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NEWS CAPSULE

NIA raids

NEW DELHI, June 4: Counter-terror probe into terror funding by Pakistan-based groups to stoke unrest in Kashmir. The NIA today conducted fresh raids across five locations in Jammu and Kashmir and seized incriminating documents and foreign currency. — IANS

Ultra surrenders

GUWAHATI, June 4: An ailing ULFA(I) militant, Ron Asom alias Krishna Nath of Tamulur, surrendered before Dispur police today. Nath, who had joined the ULFA in 2011, had entered Assam from Myanmar last month. — Staff Reporter

NRC funds

GUWAHATI, June 4: The State's finance department has released Rs 117 crore for necessary works related to the implementation of the NRC, an official statement said today, adding that there is no dearth of funds for "essential services" like NRC. — Staff Reporter

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Terror attack in London: 7 killed



"This is for Allah," police and witnesses said.

At least seven people were killed in the attack and 48 were taken to hospital, the Metropolitan police said.

The attack unfolded quickly as armed police rushed to the scene and within eight minutes shot dead the three male attackers who were wearing what looked like explosives which later turned out to be fake.

"The suspects were wearing what looked like explosive vests but these were later established to be hoaxes," said Mark Rowley, Met Police Assistant Commissioner and the UK's anti-terrorism lead.

"We are treating this as a terrorist incident and a full investigation is already under way, led by the Met's Counter Terrorism Command," he said, urging people with information and images to contact the police.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the latest attack to hit Britain. No details have been released about the suspects and detectives are investigating whether they acted alone.

British counter-terrorism police said they had arrested 12 people in Barking, in east London, in connection with the van and knife attack. The arrests followed a raid by police at a flat owned by one of the three attackers. Police said that "a number of addresses" in Barking were still being searched.

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CRPF refuses to share report on 'fake encounter'

NEW DELHI, June 4: The CRPF has refused to make public a fake encounter report, filed by one of its Inspectors General, citing exemption granted to the paramilitary force from disclosures under the RTI Act.

In response to a query seeking a copy of the report on the fake encounter by a joint squad of security forces in Assam in which two persons were killed in cold blood, the CRPF cited section 24 of the RTI Act.

Extra judicial killings are violation of human rights and do not come under the exemption given to some organisations from making disclosures under the RTI Act.

The Act says when the information sought for pertains to human rights violations, it "shall be" provided after sanction from the Central Information Commission within 45 days.

But the CRPF rather than referring the matter to the CIC, "rejected" the application.

Rajnish Rai, a 1992-batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre, had filed a report with the CRPF top brass chronicling how a joint team of the Army, the Assam Police, the CRPF, its jungle warfare unit CoBRA and the border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) conducted the encounter on March 29-30 in the Simlageri area of Chirang district and killed what they called were two insurgents of the banned group NDF(B).

Rai, in his 13-page report, alleged that information about the incident and FIR filed by the joint squad of forces present a "fictitious account" of the operation to "conceal pre-planned murders of two persons in custody and present it as some brave act of professional achievement". — PTI

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Chirang killings

CHENNAI, June 4: India's heaviest rocket — Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV-Mk III) — is all set for its maiden flight into space along with a communications satellite on Monday evening as its countdown of 25 hours and 30 minutes began at 2:58 pm today, an official of the Indian space agency said.

The rocket, weighing 640 tonnes and standing 43.43 metres tall, will blast off from the second launch pad at India's rocket port at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, around 105 km from here.

It will carry a 3,136-kg GSAT-19 communications satellite — the heaviest to be lifted by an Indian rocket till date — to an altitude of around 179 km above the Earth after just over 16 minutes into the flight.

On June 2, the Mission Readiness Review Committee and Launch Authorisation Board had cleared the countdown for GSLV Mk-III DL/GSAT-19 mission. — PTI

Security in Bhupen Hazarika Setu stepped up

R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

GUWAHATI, June 4: With China making statements warning India to be cautious in building infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh following the formal inauguration of the Dihola-Sadiya bridge, which has been named after Bhupen Hazarika, and reports of movement of militants near both sides of the bridge, armed security personnel have been deployed

to keep a close watch on the longest bridge in the country round the clock.

Highly placed police sources told The Assam Tribune that the threat to the bridge cannot be overlooked as China made a strong statement immediately after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the bridge and it is now a well-established fact that the militant groups of the Northeast are acting as per the instructions of some Chinese

agencies. Moreover, there has been "human intelligence" that recently an operative of the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) managed to sneak into the State from Nepal, which also added to the worries of the police and security forces.

Sources said that one company of armed policemen has been deployed specifically to keep a close vigil on the (See page 7)



IPS officer's bail plea

SC seeks reply from State Govt

NEW DELHI, June 4: The Supreme Court has sought the Assam Government's response on a bail plea by suspended IPS officer N Rajamarthandam, accused of providing information to a member of a socio-political organisation floating RTI Act rules.

A vacation bench of justices MM Shantanagoudar and Deepak Gupta issued notice to the State Government and listed the matter for further hearing on June 19.

Senior advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan, appearing for Rajamarthandam, said the plea is against the May 15 order of the Gauhati High Court rejecting his bail.

In his plea, Rajamarthandam said that the case arises out of the disclosure under the Right to Information Act, 2005 of the SIIT progress report in a local case.

"For no more than adhering to the spirit of the Right to Information Act, petitioner (Rajamarthandam) is being prosecuted and has been in custody since April 6, 2017, on registration of an FIR for offences under sections 418, 471, 468 and 217 of IPC as well as section 50(5) of Official Secrets Act and Section 98A of Assam Police Act," he said.

The IPS officer of 2006 batch said that none of the offences

are prima facie made out and all but one are bailable.

"Section 468 of IPC is the sole non-bailable offence carrying a maximum of seven years, and the arrest itself is in contravention of the statutory requirement of section 41 CrPC,

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PLA chopper incursion being probed

NEW DELHI, June 4: Two helicopters of the People's Liberation Army of China hovered over Chamoli district in Uttarakhand yesterday, triggering concern in India's security establishment about the PLA's fourth such incursion into Indian airspace since March this year.

Official sources said the choppers, which returned to the Chinese side after about five minutes, could have carried out aerial photography of Indian ground troops during what was possibly a reconnaissance mission.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is probing the incident, an IAF source said. The choppers were identified as the Zhiba series of attack helicopters.

On previous occasions, Chinese choppers had entered 4.5 km into Indian territory, an area that China claims as its own and recognises as Wu-Je. — PTI

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Armed police officers walk outside Borough Market after an attack left seven people dead and dozens injured in London, on Sunday. — UNI

Witnesses share horrific tales of attack in central London

LONDON, June 4: Horrified witnesses of the terror attacks at two central London landmarks today narrated tales of the gruesome events that unfolded when three knife-wielding men mowed down people and launched a stabbing spree when many were out for dinner or drinks in restaurants and pubs.

Bethany Atkin, a journalist, was at Boro Bistro at small restaurant which sits under a small bridge on Borough High Street. "We were sitting outside under umbrellas underneath the bridge and there was a shower of rubble that landed on the umbrellas, a van had crashed into the bridge."

"We stood up, everything was moving. I saw a man who was bleeding. I don't know how he was injured. We ran into the restaurant and tried to find a safe place but there wasn't one," Atkin, who works for the Guardian newspaper, said.

Running back outside, Atkin said he saw another casualty.

"We saw a woman with blood, about 20 metres from the bridge. I saw her

lying down on the floor."

A witness called Mark told the BBC Radio 5 Live programme he saw a van hit a group of people on the bridge.

"It knocked a person about 20ft in the air. Within my line of sight there must have been about five or six people on the ground. They looked either dead or dying," he said.

Police boats were searching the Thames River – apparently looking for people who may have been thrown off the bridge.

BBC reporter Holly Jones, who was on the bridge at the time of the attack, said a van driven by a man was "probably travelling at about 80km an hour" before it hit a number of people.

"He swerved right round me and then hit about six or seven people. He hit about two people in front of me and then three behind," she said.

"I'd say there are about four severely injured people. They all have paramedics assisting them at the moment."

Speaking to the Press Association,

Will Orton described being in a pub in the area and seeing people coming running inside.

"We didn't really know what was going on. We thought maybe there was a fight or something outside. And then there were almost hundreds of people coming inside," he said.

"The bouncers did a really good job, they shut the doors and locked everyone in. There was panic – it seemed like it was literally outside the door. People were coming inside and saying they had witnessed people being stabbed."

Alex Shulman told Fairfax Media that he was at the Midpark pub underneath London Bridge at about 10 pm when a woman entered bleeding from the neck.

"At around 10:00 pm an injured woman came into the pub seeking assistance. It appeared that her throat had been cut."

Another witness in the Midpark, 54-year-old Jeff Whitley, said the woman, in her 20s, staggered into the pub, aided by her friends. She was clearly seriously injured. — PTI



Britain's Prince Harry speaks to Nazhat Faheema, a Muslim Youth Ambassador of Peace, as they eat an evening meal to break fast, or the iftar, for Ramadan - the Muslim fasting month, during a visit to a children's home in Singapore, Sunday. — UNI

ISIS suspect Jihadi Jack caught in Syria'

LONDON, June 4: A 21-year-old British man dubbed 'Jihadi Jack' has been captured by Kurdish fighters in Syria where he was

accused of joining the Islamic State terror group, media reports said today.

Jack Letts, who emerged as the first from the UK to join ISIS in Syria, told the London-based television network Al-Arabiyah that he was living in a prison controlled by the Kurds.

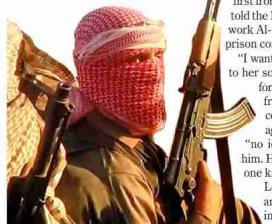
"I want to see my mum and explain to her some things," he said. Letts, a former Cheverton School student from the city of Oxford who converted to Islam as a teenager, reportedly said that he had "no idea" what would happen to him. He said it is the future that no one knows except god.

Letts' parents John Letts, 55, and Sally Lane, 54, are awaiting trial on terrorism related

offences after being accused of sending hundreds of pounds to their son over a five-month period between 2015 and 2016. They are due to stand trial later in the year. They told the Oxford Mail that they were "immensely relieved" to discover he was alive.

Earlier this year, Letts labelled former prime minister David Cameron an "evil creature" and warned that the UK will be targeted by the militants as long as it keeps bombing Muslims in Syria.

Police began investigating Letts as a suspected member of the Islamic State terror group (also known as ISIS or ISIL) in March 2015. He was understood to have left the UK and travelled to Syria in 2014 – with some reports claiming he had joined the ISIS. — PTI



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'Saddam spent final days telling US guards anecdotes' Outgoing PM triumphs in Malta as voters shrug off graft claims

NEW YORK, June 4: Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein spent his final days telling to American singer Mary J Blige eating muffins and telling anecdotes to US prisoners whom he befriended according to a new book.

The dictator's humble last days, and the experiences of his American guards are recounted in Will Bardewerper's new book, *The Prisoner in His Palace: Saddam Hussein, His American Guards, and What History Leaves Unsaid*, the New York Post reported.

Saddam, who ruled Iraq for three decades, was hanged in 2006 at the age of 69. As he awaited trial in Baghdad, Saddam was watched over by a group of US sol-

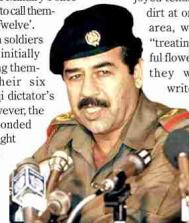
diers from the 551st Military Police Company, who came to be known as "The Super Twelve".

The 12 American soldiers guarding Saddam initially forged a bond among themselves during their six months as the Iraqi dictator's private guards. However, the crew apparently bonded with Saddam too – right to his bitter end, the report said.

Among the guards was the author of the book.

Saddam enjoyed tending to a scrubby patch of dirt at one corner of his outdoor area, watering the weeds and "treating them more like beautiful flowers than the ugly growths they were," Bardewerper writes.

He was meticulous about his food, too, ate his breakfast in sections, first an omelet, then a muffin, followed by fresh fruit. If the omelet was "torn," he would reject it, according to the book. — PTI



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N Korea slams 'mean' targeted UN sanctions

SEOUL, June 4: North Korea today slammed the latest UN sanctions as "mean" and vowed to press ahead with its missile and nuclear weapons programs.

The UN Security Council on Friday unanimously adopted a US-drafted resolution imposing new targeted sanctions on a handful of North Korean officials and entities, in response to a series of ballistic missile tests this year that are banned under UN resolutions.

The resolution put North Korea's spy chief, 13 other Pyongyang officials and four entities on a sanctions blacklist, hitting them with a global travel ban and asset freeze.

The North's foreign ministry "condemns and outrightly rejects the sanctions racket put forth by the United States and the UN Security Council to prevent the strengthening of our nuclear deterrence", a ministry spokesman said.

"(Washington) talked about the possibility of dialogue but it is nonsense to mention dialogue while laying out unfair preconditions and applying maximum pressure," the spokesman said in a statement carried by the official KCNA news agency.

The statement said the latest resolution was said to have been put together by the US and China in the "back room". — AFP

35 hurt in Nepal bus crash

KATHMANDU, June 4: At least 35 people were injured today when a passenger bus veered off the road and plunged down about 30 metres from a highway in central Nepal.

The bus fell off the road at Timpile in Kavrepalanchowk district, about 75 km east of Kathmandu.

The injured passengers were receiving treatment at a hospital here, police said.

Two of the injured are in a critical condition. The reason behind the accident is not known yet, they said.

Police are searching for the bus driver who fled the scene after the incident. — PTI

Man shoots dead 9 in drunken Russian village quarrel

MOSCOW, June 4: A man has been detained after shooting dead nine people in a drunken dispute at a weekend cottage in a village outside Moscow, Russian investigators said today. The alleged assailant gunned down five men and four women after a drinking session last night turned violent in the village of Redikino, some 110 kilometres northwest of Moscow, the Investigative Committee said.

"During the get-together there was a domestic dispute between the guests, after which the suspect left and then returned with a hunting rifle," investigators said in a statement, adding that the man had been "drinking spirits".

"He fired several shots, as a result of which at least nine people died," investigators said, raising the death toll by one from figures given earlier this morning.

Investigators said the shooter – a 45-year-old resident of Moscow – was detained on suspicion of mass murder after survivors managed to call the police. — AFP

Russia says North Korea nukes are a 'direct threat'

SINGAPORE, June 4: North Korea's nuclear ambitions are threatening to Russia, a Russian official said today.

"It is not only (a) ballistic missile defense system it has real function," said Deputy Defence Minister Alexander Fomin. "That is why it is alarming. And it is direct threat to Russia. We are convinced that it will increase the tensions of the region. That is our principle position."

Fomin spoke at the Shangri-La Dialogue, an international security conference in Singapore attended by defence ministers and experts from 39 countries, including US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis.

Russia borders North Korea and saw one of Pyongyang's missiles land close to

its waters. But it differs from the US and its allies on how to rein in the North's rapidly escalating nuclear and ballistic missile program.

Backing fresh sanctions on North Korea, Russia's deputy UN ambassador Vladimir Safronkov stressed in June that "the choice here has to be made in favor of using diplomatic tools to the maximum extent possible."

Fomin had similar sentiments. "Economical restrictions should be a kind of tool to invoke North Korea to a peaceful process of resolving the dispute and conflict, and not to once again deteriorate the economic solution in North Korea," he said.

Addressing the South China Sea conflict, Fomin was careful with his words. "All states involved in territorial disagreements in the South China Sea need to adhere to the principle of the non-use of force," he said. China – a Russian ally – has pitted itself against its smaller neighbours in claiming disputed islands, coral reefs and lagoons in the South China Sea. — AP



Bangladesh seizes half-tonne of gold from top jeweller

DHAKA, June 4: Bangladeshi authorities have confiscated half a tonne of gold from a top jeweller, officials said today, amid a crackdown on a burgeoning smuggling trade.

Customs officials raided five outlets of Apan Jewellers over several days last month and seized around 500 kilograms of gold and half a kilogram in diamonds.

"We asked the owners to provide legal receipts for the gold but they failed to produce anything," Customs Intelligence and Investigation Department chief Mdoinul Khan told reporters.

Gold smuggling in Bangladesh is at a record high. Authorities say a sizeable amount is sold to unscrupulous local

jewellers, who avoid paying import duties by buying on the black market.

Authorities have seized 1.1 tonnes of gold at the country's airports in the past three years – an unprecedented haul. Much of the gold was smuggled by human "mules", sometimes inside their rectums. The gold confiscated from the jewellers during the raid has been handed to the central bank and will be sold at auction, an official said.

The raids occurred after the son of Apan's owner allegedly bragged of his wealth after he was arrested in connection with a separate high-profile case.

Investigators looking into the source of the family's wealth found a huge stash of unreported

gold worth nearly 2.5 billion taka (USD 312 million).

Bangladesh does not have any gold mines of its own, and relies on imports to fashion rings and other treasures for its booming middle class. The country has imposed strict quotas and high customs duties on gold, effectively choking off legal bullion imports for flourishing jewellery outlets.

The local jewellers association wants the government to allow the bulk import of bullion at a reasonable tax rate.

The association denies wrongdoing and describes raids at jewellers and other businesses as "conspiracies" to destroy the industry, which it says employs 2.2 million people. — AFP



Cambodia's Prime Minister and president of Cambodian People's Party (CPP) Hun Sen casts his vote during local elections in Kandal province, Cambodia on Sunday. — UNI

VALLETTA, June 4: Outgoing Prime Minister Joseph Muscat has retained power in Malta with a commanding victory in an early general election called against a backdrop of corruption allegations against his Labour Party administration. A simple count of ballots today showed a clear enough trend for Muscat, 45, to make an early declaration of victory.

Projections suggested Labour had won 55 per cent of the vote on a 92-per cent turnout, which will translate into a majority of up to nine seats in the 71-seat lower chamber parliament.

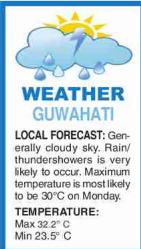
"It is clear that the people have chosen to stay the course," he said, urging Maltese to

vote after a divisive campaign as Labour supporters took to the streets in celebration.

Simon Busuttil, leader of the opposition Nationalist Party (PN), called Muscat to concede defeat. "As always, we respect the decision of the electorate," he said in a Tweet.

The election results there will be no major disruption to the business of the European Union whose rotating presidency Malta holds until the end of this month.

It was the first time since Malta became independent from Britain in 1964 that Labour, now located in the mainstream of European social democracy, has won back-to-back elections. — AFP



STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 4: The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) will start a demand survey in the city from June 12 as part of the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) - Housing for All' mission. The PMAY(U) is an ambitious mission of the Central Government to provide pucca houses to all by the year 2022.

In Assam, it will cover all the 97 Urban Local Bodies (ULB). The ULBs comprise the GMC, Municipal Board and Town Committees.

In Assam, the mission envisages to provide pucca houses to approximately two lakh families.

A comprehensive awareness drive has been undertaken in all the ULBs.

The demand survey to obtain the data of the families residing in ULBs and planning areas without

a pucca house has already started in 96 ULB areas barring GMC.

The demand survey form is being distributed for the purpose. In Guwahati, GMC will start the demand survey from June 12 onwards.

"This is the first comprehensive government scheme in the post-independence era that offers housing to such a wide range of income groups. Houses will be provided in four tailor-made verticals under the mission. They are In-situ Slum Rehabilitation (ISSR), Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), and Beneficiary Led Construction and Enhancement (BL/C/LE) of the dwelling unit," said an official statement.

The mission primarily focuses on providing pucca houses to the economically weaker sections of society whose monthly income is less than Rs 25,000. These families are

entitled to a 30 square metre house with all basic amenities like pure drinking water, sanitary toilets and electricity.

'Housing for All'

Only those families who do not own any pucca house anywhere in India can avail the benefits of the scheme

in municipal ward areas but has not been able to build a pucca house or have an inadequate pucca house of less than 21 square metre because of financial constraints. In such cases, it is now possible for the families to have a pucca house or enhance the inadequate pucca house under the BL/C/LE vertical with government subsidy."

Those families with monthly income up to Rs 1.5 lakh and planning to buy houses with bank loans can get the benefits of interest subsidy by Central Government if they avail benefits under the CLSS vertical under PMAY(U).

"The dynamic structure of the Yojana encompasses people of all income groups and makes them dream of an affordable pucca house," said State Mission Director of PMAY(U) Dr Jeevan B.

He added that the entire process

of demand survey, from form distribution to form submission, is absolutely free of cost at every stage and the procedure is absolutely hassle free.

"Families with less than Rs 25,000 monthly income need not produce any income proof certificate. Under the Mission, a family is defined as husband, wife and unmarried children, and only those families who do not own any pucca house anywhere in India can avail the benefits of PMAY(U)."

He urged every family to participate in the demand survey process to meet the sense of the term.

Demand survey forms can be obtained from the ULBs, mission website www.pmayassam.in and the Android mobile application 'PMAY-U Assam' downloadable from the 'Google Playstore'.

DD programme on commercial floriculture

GUWAHATI, June 4: Doordarshan Kendra Guwahati will telecast a live phone-in programme 'Hello Krish Darshan' on commercial floriculture in Assam on June 7 from 5.30 pm to 6 pm in the 'Krish Darshan' programme.

Dr Sunil Kumar Borah, Principal Scientist of Horticultural Research Station, Assam Agricultural University, and Mowsam Hazarika, Assistant Director (Horticulture), Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing, will take part in the programme. Farmers and other interested persons can call at 0361-2207182, 2207183 and 2207184 to ask questions during the programme. – Staff Reporter

Book of poetry released

GUWAHATI, June 4: The first Assamese poem book written by Devajit Bhuyan without any *aa-kar e-kar ou-kar*, etc., written in the style of *Korotolo Komolo* of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev, was released at Guwahati Press Club today by writer Ismail Hussain.

The book, titled *Korotolo Komolo*, dedicated to Srimanta Sankardev contains 120 poems representing the 120 years of mortal life of the great 15th-century saint.

Kaveri Kachari Rajkonwar, Dr Anup Kumar Gogoi, Professor IIT Guwahati, and Dr Bujit Borgohain, Professor GIET, were also present at the inaugural programme.

All the speakers praised the effort of Bhuyan, an Electrical Engineer by profession and a product of Assam Engineering College, to take ideals of Sankardev to the common people through his unique effort. – Staff Reporter

Applications sought from NE students in US for package

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 4: In line with the Friends of Assam and Seven Sisters (FASS) Welcome Package announced in 2015, FASS has announced to offer Rs 50,000 as a welcome package in 2017 to a selected student from the North East studying in the USA.

The student must be of North East Indian origin from any of the eight states and he or she must be a full-time student in any US university in any subject. The parents should not be working outside India. This welcome package is to help the student with his establishment and miscellaneous expenses during his studies," a statement from FASS said.

Deserving students of the North East can apply for the FASS Welcome Package by sending an emailed application with his/her bio data and details of study to FASS USA (email: friendsofassam@gmail.com) before July 31, 2017, the statement added.

FASS is an international non-profit organisation headquartered in Houston, Texas, for the promotion and welfare of India's North East,

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, June 4: Even as the State is set to celebrate another World Environment Day tomorrow, the growing degradation of the forests and water bodies in and around State capital Guwahati remains a matter of grave concern. Conservationists bemoan that government authorities have totally failed in checking the degeneration of the water-bodies including wetlands, and also the forests.

Take Deepor Beel, a Ramsar Site wetland having immense ecological value for the city. The core area of the water-body also happens to be a Bird Sanctuary.

"Encroachment, dumping of municipal waste, operation of brick kilns in its vicinity, and picnic activities have severely damaged the Deepor Beel's ecosystem, but the authorities have not made any meaningful intervention till date. Growing pollution levels in the water is a major concern for its aquatic fauna," conservationist Moloy Baruah of Early Birds said.

As for other wetlands of the city, like the two Sola Beels and Silsila, and Khamringa on the city outskirts, those have undergone drastic degradation and shrinkage. "These wetlands are bearing the brunt of mounting anthropogenic pressures. Khamringa, which falls in the Amchang sanctuary, is heading towards extinction even though it is directly linked to Amchang's well-being," he added.

A source in the district administration said that the administration was aware of the problems plaguing the wetlands and that a survey was on for removal of all kinds of unauthorised structures near Deepor Beel. Besides, he added, the administration has initiated a number of steps including a ban on transportation and earth-filling around Deepor Beel, study of the existing land use pattern around the wetland, and imposition of strict regulations concerning any misuse of land in and around Deepor Beel.

Recently, the Gauhati High Court, after hearing a PIL, observed that the Assam Government for proper

upkeep of Deepor Beel, but the utilisation certificate and physical progress report for Rs 50.34 lakh released eight years earlier, were yet to be forwarded by the State Government.

The city forests, which include a number of reserved forests besides the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, have also undergone extensive deforestation and large-scale encroachment.

"Widespread encroachment took place at Amchang under

direct political patronage even after it was upgraded to a sanctuary. Comparison of satellite imagery taken in 2004, when Amchang was declared a sanctuary, and in 2012, makes it clear that a substantial area of the forest is under encroachment," Baruah said.

Political patronage behind the encroachment has complicated matters further, with the consequence that the few eviction drives made occasionally had lit-

the impact on the illegal settlers.

A forest official, while acknowledging the problem of encroachment, claimed that some success had been made of late in evicting encroachers. "We have successfully evicted some of the encroachers recently, and the eviction drive will continue," he said.

Baruah, who had been in the forefront of the movement to declare Amchang as a sanctuary, rued the apathy of the State Government and said that unless the illegal settlers were evicted immediately, little would remain of the vibrant wilderness located at a stone's throw from the State capital.

Baruah added that with the once-sylvan city hills losing much of their greenery, the city's natural environment was being subjected to tremendous stress. "Along with loss of green cover, a large number of animals and birds have lost their habitat. If we want the city's temperatures to remain two degree less than what is at present, forests and the wetlands must be restored," he said.

Degradation of forests, water-bodies matter of concern

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.

— THOMAS ALVA EDISON

The Assam Tribune**Tamper 'proof'**

To be sore after losing is all too human a trait, as also to blame someone or something else for the loss! Ever since the Election Commission (EC) of India replaced the paper ballot system with electronic voting machine (EVM) in order to speed up the process of counting and announcement of results, the machine has had its share of blame. Especially after the Assam elections in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, where opposing entities such as the Congress, SP, BSP and AAP received a severe drubbing at the hands of Narendra Modi's BJP; there has been a conjoint hue and cry that EVMs were tampered with in favour of the latter. Earlier, when such a charge was made, the EC was content with merely asserting that an EVM was tamper-proof. However, on this occasion, it went further and openly challenged the 13 Opposition parties which had questioned the reliability of the voting machines to publicly demonstrate how these could be tampered with. This was a bold and effective move to remove any scepticism which might have lingered in the mind of the Indian voters due to the incessant blame-game indulged by the political parties. It may be recalled that an AAP member had ostensibly 'demonstrated' in the Delhi Assembly how an EVM can be manipulated, thereby enhancing doubt in the minds of the people and casting a shadow on the EC's integrity.

Though the gauntlet had been thrown by the EC, none of the political parties, not even the AAP, dared to pick it up! This has underlined the Commission's contention that EVMs could not be manipulated to favour any specific party and enabled the Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi to assert that the issue now stands closed. Thus the plea of the Opposition parties to revert to the paper ballot system has been rejected and in future all elections would be conducted using EVMs. In fact, the introduction of machines had served to stem fraudulent practices such as stuffing of pre-stamped ballot papers into ballot boxes. A reversal to the obsolete paper ballot system now would be turning the clock back. As an added precaution, the EC has announced that there would be hundred per cent use of paper trail machines so that any allegation of impropriety can be checked. However, while maintaining a paper trail is essential, the EC must ensure confidentiality whenever machines in specific areas are checked. In the past political parties which have been put on the saddle are known to have wreaked vengeance on areas which had not voted for them by deliberately withholding infrastructural development. An individual's vote is supposed to be a personal choice and should not be placed in the public domain. Previously, paper ballots were mixed to avoid identification of areas; the EC would do well to devise something similar to retain confidentiality.

Crime against women

Recent times have witnessed a shocking spurt in heinous crimes committed on women in the State. Incidents of rape, and rape and murder, are increasingly hitting media headlines. In the latest instance, a schoolteacher was raped and murdered in Nagaon a few days back, and which came close on the heels of a similar incident in Karbi Anglong. In fact, the past one year or so witnessed a noticeable rise in such gruesome incidents. This is an extremely serious situation that warrants police and civil society to act in a mannered manner to check this trend. The failure of the police in nabbing the culprits as also its inability to present a strong case against the guilty even when arrests are made, has ensured that the law is fast losing its deterrent effect on the criminals. The State Government on its part has totally failed to treat the development in the urgency and sincerity the matter deserves. A society where women do not feel secure can not at all be called a civilized society. Therefore, the Government must activate its machinery to deal effectively with such heinous crimes. As per the yearly figures of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Assam has been among the worst performing States when it comes to protecting the rights of women, with an abnormally high incidence of crime against women for the past several years. Poor enforcement again has its roots in the abysmal level of gender sensitization of our public functionaries, compounding the plight of the victimized women. Then, a decadent, corrupt and highly materialistic culture bereft of values is having a huge impact on crimes against women.

While enforcement is a must to tackle crimes against women, any long-term strategy to fight the scourge has to hit at the deep-rooted societal prejudices that regard woman as inferior to man and reduces her to a mere commodity. In a male chauvinistic society, many males really feel that it is not quite a bad thing to violate a woman. An enabling home environment where male members are taught to respect women has to be the first step towards effecting lasting societal changes. Addressing the issues of gender-related inequity and poor development indices for women must be accorded priority as a matter of policy. Skewed gender indices reveal areas of concern such as adverse sex ratio, low female life expectancy rates, high fertility rates, illiteracy, etc., where women are left in a vulnerable position. Women's access to health care, education and employment continues to be alarmingly low in the State. It is this disadvantageous position that makes women susceptible to different forms of violence. If women are to be ensured their rightful status in society, it is imperative that a forward-looking and dynamic gender policy is put in place, besides of course, strengthening the law-enforcing system. The policy must outline a set of proactive interventions and create the environment and receptivity required for it to be successful.

Skilling youth key to tackle unemployment

■ **Kaustavmoni Das**

Although the Narendra Modi-led Government made many policy changes and scripted dramatic reforms towards good governance in the last three years, but the issue of unemployment continues to remain a big challenge for the Government. Ironically, the ruling Government has promised to create one crore jobs every year in their poll manifesto. According to the statistics of the Labour Bureau, the job creation from April 2015 to December 2016 is 3.36 lakh, which is considered as much lower in comparison to 10 lakh jobs generated in 2009 under the UPA regime. In India, every a huge number of youths graduate but due to unavailability of opportunities, they are not being able to earn their livelihoods. About 1.5 million engineers pass out every year but 80% of them remain unemployed. If we go by these figures, it would not be wrong to say that the present Central Government has failed to create jobs for youths of every year.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its *Economic Survey, 2017* report recommended India to immediately skill up the youth to get them employed in the new economy jobs to downsize the unemployment rate. Moreover, the report pointed out that in India, the employers did not find the required skills among job-seekers to engage them.

In Assam also, unemployment is a smouldering problem. As per data available with the National Statistical Commission, in rural areas, Keralas has the worst record with 21.7% of its educated youth unemployed followed by Assam with about 15%.

Over the years the unemployment percentage among the educated youth has been mounting high because Assam has a very negligible presence of private companies and manufacturing plants and only a handful of youth are privileged to get government jobs. The number of educated unemployed youth, who have registered themselves with the employment exchanges across Assam until February 2017 stands at 15,23,533, while it was 13,51,000 in 2010.

To overcome this burning problem, the state education system must inculcate skill development courses on optional or elective basis in due consultation with the industry leaders, so that there will be a scope open for youths to use that skill to earn a livelihood.

Meanwhile, to trounce the present unemployment crisis, the Government has on a priority basis stressed on skilling up the rural as well as urban youths. May be in the next one to two years, the country would witness a visible impact of various skill development programmes taken up by the Central Government in collaboration with the State governments to cut down the rate of unemployment. The Government is planning to train 500,000 youths in diversified skill development trades by 2022. Moreover, some skill development courses have the option to engage the trainees in on-the-job training (OJT) to have hand experience in doing works as per the skills they learnt. That will definitely make it easier for them

to find opportunities.

For proper skilling of youths, it is utmost important to have good trainers for quality training delivery. Keeping that in mind, the Centre has recently taken a welcome initiative by directing all training providers/institutions to ensure the availability of qualified and certified trainers. As per the direction made by the Centre, trainers must have qualification as prescribed by the National Council on Vocational Training-

the trainees with the highest level of knowledge, skills and aptitude as per the industry demand. The NSQF has also laid down the instructions that it is mandatory for all training providers to have industry/employer partners to provide opportunities to the youths. To regulate and implement the NSQF six stakeholders are put in place with different responsibilities, namely, National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), Sector Skill Councils (SSC), Central ministries, State governments, regulatory institutions like the UGC, NCVT, AICTE and school boards, and training providers/institutes. The NSQF has the highest level of standard to skill up the youth as per the demands of the job market.

Gauging the importance of skill development among youths, the UGC has also launched their Skill Development Bureau by introducing skill-based courses through the community colleges scheme as per the National Occupational Standards (NOS). In India, skill development trainings are being imparted for two objectives, i.e., for wage employment and self-employment through various schemes. The Central and State governments have been giving entrepreneurship opportunities for those who have obtained skill development trainings by providing them bank loans to set up own businesses, and all these skill development courses are taught as per the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) to acquaint

based courses though the community colleges scheme as per the National Occupational Standards (NOS). But, if we look at the colleges in Assam, we can find that only a handful of colleges have vocational training courses under the scheme of community colleges. The need of the hour is to introduce skill development courses along with compulsory exposure of internship-cum-training at industrial sectors in each undergraduate college, so that the gap between the degrees obtained and employability gets decreased. The UGC has also initiated the opening of 'Kaushal Kendras' across the country to provide skills as per indus-

ters, TV, video games, music, cell phones, etc. An internet security company investigation found that young children find playing a computer game and opening a web browser easier than swimming or riding a bicycle. Children no longer have the opportunity to play freely in nature or explore the woods and parks, and this could be due to fewer natural areas that are accessible. Children's time has been structured by their folks, their lives more protected as parents worry about strangers, insects, bites, germs and diseases. Schools are also meanwhile cutting back on field trips. This can be due to various factors like less outdoor space, especially in urban places, busy schedule, and most importantly, technology has overwhelmed the humans. This in turn has led to a population which is burdened by chronic communicable and non-communicable diseases which has further decreased the quality of life and has increased the health care costs.

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■ **Lipika Sarmah**

Nature itself is the best physician.

— Hippocrates

connection with nature is a sense of cojoined destiny between the human race and the rest of Mother Nature. Our sense of connection begins when we are born as part of the natural world, into the natural world. We have to realize the fact that Nature is not just something outside, but we are a part of it. It is a strange fact that the same water that flows in the ocean, runs through our bloodstream too. Our body and bones are built of minerals and vitamins, which are found in nature. The exchange of gases between the human body and the environment also reveals the connection with nature which has been created right from our birth till incarnation. This in turn gives our physical body back to Mother Earth.

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Lifestyle modification, with medical management, diet, physical activity and behaviour therapy including stress management are recommended for the control of these conditions. Spending time in nature has

been shown to reduce stress and improve our physical health. Adults who work in spaces incorporating nature into their design are more productive, healthy and creative; and hospital patients with a view of nature from their windows heal faster. That's where the green concept in architecture has also come up, which includes more sunlight in the interiors to heal and keep a positive vibe within.

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Letters to the EDITOR

Sir — Though one year is not enough to discuss about the achievements and drawbacks of a ruling Government, there are few points which have to be reconciled by the Sonowal Government as early as possible. Apart from the activities already started by the Government, it should focus on the speedy and purposeful implementations of the promises made during the electioneering. We have noticed that the progress of employment generation, work on improvement of worn-out road conditions in every corner, delivering health and medical services to all, solving the problems of farmers, adequate power generation and control of prices of essential commodities — all this has not been up to the mark in the year gone by. We cannot give full credit to this Government for their role of corruption as the whole issue of climate change and the protection of earth from its dangerous impact. The greenhouse effect

corrupt politicians till now and for creating a doubtful atmosphere inside the administration that the Government has been selective in taking anti-corruption steps. On the other hand, this Government should publish time-bound activities of every plan being implemented so that the people can be aware of the progress of the works done. A popular government cannot ignore the public opinion as a whole and we the public at the same time should extend our wholehearted support for every constructive work by the Government. Yours etc., TIKENDRA BARUAH, Kaliapara, Guwahati.

US decision

Sir — Proposes the news item

that the US decided to withdraw from the Paris pact was quite appropriate, as such the US decided to withdraw from the Paris pact is uncalled for. The countries with the highest carbon emission rates are China and the US followed by Russia and India. So anything that is required to ameliorate the situation of global warming is to be taken up by these two countries, i.e., China and the US at the first place. Other countries must not be compelled to pay heavily for such unworthy act of one nation. Yours etc., Dr HARENDRANATH PATHAK, Golaghat.

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BJP-led State Govt: many miles to go

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Major oil theft racket busted near Refinery

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 4: Noonmat police today busted a major oil theft gang operating near the Guwahati Refinery and leads have pointed to involvement of tanker drivers in the racket as well.

A police team led by the Noonmat Assistant Commissioner of Police Purabi Mazumdar caught two oil thieves near the LG Tower point. The duo was caught while they were trying to pilfer oil from tankers parked at the place.

"There have been frequent reports of oil theft in the area. Yesterday, while I was on a routine patrol late in the night, we saw some people atop a

tanker. There were around five tankers parked at the place. The tankers are not supposed to park there. We were suspicious. When we flashed the torchlight on the duo they immediately jumped off and tried to run. But, my PSO and I were successful nabbing them," Mazumdar told *The Assam Tribune*.

Police recovered three big drums (of 200 litres each) and eight smaller gallons full of diesel from the incident site. According to the ACB, the seized diesel will be around 800 litres.

The accused were identified as Bir Singh Nunisa (20) and Bijoy Ghosh (32), one of the kingpins of the piffle racket. They have been booked under Sections 379/411/285 of the IPC.

SC seeks ...

(Contd from page 1) that reasons should be recorded for effecting an arrest in cases carrying a seven-year term or less," he said.

The officer giving details of the case said that a local rioting incident took place under the Silaphat police station on March 6 where an office of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) was ransacked and a case was registered against various persons alleged to be members of an organisation called Nikhil Bharat Bangali Ubastu Samannay Samiti.

On March 6, Samiti chief Subodh Biswas had allegedly instigated a mob at a rally with his speech that led to the incident. He was later arrested on March 22 from a place close to the Bangladesh border in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas. - PTI



Oil India Limited Chairman-cum-Managing Director Utpal Bora greeting Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on the completion of one year of the BJP-led State Government, in Guwahati recently.

Amendment of Plantation Labour Act sought

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 4: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has sought amendment to the Plantation Labour Act 1951 to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Right to Education Act 2009 and also the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015.

The Commission will soon survey all the tea gardens of the North East and North Bengal to check the compliance of the Right to Education Act.

Addressing the media here, Priyanka Kanongo, Member (Education), NCPCR today said that with North East as a major focus area of the Union Government, steps are being taken by the Commission to address the issues related to child welfare.

"There are several new legislations related to children

like the RTE Act or the JJ Act and it must be ensured that the provisions of these Acts must not clash with old laws. The Plantation Labour Act has provision for free education for tea garden children up to 12 years of age, whereas free and compulsory education is a must up to 14 years now," he stated.

The Commission will also come up with a report on the condition of schools in 600 tea gardens of Assam.

Further, in order to channelise the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding towards the Northeastern States, the NCPCR along with the State Social Welfare Department and the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights is organising a multi-stakeholder regional convention of the NE States on June 5 to focus on CSR participation for strengthening the

child welfare and child education mechanism in the region.

"The role of CSR activity of top 250 corporate groups was negligible in the NE States, as per a study by NGO Box in 2015. Similarly, as per a CII study of 2016, only 11 per cent of the CSR fund spent by top 1,200 corporate houses was directed towards the North East. Through this convention, we want to make the corporate houses aware about the possibilities and ways of taking up CSR activities in the field of child welfare, education, etc. With the participation of the government departments concerned of all the Northeastern States, State Commission for protection of Child Rights and leading CSR and corporate houses, we are sure about channelling some good CSR projects for children in the region," he added.

Terror attack in ...

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National campaigning for the June 8 general election was suspended for the day in respect to the victims, but Prime Minister Theresa May insisted that the elections would go ahead as planned.

Speaking outside Downing Street after she chaired the emergency COBRA meeting with senior security chiefs, May said, "Violence can never be allowed to disrupt the democratic process." She said, "It is time to say enough is enough" and called for tougher measures to contain Islamic extremism in Britain.

She said the recent terror attacks in Britain, while not directly linked, are bound together by the single evil ideology of Islamist extremism."

"It is an ideology that is a perversion of Islam and a perversion of the truth. Defeating this ideology is one of the great challenges of our time... We believe we are experiencing a new trend in the threat we face as terrorism breeds terrorism," she said.

The Prime Minister said attacks are now inspired by copying one another and often using the crudest of means of attack. "We cannot and must not pretend that things can continue as they are," she said.

She revealed that the UK's security and intelligence services have disrupted "five credible plots" since the Parliament attack in London in March. The British Prime Minister also announced in her plans to review the UK's counter-terrorism legislation. - PTI

Security in Bhupen ...

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Bhupen Hazarika Setti so that no militant can target it and operations in the areas near the bridge have also been intensified.

Sources pointed out that China is apparently not happy over the construction of the bridge, which not only improved road connectivity of the area but also gave a fillip to India's defence preparedness as it opened another route to the international border. The 9.15-km-long bridge is also designed to handle heavy tanks and perhaps that is why China made such a statement immediately after it was inaugurated.

Polic sources said that of late China and Pakistan have become close and the recent opening of the China-Pakistan economic corridor is an example in this regard. That is why, the report of an ISI operative entering India and movement of militants in the areas near the bridge are causing concern for security agencies. Immediately after receiving the input about an ISI agent, the superintendents of police of all the districts have been alerted. "But the problem is that we do not have any specific details. It was only an intelligence input," the sources added.

On threat to the bridge from the Northeast-based militants, sources said there were reports of movement of militants in that area. "We do not have specific inputs about any militant outfit targeting the bridge. But it is a known fact that Chinese agencies had asked Northeast-based militant outfits to work jointly, following which they launched a series of joint operations. The possibility of the militants targeting the bridge to please China cannot be ruled out and that is why police is not taking any chance," the sources added.

Though militancy is on the wane in the State, the major problem is that the militants still have strong bases in parts of Arunachal Pradesh, particularly in Tirap and Changlang districts and in Mon and Tinsukia districts of Nagaland. Taking advantage of the terrain in the inter-state border areas, they can sneak into Assam and strike before retreating to their hideouts, the sources pointed out.

A tribute to Late Kanak Choudhury



"It's not who you are born as. It's what you do that defines you & your life." January 13th 1941, Bhogalee Bihu, the birth of the third son to Late Dr. Kumud Choudhury & Late Mrs Kamakhya Bai Choudhury of Panbazar, Guwahati. They named him "Kanak" who later was known by many as Kanak Choudhury Sir. He grew up within the lanes of Panbazar and attended Don Bosco School. From a young age, he enjoyed reading books, journals and this carried over to later years of his life. He was very goal oriented and believed in spending quality time towards his health and gathering knowledge. He used body building as a tool to stay healthy and utilized his spare time in reading. After completing his class 12 from Cotton College, he joined Assam Engineering College to study Mechanical Engineering & simultaneously enrolled himself in air pilot training classes in the Guwahati Airport. He always said "I got up at 3am and by 4am I started for Airport in their official jeep, reach airport, take flying classes and by 8am I am in the engineering college for my regular classes and in the evening I go to the gym." This was his lifestyle, but beyond that was his personality. He received his commercial piloting license but was unable to pursue it as a career because his eye sight became weak and started wearing prescription glasses. He didn't get disheartened by this adversity. He finished his engineering degree. He could have easily joined a governmental official job, since he belonged to the family of Late Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Honourable Ex-Chief Minister of Assam). But decided to develop a profession on the strength of his engineering degree. So he became general insurance company's surveyor and loss assessor in the year 1972. He worked hard, travelled throughout Northeast India and by 1980 he established himself as one of the main surveyors of India. When IRDA (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) was formed, they acknowledged his accomplishments and allocated 'A' category in all 5 survey departments. He was the sole Indian to acquire this feat - 'A' in Fire, Marine Cargo, Engineering, Motor and Miscellaneous - the five survey departments. Alongside his surveyor profession, he started the profession of valuation and had valued nearly all prominent properties within Northeast India for all existing bank and financial institutions. He was a fellow member of Institution of Engineers, Institution of Valuers and Institution of Insurance Surveyor & Adjusters. In 2002, Banks were empowered with Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, (Safaisi Act 2002) to recover its bad loans. By 2003, Late Kanak Choudhury Sir, created the required infrastructure to help banks under this Act. He said "when in 2003 I went to bank for discussion of Safaisi Act, just very few Bank managers knew the procedures laid out in the Act for recovery. I have to teach them what to be done" This was his attitude towards his profession, be prepared, do your homework thoroughly, gather ample knowledge about the subject and then start marketing your skills. He was very professional and knowledgeable about every aspect of his work. He was also a chartered engineer but in this region chartered engineering profession has not yet grown but lately he tried to develop this unique profession. In his entire career he had trained more than twenty five engineers in his profession.

He was married to Late Rajula Choudhury and they raised three beautiful children. He loved children and used to gift books to many underprivileged children in Guwahati. He was also helping children all over the world by donating to CRY (Child Relief and You) foundation. Likewise he loved animals beyond our imagination.

On 5th June 2016, an unfortunate incident claimed his life and he departed for heavenly abode. Till his death he read countless books and was thoroughly active in his profession. He was a hard worker and a 'go-getter'. He always praised and thanked his father Late Dr. Kumud Choudhury for showing and teaching him to walk "the right path" in life and respected him for all the love and sacrifice his father made for his family.

We bid adieu to you but shall never be able to bid farewell. You Sir, were an exceptional man and led an exceptional life. May solace prevail in the hearts of all those who lost Late Kanak Choudhury Sir. You will always remain in our hearts and inspire many generations.

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Bodoland movement groups resume agitation



People at the mass rally organised by the Bodoland movement groups at Rowta on Sunday and (right) the movement leaders addressing the people. — Photos: Kalaignan Correspondent



CORRESPONDENT

KALAGAON, June 4: Demanding adoption of a clear-cut and pragmatic policy decision from the Government, regard-

ing formation of Bodoland, nearly one lakh people attended a central mass gathering at Rowta in Udalguri district on June 3.

The programme was jointly organised by the ABSU, NDFB

(P) and PIACBMS as part of their series of movements, demanding Bodoland State. The NH-15 was totally blocked for several hours, disrupting vehicular traffic. The mass gathering was at-

tended and addressed by several leaders like Sapanjit Samaj, working president, Vidhara Raja Agadhi, Maharashtra, Neeraj Khandelwal, secretary, Nagpur; Gobinda Basumatari,

general secretary, NDFB (P), Dr Nabla, chairman, NDFB, Guneswar Goyari, MCLA, BTC, Pradip Kumar Daimari, general secretary UPF; Pramod Boro, president and Dipen Boro, vice-president, ABSU etc.

According to Pramod Boro, the president of the ABSU, the movement group resumed its democratic mass movement through this mass gathering at Rowta. He also announced the following series of programme to be continued until the Government resolves the issue once and for all. There will be a two-hour 'Black Out' from 6 to 8 pm on June 12, national seminar in the month of July, economic blockade in September etc.

ABSU reiterates demand to solve pending issues

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, June 4: The All Bodo Students' Union has alleged that the long-pending Bodo issues have not been resolved even after a sustained movement for 30 years. The vice-president of the students' body, Dipen Boro told this correspondent, "The present Government held tripartite talks with the movement group on April 26 last with the commitment of fulfilling the demands raised by the ABSU and its sister groups. But there is no policy direction or separate State as yet."

He said that the ABSU's abiding concern was to protect and safeguard the identity, distinct culture and history of the

Bodos and the all round development of the Bodo medium, quality education, socio-economic etc. All these can be resolved only by the creation of Bodoland. The creation of Bodoland was the commitment of the present ruling Government at the Centre in its election manifesto for the 2014 general polls, which said that if voted to power, the new Government will take the initiative in resolving the Bodo issue. "The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at election rallies at Mangaldoi and Bongaigaon had announced that the party would take up the Bodo issue after coming to power. Now, the same party is leading the nation, it is their obligation and democratic duty to provide jus-

tice to its citizens and the oldest community of the country. The Centre should take equal responsibility in solving the Bodoland issue like the Naga and Jamuna & Kashmir problems through a peaceful and democratic process. It is also a golden opportunity for the Government as all the armed groups of the Bodos are now in ceasefire and are waiting for meaningful negotiations. We sincerely appeal to the Prime Minister to look into the hearts of the Bodo people who supported the BJP in the last general election," he said.

The Union also urged the Government to continue the tripartite talks in the coming days for an early solution and in building a peaceful environment under Panchayati Raj system. He urged the Chief Minister to look into the matter and resolve all pending issues for the all round development of the community.

Pointing out to the sorry state of the Bodo medium schools, Dipen Boro further said that a critical situation awaits the Bodo medium students with zero teacher, single teacher, venture school, non-provincialisation of posts, lack of sufficient textbooks etc. "We demand to fulfil all those shortages before observing programmes like 'Gunotsav'. Until and unless the basic needs of education for the children are fulfilled, celebration of programmes like Gunotsav are meaningless," he said.

Dacoit kingpin arrested

CORRESPONDENT

RANGIYA, June 4: Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rangeya police led by SDPO Pranab Pegu on Saturday arrested one Haifizi Rahman of Rangeya Station road in connection with a number of dacoity cases.

Police recovered an LCD TV set and other articles from his possession in dacoity case at Tibu by the accused. A number of cases have been lodged with police against Rahman.

OBITUARY

Foyez Uddin Ahmed Laskar

GUWAHATI, June 4: Foyez Uddin Ahmed Laskar, Retired District and Sessions Judge passed away on May 29 after a brief illness. He was 68.

He is survived by his wife and a son Shahri Laskar.

The Assam Judicial Service Association, Tezpur unit conducted the demise of Laskar at a meeting held on May 30 at its office at Tezpur.

Shyamal Baruah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, June 4: Shyamal Baruah, a young businessman who once stirred up a movement to demand river ports over Brahmaputra in the city here for better inland water transport services, passed away on Friday following illness in a private nursing home in Dehing Patkai.

Baruah, a former AACU leader and later ULFA leader, was also the owner of the City Regency Hotel complex here. He had formed the Assam Bikash Mancha to carry out social activities. He had also joined the Trinamool Congress and had contested once in the Assembly elections. Baruah was vocal in demanding better infrastructure in the town and converting the region into a tourist destination.

Baruah originally hailed from Namrup. After he laid down arms, he settled here to engage himself in trade and commerce. He had shifted his residence to Guwahati following the illness. He leaves behind his parents, wife and a daughter.



Kanubala Devi: a tribute

Our beloved 'Aita', Kanubala Devi breathed her last on May 26 last. The youngest daughter-in-law of the legendary tea planter of Assam, Late Someswar Sarma, she was the vital thread that bound our vast and far-flung family. She embraced one and all into her fold with her pure heart and radiance. Her selfless dedication to keep the entire joint family together seems unimaginable in to-

day's world that is filled with disharmony. There isn't a soul who met her that wasn't touched by her warmth and compassion. A visit to 'Aita's ghor' was a must for any family member passing through Jorhat.

Marrid at a very young age to an aristocratic tea planter family, she perhaps didn't have the opportunity to complete her formal education. However, she was an avid reader of Assamese and Bengal literature and updated herself with developments through her daily dose of newspapers. She in fact named my sister after her favourite Bengali author, Asupurba Devi.

She led a full life with the host of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and she devoted her life to the well-being of the family. She loved to feed all those who entered her home and was active socially.

Today on the day of her *adishwarbaddha*, we commit ourselves to continue her legacy of love, selflessness and compassion, as we learn to take our lives forward without her presence.

— Dr Priyangshu Manab Sarma (Dimpu)

Rasendra Nath Dev Sarmah

Rasendra Nath Dev Sarmah, my beloved 'Rasen Peha', a retired Divisional Forest Officer of Assam and a resident of Jyoti Nagar, Guwahati left for his heavenly abode on May 26. His demise has left us all shattered and heartbroken, as he was a very jolly person with pleasant and ever-smiling personality. Our family get-together

will be so quiet now without his extremely enjoyable presence.

Born in 1938, the sixth son of Late Narendra Nath Dev Sarmah of Bhawanipur village of Barpeta district, he began his career in the Department of Forest, Government of Assam and sincerely rendered his duties till his retirement as a Divisional Forest Officer. After retirement, he was closely associated with various socio-cultural activities of

Jyoti Nagar area including Jyoti Nagar Namghar and Puja Committee. He was popular among everyone irrespective of caste, creed, profession and age, who came into his contact due to his people-friendly and helpful attitude.

Today, on the day of his *adishwarbaddha*, I along with his family members, relatives, friends and well-wishers, pray to the Almighty for the eternal peace of his departed soul.

— Dhrubajyoti Goswami

Concern over falling academic standards in Hailakandi dist

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, June 4: A section of parents have expressed serious concern over the deterioration of academic standards in the government schools and fall of pass percentage in Hailakandi district in the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination.

The pass percentage of Hailakandi district in the HSLC examination is 38.71%. Official sources informed that the pass percentage in the HSLC examination is much better than the neighbouring Cachar (32.49%) and Karimganj (32.89%) districts. Private schools passed in second division while two passed in third division. The school secured 89 letters in the different subjects. The overall pass percentage of the school is 92.59%. The percentage of Blue Flowers English Medium School of Hailakandi is 93.24%. Sixty-nine students passed out in the school of the 74 appeared with eight distinctions and 18 stars. Sixty-three

and six students secured first and second divisions respectively. The number of letter marks carried by the students is 160. Altogether 39 students appeared from St. Mary's School and 38 passed out with flying colours. Thirty-seven students secured first division.

In another premier institute, Sisir Sudan English Medium School, 33 students passed of the 37 appeared with one distinction and 8 stars. Students carried 68 letters.

The dismal performance of Government VM Higher Secondary School frustrated the people of the district. The pass percentage of the school is 30%. Similarly, the pass percentage of Public Higher Secondary School is 31%.

Altogether 6,549 students appeared in the HSLC examination from Hailakandi district this year and passed 2,335 students. Of them, 793, 1,046 and 696 secured first, second and third divisions respectively.



Boro girls performing their traditional dance during Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas Sammelan at Boko in Kamrup district on Saturday. — UB Photos

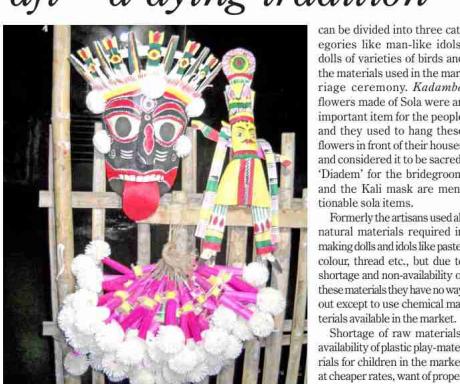
Flood rescue drill carried out at Dharamtul

Nat'l workshop

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMOOGAON, June 4: The Department of Zoology, Tinsukia College has organised a UGC-sponsored national workshop on Traditional Knowledge on August 29-30. Being held for the first time in North East India on various aspects of traditional knowledge, the workshop is being held in collaboration with the Tuberous Research Station, Tinsukia of Assam Agricultural University and E&E an environmental NGO.

Dr Debjani Roy, former Director, Centre for Traditional Knowledge System, IGNOU and presently advisor THPS Quality Council of India, New Delhi will deliver the key note address.



Sola craft – a dying tradition

AMBUNATH SHARMA

GAURIPUR, June 4: Sola craft, an indigenous handicraft of the Malakar community of the district of Dhubri was once an important part of the Hindu rituals. The idols of gods and goddesses made of sola were important materials in the puja festivals of the people of the district and its absence in the rituals could never be imagined.

Raja Prabhat Chandra Barua, the Zaminder of Gauripur Royal Estate was the chief patron of the sola craft. During his reign, he encouraged the artisans to make various idols of gods and goddesses and helped them financially. His family members always encouraged the artisans and they were provided land and shelter. His daughter Nilima Barua went to various parts of the country and abroad and arranged exhibition of various items of sola craft and was highly appreciated. Her contribution was worthy of being mentioned. Even her son, Abhijit Barua also helped her in popularising the sola craft.

Prabhat Chandra Barua summoned Late Umakanta Malakar from Dhemdhepi village and arranged food and lodgings for him and asked him to make idols for puja rituals. Karen Malakar, one of the close

relatives of Umakanta Malakar and a State awardee presently residing near the Royal Palace of Gauhati, Assam is making various idols and paintings. She has turned into a master craftsman. He used to train the young interested youths in the workshops held under the guidance and collaboration of the office of the Assistant Development Commissioner, Handicraft and Textiles, Govt of India.

After abolition of the zamindary system in 1957, there was nobody to patronise the artisans and dark days were looming ahead. Presently a very small number of aged people of the Malakar community residing at Golaguri, Dhemdhepi, Agnoman, Baterhat, Matherbari, Gauripur are somehow running the business with much difficulty. The new generation is not at all interested in the traditional art of making various items from sola. The dolls and other items

can be divided into three categories like man-like idols, dolls of varieties of birds and the materials used in the marriage ceremony. Kadamba flowers made of sola were an important item for the people and they used to hang these flowers in front of their houses and considered it to be sacred. 'Diadem' for the bridegroom and the Kali mask are mentionable sola items.

Formerly the artisans used all natural materials required in making dolls and idols like paste, colour, thread etc., but due to shortage and non-availability of these materials they have no way out except to use chemical materials available in the market.

Shortage of raw materials, availability of plastic play-mate-

rials for children in the market at cheaper rates, want of proper market, absence of formation of self-help groups, financial strains etc., pose a threat to this traditional sola craft industry and it is gradually losing its importance in the society. As a result, the sola-craft industry has to fight for its existence with limited opportunity at hand and therefore, the Government should come forward to help the artisans so that the traditional craft can survive and arrange facilities for publicity and marketing by arranging exhibition and sale fairs frequently in the State and outside.

Plea to protect environment

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, June 4: Nagaland Governor PB Acharya has appealed to all Government departments and agencies, educational institutions, nature lovers, industrialists, corporate leaders, traders, NGOs to come forward for protecting the environment for a better tomorrow and for the future generations.

While extending greetings to the people of the state on World Environment Day, Acharya hoped that the occasion will give thrust to the commitment towards preservation and protection of our pristine environment.

In his message, he stated that World Environment Day is observed every year to create global awareness for protection of nature and earth and also to take positive environmental actions.

"World Environment Day has developed into a global platform for public outreach with participation from over 143 countries, usually including India. First held in the year 1974, it has been a flagship campaign in creating awareness on emerging environmental issues and this year the theme of the celebration is 'Connecting People to Nature', the Governor explained.

Stating that the people of Nagaland have been living in harmony with nature since time immemorial, Acharya said unfortunately, hasty and unrestrained industrialisation, urbanisation and increased human intervention have resulted in degradation of environment which in turn affect the climate conditions and cause global warming. It is indeed heartening to note that the state and its people over the years are showing concern for environmental protection and preservation, he said.

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AIZAWL, June 4: There are as many as 1,088,641 subscribers of different mobile phone service providers in Mizoram which is 99.21 per cent against the total population of over 10.97 lakh, according to Mizoram Economic Survey 2016-17.	
Airtel has the highest number of subscribers at 3,95,211, followed by BSNL at 1,99,484 subscribers. While Aircel has 2,61,086, Vodafone has 170,994 subscribers. The Economic Survey did not mention other service providers including Reliance.	
BSNL, the first Indian state-owned telecommunication company that came to Mizoram had only a merger 2,450 subscribers when it was first launched in the state in 2003-2004. Although the telecom company has now crossed 1,99,484 subscribers, the number of subscribers	
has gradually declined possibly due to arrival of other service providers.	
The number of PCO booths have also reduced to a great extent. While there were over 1,394 PCO booths in Mizoram during the initial period roughly between 2007-2008, the number has significantly declined and is very minimal now.	
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Indian envoy favours new railway link with Bangladesh

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, June 4: Indo-Bangla rail connectivity through Agartala and Akhaura is well underway but the same connectivity may be materialised through Belonia in South Tripura district too.

Discussing this at a brief interview with the media Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Srivastava said that Indo-Bangla relationship in all spheres was in for a further uplift sooner rather than later.

Srivastava arrived here on Saturday and made a courtesy call to Chief Minister Manik Sarkar and later held a long meeting with Chief Secretary Sanjeev Ranjan, Director of Industry VJ Jenner and Transport Commissioner Sri Ram Taranikant. Later speaking to mediapersons Srivastava



said that connectivity between the two countries was expanding fast and since all the problems related to Agartala-Akhaura railway connectivity had been resolved, a new connectivity through Belonia was being considered.

"Tripura is now giving 100 MW of power to Bangladesh and 60 more will be given soon. On the other hand, progress in the construction of a bridge across the river Pheni is also satisfactory. So, we look forward to further improvement in relationship with Bangladesh," said Srivastava.

He added that Ashuwanji port in Bangladesh was being renovated as the Bangladeshi Government was agreeable to let India use the port.

Meanwhile, construction work of a bridge in the Feni river connecting both sides is scheduled to kick start next month, according to official sources.

"One Ahmedabad-based construction firm Dineshchandra R Agrawal had been awarded the task to construct a bridge over the river Feni", said a senior PWD official.



Arunachal CM stresses welfare schemes

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, June 4: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has suggested the BJP Mahila Morcha to spread the good works of the government, adding that the members of the Mahila Morcha in all districts should be made aware of the flagship programmes launched. He also laid emphasis on proper implementation of the welfare schemes.

"They should be made vital participatory members in carrying ahead the welfare schemes of the government to the beneficiaries at the grass-roots level," said the Chief Minister, while interacting with the presidents of District Mahila Morcha of the party led by the state BJP Mahila Morcha president on Rongali at his residence here on Sunday.

The Chief Minister lauded the members of the organisation for being home runnners in society having wider and deeper connection with the general mass.

He further urged the members to create awareness among the public about the welfare schemes of the government, particularly the entrepreneurship development scheme Bunkar Yojana, Swakam, Yojana, skill development, sanitary programme, etc.

The Chief Minister requested them to play an active role in spreading party ideology among the masses so as to make the party organization stronger.

The Mahila Morcha leaders while speaking to the Chief Minister raised issues on lack of basic services in the districts like education, health and sanitation. They also requested the BJP legislators in their respective constituencies should involve Mahila Morcha in all party-based programmes and state welfare programmes.

Govt ready to hold talks with groups opposing railway projects: Lyngdoh

SHILLONG, June 4: Meghalaya Home Minister H D R Lyngdoh said the state government is ready to hold talks with those groups opposing railway projects in the Khasi Jaintia Hills region.

The Home Minister's statement comes days after seven Khasi Students Union activists were arrested for an attack at a railway construction site in Ri-Bhoi district and sporadic petrol bomb attacks in the state capital here.

"The government can consider having a dialogue but violence and acts of vandalism must end first," the Home Minister told PTI.

He said although the KSU leaders had sought an appointment with him demanding the state government to hold a dialogue with the influential students body, he could not meet them as he was not in station.

The KSU had openly aired their opposition to the extension of the railways in the eastern Khasi Jaintia Hills region of the state for fear of influx of outsiders.

Marak criticises BJP

CORRESPONDENT

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Rongmei tribe recognition withdrawn

ITANAGAR, June 4: In pursuance of the decision of the National Cabinet, the recognition of Rongmei tribe as one of the indigenous Nagas tribes of Nagaland as notified by the Government vide Notification No.Hom/SC/TA-G/2017 (P)-J/34, 2012 has been withdrawn with immediate effect.

However, according to a notification, altogether 1,313 people belonging to the Rongmei tribe, already identified by the Government of Nagaland through special enumeration process as having permanently settled in the present territory of Nagaland prior to 1983, along with their legitimate descendants, would continue to enjoy the status, privileges and entitlements of indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland. – Correspondent

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CM asks for disposal of public petitions at review meeting

BUREAU

DIBRUGARH, June 4: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today emphasised on better coordination between public representatives and administrative machinery for effective implementation of rural development schemes in the State. He made this observation while reviewing the progress of rural development schemes implemented in Dibrugarh district. The review meeting was held here today even as officials privately squirmed at having to work on a Sunday.

Sonowal asked the P&RD (Panchayat and Rural Development) officials to take the public representatives into full confidence and keep them abreast about the schemes adding that this would help the block development officials to

implement schemes in a smooth and hassle-free manner. The Chief Minister also advocated improved co-ordination between BDO office and the panchayat offices.

Chief Minister Sonowal also emphasised on creating a people friendly working environment in government offices. He directed the government officials to give adequate importance to public visiting government offices seeking redressal of their grievances. He instructed the officials to ensure that all petitions submitted by public are properly addressed in a time bound manner.

Maintaining that Prime Minister's Awas Yojana (PMAY) is one of most important flagship programmes of the government which is aimed at ensuring housing for all within 2022, Sonowal asked the government officials to

ensure that no misuse of fund in implementation of the scheme could take place. He also stressed on generating more awareness about the scheme and asked the BDOs to convene meeting with the beneficiaries and apprise them about the benefits of the scheme vis-a-vis their roles and responsibility.

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Miss World Japan-2016 to visit Assam from Nov 1

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 4: Miss World Japan-2016, Priyanka Yoshikawa, will be travelling from the land of 'Sakuras' to the home of the one-horned rhinoceros, Assam, to participate in the Eastern Himalayan Natureconomics Forum-2017 on November 2 and 3.

Priyanka has been a role model for Young Japan and Young India for representing the rich bio-cultural heritage of both the nations with pride and will be delivering the sub keynote address at the forum to evangelize 'Community Conservation and Social Mobility.' Concerned about the welfare of communities that live in the forests and the lost habitats of Asian Elephants, she emphasises on community conservation for living in harmony with nature and to help restore safe habitats for hu-

mans and elephants.

Over the years, Japan and India have been closely attached through cultural exchange and common goal of wildlife protection. A certified elephant trainer, Priyanka feels passionately about the well-being of the elephants and got the Laos National certification so that she could possibly do something to help elephants. She hopes to foster eco-elephant tourism between India, Japan and in Asia through her support to the cause.

"She will be exploring the wildlife-friendly tea plantations of Assam and honouring real heroes of conservation — mahouts, elephant legends of the Eastern Himalayas and forest guards, who work tirelessly to protect our natural treasures," an official of Balipara Foundation, the organisers of Natureconomics Forum-2017, told *The Assam Tribune*.

Assam Tribune.

The forum provides a platform to recognise the role of botany and community in the conservation of ecosystems through the lens of Natureconomics, innovation and information.

Priyanka will be visiting the Eastern Himalayan Botanic Ark, a biodiverse haven of the Eastern Himalayas, which has been nurtured and grown by botany villages that live around the Ark.

A half-Japanese and a half-Indian, Priyanka calls herself 'Indian at heart.' Proud of the picturesque heritage of Japan, she is equally excited about her visit to India and celebrate the diversity of nature, arts, history and culture with its people. She will be travelling through Assam from November 1 to 5, supported by Balipara Foundation and has been invited by Ranjit Barthakur, founder trustee of Balipara largest Japan event.

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of the storm water drainage system materialised. Money will not be an is-

sue. All we need is the will to work," Paul maintained.

The Deputy Speaker said that to keep Silchar clean through schemes like the 'Swachh Sarveshkar' should not be confined to a 'one man show.'

Coordination between district administration, Silchar Municipal Board and the govt. should result in development as expected by the people who voted this government to power, he added. He also mentioned the need for an efficient waste management and drinking water scheme for the second biggest urban sprawl in the State.

Lack of will to fight waterlogging big challenge in Silchar: Dy Speaker

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, June 4: A day after people of Silchar battled with the recurring problem of water logging due to heavy downpour, Deputy Speaker cum Silchar MLA Dilip Kumar Paul said that waterlogging in Silchar is the biggest challenge before the government with well-planned result oriented approach, with the will to solve the issue is the need of the hour.

"Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal is eager to develop Silchar into a beautiful city and a host of schemes have been taken up. Rs 200 crore has

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Directive on Neamatighat protection

STAFF REPORTER

JORHAT, June 4: Taking stock of the situation at Neamatighat in Jorhat today Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta directed all the officials of his department to protect the remaining por-

tion of the approach road at the location where a considerable portion of the black-topped road was washed away by the rising waters of Brahmaputra.

Water data received from the Water Resources department revealed that water level of the mighty river was re-

corded in this evening as 85.40 meter at Neamatighat which is predicted to be on rising trend for next 24 hours. However, the plying of machine boats between Neamatighat and Majuli remained continued for the day. Officials of district administra-

tion said that the district level officials of IWT, Disaster Management department, PWD (Roads), PHE, Health and Family Welfare department were alerted by the DC Virendra Mitral today to be ready for serving on emergency if any kind of flood occurs in the district.

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Khadi yarn, Gandhi topi, national flag exempt from GST

NEW DELHI, June 4: Khadi yarn, Gandhi topi, India's national flag will not attract any tax under the GST regime, while imitation jeweller, sacred thread and coins will carry 3 per cent levy from the next month.

Besides, the GST Council yesterday decided to include *rudraksh*, wooden khadu, *panchamrit*, *tulsi-kanthi mala*, *panchagava*, sacred thread and *vibhuti* sold by religious institutions in the definition of '*puja samagri*' and maintained that these items would be exempt under the goods and services tax (GST).

Also *chandan itka*, unbranded honey andwick for *dya* have been exempted from the new indirect tax, which is scheduled to kick off from July 1.

However, five '*puja samagri*' – *loban*, *mishri*, *batashu* and *bura* – will attract 5 per cent GST.

In the textiles category, blankets and travelling rugs, curtains, bed linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen, of Terry towelling or similar terry fabrics costing below Rs 1,000 will attract a 5 per cent tax. Also napkins, mosquito nets, sacks and bags, life jackets costing below Rs 1,000 would be taxed at 5 per cent. While those costing above Rs 1,000 will attract a 12 per cent levy.

Silk and jute yarns have been exempted but cotton and natural fibres and all other yarns will be levied a 5 per cent GST. Man-made fibres will, however, attract 18 per cent rate.

All categories of fabric, except khadi

which has been exempted, will attract a 5 per cent rate. Besides, Gandhi topi and India's national flag have been exempted from GST.

Man-made apparel costing below Rs 1,000 will attract 5 per cent tax, lower than the existing 7 per cent. Those costing above Rs 1,000 will continue to attract a 12 per cent rate.

Besides, match boxes, packed organic fertiliser will face a 5 per cent tax under the new regime.

The tax department has put up on its website the list of items which would be exempt from Integrated GST (IGST) under multilateral or bilateral commitments in respect of imports by privileged persons, organisations, authorities and foreigners.

IGST is a tax which will be levied by the Centre on inter-state movement of goods and services.

It is not a new tax since the credit for IGST payment can be claimed while paying the CGST or SGST.

Foodstuff, medicines, medical stores of perishable nature, clothing and blankets imported by a charitable organisation as free gift to it from abroad and meant for free distribution to the poor and needy have been made exempt from the GSTL.

Besides, goods imported by the Red Cross Society for purposes of relief to distressed persons, and drugs, medicines and medical equipment required for the treatment of the victims of the Bhopal gas leak disaster have also been exempted. – PTI

India to take up road projects abroad: Gadkari

NEW DELHI, June 4: The government is planning to launch a dedicated international subsidiary of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to take up roads and highway projects abroad, particularly in South Asia.

Simultaneously, India is also looking forward to setting up joint ventures for road construction in the neighbouring countries like Iran, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka through joint ventures.

"We are promoting road construction joint ventures in Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has already agreed to allot a couple of roads to northern Sri Lanka to us," Road Transport and Highways Minister Gadkari told IANS in an interview.

Experts say that such a subsidiary could be in the form of a special purpose vehicle

(SPV) which will collaborate with foreign companies to bag international projects.

The minister said India is keen on participating in road construction in neighbouring countries like Iran, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka through joint ventures.

"If I could achieve 23 km per day from the rock bottom 2 km per day in three years, there is no reason I could not reach close to my next target of 40 km per day in the next one year or so," Gadkari said.

"Projects like road and highway construction, including tunnels, overbridges and roadside amenities and other related projects also depend on various other factors like weather conditions and local issues," he said. –IANS

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Jio download speed

NEW DELHI, June 4: Reliance Jio topped the chart in 4G network speed for the month of April with an all-time high download speed of 19.12 megabit per second, as per the latest Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) report. Reliance Jio logged download speed of 19.12 mbps even bettering its own performance of 18.49 mbps demonstrated in the previous month, the report said. –PTI

Axia Bank initiative

BHUBANESWAR, June 4: Axia Bank has undertaken a Digi-Prayas initiative to impart financial literacy to 80,000 people across the country. The initiative will help people to be financially literate, digitally aware and be active on various modes of digital banking. 'Digi-Prayas' will be taken up in 24 selected villages across the country, a senior bank official said. –PTI

HUL plans

NEW DELHI, June 4: FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) is focusing on innovation to drive premiumisation with an aim to strengthen leadership in the laundry segment. The company, which sells brands such as Wheel, Rin, Surf Excel and Comfort in the segment, sees a huge scope for premiumisation in the segment. There is a "huge scope for premiumisation" as "our laundry洗涤 uses an HUL premium laundry powder," HUL CEO and MD Sanjiv Mehta said in an investor presentation. –PTI

Premji salary

NEW DELHI, June 4: Wipro Chairman Azim Premji's pay package saw a huge 63 per cent fall at \$1.21,853 (about Rs 79 lakh) last fiscal, with no commission being paid during the year. The IT czar had drawn a larger compensation of \$2.27,993 (about Rs 2.17 crore) in the previous fiscal. –PTI

De Beers target

MUMBAI, June 4: Leading global diamond company De Beers expects all its brands in the country to post double-digit growth in 2017 due to the improving economic environment. The diamond jewellery consumption is coming back in India, which was affected by jewellers' strike in the first half and demonetisation in the last quarter of 2016. "De Beers' ForEvermark CEO Stephen Lussier told PTI



Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs SS Ahluwalia, leading an Indian Parliamentary delegation, in a meeting with the Minister of Trade and Industry, Norway, Monica Maeland, in Oslo, Norway on Friday. –PIB

Successful demonetisation will help boost revenues, says WB report

NEW DELHI, June 4: Successful demonetisation will help in raising revenues on a sustained basis as more and more people will come under the tax net, says a World Bank report.

During 2016-17, India generated additional tax revenues as unreported cash identified both through the amnesty scheme and demonetisation was brought under the tax net.

Gross tax revenue, including States' share, surpassed the budgeted target of 10.8 per cent at 11.3 per cent, which was mostly due to higher-than-expected excise collections of petroleum products.

Even though demonetisation had only a neutral effect on direct taxes, which fell within the budgeted target of 5.6 per cent of the gross do-

GST to help in better description of economic activity: Anant

NEW DELHI, June 4: The goods and services tax (GST), to be implemented from next month, will be an exciting development from a data point of view and will help provide a more complete description of economic activity, Chief Statistician TCA Anant has said.

GST will provide data from the point of production to the point of sale because all these would be captured properly under the new indirect tax regime, he said.

The government proposes to roll out GST from July 1 that will subsume all major levies including excise, service tax and VAT.

The GST network (GSTN) from a data point of view is a very exciting development because it is on a single network, the transaction

chain is being captured and leaves a lot of exciting possibilities," Anant told PTI in an interview.

"From the point of view of a statistician, this will eventually give us a much more complete description of economic activities," he added.

On whether GST will give real time data, Anant replied, "There is data on collection of excise, VAT, service tax and sales tax. We use these in our GDP compilation at various places."

"GST continues to give us these but now all of these would be collected through a single framework. What we are getting earlier through multiple sources would now be from single source (the GSTN)."

The new set up will also give transactional data, movement of goods and services across

borders, he said, adding that there will be a lot of information captured on GSTN. "We will presumably get much faster data. But let's see how it comes out."

Touted as the biggest taxation reform since independence, GST will create a uniform market in the country and is expected to boost GDP growth by about 2 per cent, besides checking tax evasion.

The powerful GST Council comprising representatives of Centre and States has recommended a four-tier tax structure – 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent for goods and services.

On top of the highest slab, a cess will be imposed on luxury and demerit goods to compensate the States for revenue loss in the first five years of GST implementation. –PTI

PSBs aim to raise Rs 58,000 cr from capital markets

NEW DELHI, June 4: Public sector banks, including SBI, Bank of Baroda and IDBI Bank plan to raise Rs 58,000 crore through equity dilution during the current fiscal to meet Basel-III norms and clean up their balance sheets.

Leading the pack, country's largest lender SBI plans to raise Rs 15,000 crore through share sale and expects this to complete by the year-end, probably through a qualified institutional placement (QIP).

"This is something for which we have everything in place but we will go where we find the market is conducive," SBI Chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya has said.

Besides, Bank of Baroda and Central Bank of India plan to raise Rs 6,000 crore and Rs 6,500 crore from capital markets, respectively. Oriental Bank of Commerce and IDBI Bank have taken board's approval for raising Rs 5,000 crore each through equity dilution, while Mumbai-based Union of India plans to raise Rs 4,950 crore during the current fiscal.

Raising funds from the market will ease the pressure on the exchequer of pumping in capital. As per the Indradhanush plan, public sector banks need to raise Rs 1.10 lakh crore from markets, including follow-on public offer, to meet Basel-III requirements, which will kick in from March 2019. –PTI



Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas (In Charge) Dharmendra Pradhan distributing Pehchan identity cards to handicraft artisans at a function, in Bhubaneswar on Saturday. –PIB

Millennials changing dynamics of workplace: Experts

MUMBAI, June 4: With millennials slowly taking over and likely to dominate soon the leadership roles, organisations are rapidly changing their working environment to the younger generation, according to industry experts.

"The collective working environment is changing rapidly because of millennials. This younger generation is already taking over and will soon dominate leadership roles. The earlier communication styles are getting replaced by telecommunication," CIEL HR Services CEO Aditya

Narayan Mishra told PTI.

He said, the day-to-day work schedule is no more like a clock-work of office time and rather is based on completion of tasks, projects and deliverables.

"If someone has an assignment to finish, the closing hours of the business do not matter," he added.

As millennials typically feel valued when there is open conversation and feedback frequently, more and more organisations are reworking performance management processes and retraining their people in super-

visorial roles to manage achievements in a new way, he said.

He said mostly services sector is witnessing these changes as it has been attracting a lot more young people including IT, outsourcing, hospitality and technology sector people.

Echoing the view, IKYA Human Capital Solutions, a division of Queso Corp, Business Head - Staffing Lokhit Bhatia said that firms are creating an environment where the millennials are constantly challenged by giving new territories, new projects, new clients or simply newer departments.

"Job roles are constantly changing in the past where subject matter experts were created across decades of learning. Today the constant is 'change' and that change allows people to move and interact with newer colleagues, newer markets and newer clients," he added.

Companies are also adopting policies like flexi hours and flexi working without compromising on work, he said.

"This flexibility allows employees to have a comfortable work-life balance while continuing their task at

work and accomplishing results in today's challenging world," he added.

GlobalHunt Managing Director Sunil Goel said millennials' approach is more aggressive and innovative, which has succeeded 70-80 per cent time and companies are willing to risk themselves to accommodate these new-age leaders.

Companies are extensively using new-age recruiting tools, such as using social media as millennials do recruit. Company culture, feedback about organisation to make a decision before joining, he said. –PTI

Banks not yet ready for GST rollout: IBA to House panel

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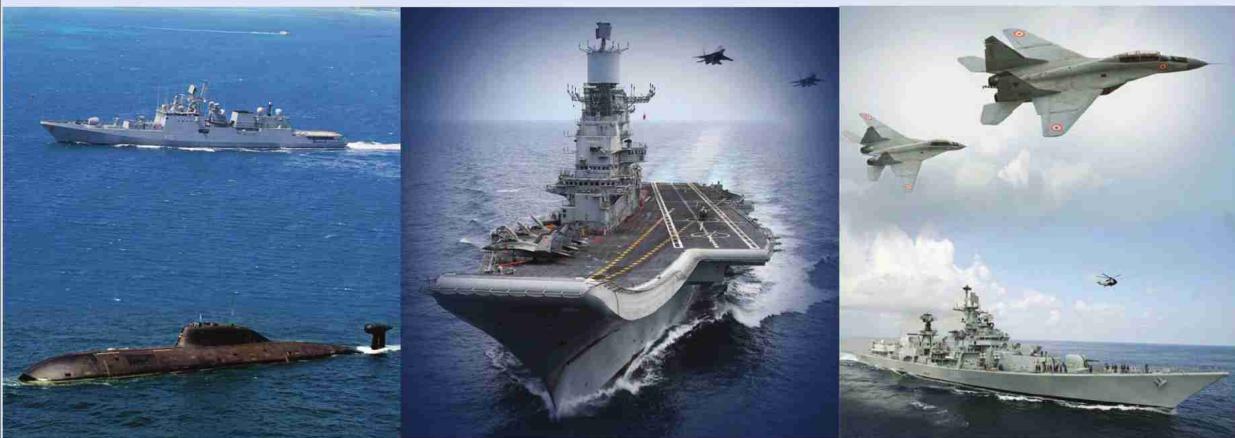
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INDIAN NAVY

10+2 (B.TECH) CADET ENTRY SCHEME (PERMANENT COMMISSION) COURSE COMMENCING - JAN 2018



DATE OF OPENING – 05 JUN 17

LAST DATE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION – 25 JUN 17

1. Applications are invited from **UNMARRIED MALE CANDIDATES** (fulfilling the conditions of nationality as laid down by the Govt of India) to join the prestigious Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala for a four years degree course under the 10+2 (B Tech) Cadet Entry Scheme.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

2. **Age:** Born between 02 Jul 1998 & 01 Jan 2001 (both dates inclusive).
3. **Educational Qualification:** Passed Senior Secondary Examination (10+2 Pattern) or its equivalent examinations from any Board with at least 70% aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) and at least 50% marks in English (either in Class X or Class XII).
4. **Who can apply:** Candidates who have appeared for JEE (Main) 2017 exam. Call up for Service Selection Board (SSB) will be issued on basis of JEE (Main) 2017 All India Rank.

Physical Standards

- (a) **Height and Weight:** Minimum height - 157 cms with correlated weight as per age.
- (b) **Eye Sight:** The minimum acceptable vision standards for distant vision is **6/6, 6/9** correctable to **6/6, 6/6** with glasses. Should not be colour/night blind.
- (c) **Tattoo:** Permanent body tattoos are not permitted on any part of the body, however, certain concessions are permitted to candidates belonging to tribal communities/from tribal areas as declared by the Government of India. For other candidates permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearms i.e. from inside of elbow to wrist and on the reverse side of palm/back (dorsal) side of hand. Details in this regard are available on the naval recruitment website: www.joinindiannavy.gov.in

Note: - There will be no relaxation in Physical Standards

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6. **Pay Scale & Promotions:** The promotion from Sub Lieutenant to Commander is on time scale basis subject to completion of mandatory course, sea time and medical condition. The Pay Scale and promotion criteria is as follows (being revised as per 7th CPC):-

Rank	Pay Bands/Scale	Grade Pay	MSP
Sub Lieutenant	PB-3/15600-39100	5400	6000
Lieutenant	PB-3/15600-39100	6100	6000
Lieutenant Cdr	PB-3/15600-39100	6600	6000
Commander	PB-4/37400-67000	8000	6000

7. **Allowances (as applicable):** The rates of allowances applicable to officers are as follows (being revised as per 7th CPC):-

Allowances	To whom granted	Rate Per Month (in Rs)
Technical	Technical Officers	3000-7500pm depending on courses qualified
Instructional	All officers posted as instructor	2700pm
Flying	Qualified Pilot/Observer	13500 - 21000pm
MARCOs	Qualified as MARCOS	13500 - 21000pm
Submarine	Qualified Submariner	13500 - 21000pm
Diving Qualified	Ships Diver	600pm
Sea Going	All Naval Officers serving Onboard Ships (Sailing Only)	6300-7800pm on basis of Rank
Uniform	All Officers	24000 (Initial grant) & 7500 (Every 3 Yrs)
Hard Area	All Officers posted in Hard Area as declared by Govt.	25% of BP+GP+MSP
House Rent	To Officers not provided Govt. Accommodation	10-30% of Basic (Pay Band+Grade Pay+MSP)
Transport	All Officers	1600-3200 (+DA thereon)

8. **Cost to Company (CTC):** The CTC for a sub Lieutenant would be approximately Rs. 72,44/- to Rs. 81,700/- per month. This includes Basic Pay, DA, Grade Pay, Military Service Pay, House Rent Allowance and Transport allowance. These rates are being revised as per 7th CPC.

9. **Privileges:** In addition to the CTC mentioned above, Navy provides Free Medical Facilities for Self & dependents, Canteen Facilities, Entitled Ration, Mess/Club/Sports Facilities, Furnished Govt. Accommodation, Car/Housing Loan at subsidised rates.

10. **Group Insurance & Gratuity:** Insurance cover of Rs. 75 lakhs (on contribution) and gratuity will be granted to the officer as per the latest rules in force.

11. **Leave Entitlements:** Officers are entitled to 60 days annual and 20 days casual leave every year (subject to service exigencies). Leave during training period will be as per the Training Policy in force. They are also entitled 40% rail concession to any place and free travel (as per extant rules) for self and dependents.

12. **Sports & Adventure:** The Navy provides facilities for various sports. In addition, one can also learn and participate in adventure sports, such as river rafting, mountaineering, hot air ballooning, hand gliding, wind surfing etc.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

13. IHO of MoD reserves the right to fix cut off for shortlisting the application for SSB based on JEE (Main) All India Rank- 2017. No communication will be entertained on this account. SSB interviews for short listed candidates will be scheduled at Bangalore/ Bhopal/ Coimbatore/ Visakhapatnam from Jul - Oct 17.
14. Shortlisted candidates will be informed about their selection for SSB interview on their E-mail or through SMS as provided by candidate in their application form.
15. SSB interview will be conducted in two Stages. Stage I test consists of Intelligence test, Picture Perception test and Group Discussion. Candidates who fail to qualify in Stage I will be routed back on the same day. Stage II test comprises Psychological testing, Group testing and Interview which will last for 04 days. Successful candidates will thereafter undergo Medical Examination (approx duration 03-05 days).
16. Change of SSB venue for interview is not permissible.
17. Any correspondence regarding change of SSB date is to be addressed to the Call up Officer of the concerned SSB. Award of fresh dates for SSB would be subject to availability off batches/slots.
18. No compensation will be paid in respect of any injury sustained as a result of tests.
19. Return 3rd AC rail fare is admissible for the SSB interview, if appearing for the first time for this Commission on production of tickets. Candidates will carry photo copy of the first page of bank passbook or cheque leaf where the name, account No. and IFS Code details are mentioned while appearing for SSB.

TRAINING

20. The training is scheduled to commence in Jan 2018.
21. Candidates recommended by the SSBs and declared medically fit, will be selected for training in Indian Naval Academy Ezhimala, Kerala based on All India Merit and on the number of vacancies. All India Merit will be prepared as per SSB marks. Selected Candidates will be inducted as Cadets for four year B. Tech course in applied Electronics & Communication Engineering (for Executive Branch), Mechanical Engineering (for Engineering Branch including Naval Architect specialisation) or Electronics & Communication Engineering (for Electrical Branch) as per Naval requirements. On completion of the course, B. Tech Degree will be awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Note: - The entire cost of training, including books and reading material, will be borne by the Indian Navy. The cadets will also be provided with free clothing and messing.

How to Apply

22. Candidates are to register and fill application on the recruitment website www.joinindiannavy.gov.in. The candidates are to apply from 05 Jun 17 to 25 Jun 17. The procedure for applying online is explained in Para 23 below.
 23. **Online (e-application):** Whilst filling up the e-application, it is advisable to keep the relevant documents readily available to enable correct filling up of personal particulars.
- Note:** (a) Details are to be filled up as given in the Matriculation Certificate/12th certificate.
(b) Fields such as e-mail address, mobile number is mandatory fields.
(c) All relevant documents (preferably in original) Date of birth proof (as per 10th/12th certificates), 10th marksheets, 12th marksheets, JEE (Main) 2017 scorecard (indicating All India Rank) and a recent size colour photograph should be scanned and uploaded in PDF form.
(d) If any scanned document is not legible/ readable for any reason, the application will be rejected.
(e) Print one copy of online application form and carry it along with original certificates/documents as mentioned in para 23 note (c) while appearing for SSB interview.

IMPORTANT –

- (a) Please read the instructions given on the website carefully before finally submitting your online application.
- (b) Your application is subject to subsequent scrutiny and the application can be rejected, if found INELIGIBLE/INVALID at any point of time.
- (c) After closing of online application, no request will be entertained for amendment in uploaded documents.

Details are also available on website
www.joinindiannavy.gov.in

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Curbing carbon footprint, the OLX way!

Consuming pre-used products curbs millions of tonnes of CO2 emission in a year, says a report

By promoting re-use of pre-owned items, an e-commerce website has succeeded in directly cutting 6.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) emission – equivalent to that absorbed by the Delhi Metro in 12.5 years.

This World Environment Day, with its theme "Connecting People to Nature", is a moment when we should realise how nature works in a cyclical way with no waste. OLX, through creating a modern platform for sharing and reusing, is a step in this direction of building a sustainable society," said CEE Director Kartikaya V Sarabhai.

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The categories covered include cars, mobile phones, refrigerators, televisions, computers and laptops, sofas, tablets, cameras, books and clothes and in order to quantify the emissions, all stages in their lifecycle, from raw material procurement through ten million transactions across 11 categories of items in 2016-17.

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The OLX-CEE report claims the total

transactions of the pre-owned books have saved

as much CO2 as produced in 110 round trips between Delhi and Mumbai and of computers did

as much as would have been emitted in 19,237 round trips between Delhi and San Francisco.

As much as 500 kg of CO2 emissions were

saved each time a used TV was bought or sold and 2,000 kg in buying used cars.

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 5, 2017:

This year you grow in new ways and open up to more wisdom. You easily could overspend and overindulge. You might want to tap into more self-discipline. If you are single, you likely to encounter someone when dealing with money. You may be the one who ends up having many interesting conversations. If you are attached, the two of you could be creating a long-term goal together. As a couple, you need to keep a closer eye on your budget; otherwise, a mistake is likely to occur. SCORPIO works well with you.

The Star Sign: The Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Adventurous; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

(ARIES March 21-April 19)

**** A partner emerges to do what he or she feels is necessary. Don't hesitate to go along with this person's whims. In the long run, you will be a lot happier. You might be experiencing an intense phase of relating with this person. Be careful. Tonight: Listen to a friend's words.

(TAURUS April 20-May 20)

**** Be more in touch with your financial picture, and don't hesitate to ask questions. The responses you get could be a bit sarcastic, but the answers will give you important information. Go along with others' plans. You and your friends are full of life and energy.

(GEMINI May 21-June 20)

**** You might have a lot on your mind that makes you uncomfortable. Start talking about what you als with a friend or loved one. Keep conversations open, and be willing to work on an idea that is very new. Keep the temperature to ove. Tonight: Off to the gym for some cardio.

(CANCER June 21-July 22)

**** You'll need to stay centered in order to get past any sharpness or crankiness today. Your creativity remains when dealing with a child or a love. Some of you might feel as though your interest is piqued by a proposal or project of some sort. Tonight: Let your hair down.

(LEO July 23-Aug. 22)

**** An underlying sense of frustration might come out in strange ways. Why not try to eliminate those feelings and root out the cause? Get plenty of exercise, and you can feel much better. A conversation or two may bring some of these feelings. Tonight: At home.

(VIRGO Aug. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You will say what is on your mind. As a result, you unintentionally could trigger a co-worker's temper. Try not to use a challenging tone in your speech or speaking. Communication is highlighted all day. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend or loved one.

(LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You might be in a position where you want to handle a money matter right away. Attempt to distance yourself from a challenging person who could be causing you trouble. Be aware of your limitations as optimistic as you can be. Time is your ally. Tonight: Run some errands.

(SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might not understand that the cards are stacked in your favor. Try to look between the lines, and you'll gain a better understanding of where someone else is coming from. Though this person could be hostile at first, know that it won't last long. Tonight: As you like it.

(SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You will be very upbeat and optimistic because you're in your element. For now, you feel more comfortable holding back. Reserve some time to talk with a friend according to a friend. Observe how this person reacts, then decide what to do. Tonight: Quietly time with a loved one.

(CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Your ability to connect with others to go along with your plans might be a bit more than usual. Turn to a lover who might feel jeopardized by your people skills. Understand your mate limitations, but also be aware of others'. Tonight: Be more compassionate.

(AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You are friendly and your reassurance still builds around your workplace. Remaining too busy with trying to complete a project can become highly stressful. Imagine a new possibility without drawing too much attention. Tonight: Exercise first.

(PISCES Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Try to gain a broader perspective, and you will be a lot deeper as a result. Your creativity blossoms in nearly any situation. You easily could move forward with a project and/or attract a new loved interest. Be spontaneous if you can. Tonight: Relax and surf the web.

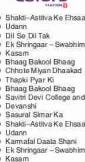
Thought for the day

Literature cannot be the business of a woman's life, and it ought not to be.

- ROBERT SOUTHEY



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HEALTH CAPSULES[®]

By Bron Smith

DOES GREEN OR BLACK TEA RAISE MY ANTIOXIDANT LEVEL?

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REDUCE RISK OF HEART DISEASE

A DUTCH STUDY PROVED THAT BOTH GREEN AND BLACK TEA RAISE ANTIOXIDANT (ANTIOXIDANT) LEVELS RAPIDLY INCREASED AFTER JUST ONE CUP OF TEA. GREEN AND BLACK TEA CONTAINS NUMEROUS HEALTH BENEFITS INCLUDING HELPING PREVENT CANCER.

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JUMBLE WORDS

Green below are four jumbled words. Solve the puzzles to make proper words and move the letters to get the four words given. Quips are given with each word.

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ORTWYH

An ounce of action is worth a tonne of quips

SOLUTION

Quips - Egoless

Answers to the above puzzles are given in a box on the right.

THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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৫ জুন, ২০১৭

ৰাজ্যিক পৰ্যায়ৰ অনুষ্ঠান

স্থান : 'ৰংঘৰ', ডিক্রগড় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহ, ডিক্রগড় সময় : দিনৰ ৯.৩০ বজাত

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ডঃ নগেন শইকীয়া
বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিকদৈনিক এজোপা গছ ৰোৱক বানপানীক আঁতবাই ৰাখক। **বনানীয়ে আনে কি? মাটি, পানী আৰু বিশুদ্ধ বায়ু।**

চহৰ কিঞ্চিৎ অন্য ভূমিখণ্ড, মেৰুৰ পৰা বিশুৰ বেখালৈ প্ৰকৃতিৰ লগত মানুহৰ সংঘোষণাকৰণ

ৰাজ্যখনৰ সকলো জিলাতে বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিবস পালন কৰা হ'ব। সকলো ৰাইজক যোগদান কৰিবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰা হ'ল।

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Science and Technology Department

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Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology, **Shri Keshab Mahanta** would grace the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Open Session to be held at 11:30 am, while internationally reputed Scientists and Scientific Advisor to the S&T Department, Government of Assam, **Dr. Jitendra Nath Goswami** would attend the function as a Distinguished Guest.Dr. Arup Kr. Misra
Director
ASTE Council
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Principal
Kaliabor College
Kaliabor

Programme Schedule

: Plantation drive to be inaugurated by Shri Pankaj Chakraborty, SDO, Kaliabor.

: Painting Competition among School Children

: Interaction with Students

Resource Persons:

- Dr. Jitendra Nath Goswami, Advisor to the S&T Department, Govt. of Assam
- Shri Jayanta Kr. Sarma, Environment Consultant

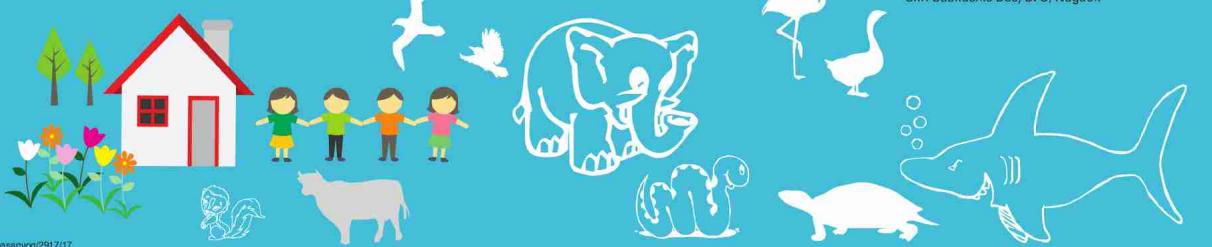
: Open Session and Prize Distribution

Chief Guest: Shri Keshab Mahanta, Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology, Assam

Distinguished Guest: Dr. Jitendra Nath Goswami, Advisor to the S&T Department, Govt. of Assam

Guests of Honour :

- Shri Gunin Hazarikam ex-Minister, Assam
- Shri Samsher Singh, DC, Nagaon
- Shri Debraj Upadhyay, SP, Nagaon
- Shri Prabhat Ch. Goswami, President, Governing Body, Kaliabor College
- Shri Subhashis Das, DFO, Nagaon



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India outplay Pakistan by 124 runs

BIRMINGHAM, June 4: India launched their campaign in the Champions Trophy with a resounding 124-run victory over Pakistan here today, extending their dominance over the arch-rivals in major ICC tournaments.

Put in to bat, defending champions India notched up a competitive 319 for three after two rain interruptions reduced the match to 48 overs a side at the Edgbaston.

Set a revised target of 324 in 48 overs at the start of their innings under the Duckworth/Lewis method, Pakistan were required to chase 289 in 41 overs when play resumed after the day's third rain interruption.

The task proved too much for Pakistan, who were bowled out for 164 in 33.4 overs.

Following the latest result, the teams are locked at 2-2 in the Champions Trophy, but it is India who have won out of the 11 contests at the World Cup and T20 tournaments between the two sub-continent rivals.

While India were clinical with both the bat and ball, their fielding left a lot to be desired, and Pakistan were worse than the men in blue, giving Yuvraj Singh three lives, besides getting sloppy with ground fielding.

When on 37, Azhar Ali was dropped by Bhuvneshwar Kumar running in from long-on.

Hasan Ali's dismissal by pacer Umesh Yadav (3/30) signalled the end of what was a much-anticipated match, as Wahab Riaz could not bat due to a twisted ankle.

Earlier, Virat Kohli and Yuvraj Singh stood out in an all-round batting effort, propelling India to 319 for three after rain halted proceedings twice in the marquee clash.

India batsmen remained focused despite the rain breaks with Rohit Sharma (91 off 119), Shikhar Dhawan (68 off 65), Virat Kohli (81 not out off 68) and Yuvraj (53 off 32) rising to the occasion in a game reduced to 48 overs a side.

Thanks to the big hitting by Yuvraj, Kohli and Hardik Pandya, India amassed 72 runs in the last four overs with the 46th and 48th going for 21 and 23 runs respectively.

While Kohli punished pacer Riaz, Pandya smashed three consecutive sixes off left-arm spinner Imad Wasim in the final over.

SCORING CARD
India: Rohit Sharma run out 91; Shikhar Dhawan c Azhar Ali b Shadab 68; Virat Kohli not out 81; Yuvraj Singh lbw b Hasan Ali 53; Hardik Pandya not out 20; Extras (Lb, Wk) 21; Total 319 (3 wickets, 48 overs). Fall of wickets: 1-136, 2-192, 3-285. **Bowling:** Mohammad Amir 8.1-1-32, Imad Wasim 9.1-69-0, Umesh Yadav 10-70-1, Wahab Riaz 8-4-87-3, Shoaib Malik 10-0-10-0, Hasan Ali 6-2-1. **Shoaib Malik 2-0-10-0.**

Pakistan (target: 289 runs from 41 overs): Azhar Ali c Pandya b Jadeja 33, Shoaib Malik run out (Udeja) 15, Sarfraz Ahmed c Dhoni b Pandya 12, Imran Wasim c Jadhav b Pandya 9, Shoaib Malik 14, Hasan Ali 14, Mohammad Amir c Jadhav b Yadav 9, Hasan Ali c Dhawan b Yadav 0, Wahab Riaz absent hurt. **Extras:** (B, 2 wickets, 10 extras, 34.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-51, 3-91, 4-114, 5-131, 6-125, 7-151, 8-164, 9-184. **Bowling:** B Kumar 5-1-23-1, U Yadav 7-4-13-3, J Bumrah 5-0-23-0, H Pandya 8-0-43-2, R Jadeja 8-0-43-2. – PTI

Team hotels went into lockdown after terror attack'

nearby market, killing seven people and injuring 48.

"Following last night's incident all team hotels went into lockdown and teams, match officials and staff were all quickly accounted for. The enhanced security around venues implemented following the Manchester attack remains in place, this includes significantly enhanced police and security for today's match," the ICC said in a statement.

The heightened security in place is for the marquee India-Pakistan clash, in Birmingham.

"Our thoughts are with everyone affected by what has happened in London overnight. The ICC and the ECB continue to place safety and security at the ICC Champions Trophy and the ICC women's World Cup this summer as the highest priority," the world body stated.

The women's World Cup is scheduled to be held after the Champions Trophy. – PTI

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