single wrong answer can affect a candidate's result. Yours etc., A CANDI-DATE, Chandmari, Guwahati.

Rava, not Rabha

Sir.—It can be confirmed from

the Kalaguru's own hand-writings

that he used to write his name as

Bishnu Prasad Rava, and not Rabha,

in English. Hence, the English print

media should opt for writing his

surname as Rava, instead of Rabha.

Yours etc., INAMUL HUDA, Guwahati.

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Ambubachi Mela inaugurated GST on essential items for specially abled decried

STAFF REPORTER

conclude on June 25.

In his address, the Chief Minister expressed the hope that the festival would do a world of good to the State's tourism potential and help it become a global tourist destination. Tourism Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said a road would be built from Pandu to Kamakhya with the Rs 15 crore received from the NEC.

POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD : ASSAM
BAMUNIMAIDAM : GUWAHATI - 781021
Dated Guwahati, the 21st June, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUB: TO REGULATE VEHICULAR NOISE POLLUTION IN GENERAL AND TO STOP SILENCER BLASTING ETC. OF VEHICLE AND

REQUIREMENT OF CONSENT FOR DG SET FITTED WITH BORE-WELL DRILLING MACHINE MOUNTED ON THE TRUCK

Attention of public is hereby drawn to the fact that some vehicle riders are creating sound pollution nuisance in the Urban Areas of Assam by resorting to silencer blast etc. which is illegal per se as per the standard laid down under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The vehicle riders cannot make any alteration/ modification/ customization of silencer of the vehicle from what is available in the manufacturing stage as notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Therefore, to regulate vehicular noise pollution in exercise of powers vested under Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Pollution Control Board, Assam has already issued various directions to the concerned Govt. Authorities to ban/prohibit usage of pressure horns / multi toned horns in vehicles, to dismantle already available pressure horns/musical horn/multi toned horns in vehicles, to take strict action against the riders of vehicle to stop silencer blasting due to installation of altered/ modified/ customized silencer and removal of the same etc.

It has also come to the notice of the Board that among the others that number of truck mounted DG Sets that are used for drilling purposes etc. are creating sound pollution nuisance in the state of Assam. These DG Sets must be fitted with proper acoustic enclosures and the user must obtain necessary consent of the Board for the operation of generator sets which is mandatory under Section 21 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Rules made thereunder else Board will be constrained to initiate legal actions as per the law in force.

All the stakeholders including general public are hereby requested to abide by the above rules and regulations and cooperate with the concerned authorities in their efforts in implementing the same so that a healthy environment may be attained.

**Issued in the public interest by: Pollution Control Board, Assam
Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21**

Member-Secretary (i/c)

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GUWAHATI, June 21: Ruining the levy of high GST on items essential and indispensable for persons with disabilities, Shishu Sarothi, an NGO here, has stated that the assistive appliances and other aids for the persons with disabilities are not a luxury but a dire need for them.

The GST Council has proposed a levy of 10 per cent GST on all items for persons with disabilities mentioned in List 32. Besides this, GST has been levied specifically on items like Braille type-writers (18 pc), Braille paper

(12 pc), Braille watches (12 pc), Brailleurs (5 per cent), carriages (motorised or not) for disabled people (5 per cent) and cars for disabled persons (18 per cent).

"The proposal of the GST Council to levy tax on assistive aids and appliances which are of absolute necessity for persons with disabilities has come as a complete shock and made a mockery of the provisions envisaged under the newly enacted Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. For persons with disabilities, the new Act ensures equal rights, opportunities and non-discrimination. It is also to be noted that all these items were earlier exempted from the proposed tax on aids, appliances and assistive devices used by persons with disabilities. "It was hoped that the GST Council would pay heed to these petitions and roll back or significantly reduce the proposed GST during its meeting on Sunday, June 18, 2017, but it didn't take place," Ali added.

Police summons three Cotton hostel boarders

GUWAHATI, June 21: The Panbari police has summoned three Cotton University hostel boarders for questioning in connection with the vandalism incident at a bar on Monday night.

Panbari APC Superette Lal Barua said the three boarders - Hirojyoti Kalita, Rishikesh Kashyap and Siddhartha Sarma - are boarders of MNPD Hostel. "We have analysed the CCTV footage and identified these three boys. They have been summoned to appear before the investigating officer tomorrow," the ACP said.

Following the incident, police had registered a case under sections 448 and 427 of the IPC. - Staff Reporter

Co-society three Cotton hostel boarders

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All shareholders are hereby requested to attend the meeting in time.
By Order of the
Board of Directors
Guwahati
Dinesh Chandra Baishya
Secretary
The 20th June 2017

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অহা প্রতিগবাকী ব্যক্তিলৈ

বিন্দু অনুরোধ -

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Positive mindset only through yoga: Sonowal

CORRESPONDENTS

NALBARI, June 21: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that peace and tranquillity can strengthen the society and this is possible only through yoga. The Government has decided to cover all the children, panchayat offices, tea gardens and interior *char* areas with the facilities of yoga training.

Addressing the State-level programme of the 3rd International Day of Yoga, 2017 organised by the Nalbari district administration at the Gurdon HS School playground here, the Chief Minister said that yoga is an integral part of maintaining good health. He added that a positive mindset can be developed only through yoga.

The Chief Minister was present with his ministerial colleagues Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Chandra Mohan Patowary, Minister of Industries and Commerce beside Ramen Deka, MP, Mangaldoi Lok Sabha constituency; Ashok Sarma and Narayan Deka, MLAs from Nalbari and Barkshetra LACs respectively.

Speaking in the meeting, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the State Government has decided to set up 100 block-level yoga training centres with the help of Patanjali Yoga Kendra. Stating that yoga and ayurvedic practices are the root of Indian civilisation and culture, the State Government has decided to promote both the traditional practices to maintain good health. He added that

two new ayurvedic colleges with scientific modern facilities will be set up this year.

The Health Minister further said that with the help of Patanjali, the State Government plans to plant herbal trees at vacant lands and will transform the State into an ayurvedic hub.

He further stated that the State Government has decided to make Assam the capital of organic farming as wished by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. For that the Central Government will provide Rs 120 crore to the State. Dr Sarma also disclosed that a sum of Rs 270 crore has been sanctioned for the proposed medical college in Nalbari district. The construction work of the proposed medical college will start this year at Dakshin Gaon village under Ghograpur Revenue Circle of the district.

Earlier speaking in the programme, the managing director of Patanjali Yoga Kendra, Baba Krishna said that the yoga always spreads the message of unity and communal harmony. He urged the State Government to lay more emphasis on the popularisation of yoga.

KALIGAON: The 3rd International Yoga Day was observed at Bhergaon in Udaguri district today with gaiety.

The event was organised by the Office of the SDO (Civil), Bhergaon in association with Patanjali Bharat Swabhiman, Mangaldoi branch, DN Hazarika, ADC, Udaguri cum SDO (Civil), Bhergaon, formally inaugurated the yoga session at Bhergaon High School playground at 7 am.

Speaking on the occasion, he requested people to practice various yoga asanas daily. Parents must teach yoga to children from an early age so that they can be both physically and mentally fit, he remarked. Lakhya Jyoti Das, Assistant Commissioner, Bhergaon and Army personnel of 14 Dogra Regiment, Borongajuli camp beside local personalities were present on the occasion.

Students of the locality performed spectacular cultural programmes on the occasion much to the delight of the people present.

The civil administration of Udaguri and Army personnel of 14 Gorkha Regiment under Red Horns Division (Gajraj Corps) celebrated the day at various places in Udaguri and Darrang districts with great enthusiasm and zeal.

The day was celebrated in collaboration with civil administration and Patanjali Yoga Samiti. The aim of celebrating Yoga Day among civilians was to promote peace and harmony. A total strength of approximately 2750 civilians comprising men, women and children attended the yoga sessions organised by the Army at different places.

At Udaguri, it was organised by 14 Dogra Regiment in association with 14 Dogra Regiment under Red Horns Division at the Parade Ground of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Udaguri. It was attended by Rihon Daimari, Minister, PHE, Food and Civil Supply, Assam; Sadhana Hojai, Deputy Commissioner, Udaguri; Col Durgesh Kumar Bansal, Commanding Officer, 14 Dogra Regi-

ment along with others.

DHUBRI: Environment and Forest Minister Pramila Rani Brahma attended a yoga camp organised by the district administration at the Police Reserve auditorium today.

While attending the programme, the Forest Minister requested the guardians and teachers present in the gathering to motivate the students to dedicate some time for practising yoga every day. According to her, this will make the future citizens of the country mentally and physically stronger.

Yoga camps were also organised by various other organisations and institutes, BN College and Dhruvi Law College also organised the camps for their staff, students and people living in the neighbourhood of the institutions.

The civil administration of Bilsipara also organised such a camp at the Pratima Pandey Baruah auditorium which was attended by the students, officials of various departments, local people and others.

MORGAON: The 3rd International Yoga Day was observed here at Morigaon today with enthusiasm. The main programme was held at Tarun Ram Phukan playground under the auspices of the Morigaon district administration where more than 3,000 people including school and college students participated.

Addressing the gathering, Lemin Deka, social worker dwelt at length about the significance of the Yoga Day. He emphasised the need of compulsory yoga education in schools and colleges.

Hemen Das, Deputy Commissioner, Morigaon earlier inaugurated the yoga camp and welcomed the participants. Swapnamali Deka, SP, Morigaon and hundreds of CRPF jawans participated in the yoga camp. Rama Kanta Deori, MLA, Morigaon and Archana Bordoloi, chairperson, Morigaon Municipal Board were also present in the function. On the other hand, yoga sessions were held in several colleges of Morigaon district.

GUWAHATI: The third edition of International Day of Yoga was observed today at the premises of Frontier Headquarters, Sashastra Seema Bal, Tezpur.

PSS Negi, Inspector General, KC Vikram, DIG, officers and hundreds of SSF personnel took part in the event. Yoga instructors from Vivekananda Kendra, Tezpur performed yoga demonstration and led the participants in the mass yoga practice sessions.

Speaking on the occasion, PSS Negi, Inspector General, SSF, Frontier Tezpur highlighted the importance of regular practice of yoga as a healthcare and physical and mental exercise. He also thanked the yoga instructors of Vivekananda Kendra, Tezpur for their cooperation, a press release stated.

Another press release stated that the day was observed by the Himalaya Welfare Society at Pobitora Namghar, Guwahati under the guidance of yogacharya Hrimadri Ballav Deka.

The secretary of the society Gajen Kalita has said that more such awareness programmes would be conducted in the future.

Teenager raped in hospital campus

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, June 21: The police is continuing its effort to nab the accused who had allegedly raped a teenager on June 19 last in a staff quarter at the Bongaigaon Civil Hospital Campus.

The 16-year-old victim was alone in her relative's quarter in the hospital campus when the miscreants had allegedly raped her after rendering her unconscious using some chemical in a handkerchief.

When her relative, who is a nurse of the hospital, returned from the town with her husband, they found the girl unconscious and main door open. After she regained consciousness, she spoke about the incident but could not identify the accused.

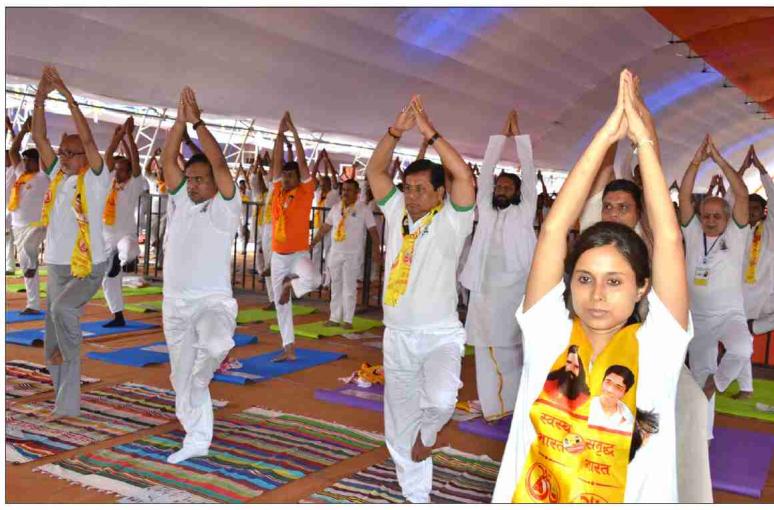
Her medical test was conducted in the hospital and her relative lodged an FIR at Bongaigaon Police Station at about 10.30 pm the same night. On that basis, the police has registered a case no.447/2017 under Section 4 of the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and began a probe into the incident.

"We are trying to nab the accused and looking into all possible angles linked with the incident," Bongaigaon SP, Hridayit Barman said.

As per the victim's statement, two persons had committed the crime and she will be able to identify one of them if they are produced before her.

Dr Hafiza Ahmed, a gynaecologist, who conducted the medical test of the victim, said though we primarily suspected it as rape case but only the final report can confirm the allegation. The Superintendent in charge of the hospital, Dr O Chakravarty said, "We need full security in our hospital campus otherwise our staff feels insecure to stay in these quarters".

There are 40 quarters in which hospital campus in which doctors, nurses and fourth-grade employees reside.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal along with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma and Member of Parliament Ramen Deka practising yoga on the occasion of 3rd International Day of Yoga at Nalbari on Wednesday.

25-day yoga camp concludes at Goreswar College

ANN Service

GORESWAR, June 21:

A 25-day-long Saha Yoga Samiti, Bhartiya Swabhimani Trust, Mahila Patanjali Yogi Samiti and Goreswar Anchalik Yoga Samiti concluded on Wednesday.

Dhrubajyoti Deka, Baksa Yuva Bharat and in collaboration with Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Bhartiya Swabhimani Trust, Mahila Patanjali Yogi Samiti and Goreswar Anchalik Yoga Samiti concluded on Wednesday.

Dhrubajyoti Deka, Baksa Yuva Bharat hosted the flag and Bhabesh Kalita, MLA, Rangiya LAC inaugurated the training camp. Gangra Prasad Acharjee, zila prabhu and Dilliram Pathak, yoga teacher started the training with yoga, pranayam and asan. From May 28, yoga teachers

Narayan from Tezpur, Upen Thapa from Baksa, Patul Bhattacharjee from Nalbari, Kalpana Devi and Taya Newpani from Baksa, Rangam Rabdoi from Darrang, Naba Singh from Kamrup, Rajib Choudhury from State body, Ramprasad Kharrel and Kabinda Basumatary from Baksa, Padma Narzary and Bhanu Bordoloi from the State Committee, Prakash Sarkar from Kokrajhar, Kalilash Sarma and Budhadev Goswami from the State committee, Raju Sarma, Amalendu Salu from Panjoli Yogi path from Haridwar, Jonaki Boru and Laitha from Mahila Prabhu, Bishal Khorrel and Rajesh Khorrel from Baksa, Bikash Goswami from Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Sripad Singh from Dibrugarh, Dipu Sarma and Sabita Devi from Baksa, Santi Biswaskar-

ma and Tara Rimal from Baksa attended the training camp which concluded on June 19.

In this connection, a day-long programme was organised on June 19. Raju Sarma attended the ceremony as teacher and performed the *banti prajyalan* programme.

A meeting was also held which was presided over by Haricharan Deka. Rajib Choudhury attended the meeting as the chief guest and said that yoga and pranayam not only make us mentally and physically fit but also help to develop the country.

Participants numbering around 88 were also given away badges and *angantavas* in the well-attended meeting held at Goreswar College on June 19.

Dhrubajyoti Deka, Santi Biswaskar, and many others were among those present in the meeting.

Jagannath Rathyatra at Hajo

ANN Service

GUWAHATI, June 21: Hare Krishna Movement, Guwahati is celebrating the 5th annual Sri Jagannath Rathayatra at Hajo in association with Sri Hayagriva Madhav Mandir on June 26, a press release stated.

The Rath carrying their lords Sri Jagannath, Baladev and Subhadra shall start at 12 noon from Panchgaon Manasa Mandir (Boragon) via Pahkhamel and culminate at Sri Hayagriva Madhav Mandir.

A grand cultural programme will be held at Sri Hayagriva Madhav Mandir and *maha prasadam* distribution for all present towards the end of the Rathayatra.

Janardhan Das, president of Hare Krishna Movement, Guwahati and Sri Shiva Prakash Sharma, the doli of Sri Hayagriva Madhav Mandir have appealed to people irrespective of caste, creed and race to participate in this Sri festival.

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Thalassemia camp held

ANN Service

STREETS, June 21: The ICMR-Regional Medical Centre, NE Region, Dibrugarh in collaboration with Rainforest Conservation Education Centre, Joypur organised a thalassemia awareness and screening camp at Joypur on June 18.

Dr Moloy Mukherjee, Scientist-E from the National Institute of Immunohaematology (ICMR), Mumbai graced the occasion as the chief guest and said that such a camp is held to detect thalassemia cases among expectant mothers.

This awareness camp was followed by a thalassemia screening camp which was conducted by Dr SK Sharma, Dr Moloy Mukherjee and Dr PJ Boruah, Scientist-C along with two lab technicians and three PhD students.

Besides, Dr Biswajit Baruah, SDM & Horaonar Block PHC too assisted in this very camp through his cooperation.

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OBITUARY

Nirmala Buragohain

Minati Baruah: a tribute



Minati Baruah or Minu baiden was the elder of six children of the late Nil Madhab Baruah of Nehru Park, Jorhat. She had lost her father, our *jibhapa* Nagendra Nath Baruah, a doctor with the Assam Rifles in a tragic road accident in Impur in 1950 when she was just four years old. Hemijethai brought her up along with her seven-month-old brother Pradip dada under the wings of our grandparents. A kind-hearted woman, Minu baiden had a strong aesthetic sense, and was

Madan Kamdev Yoga Mahavidyalaya inaugurated at Baihata Chariali

ANN Service

BAIHATA CHARIALI, June 21: BK Smriti of the Prajapita Brahma-kumari Iswariya Vidyalaya, Baihata Chariali branch formally inaugurated the Madan Kamdev Yoga Mahavidyalaya at Baihata Chariali on June 20 before a huge gathering.

Promoted by Indian Yoga Culture and Yoga Therapy Center, the Mahavidyalaya was set up here under the supervision of Asha Socio-Economic Development Society. Synchronising with the occasion, a meeting was also held there under

the chairmanship of Yogacharya Subashish Kour. Participating in the meeting, Rajani Kanta Talukdar, Principal of Pioneer Academy, Bleria, lit the candle of the opening ceremony of the Mahavidyalaya and spoke about the importance of yoga in the present times. Gautam Kumar Deka, in his speech briefly spoke

about the importance that the Indian way of meditation and yoga has gained popularity in foreign countries like Germany and the USA for their immense value in maintaining one's physical and mental health. In the meeting, yoga guru Amrit Maharaj, Deka Jyoti Deka, yoga teacher of Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Guwahati, Anil Deka, president of BIP Bezera mandal and Chandana Mahanta Baniya, a member of the Bezera ZPC were also present.

The Yogi Mahavidyalaya authority said that admission for three courses 'Yoga foundation course', 'Yoga certificate course' and 'Yoga Teacher diploma course' will begin for the 2017-2018 year in the first phase and classes will be held on every Sunday by experienced and trained yogacharyas. Book Released: In a meeting

held recently at the Piyalikata Borichupa mosque here, a book *Alhaz Majmur Alir Jibon Parikrama* edited by Taslimuddin Ahmed was released by Dinesh Kalita, Principal of Frontline English School. The meeting was held under the presidency of Hussain Ali Khanadar, ex-president of Baihata Chariali Sabhya Sabha where Moulana Ashik Iabi, 'pech i mam' of Borichupa Jame Masjid and Satyabrat Kalita, MLA of Kamalpur LAC were present as the appointed speaker and the chief guest respectively.

Suicide

TEZPUR, June 21: One Dulabha Das, wife of Mani Das and an inhabitant of Rangamati village under Bihaguri police outpost allegedly committed suicide on Monday morning at around 6.30 am by jumping into the Mora Depota river. On receiving the information, an SDRF team rushed to the spot to launch a search operation, but the body was yet to be recovered till the filing of this report. - Correspondent

NOTICE

E-tender notice published vide No.CADA-222/2017-18/2441-49 dated 01-06-2017 calling for supply of (1) E-Rickshaw, (2) Tractor, Tailor & Rotavator and supply and installation of (3) Solar Home Light and (4) Tara Pump for the year 2017-18 and extension notice vide No. 222/2017-18/2517-19 dated 13.06.2017 is hereby cancelled due to implementation of GST Rule from July/2017 and various quaries received from the different bidders on tender documents/specifications. Fresh tender notice will be issued shortly after scrutiny by the bid-evaluation committee.

Sd/- Director

Char Areas Development Assam
Dispur, Guwahati-6

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. AACF/R/16/2016/01
Sealed quotations affixed with non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs 8.25/- (Rupees Eight and twenty five paisa only) are invited from reputed flexiview printers/suppliers operating in Guwahati for supply of (1) E-Rickshaw, (2) Tractor, Tailor & Rotavator and supply and installation of (3) Solar Home Light and (4) Tara Pump for the year 2017-18 and extension notice vide No. 222/2017-18/2517-19 dated 13.06.2017 is hereby cancelled due to implementation of GST Rule from July/2017 and various quaries received from the different bidders on tender documents/specifications. Fresh tender notice will be issued shortly after scrutiny by the bid-evaluation committee.

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Assam Administrative Staff College
Guwahati - 781022

International Yoga Day celebrated in North East

The International Yoga Day was celebrated in the Northeastern States on Wednesday with various programmes. Our Correspondents report:

AIZAWL Correspondent: The International Yoga Day marked the launching of Healthy Mizoram Campaign here today. Mizoram Governor Lt Gen Nirbhay Sharma (retd) launched the Campaign at Assam Rifles ground here wherein hundreds of Yoga enthusiasts took part.

In the Christian-dominated State, the majority of people believe that Yoga is against the teaching and philosophy of Christianity. The churches and influential organisation Young Mizo Association (YMA) have urged their members to abstain from yoga. Keeping this in mind, the Governor today stressed the need to dispel misconceptions about Yoga. "Some believe in Mizoram that Yoga is a religious activity impinging on other faiths. It must be clearly understood that Yoga does not adhere to any particular religion, belief system or community," he said.

The Governor suggested that the Mizos should embrace Yoga with an open mind and added that healthy living is an imperative in Mizoram with high incidences of cancer, alcohol and drug abuse.

Participating in the function, Union Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain lauded Mizoram's initiatives to improve public health and was happy to see that yoga is included in Healthy Mizoram Campaign. He urged the people of Mizoram to try Yoga and discover the health benefits.

Imphal Correspondent: The 3rd International Yoga Day (IYD) was observed across the State on Wednesday. The main programme was held at the Indoor Stadium, Khuman Lampak here where Chief Minister N Biren Singh along with Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Javadekar said that the International Day of Yoga is observed in over 190 countries in the world.

Making a strong pitch for spreading of yoga, the Chief Minister said that yoga is a practice that promotes inner peace and well-being of an individual.

Shillong Staff Correspondent: Different organisations celebrated the International Yoga Day in Shillong today. One of the biggest gatherings was at Polo grounds here, which was organised by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Bharat Swabhiman Trust, where people in large numbers performed yoga asanas in the morning.

Yoga Day was also organised at various schools, Defence establishments and Central Government offices, Nehru Yuva Kendra and Art of Living Foundation organised one such Yoga camp at Assam Kristi Kendra here.

At the Shillong headquarters of the Assam Rifles, a grand event for all Central Armed Police Forces in Meghalaya was organised.

Meanwhile, Meghalaya Government did not organise any programme on the occasion. Chief Minister Mukul Sangma had said that observation of International Yoga Day has not been notified by the State Government "as a mark of respect to the sentiments of the people."

Itanagar Correspondent: Arunachal Pradesh today celebrated the International Day of Yoga with great enthusiasm. Day early morning showers, a huge number of yoga enthusiasts, including students, dignitaries, politicians and bureaucrats thronged the Indira Gandhi Park here to celebrate the Day.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu graced the occasion as chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Khandu said that through the practice good yoga daily strengthens through good care of one's mental and physical well being, a person could contribute positively to the society.

PRESS RELEASE

Candidates having following Roll Numbers have qualified for Viva-Voce test for the post of Sub-Divisional Sports Officer (SDSO) and Inspector of Physical Education (IPE) under the Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam.

The qualified candidates with the following Roll Numbers are requested to appear before the Viva-Voce test to be held on 28th June, 2017 from 10.30 AM onwards in the Bhogeswar Phukanani Indoor Stadium (1st floor), Super Market, Dispur, Guwahati-781005.

28th June, 2017:

Roll Numbers:

76	185	54	206	214	48	154	43	29	115
229	46	244	179	63	180	70	28	121	210
134	107	168	182	19	17	82	111	173	218
145	105	215	228	196	148	38	161	42	195

The Candidates will have to bring their original Call Letters and Testimonials in Original with one passport size photograph for entry into the Viva-Voce Hall.

Sd/- Director,
Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam
Janasanyog/3996/17

No. GSG-9/2017/154

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations affixing court fee stamp worth Rs 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paisa only) are invited from the reputed suppliers registered firms for supply of the under mentioned relief materials to the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara as and when required for flood relief and other disaster during the year 2017-18. Security money of Rs. 10,00,000 (Rupees ten thousand) only will have to be deposited in the form of bank draft along with the quotation by the tenderers. The quotation will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 27th June and opened at 2.30 p.m. on the same day in presence of quotalion authorized representatives.

Sl. No.	Items of Gratious Relief Materials	Quantity
01	Rice (Pong)	Per quintal
02	Rice (Parboiled)	Per quintal
03	Mesoor Dal (Medium)	Per quintal

TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

1. The selected bidder shall supply samples of all items free of cost for audit purposes.
2. Brands of the items quoted shall be clearly mentioned.
3. The rate quoted shall remain valid for 1 (one) year from the date of acceptance.
4. All tenders shall be binding in the quotation paper will not be entertained.
5. The bidder should have a standing of his own and must be a licensee under the AT(A)C order 1982.
6. Rate against each item should be clearly written both in figure and works.
7. It is not binding on the undersigned to accept or reject any or all quotations without showing any reason therefor.
8. Rate of delivery will be binding in the quotation paper.
9. Rate of delivery will be binding in the quotation paper inclusive of all taxes.
10. Financial soundness certificate in terms of cash transaction, annual turnover of sale of at least 5000 qts of Rice, must possess godown of at least 2000 qts in Goalpara district capacity and 1000 qts of stock of rice to be kept as rolling reserve stock. The Quotation should be lower than the FC rates.
11. Items supplied shall be sent after receipt of indent from DM Branch, office of the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.
12. Sample of materials must be supplied along with quotation.
13. Supply of materials shall have to be done during emergency situation. Hence, item supplied shall be of good quality. Supply of substandard, inferior quality materials shall be rejected with forfeiture of security money and subsequent legal action.
14. Suppliers should mention their PAN/TIN number along with the quotation.
15. Suppliers should mention their address of the Shop/Office/Godown along with contact number.
16. The party must possesses godown facility in Goalpara district.
17. The party must possesses Trade license from Municipality/Town Committee/GP offices of Goalpara District.
18. Payment will be made as when fund is received from Govt.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner
Goalpara
Janasanyog/72417



Students performing yoga during the 3rd International Day of Yoga at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok on Wednesday. - UB Photos

NGOs stage protest against railway project in Meghalaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG: June 21: Three NGOs today held a sit-in demonstration near the Meghalaya Additional Secretariat here demanding immediate halt to the proposed railway project in the State.

The demonstration was held at the Federation of Khasi Jaintia and Garo People (FKJGP), Hymiektrep National Youth Front and Ri-Bhoi Youth Federation.

The NGOs later met State Home Minister HDR Lyngdoh and submitted a memoran-

dum. It stated that during a meeting with 13 NGOs with the State Government an understanding was arrived at to have entry and exit points to check influx into the State. However, these entry and exit points are yet to be put in place.

They further pointed out that during the meeting it was informed by the Government that the Residents Safety and Security Act and the amended Benami Transation Prohibition Act were passed in 2016 to check influx.

However, the Government is yet to frame the rules and

guidelines for the implementation of these Acts. In the absence of these legislations and the infrastructure to stop influx, having the railways is not advisable, the NGOs said.

FKJGP president Wellirth Rani earlier said members of

the three organisations are protesting against construction of the railway line in the State fearing it would foment lawlessness.

Apart from the Brynhart railway project, the State Government is in favour of the railways in the State and recently that it wants a railway line from Shillong to Soltan or Cherrapunjee.

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NPP to vote for
NDA candidate

DIMAPUR, June 21: Nagaland Chief Minister Shurhoze Liezietzu in a statement today said that Naga People's Front (NPF) will vote for the candidate proposed by National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the election to the President of India. - Newmai News

Gun battle
in Nagaland

KOHIMA, June 21: A gun battle took place between security forces and some militants in Mon district of Nagaland but no casualty was reported. Asam Rifles sources said today.

An operation was launched by security forces yesterday in Shengta Angan area near Aloin in Mon district. The forces observed movement of few armed cadres and on being challenged the militants fired upon the security forces. The forces retaliated but the underground cadres reportedly fled into the jungle, the sources said. - PTI

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CAPSULE**HP notebooks**

NEW DELHI, June 21: In a bid to deliver customised experiences for millennials, HP Inc today introduced a new range of powerful convertible notebooks that feature the unique Windows Ink capabilities. The portfolio comprises HP Pavilion x360 and Elite Spectre x360, which will be available on HP online store, HP Worldstore, leading e-commerce portals and retail stores. -IANS

Federal Bank QIP

GUWAHATI, June 21: South Asian Federal Bank today launched a institutional sale of shares, aiming to raise around Rs 2,000 crore or \$310 million in capital. There is an option to upsize the issue by Rs 500 crore or \$77 million, sources said. In a regulatory filing, the bank said that the board of directors and investment and raising capital committee have authorised the opening of the qualified institutional placement (QIP) of shares today. -PTI

VLCC campaign

GUWAHATI, June 21: The ongoing VLCC Ever Youthful campaign of beauty and wellness company VLCC aims to celebrate youthfulness in Guwahati. The month-long campaign offers a combination of body scrubs, facials and dermatological treatments at competitive prices with the objective of maximising the benefit of the customers, a press release said here today.

Retailers need to file single GST return every month: Adhia

NEW DELHI, June 21: Days before the rollout of the landmark GST, the government today sought to dispel the notion that the new tax regime will be cumbersome and compliance-heavy, saying taxpayers need to file only one return every month, similar to what they presently do.

In an interview to PTI, Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia said the notion that assesses would have to file three returns every month is unfounded and retailers or B2C dealers need not give voice-wise details every month.

"Eighty per cent of the businesses will have to simply file total turnover in return because they are all B2C dealers or retailers. Return filing is very easy,

people need not worry about filing process, it is very transparent and is done by machine," Adhia said.

Explaining filing of returns, he said when a supplier uploads details of sale invoices, a GST Return-1 is generated by the 10th of next month.

The details from the suppliers in GSTR-1 automatically get updated in the GST Return-2 (GSTR-2) as the purchaser, GSTR-2 is to be filed by the 15th of next month and is about just a few clicks on computer. GSTR-2 doesn't need full filing of return.

"GSTR-2 is not to be filed by anybody."

It will be appearing on the computer in their own account and they can confirm it. If there is any transaction missing in purchase which computer is not showing be-

cause the person from whom you bought has forgotten to put it, then you get a right to add it. It is an auto-populated return. Click it and accept it online," he said.

Adhia said retailers and B2C suppliers need not worry about the return filing procedure as they have to file only turnover-wise details in GSTR-1.

While only B2B dealers have to file both GSTR-1 and GSTR-2, retailers do not need to file the GSTR-2 as they have to only match with what the dealer has uploaded on the GST Network.

"The fuel prices have been on the decline since the last few days. Rates are falling every day. But the dealers have actually bought the oil at higher rates from the companies. The dealers are forced to sell fuel at rates lower than that they have procured," union's general secretary Ramen Das said.

Petroleum workers oppose daily revision

STAFF REPORTER

The current dealer margin on petrol is around Rs 2.16 a litre and on diesel, it is around Rs 1.60 a litre.

He said if the dealers continue to suffer losses, they will be unable to procure the oil from the companies. "It has become hatched a conspiracy to hand over the control of the oil trade to corporates like Reliance.

Despite decreasing international oil prices, fuel prices in the country have not shown a commensurate decline. In contrast, in countries like Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, etc., prices of petrol and diesel are much less compared to India," the union said.

The union said that people associated with the sector have already started voicing their protests. All India Petroleum Dealers Association will hold a meeting on June 28 to review the implementation of the daily price revision by its members.

Fuel prices

difficult to protect the dealer margins. In such a scenario, they will be forced to cut down the number of their employees or even close down their oil depots," Das said.

He alleged that the Narendra Modi Government has

Commerce Ministry bid to allay exporters' fears

'GST enforcement not to be harsh during initial period'

KOLKATA, June 21: To allay the fears of the exporting community, the Commerce Ministry today said that enforcement would not be harsh during the initial period of GST implementation from July 1. "Any transition will require some adjustment. Exporters will get an extended two months time for filing returns under the new tax regime. And also, enforcement will not be harsh during the initial period," Commerce Secretary Rita Teotia told exporters at a session organised by EEPCL, FIEO and GJEPC here. - PTI

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No NRHM/C-CW/CHC / Jayakar Reserve/ Kamrup (R)/1995/13/65 Dated Guwahati the 21st June 2017

EXTENSION NOTICE

The Bid process for the "Construction of Community Health Center [Model Hospital] including Construction of a Jayakar Reserve in Kamrup (R) District (Balance Work)" under NHM on Tum Key Basis issued this office letter No.NRHM/C-CW/CHC / Jayakar Reserve/ Kamrup (R)/1995/13/4704 dt.25/ May 2017 and No.NRHM/C-CW/CHC / Jayakar Reserve/ Kamrup (R)/1995/13/63 dt.14th June/2017 is further extended as follows:-

(i) Submission of Bid : 28/06/2017 (end date) at 14:00 hrs. (end time)

(ii) Opening of Bid : 29/06/2017 at 15:30 hrs.

(iii) All other terms and conditions will remain same. Sd/- Mission Director, NHM, Assam

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing a non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs.8.25p (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only with a validity period of 180 days, which will subsequently be converted and drawn up in the printed F-2 form are invited from the registered contractors of P.W.D. class-II(A,B,C) of Assam PWD (Rural Roads and Class-II of S.E. PWD (Roads), WAC, Goalpara category according to their eligibility for submitting tenders for the work stated below. The tenders will be received by the undersigned upto 2.00 P.M. on 30/06/2017 and will be opened on the same date, place at 2.15 P.M. and hours in presence of the tenders of their authorized agent.

SI No.	Name of work	Estimated amount Approx. (in Rs.)	Category of contractor	BD/BC Amount	Time of Completion
1.	Impt. of RCC box Br. Appraisals of Br.No. 1/1 at Hekaipara Majubari connecting road near Somesh Ali house including E/W in filling & GSB under BTC for the year 2015-16.	8,45,174/-	Class - II & class-I (A&C) (Road)	500/-	3 (three) months

Details NIT may be seen in all working days in the office of the undersigned. Tender paper will be issued to the contractors or their authorised agent upto 12.00 p.m. on all working days from 27/06/2017 to 30/06/2017 in the office of the undersigned on payment in the form of Bank draft/Banker's Cheque duly pledged to the Executive Engineer, PWD Kokrajhar Rural Roads Division. The contractor should submit attested copy of Registration certificate for the year 2016-17, latest clearance certificate of Income Tax and Sale Tax along with the tenders. In case of the office remain closed on tender receiving /opening the same will be received /opened on the next working day.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
Kokrajhar Rural Roads Division

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'GST on cane, bamboo handicrafts to hit hard lakhs of artisans'

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR
As on date, there was no applicable law on these indigenous cane and bamboo artisans in the region.

ARTFED's DC Meha said the artisans have to benefit from the products from VAT. North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Ltd Managing Director Dhiraj Thakura said the artisans will affect their livelihood.

Secretary of Assam Handicraft Manufacturers Association Navneet Sood said there is already an acute shortage of raw materials which has added to the high transportation costs that has been hitting the artisans hard.

"The artisans hardly earn Rs 300 to Rs 350 daily in this sec-

tor and 95 per cent artisans are literate to maintain GST formalities. The handicraft industry is already facing a lot of competition from imported products from China, Indonesia, etc. GST on the indigenous products will destroy the craft and culture of the region and lakhs of families will lose their livelihood," Sood said.

BRAWFED (Bodoland Regional Apex Weavers & Artisans Cooperative Federation) MD NN Rana Patgiri said as the sector is not an organised one, the concerns are not being communicated well to the government.

"The profit margins are al-

ready less... it will go down further," he said.

The GST on bamboo furniture was revised from 28 per cent to 18 per cent on June 11 last while GST on cane (raw material) has been proposed at 5 per cent.

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ther," he said.

SEBI relaxes norms for buying stake by lenders

MUMBAI, June 21: Markets regulator SEBI today relaxed norms for stake purchase in distressed listed companies by lenders, exempting them from making open offers for shareholders.

The relaxation would be subject to certain condi-

tions, includ-

ing shareholders' approval of the stake acquisition by way of special resolution.

The SEBI decision comes against the backdrop of the government and Reserve Bank of India stepping up efforts to tackle the menace of bad loans, amounting to Rs 6 lakh crore.

At the board meeting here, SEBI decided to ease the norms

aimed at facil-

itizing "turnaround of listed companies in distress which will benefit their share-

holders and lenders".

Currently, relaxations from

preferential issue requirements and from open offer ob-

ligations are available for lend-

ers undertaking restructuring of distressed listed companies under Strategic Debt Restructuring (SDR) scheme. - PTI

No realty project ads without registration with regulator: Govt

NEW DELHI, June 21: Clearing the air on real estate developers issuing advertisements, the government has said no ongoing or future projects can be advertised without registering them first with the new regulator.

"Section 3 (1) of the Act pro-

hibits advertisements for all

projects (ongoing/future) with-

out registration with the real

estate regulator. This provi-

sion has come into effect from

May 1, 2017," the ministry said while responding to the NAREDCO's letter. - PTI

BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

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(b) Period of Completion: 18 months

(c) Earnest money: Rs. 6.59 Lakh

Details of Tender documents:

(a) Cost of tender: Rs. 3000.00

(b) Availability: On or after 30 Jun 2017

(c) Submission: On or Up to 1500 Hrs. 02 Aug 2017

Note: Full notice of tender any change in above details, tender document (including eligibility criteria) and other details may be obtained from Central Public Procurement Portal <https://e-procure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Tenders are advised to follow the instructions provided in the "Instruction to Bidders" for e-submission of the bids through Central Public Procurement Portal <https://e-procure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. For any queries, please contact on phone 011-25686914/ 25686875 Fax: 011-25696026.

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interest. The Act came into force from May this year.

Realtors' body NAREDCO had submitted a representation to Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation seeking clarity on advertisement and sale of the ongoing projects amid conflicting reports and interpretation on the issue.

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The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act was passed last year to regulate the sector, eliminate fly-by-night operators and protect buyers' - PTI

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Japanese scientists have identified several compounds in a traditional plant medicine, which may help improve memory and treat Alzheimer's disease.

The researchers were interested in finding active compounds for Alzheimer's disease in

Plant therapy

Plant extract may help treat Alzheimer's, finds a study

Drynaria Rhizome, a traditional plant medicine.

Drynaria, commonly known as basket fern, is native to tropical Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia and Oceania.

Researchers used mice with a genetic mutation which gives them some characteristics of Alzheimer's disease, including reduced memory and a buildup of specific proteins in the brain, called amyloid and tau proteins.

"We aimed to develop more efficient

methods to identify authentic active compounds that take these factors into account," said Chihiro Tohda, from University of Toyama in Japan.

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Traditional plant medicines have been used by humans for a long time, and these therapies are still popular in many countries.

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(Source: PTT)

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY birthday to Thursday, June 22, 2017.

This year you often want to act on your feelings, but you hold yourself back. You might not want to be vulnerable, as you tend to be overly cautious. Having a confidant to chat with could be very helpful. If you are single, you are probably more GEMINI than you realize. You need to decide whether to make a commitment. If you are attached, you will want to spend a lot of time with your sweetie. However, you also will want time to yourself. Hopefully your significant other understands. GEMINI can be a bit too chatty at times.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Intelligent; 2-Optimistic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Speak your mind, and note others' reactions. One person could be confused, and might need clarification. Do your best to verbalize the same thought differently. Keep communication flowing. Learning new approaches will only benefit you. Tonight: Join a friend at a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You are finally opening your mind and clear the air when you say "I" and how you say it could change your interactions with a key person. Suddenly, you could find this person more receptive than you could have imagined. Tonight: Don't hesitate to discuss a hassle with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

**** You open up to a new way of thinking and handling life. Where this attitude comes from is not important. What is important is how you feel about this new stance. Don't be surprised if someone responds in a confused way. Tonight: Let your hair down, and embrace the weekend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

**** Your high energy might be displaced today. Focus on reaching out to someone who isn't always open to talk. It is also a great time to schedule a yoga class or some other type of relaxing activity. You will go what all you is more important than you realize. Tonight: Return to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You could be in a bind and not know which way to go. You will be feeling uncertain. Others are waiting for you to step up to the plate. You might feel as sure as you do as you like to be, but you are not going to get more confident by just sitting in the sidelines. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** There is an underlying tension between your work and your personal life, at the moment. You might need to pull back and decide whether you are prepared to take on such pressure. Is it worth it? Only you can answer that question. Tonight: Choose a favorite stress-buster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Reach out to someone where you care a lot about. This person always adds some fun and magic to your life. Though you are not necessarily aware of the ramifications of renewing this friendship, you will enjoy being with this person. Tonight: Opt to be a real romantic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** A key associate and/or loved one reaches out to you. What you should be a moment full of enthusiasm and remain sensitive to the person as well as to a deal that someone is trying to make with you. You'll need to be open to the idea of delegation. Tonight: Let others call the shots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You could be weighing the pros and cons of a personal situation. What is clear is that at this moment in time, the choice seems like an either-or response. Think outside the box and find a more amenable solution for everyone concerned. Tonight: Say "yes" to a special invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your creativity and a willingness to get past problems makes you a born humor in nearly anything you decide to do. It is quite clear to see that solution will come forward if they work with you. Make no money decisions today. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You might feel as if a personal issue must be handled soon. As long as you feel that you have to follow a certain path. Be aware of how much time you are losing from work or a key project when you deviate from your normal schedule. Tonight: Tap into your inner child.

Thought for the day:
Born of the sun they travelled a short while towards the sun. And left the vivid air signed with their honour.

- STEPHEN SPENDER

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13:00 Astha Ke Chhauas Ki
14:00 Dil Se Tare
15:00 Sathayi Swabhim.
15:30 Balaikot Bhag
16:00 TDC

16:00 We Bare Bears

17:00 Ban 10

17:30 Lam Go

19:00 Kris Sanjai Aayu

20:30 Rolli Sanjai Go

21:30 Lam Go

22:00 Dragon Ball Z

23:00 TDC

23:30 Balaikot Bhag

23:45 Star Kids

23:50 M.A.D.

Entertainment

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16:00 Balaikot Kahe
16:30 Riya Abela
17:00 Astro Dancer - Dehli
17:30 Woh Anna Sa
18:00 Balaikot Bhag
18:30 Balaikot Bhag
19:30 Asi Deewangi - Dehli

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Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary

Hon'ble Minister of Industries and Commerce, Transport, Parliamentary Affairs, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of Assam.

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Thompson in dreamland after stunning Murray

LONDON, June 21: Jordan Thompson savoured the best moment of his life as the Australian underdog handed world number one Andy Murray a humiliating first round defeat at Queen's Club.

Thompson had never won a Tour-level grass-court match before and the world number 90 wasn't even in the tournament when he woke up on Tuesday morning. But 24 hours later Thompson was the talk of the tennis world after an astonishing 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 victory over Wimbledon champion Murray.

The 23-year-old thought his chance of playing a first Tour-level tournament this year had gone when he was beaten by France's Jeremy Chardy in the second round of Queen's qualifying on Sunday.

But Thompson remained at the west London venue as an alternate in case any players pulled out and his patience was rewarded when Aljaž Bedene, Murray's scheduled opponent, withdrew with a wrist injury just hours before the match.

"I signed in for the 'Lucky Loser' spot. There weren't too many matches yesterday, but I hung around. If someone was going to pull out, I was always going to be there," he said.

"Then this morning, I just got my transport, planning on doing the same thing, signing in, waiting around. Pretty much when I got here, someone pulled out."

"When I heard I was playing Andy, I was pretty nervous. I just wanted to go out there and enjoy it."

"I just did everything as usual. I warmed up, had some food, and got ready to go out there."

Thompson seized his unexpected chance with an incredibly mature display, hitting 12 aces and saving all three break points against Murray, who had won 10 consecutive matches and the last two titles at Queen's. Thompson is the first player to stop Murray breaking serve in a match since Roger Federer in 2015 and, after spending his career trying to eke out a living on the unglamorous second tier Challenger circuit, it was hardly surprising he rated the win as the best of his career.

"It was pretty pumped. Beating the World No. 1 and a Grand Slam champion, on grass at Queen's, it's definitely number one for me," he said.

"I had a good serving day today. It's a grass court so it's quick. I hit



Australia's Jordan Thompson in action during his first round match of the Aegon Championships against Britain's Andy Murray at the Queen's Club in London, on Tuesday.



Khalid Jamil

East Bengal unveil Khalid Jamil as chief coach

KOLKATA, June 21: East Bengal today unveiled the I-League-winning Khalid Jamil as their head coach for the upcoming season even as uncertainty remained around the structure of India's football calendar for 2017-18.

A former India international who won the SAFF Cup in his debut season in 1997, Jamil had been at the helm of Mumbai FC for seven seasons but his moment of glory came when he guided Aizawl FC to their maiden I-League title in a path-breaking last season.

East Bengal, who are yet to win the coveted I-League, wasted little time in striking a deal for a rumoured salary of Rs 1.25 crore, making him the highest-paid coach in Indian football.

"Honestly I did not want to leave Aizawl FC but Nituda (assistant secretary Debrahara Sarkar) convinced me and said you must join East Bengal," Jamil told reporters in his first media interaction at the club.

"I won the I-League and I thought it's time for me to take up the challenge to a next level. East Bengal are a bigger club and there will be pressure. I'm looking forward. The first target is to win my first match here and go step by step from there."

The red-and-gold have already signed a number of players including Lalranchhulla, Mahmoud Al Anna and Brandon Vanlremdika, all part of Aizawl's title-winning run and they will be reuniting with Jamil.

With the Indian Super League (ISL) set to be expanded, Maidan's Big Two – East Bengal and Mohun Bagan – have no alternative but to play in the low-key league.

"Football will remain the same, be it ISL or I-League," Jamil said. – PTI

Man Utd cleared of any wrongdoing in Pogba deal

MANCHESTER, June 21: Manchester United will face no action for their role in Paul Pogba's transfer from Juventus, but the Italian club had disciplinary proceedings opened against them, FIFA have announced.

An investigation into the world-record £89.3million transfer was opened by football's governing body last month after *Sportsmail* revealed agent Mino Raiola will take an extraordinary £41m cut from the deal.

United were originally asked for clarification about all aspects of their part in the transfer and were understood to be completely relaxed about the situation throughout the process.

FIFA have now confirmed that they are no longer investigating Manchester United but are now looking into the agreement Raiola had with Juventus that allowed him to collect almost 50 per cent of the transfer fee.

It is believed Raiola and Juventus may have breached FIFA's rules over third-party ownership. In April 2015, FIFA banned third-party ownership, prohibiting clubs or players from entering into economic rights agreements with outside investors.

Historically, breaches have been punished with six-figure fines, but, if found guilty, Juventus could face a possible transfer embargo.

A FIFA spokesman said: "We can confirm that disciplinary proceedings have been opened against Juventus FC. We cannot comment further as proceedings are ongoing. We can confirm that no disciplinary proceedings have been opened against Manchester United." – Agencies

Germany's rising stars relishing chance to shine



Germany players during a training session ahead of their Thursday's FIFA Confederations Cup match against Chile.

SOCHI (Russia), June 21: With their World Cup winners absent in Russia, Germany's rising stars are relishing their chance to shine at the Confederations Cup.

None of the side that won the 2014 World Cup final in Brazil is present in coach Joachim Löw's squad in Russia, with some having retired and others either injured or rested.

After a season in a struggling Schalke team, central midfielder Leon Goretzka was one of those who seized his chance in Monday's opening 3-2 win over Australia.

He scored Germany's third goal in the Group B game with a deft strike from Joshua Kimmich's pass having won the penalty which Julian Draxler converted for the second goal in Sochi.

But it was not all completely smooth and Germany's young guns know there is still much

room for improvement as they await to face Chile next on Thursday in Kazan.

"We cannot allow so many mistakes against Chile and we need to be more efficient up front," said Bayern Munich's Kimmich, Germany's first-choice right-back at 22.

Löw has given his young charges that against Chile and we must concentrate for '90, not 60 minutes' as they did against Australia and Goretzka agreed.

"There were good and bad phases against Australia. In some situations we showed we can play good football, but we lost our grip on the opponent in the last 20, 25 minutes," said Goretzka.

"Chile have a different quality than Australia, they've got world-class players."

With key midfielders Toni Kroos and Sami Khedira among

those left at home, Goretzka is already stating his case for a place in the squad for next year's World Cup in Russia.

"As a leader, you first of all have to put in a good performance," said the self-confident 22-year-old, who won his sixth cap against Australia.

"That is the first step, then you can start to take care of others and bring them along."

"I am a 'work-in-progress,' but that was definitely my most successful game so far."

"I'm not so presumptuous that I'll now demand a leadership position. I will just try to help the team in the coming games."

Löw wants to oversee the development of a number of his players to world-class status in Russia in order to challenge his current first-choice stars for their places. – APP

Srikanth, Saina, Sindhu, Praneeth advance in Australian Open

SYDNEY, June 21: Newly-crowned Indonesia Open champion K Srikanth and title-holder Saina Nehwal progressed to the second round with contrasting wins at the Australian Super Series here today.

Olympic silver medalist PV Sindhu and Singapore Open Champion B Sai Praneeth also entered the second round but it was curtains for four other singles player, including giant-slayer HS Prannoy.

Srikanth continued his good form by defeating Chinese Taipei's Kan Chao Yu 21-13, 21-16 in the men's singles opening round while Sai Praneeth had to sweat it out to register a hard-fought 10-21, 21-12, 21-10 win over Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto.

Srikanth will next play top seed Son Wan Ho of Korea, while Sai Praneeth will be up against Huang Yuxiang of China.

In the women's singles, Saina was up against a tough opponent in fourth seed Sung Ji Hyun of Korea but the former World No. 1 showed her masterclass to beat her opponent in straight games 21-10, 21-16. Saina will face Malaysia's Sionia Cheah in her next match. Olympic silver-medalist PV Sindhu saw off Indonesia Super Series Premier champion Sayaka Sato of Japan 21-17, 14-21, 21-18 in a match that lasted an hour and five minutes.

The fifth seeded Indian will face China's Chen Xi-oxin, who ended Ruthvika Shivani Gadde's gallant fight in another match. Shivani fought for an hour before losing 17-21, 21-12, 21-12 to Chen.

The Indian women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy defeated Australia's Hsuan-Yu Wendy Chen and Jennifer Tam 21-11, 21-13 to reach the second round.

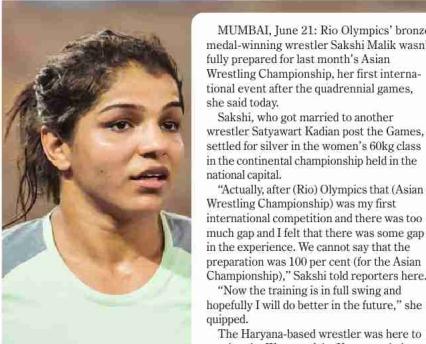
Yong mei's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty dished out a gritty performance to knock out the Hong Kong组合 Law Cheuk Him and Lee Chun Hei 20-22, 21-19, 21-11.

However, it was curtains for HS Prannoy, who lost in the semifinals in Indonesia, Ajay Jayaram, Parupalli Kashyap and Siri Venna in the men's singles first round.

Up against seventh seed Ng Ka Long Angus of Hong Kong, Jayaram fought hard before losing 14-21, 21-10, 21-9. – PTI



Wasn't 100 per cent prepared for Asian Wrestling Championship'



MUMBAI, June 21: Rio Olympics' bronze medal-winning wrestler Sakshi Malik wasn't fully prepared for last month's Asian Wrestling Championship, her first international event after the quadrennial games, she said today.

Sakshi, who got married to another wrestler Satyavrat Kadian post the Games, settled for silver in the women's 60kg class in the continental championship held in the national capital.

"Actually, after (Rio) Olympics that (Asian Wrestling Championship) was my first international competition and there was too much gap and I felt that there was some gap in the experience. We cannot say that the preparation was 100 per cent (for the Asian Championship)," Sakshi told reporters here.

"Now the training is in full swing and hopefully I will do better in the future," she quipped.

The Haryana-based wrestler was here to receive the Woman of the Year award given

away by the Indian Merchants Chamber's Ladies' Wing at their AGM.

Asked how she felt when she was back on the mat after being feted for her Rio performance, she said: "That is the best feeling (to be on the mat). That's the sport I play and because of it I have reached this level. That's get peace (of mind)."

Sakshi, 24, said everyone expected her to bag the gold in the Asian Championship after her Rio display.

"There is pressure, we have to overcome that. The only way to deal with pressure is to do hard work. If I do hard work, there will be confidence."

Sakshi said she made sure she found time to train in the midst of attending social functions.

"There is distraction (of social events). But I take out time for training despite these functions. Wrestling is a tough sport. If we move away from the moves of wrestling, we move away from the sport. I do attend signed off. – PTI

functions, but take out time for training," she said.

She said wrestling will always be the first priority for her.

Sakshi is now aiming to do well in the World Championships to be held in Paris from August 21-26.

"I and the coaches are focusing on things, which we need to improve on. We are working on movements and techniques," she said. She is also training her sights on next year's Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia and the Asian Games in Jakarta ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Sakshi insisted marriage hasn't changed her life as her husband and father-in-law were both wrestlers.

"Not at all for me (life has not changed)! My husband is a wrestler and my father-in-law was a wrestler and Arjuna awardee. When my family belongs to wrestling, I feel I have moved closer to the sport," she added.

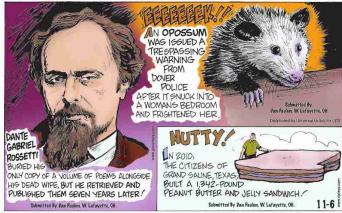
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Play... — Believe It or Not!



11-6

Why did the Long March take place?

I t was on October 16, 1934, that the Chinese Communists, led by Mao Tse Tung, began their Long March. The embattled Chinese Communists broke through Nationalist lines to safety in the Yenan area, their encircled headquarters in south-west China, known as Chiang Cheng—the "Long March" – the retreat lasted 368 days and covered 6,500 miles, nearly twice the distance from New York to San Francisco.

The civil war in China between the Nationalists and the Communists broke out in 1927. In 1931, Communists established their own government in the new established Soviet Republic of China, based in the Kanshi province in the south-west. Between 1930 and 1934, the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek, under the leadership of Mac, the Communists employed guerrilla tactics to resist successfully the first four campaigns, but in the fifth, Chiang raised 700,000 troops and built fortifications to defend his communal positions. With defeat imminent, the Communists had to break out of the encirclement at its weakest points. The Long March began at 5.00 p.m. on October 16, 1934.

The Communist marchers crossed 24 rivers and 18 mountain ranges, mostly snow-capped. Only 4,000 troops completed the journey. The majority of marchers who did not perish, it was the targeted eradication march in the history of warfare and marked the emergence of Mao Zedong as the undisputed leader of the Chinese Communists.



My viewpoint

“ Why should we study Moral Science in school? ”



Bhagwati Tarnali,
Class-VII
Maharshi Vidya
Mandir, Guwahati

Students should be taught the values of life through Moral Science. Moral Science teaches a child to lead a disciplined and punctual life.



Uddipta Bhuyan,
Class-VII
St. Mary's St. Saviour School,
Maligaon, Guwahati

Studying Moral Science is important. In school, we learn about various subjects and knowledge is imparted so that we attain success in life. But a better life can only be achieved when we study Moral Science. It teaches us the importance of punctuality, self-confidence and makes us aware of social responsibility. We cultivate the feeling of respect towards others. Values of life can be imbibed through Moral Science.



Bamil Kalita,
Class-VIII
Kendriya Vidyalaya,
IOC, Guwahati

Schools are like the right house of society. The young, impressionable minds can be moulded in the way that they are taught. Human behaviour, apart from their surroundings, from life examples; without quality education, the sole purpose of education is lost. Hence, Moral Science is an absolutely essential part of the school curriculum, since it is an application of basic Moral Science principles.



Niljit Samanta,
Class-VI
Vivekananda Kendriya
Vidyalaya, Nalbari

Today's children are the future citizens of our country. If we want them to be fit and strong to be good, we must cultivate good habits and thoughts in them. But the world has become complex, and the young children cannot make out the difference between virtue and vice. So, I think Moral Science is necessary in every school. It should be taught in school as the school is a place where we can make our foundation strong.

The Assam Tribune

PLANET YOUNG

GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017



Indian-American
kid wins US
spelling contest

For the 13th year in a row, an Indian-American has won the National Spelling Bee. This time, it is 12-year-old Ananya Vinay from California. This is the second year in a row that there emerged a solo-champion. For the last three years, there were non-Indian winners. Ananya has been rewarded with cash worth \$40,000.



Alarming times
in India

India has recorded highest number of obese children in the world after China, according to an alarming study conducted in the country have excess weight. China – with 15.3 million, and India – with 14.4 million, had the highest numbers of obese children; the US, with 8.9 million, and China, with 5.3 million, had the next highest numbers of obese adults, in 2013.

PET DOGS HELP CHILDREN DISTRESS

Using a pet dog at home is likely to provide valuable social support when a child is undergoing a stressful experience, recent research suggests. For the study, published in the journal *Social Development*, the team recruited approximately 100 pet-owning families and analysed children between the ages of seven to 12 years. The results showed that children who had a pet at home with them reported feeling less stressed compared to having a parent for social support or having no social support.

Another study, published in the journal *Animals*, showed that a family dog could help boost physical activity for kids with disabilities.

Afterlife

to provide shade and fresh air to the people

of others. I call out to the sky but it is overcast, as it is drenched in sombre on seeing my late father.

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Little

Hearts

Dear Ishani Aunty,
My problem is that I am unable to rise early in the morning. My mother scolds me and pulls off my bedsheet, but nothing works. Why can't such a sleepy head?

— Ankush

Dear Ankush,

In order to be able to rise early, you must go to bed early. If you watch too much TV, wait on the net, talk to your friends, you will sleep late and find it hard to leave your bed in the morning. So, get up, sleep less and face the day as you are meant to do.

Dear Ishani Aunty,

My parents are worried if and if I am ill. My parents are with her and I can alone most of the time. What should I do?

— Chironib

Dear Chironib,

Now you are growing up to be a responsible older brother. Learn to look after yourself! Take charge of the house and keep it neat and tidy. Try not to hassle your parents with your problems. This is hopefully a passing phase and you will be normal soon. Best of luck and all my prayers for your sister.

Dear Ishani Aunty,

I am seeing landladies all around Guwahati. My house is on a hilltop. Are we in danger?

— Shounak

Dear Shounak,

I would like to tell you that I am still your dad's house planter when he built the house. In any case, you could ask him to take help from an architect / engineer to look into the matter!

JUNIOR PUZZLERS

1) Do vaccinations protect us from holidays, zombies, or infectious diseases?



2) Is a male bee called a drone, a greenhead, or a nomer?



3) Is the Statue of Liberty in New York on Ellis Island, Liberty Island, or Long Island?

DID YOU KNOW?

by John Martin

Horses can sleep standing up.

I GET SUCH A TERRIBLE HEADACHE HOLDING THIS TORCH UP ALL DAY!

IT'S ABSURD HE'S JUST ROLLED OVER IN HIS SLEEP!

ANSWER(S) 1) Infectious diseases; 2) A drone; 3) Liberty Island

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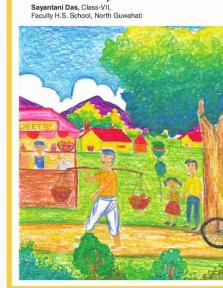
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Sketch of the week



Sayantani Das, Class-VII,
Faculty H.S. School, North Guwahati



Patisetha Das, Class-II,
Maharishi Vidya Mandir-IV, Guwahati



Dewan Almas Tamir, Class-IV,
St. Ursula High School, Dhekaijuli, Sonitpur

What is life?

What is life?
Does anyone really know?
Life may be as long as a summer day,
Or as short as moment in a dry desert.
It may be as sweet as honey or Balsam.
Or it may be as sour as a weeping willow tree.
Sometimes, life takes us to a high elevation, joy,
And sometimes, it drops us to the depths of sorrow.
Life consists of emotions deeper than the ocean,
Just like a roller coaster or a hill.
Happiness goes up and down a hill.
Nothing is permanent here – neither happiness, nor grief.
Time is the medicine that heals everything.

We are very young and come here to play.
But we have to go back one day, and give away everything.

Jonakhee Kakati, Class-IX,
Menia Public School, Guwahati



Riyon Baruah, Class-I,
Maharishi Vidya Mandir Public School, Guwahati

Eid-al-fitr

The festival of Eid-al-fitr is celebrated by Muslims all over the world. During Eid, people decorate their homes, wear new clothes, share delicious food. They also visit mosques to offer Namaz. They greet each other saying 'Eid Mubarak' and enjoy the day.

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Poem of the Week

Ishita Paul, Class-X,
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A smile from the junk

Once I come to tell you a tale.
Once, there was a fellow.
His hands were dirty and his hands were pale.
Dusty were his clothes and his stomach was empty.
Working all day in the blazing sun,
Two meals a day was the only food he earned.
Alone in the busy world,
Never had he complained about life.
Filling his belly was all he could think about.
A day in school was his only dream,
What happens next?
His smile was so high!
Just some miserable years, he thought.
But never did he bother to quit.
Life is not a joke.
But he searched for happiness even in the junk pile.
Life mocked him.
But could never take away his smile.



Jahnavi Dutta, Class-III,
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If I could

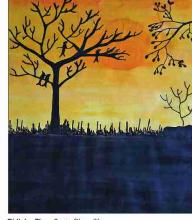
If I could fly in the sky,
I would touch the trees.
In my dreamland, I would
travel through the hills
Would be so free.
Flying like a butterfly,
I would travel far and wide.
Racing with the aeroplanes,
At my own risk.
Swimming in the sea,
I would touch the animals,
At high speed.
Walking through the roads
At high speed.
I would touch the people
Whose lives are at risk.
I want to fly to heaven,
To touch the stars.
Reach for the stars.
Nandini Kamarker, Class-VII,
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Why do floods occur?

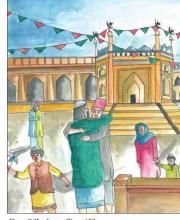
Floods are natural disasters which occur where the rainfall overflows the banks of rivers in particular areas. But nowadays, floods occur due to the chaotic activities of man. When trees are cut down, there are no roots to hold the soil together and the soil becomes loose. This causes the soil to wash away, and the rainwater goes deep inside the soil, instead of eroding it. This results in the replenishment of groundwater.

because these things block them. As a result, the rainwater cannot be drained away, causing flooding in low-lying areas.

Excessive floods may be caused by heavy rains, cyclones, plasters. Landslides erode the soil and also take down houses built on that particular land. This has been witnessed in Assam, especially now in Gauhati city. Do you ever wonder why there are rarely any floods in places



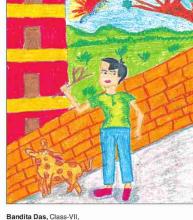
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