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India's longest river bridge opens today

Guwahati: The Dhola-Sadiya bridge connecting Arunachal Pradesh and Assam has India's longest span of 9.15 km across river Lohit at the easternmost tip of Assam.

The bridge is 3.55 km longer than the Bandra-

Worli Sea Link in Mumbai. Its other end is in Dhola, 300 km from Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal and Assam are states which are of massive strategic value to India and quick movement of military troops and

Guwahati.

Its three rivers that meet to form the Brahmaputra downstream of the site of the bridge that connects Dhola village and Sadiya town, 540 km east of Assam's principal city of

artillery in these states is crucial in times of conflict. **Dhola-Sadiya Bridge**
Length: 9.15 km
(Bandra Sea Link: 5.6 km)
Project Cost: ₹950 crore
Construction began in 2011

The bridge will reduce

travel time between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam by up to four hours.

Its importance for the military is huge. The bridge has been designed to accommodate the movement of tanks. Till now, there was no existing bridge in the region

that was strong enough to allow the travel of tanks to Tinsukia, from where troops would usually enter Arunachal Pradesh.

With the bridge, troops will be able to enter the state, which borders China, much more quickly and

easily.

The construction of the bridge began in 2011 at a sanctioned project cost of about ₹950 crores.

So far, there was little road connectivity between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. The only route for

people looking to travel from this part of Assam to Arunachal was by boat.

Since there is no operational airport in Arunachal Pradesh, Dhola-Sadiya bridge will become the most convenient way of travel between the two states.

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Tribute to journalist Mithu Choudhury

GUWAHATI, May 25: The member-journalists of Guwahati Press Club today remembered journalist Mithu Choudhury, who had died recently. Choudhury (53), used to contribute for various news por-

tals and his focus area was insurgency in the North East.

The speakers at the memorial meeting described Choudhury as an honest and dedicated journalist. They also appreciated Choudhury's commit-

ment to the medium for which he had sacrificed immensely.

The meeting was addressed by senior journalists Runjan Barua, Ranen Goswami, Nava Thakura, DN Singh and Arindam Roy. — Staff Reporter

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Don't wish it were easier. Wish you were better.

— JIM ROHN

The Assam Tribune**A year on**

A year ago the people of Assam, overlooking ideological contradictions, had overwhelmingly voted the Bharatiya Janata Party, led by Sarbananda Sonowal, to power in the hope that it would clean up the Augen Stables of corruption and usher in economic development. A year later, though the State Government has not been able to meet many of its campaign promises, it scores ten out of ten at least for making the effort to do so. Its most commendable endeavour so far has been to engage in a fight against corruption. Total lack of transparency during the 15-year tenure of the previous Congress Government had resulted in corruption seeping into the entire administrative machinery. In fact, corruption in public life was one of the primary reasons why the common man of the street, fed up with having to pay for getting any official work done, had voted for change. However, as the Chief Minister candidly admitted, the Government has a long way to go yet, and so far only mostly small fry have been caught in the anti-corruption net. As for economic development, the Government appears to be cognizant of the benefits to be accrued from the Act East Policy, and is attempting to initiate the required infrastructural growth as well as impart much-needed skill development to local people to equip them to make the most of the forthcoming opportunities.

There too has been progress during the year on the health, education and industries front, with sincere effort on the part of the concerned ministries to implement welfare schemes. Of these the Samagra Gramya Ugnayana Yojana for improvement in the quality of life in the rural sector; the Atal Amrit Abhyayan scheme providing for health insurance to below poverty line families, etc., are worth mention. An earnest effort is being made to improve communication infrastructure and rejuvenate inland water transport. However, on the flip side, this Government appears to be nervous about tackling core issues such as illegal infiltration from Bangladesh and sealing of the border. In fact, this Government has been attempting to dilute the provisions of the Assam Accord by proposing to give Indian citizenship to Hindu infiltrators from Bangladesh, a move which threatens the survival of indigenous communities of Assam. Similarly, the progress towards having a properly updated NRC or tackling annual surges like floods and erosion have not been too satisfactory. Yet one must bear in mind that Assam is a State with numerous problems and a year is not enough to get a grip on them. What is of importance is that Sonowal and his men have been leading from the front in trying to usher in changes. One certainly hopes that they would focus soon on unpalatable issues and work to ensure that the indigenous communities of the State receive due protection.

AIIMS in Assam

In a big boost to the State's health care sector, the Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Assam. The super-specialty institute to be set up at Changsari in Kamrup district at a cost of Rs 1,123 crore is scheduled to be completed within four years from the date of approval. In addition to facilities such as a 750-bed hospital, trauma centre, 22 super-specialty departments and 16 operation theatres, the AIIMS will also have a medical college which can accommodate 100 MBBS students per year and a nursing institute for 60 BSc (Nursing) students, thereby creating a large pool of doctors and paramedics over a period of time. The AIIMS will undoubtedly go a long way in meeting the growing needs for quality medical care at affordable prices for the common man.

Given the escalating costs of health care, the State Government needs to accord top priority on putting in place a quality health care delivery mechanism. While the past few years have seen improvement in the health care sector, including induction of several much-needed facilities in the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), affordable health care still eludes a large segment of the State's populace. The pressure on the GMCH, the State's premier government-run hospital, continues to mount and the authorities should strive to ease the situation by increasing its patient accommodation capacity and a matching staff of doctors and paramedics. Secondly and more importantly, the various district civil hospitals should be augmented in terms of infrastructure and manpower so that a fair number of patients do not have to approach the GMCH for meeting their health care needs. Adequately equipped district hospitals would be the most rational step towards lessening the growing load on the GMCH. Then, for ensuring standardized health care to the people, the rural hospitals need proper intervention. While improvements *vis-a-vis* rural health infrastructure and manpower have certainly been made in the past few years – especially after the launching of NRHM and NHM – a lot still remains to be done. Health care being a traditionally neglected area in the North-east, the priority accorded by the Centre on augmenting medical infrastructure in the region is welcome. Given the decades of indifference, special focus on the developmental needs of the region is a must to bring it at par with advanced States of the country. Shortage of doctors, too, has remained a persisting concern in Assam where many hospitals are running with a skeletal staff of doctors and paramedics. This merits the State Government's urgent attention. Financial assistance apart, there had been special relaxations in the required criteria for setting up medical colleges in the North-east. All this augurs well for the region's beleaguered health sector and it is for the governments in the north-eastern States to build on the liberal Central assistance.

Celebrating power from the periphery

■ Paresh Malakar

The NDA Government at the Centre completes three years in office today, the 26th of May. To mark the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a rally in Guwahati today. It is certainly a special day for the BJP-led Assam Government and its allies because, of all the places, the Prime Minister has chosen Assam to celebrate his three years in office. The NDA Government headed by Modi came to power after two terms of the UPA Government led by Dr Manmohan Singh. Before coming to power, Modi mesmerised the Indian voters by his vibrant and belligerent electioneering. In course of his election campaign, he also made a number of declarations and promises to fulfil them if his party came to power at the Centre. Not only has Modi come to power, he has successfully completed three years in office. Now that the Modi Government has completed three years of office, it is important to examine how this Government has performed and kept its electoral pledges. Three years are a long enough time to examine the achievements and failures of any government. However, certain promises have already become clichés and they are best avoided for a serious appraisal of the Government.

A section of the analysts say that the Modi Government has a few good achievements to show. First, they point to the fact that the Government has brought down the fiscal deficit from 4.5% to 3.5% of the GDP. That the Government has done so carefully and systematically phasing out certain subsidies offered by the Government. These analysts also list out lowering of corporate direct tax rates for new manufacturing companies and companies with a turnover of up to Rs 50 crore from 30% to 25%. They consider it a big move to streamline the tax structure in favour of more enterprises. Another big move by the Modi Government is claimed to be the demonetization of 86% of currencies in the month of November, 2016. This was aimed at curbing black money and terrorist activities. Later cashless transaction was also added as one of its objectives. The passing of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) legislation is also claimed as a big achievement of the Government.

The phasing out of subsidies and lowering of corporate direct tax go well with the agenda of the BJP. While the demonetization has to extent succeeded in controlling black money, it has also caused havoc on the life of the ordinary people. As a fallout of demonetization, thousands of people in the informal sectors have lost their jobs which has already been discussed in various forums. It has also been argued that the amount of black money unearthed by this move was negligible compared to the total quantum of black money in circulation currently. But the tallest promise of the Modi-led NDA Government was the creation of jobs. It was directly linked to the well-being of the younger generation and the economic development of the country. The previous regime was criti-

cized for jobless growth and Modi promised to create more than one crore jobs each year. But, the latest figures made available by the Labour Bureau of Government of India are most dismal and disquieting for the NDA Government. As per the these figures, the job growth plummeted in key sectors to its lowest levels in eight years in 2015-2016 and 2016 respectively compared to 10 lakh new jobs

growth only. Unless major policy initiatives are taken to change the prevailing development trajectory, job creation will remain a far cry for the Government.

Choosing Assam to celebrate the completion of three years in office by the Prime Minister is a significant thing for the people of the region. One can also read a political angle to it. But, as the Prime Minister of the country and the executive head of our nation, at times one expects the Prime Minister to see things beyond immediate partisan and political gains. Certain issues are raging the State of Assam for decades. One such issue is that of foreign nationals. This issue needs to be resolved once and for all. However, this should be done carefully without causing further unrest and tension among various communities living in the State. At the same

time, the Assamese people need to be assured that under no circumstances their demographic identity will be impinged upon. Another contentious issue is the construction of the lower Subansiri dam. The foreigners issue is a threat to the cultural and linguistic identities of Assamese people. While living as proud Indians, they would also like to keep their regional identities intact. This should not be misunderstood. There should not be any move to gloss over their regional identities. This also applies to all development models initiated in the region. The North-east is a different ecosystem. It is a region of valleys, hills, rivers and wastelands. They are its lifelines. A general pattern of development made for the rest of India may not be suitable for this region as it is. So, all the development models introduced in the region should also be eco-sensitive and environment-friendly. Otherwise, it may adversely affect the livelihood and culture of the people living in the region.

For the North-east is con-

created in 2009 when Dr Mamnoon Singh-led UPA was in office. This is happening when the rate of GDP growth is projected to achieve at 7.5% this fiscal. The bad news is this dismal situation is going to persist and may even turn worse with the impending job cuts in the IT sector. This was predicted a few days ago. That the IT firms, mostly the leading ones, are replacing their labour intensive method with the capital intensive ones indicates that there could be huge job retrenchment in the coming days. Growth is meaningless unless it translates into creation of more jobs. But the much-talked-about economic reforms are leading our economy to a jobless

port where one open university has been turned into an institution for award of degrees by any means. Other universities too have more or less behaved similarly. The education and examination system of the universities have, over the time, been transformed to a mere formally only without actually having done any proper evaluation of a student. However, some universities in the country are still trying to maintain their purity to a great extent. Compare the results of Delhi University and any other university in the State. The outcome is obvious. This is the reason why parents flock to Delhi for admission of their children in any college under the Delhi University even knowing fully well that their scores will be much less than any university in the State. In spite of the attempt at maintaining purity by some of the universities in the country, we still do not have a university ranked within the first 100 as per the rankings by some of the world's leading rating agencies. Although there are many criticisms of the rating system, let us try to get ourselves to that extent.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Gov-

ernment of India has let come out with certain measures to rescue the education system from the impending rot. It is learnt that the ministry has ordered a total retool of the grading system of higher educational institutes by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). So far an institution was graded based on the report of the peer review team. And the report of the peer review team has often landed in controversy about its quality. It was alleged that the team would award a rating based on the hospitality the members received during their visit.

We always refer to the sanctity

of the higher educational institutions run under the ambit of the UGC guidelines. But a closer look at the UGC guidelines would be again a matter of bringing out the cat from the bag. A simple example is enough to understand the gravity. It specifies a point for each of the research publications in any journal. Any person having higher claim to be selected as an assistant professor or promoted to a higher rank. Here again quality is the casualty. Why should then

someone spend his/her life in pursuit of quality publication? One teacher had only three research publications which had been referred in more than 3,000 research publications, while another teacher had 300 publications referred by a limited number of publications. Once in an interview for assistant professor, a candidate claimed to have international publication. On scrutiny he showed a journal published from an unknown place on earth with the word 'international' in the title. The UGC too needs a thorough shake-up.

Coming back to Dr Sarma's regulations, he deserves applause for bringing out the truth, although he has been criticized for this. However, it is essential that we acknowledge the truth. Unless we acknowledge the truth, how can we aspire for improvement? And if we fail to improve our education system, we will never be able to compete worldwide. A country credited for establishing the world's first university is certain to lose face unless something is done right now. We need to come out of the shackles of emotion to reality and learn to accept truth.

The cat is out of the bag, at last!

■ Dr Dilip Kumar Patgiri

So the cat is out of the bag, courtesy Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam Minister for Education. What he said needs to be analysed before making any comments on that. He has divulged that since 2001, both the SEBA and AHSEC alone have been resorting to large-scale manipulation of the marks obtained by the candidates in Class X and XII examinations. This was done under the tacit instructions from the Government through its officials in order to show that the education scenario has improved due to Government efforts. Besides, another logic that had been put forward was that students passing out of Class XII from the AHSEC do not get selected for admission to colleges under the Delhi University due to certain cut-off marks. No matter whatever is the logic, it is justified to do so? Has not affected the society at large?

Some time back, a principal of a well-known school said that during the scrutiny, they received a verbal instruction from the higher authority that a student should be given full credit if he/she writes a

sentence 'He bot a pen' instead of 'He bought a pen'. The logic behind was that the student knew that it would be 'bought', but he does not know the spelling and will learn the spelling when needed either from the spell-check facility in any word processor software or in a dictionary. What have we done by doing so? First the student who had written correctly has been discredited and second the student who had written wrongly is given the impression that whatever he has written is correct. After some time and passing through all examinations in the same manner, he/she will become a teacher and teach his students whatever he knows. This is already happening.

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Traffic regulation for PM's visit

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 25: In view of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi tomorrow, the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Guwahati) has imposed a number of traffic restrictions and diversions.

A statement issued by DCP (Traffic) Anjanee Kaur said the PM's cavalcade would enter through the Koinadhati point and there would be no other movement from this part of road.

The rally participants coming from RG Baruah Road side and GS Road side will be routed through Supermarket, Last Gate, BN Saikia Road and will alight at Basistha Chariali and the vehicles will proceed further towards Basistha Mandir as per availability of parking.

Vehicles carrying partici-

pants from lower Assam side after dropping them at the Tripura Gol point on National Highway 37, will be guided to the parking slots available to the eastern side of Khampani Veterinary field towards NH-37 and Greenwood Resort and towards Jorabat.

Further, vehicles carrying participants from upper Assam side, after dropping the participants at Khampani Service Road shall be directed to the parking along NH-37.

Participants coming in their private LVMs from Guwahati will not be allowed to bring their vehicles beyond Sixmile flyover and Joyanagar Chariali or Khanapara Rotory.

All vehicles used for shifting the participants from Guwahati Railway Station, Panbazar and Narenji Railway Sta-

tion, will be allowed to ply through the GS Road. After dropping the participants at Sixmile the vehicles will be directed to Express Highway below Sixmile flyover.

Vehicles carrying participants coming from Kamakhya Rail-way Station, after dropping the participants at Basistha Chariali point on National Highway 37, will be guided to the vicinity of the Basistha Mandir.

Heavy commercial vehicles coming from and going to BG Yard will be restricted from 7 am till the traffic is normalised after the rally gets over.

Movement of heavy vehicles will be restricted on all roads including NH-37 inside Guwahati from 6 am till the rally is over.

Sarupsari Stadium: As far as the Sarupsari venue is con-

cerned, public car park at Dakkhin Gaon College, on both sides from Lohora road to petrol pump and Udayan field Blau ground.

No vehicles will be allowed from gates on the national highway and the public and officers can enter only from gate no. 2, near hockey stadium, Bhetapara side. The commuters are requested to come via Lokhrin and Bhetapara and avoid the national highway.

No vehicle will be allowed to park on the road from the main entrance to the Research Gate (Bellota-Khampani Road) and GS Road Sixmile flyover till Khampani and from Prison Gate to Koinadhati point. No vehicle will be allowed to park on the carriage way of NH-37 from Khampani to Jalsukuri and from airport to Khampani field.

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He said that roadside cleaning, repairing and refurbishing of roads and beautification have already been done by the PWD, GMC and NHAI. "All the emergency and contingency services are in place. NDRF and SDRF services will be at the venues. Emergency healthcare will be available as well as drinking water facilities," said the DC.

Around 300 temporary toilets have been constructed at the venues and CCTV cameras and watch towers are in place, he added. — Staff Reporter

City ready to receive Modi

LOCAL FORECAST: Partly cloudy sky to generally cloudy sky. Rain/thunder-shower is very likely to occur. Maximum temperature is most likely to be 33°C on Thursday.

TEMPERATURE:

Max 34.6°C

Min 24.2°C

WEATHER GUWAHATI

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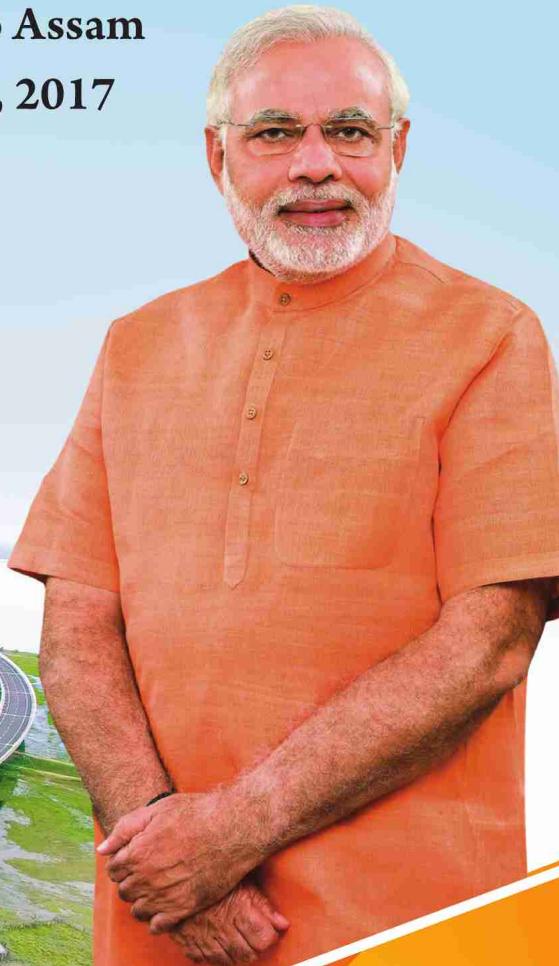


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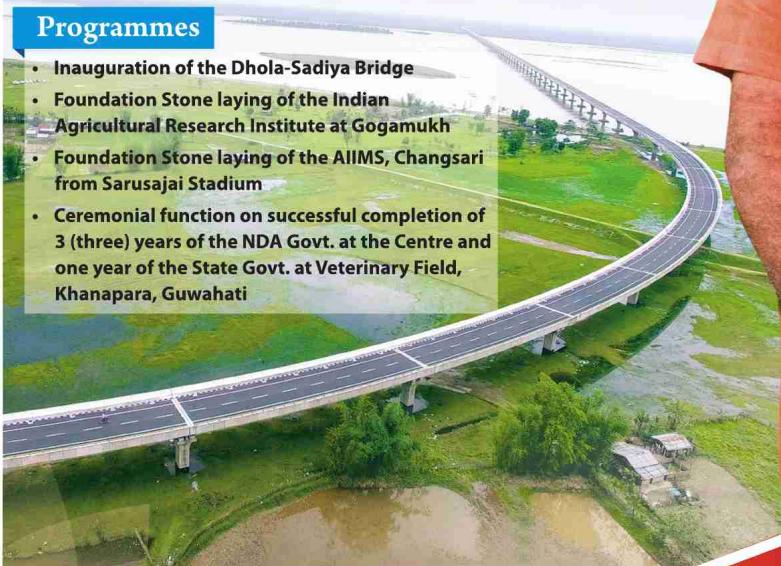


Sarbananda Sonowal
Chief Minister, Assam



Programmes

- Inauguration of the Dhola-Sadiya Bridge
- Foundation Stone laying of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute at Gogamukh
- Foundation Stone laying of the AIIMS, Changsari from Sarusajai Stadium
- Ceremonial function on successful completion of 3 (three) years of the NDA Govt. at the Centre and one year of the State Govt. at Veterinary Field, Khanapara, Guwahati



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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

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PM urged to name Sadiya bridge after Bhupen Hazarika

ITANAGAR, May 25: Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society (APLS), in a memorandum addressed to Prime Minister today requested him to name the newly-constructed Dholia-Sadiya bridge after Dr Bhupen Hazarika, the greatest cultural icon of North East.

"It has been popular will of the people of both the States that the historic bridge may be named after Late (Dr) Bhupen Hazarika, the most revered personality of the NE, a mark of tribute to his majestic contributions in integrating the people of different castes, creed and religion with his immortal songs and music," read the APLS' memorandum which was sent to PMO through email.

Further, the Society informed the PM that Sadiya, which was an administrative headquarter of the then NEFA prior to the 1950 Great Earthquake, was the birth place of Dr Hazarika. — Correspondent

Mizoram Assembly passes GST Bill

ZODIN SANGA

AIZAWL, May 25: Mizoram Assembly unanimously passed the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, 2017, and the Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2017, by voice vote on Thursday.

The two Bills were tabled in the Assembly after the legislators belonging to different parties discussed the provisions of both the Bills during the one-day session convened for the introduction and passage of the GST Bill.

State Taxation Minister Lalawia, who introduced the State GST Bill, hoped that the new tax regime under the GST would help in substantial increase in revenue for the State Government and broadening the tax base, while decreasing prices of commodities for the common people. Cutting across party lines, members of the Assembly supported the

Bill and hoped that it would be beneficial for both the State Government and the people.

Lalawia said under the GST regime, traders with annual turnover of more than Rs 10 lakh will have to pay taxes. "In big States, the turnover threshold is Rs 20 lakh. In nine small States and Union Territories, the threshold is Rs 10 lakh. If we make the threshold limit at Rs 20 lakh, we will incur a huge revenue loss," Lalawia said. In case of loss of revenue under the GST, the State will be compensated by the Government of India from the fund created under the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, Lalawia informed the Assembly.

He, however, expressed the view that the GST Act will be implemented by the Government of India.

hope that the taxes collected under the GST would not be less than pre-GST regime. "The State Government is confident that its tax revenue would increase after introduction of GST, which is being billed as the most liberal tax structure to be adopted in the country," he said.

The Assembly also unanimously passed the amendment Bill on the Mizoram Value Added Tax (VAT) Act as introduced by Lalawia. The amendment was made to include items like alcoholic liquor, petroleum crude, motor spirit, high-speed diesel, natural gas and aviation turbine fuel in the Mizoram VAT Act as the items were left out of the purview of GST Act.

Sikkim passes GST Bill

GANGTOK, May 25: Sikkim Assembly passed the Sikkim Goods and Services Tax Bill today to become the sixteenth State in the country to pass the GST Bill. The Bill along with two others – Sikkim Official Languages (Amendment) Bill and Sikkim Panchayat (Amendment) Bill were placed in the House by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling. The other two bills were also passed. Chamling said the Panchayat (Amendment) Bill will further strengthen the Panchayati Raj Institution in Sikkim and give more power and responsibility to the panchayats. — PTI

PASSENGER SPECIAL TRAINS

It has been decided to run the following Passenger Special Trains to clear extra rush of passengers as under:

A. 1st Passenger Special

Train No. 05622 from Lumding on 26-05-2017

Date	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Date
---	09.10	10.10	Lumding	01.15	---	26-05-17
10.25	10.30	Lanka	00.30	00.32		
11.20	11.25	Hojai	00.02	00.04		
12.05	12.07	Kampur	23.22	23.25		
12.05	12.07	Chaparmukh	23.00	23.05		
13.15	---	Narangi	22.35	22.37		
13.15	---	Narangi	21.45	---		

Composition : Sleeper Class (Twelve) & SLR/D (Two) = 14 Coaches.

B. 2nd Passenger Special

Train No. 05624 from Haibargaon on 26-05-2017

Date	ARR.	DEP.	STATIONS	ARR.	DEP.	Date
---	08.30	09.00	Haibargaon	21.45	---	26-05-17
08.55	09.00	Chaparmukh	21.00	21.05		
09.20	09.22	Dharmatala	20.20	20.22		
09.35	09.37	Jagiroad	19.55	19.57		
11.15	---	Narangi	19.05	---		

Composition : General Second Class (Fifteen), SLR/D (Two) = 17 Coaches.

WEATHER NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thunderstorm is very likely to occur over Assam & Meghalaya and light to moderate rain/thunderstorms is very likely to occur all over Northeastern states, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Warning: Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya on May 26 and over Assam & Meghalaya on May 26 & 27.

Temperatures:

Dibrugarh 23.7 - 24.4
Tezpur 28.8 - 23.0
Silchar 35.6 - 25.6
Dhubri 32.1 - 23.2
Jorhat 27.0 - 22.8
Kamrup 24.4 - 19.8
Shillong 16.8 - 16.8
Imphal 32.6 - 20.7
Itanagar 24.9 - 21.3
Aizawl 31.7 - 26.6
Agartala 37.0 - 27.8
Kohima 27.2 - 17.4
Pasighat 24.0 - 22.0
Cherrapunji 24.7 - 18.7

CORRIDUM

The following changes have been made against E-Tender Notice No. 24/2017 dated 24-05-2017.

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52541 New Jalpaiguri - Darjeeling

STATION

DIESEL

ARR.	DEP.	New Jalpaiguri	ARR.	DEP.	Sukna
---	08.30	---	---	---	---
---	---	Silguri Town	---	---	---
05.05	09.00	Silguri-Jn.	14.32	14.35	---
09.30	09.32	Sukna	13.56	13.58	---
10.04	10.05	Rang Tong	13.25	13.26	---
11.10	11.11	Tindharia	12.18	12.20	---
11.42	11.43	Gayabari	11.41	11.43	---
12.13	12.14	Mahanadi	11.10	11.11	---
12.45	12.55	Kurseong	10.30	10.40	---
13.25	13.26	Tung	09.54	09.55	---
14.03	14.05	Sonada	09.15	09.16	---
14.50	14.55	Ghurni	08.30	08.35	---
15.35	---	Darjeeling	---	08.00	---

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Assam Rifles repatriating 338 Myanmar refugees back home from Mizoram on Thursday. — UB Photos

UDP, HSPDP in pre-poll pact

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, May 25: Two regional parties in Meghalaya today entered into a pre-poll alliance and had decided to field common candidates during the 2018 Assembly elections in Khasi-Jaintia Hills having 36 seats in the 60-member House.

The United Democratic Party (UDP) and Hill State People's Democratic Party (HSPDP) which have strong electoral base in Khasi-Jaintia Hills announced the pre-poll alliance.

UDP has eight MLAs and HSPDP four. Announcing the alliance, UDP president and former Chief Minister Donkupar Roy said, a "UDP-HSPDP coordination committee" has been constituted which would have legislators from both parties as members.

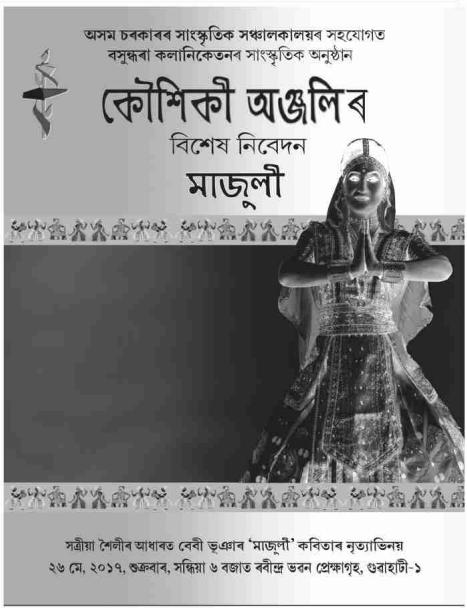
Roy has been elected as the chairman of the committee and HSPDP president Ardent Basaiwmoi the co-chairman.

"The coordination committee would chalk out strategies for the poll. The committee would be meeting soon and

test in Garo Hills region which have 24 seats. In the Garo Hills region the alliance would extend support to Nationalist Congress Party, which has a strong base.

Basaiwmoi said that the decision to fight the elections together was taken keeping in mind the "welfare of the people." Over the days, the committee would formalise how many seats each of the political parties would contest.

Meanwhile, the BJP is already working to form its base in the State and has decided to contest all 60 seats. Under the circumstances, the Congress' electoral prospect has dimmed with its perennial infighting and the anti-incumbency factor.



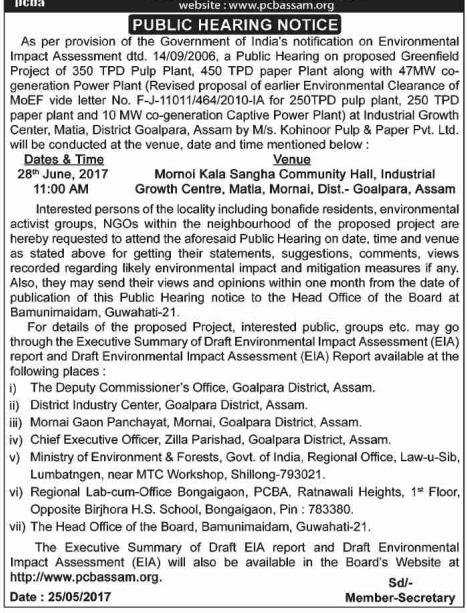
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

As per provision of the Government of India's notification on Environmental Impact Assessment dt. 08/02/2006, a Public Hearing on proposed Greenfield Project of 350 TPD Pulp Plant, 450 TPD paper Plant along with 47MW co-generation Power Plant (Revised proposal of earlier Environmental Clearance of MoEF vide letter No. F-1101/1464/2010-IA for 250TPD pulp plant, 250 TPD paper plant and 10 MW co-generation Captive Power Plant) at Industrial Growth Center, Matla, District Goalpara, Assam by M/s. Kohinoor Pulp & Paper Pvt. Ltd. will be conducted at the venue, date and time mentioned below :

Dates & Time 28 June, 2017 **Venue** Mornal Kala Sangha Community Hall, Industrial Growth Centre, Matla, Mornal, Dist.- Goalpara, Assam

Interested persons of the locality including bonafide residents, environmental activist groups, NGOs within the neighbourhood of the proposed project are hereby requested to attend the aforesaid Public Hearing on date, time and venue as stated above for getting their statements, suggestions, comments, views recorded regarding likely environmental impact and mitigation measures if any. Also, they may send their views and opinions within one month from the date of publication of this Public Hearing notice to the Head Office of the Board at Bamunimaimad, Guwahati-21.

For details of the proposed Project, interested public, groups etc. may go through the Executive Summary of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report available at the following places :

- The Deputy Commissioner's Office, Goalpara District, Assam.
- District Industry Center, Goalpara District, Assam.
- Mornal Gaon Panchayat, Mornal, Goalpara District, Assam.
- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Goalpara District, Assam.
- Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, Regional Office, Law-u-Sib, Lumbertang, near MTC Workshop, Shillong-793021.
- Regional Lab-cum-Office Bongaigaon, PCBA, Rathnawali Heights, 1st Floor, Opposite Birjhora School, Bongaigaon, Pin : 783380.
- The Head Office of the Board, Bamunimaimad, Guwahati-21.

The Executive Summary of Draft EIA report and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will also be available in the Board's Website at <http://www.pcbassam.org>.

Sd/-
Member-Secretary

Date : 25/05/2017

CAPSULE**Mercedes Benz**

NEW DELHI, May 25: German luxury car-maker Mercedes-Benz has slashed prices of its vehicles produced in India by up to Rs 7 lakh to pass on the benefits of new tax rate under GST due in July. The new prices will be effective tomorrow through the whole of June, but in case GST is deferred, the company said it would revert to the old prices till its rollout. —PTI

SBI hackathon

MUMBAI, May 25: State Bank of India (SBI) on Wednesday said it has launched a nationwide hackathon for developers, start-ups and students to encourage them to come up with innovative ideas and solutions for the banking sector. The hackathon, named 'Code For Bank', will focus on the business value driven by new technologies like predictive analytics, fintech, blockchain, digital payments, IoT, AI, etc., the bank said. —PTI

PC Jewellers

NEW DELHI, May 25: PC Jewellers today reported nearly 40 per cent increase in standalone net profit at Rs 11,05.05 crore for the fourth quarter of last fiscal on strong sales in the domestic market. It had posted a net profit of Rs 78.76 crore in the same period of the previous fiscal, 2015-16, the company said in a BSE filing. —PTI

Britannia Industries

NEW DELHI, May 25: Britannia Industries today reported 5.96 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit at Rs 10.40 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 199.03 crore in January-March period a year ago. Britannia Industries said in a BSE filing. —PTI

Jio-triggered upheavals to settle down in telecom sector: Sinha



Minister of State for Communications (Ind Charge) and Railways Manoj Sinha addressing a press conference on the achievements of the Ministry of Communications during the three years of NDA Government, in New Delhi on Thursday. —PIB Photo

NEW DELHI, May 25: The upheavals in the telecom sector following the entry of Reliance Jio will settle down once consolidation takes place and there is no threat to jobs, Union Minister Manoj Sinha said today.

"Telecom sector is an open market. We cannot stop anyone from entering it. I would like to say one thing that in 2003, when new players entered the market a similar upheaval took place but everything was settled in 1-2 years. I don't feel there is any threat to jobs," Sinha said while talking about the progress made by the Modi Government in last three years.

Incumbent telecom operators — Airtel, Vodafone and Idea Cellular — have seen decline in their business after the entry of Reliance Jio last September. It was offering free 4G services till March and voice calls free forever.

The competition benefited the consumers as mobile data

rates dropped to about Rs 10 per gigabyte from about Rs 200 per GB a year ago.

Reliance Communications (RCom) and Idea posted losses for October-December quarter of last fiscal. Vodafone and Idea are in the process of merging their business. RCom, Sistema Shyam and Aircel are also merging their mobile business.

RCom and Tata Telecommunications are known to have cut about 500-600 jobs on the basis of

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Same category subscribers

TRAI bars discriminatory tariffs

NEW DELHI, May 25: Telecom regulator TRAI today directed telecom operators to stop providing discriminatory tariffs to the subscribers of the same category and report all plans to the sector watchdog within seven days of their launch.

"...Clause 10 of the Telecommunication Tariff Order, 1999 provides that no service provider shall, in any manner, discriminate between subscribers of the same class and such classification of subscribers shall not be arbitrary. Pro-

vided that different tariffs in the nature of 'Vertical Price Squeeze' shall be admissible for discriminatory tariff," TRAI said in a direction issued to telecom operators.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said it has received complaint that some telecom operators are launching tariffs without filing it with the regulator and "offering discriminatory tariff to individual customers within the same class".

Reliance Jio had filed a complaint with TRAI against Bharti Airtel in April, saying the telecom major violated tariff rules by issuing misleading offers and arbitrarily discriminating among its own customers subscribing to the same plan.

Bharti Airtel spokesperson had denied the allegations saying the company was fully complying with all regulatory guidelines, including tariff orders. —PTI

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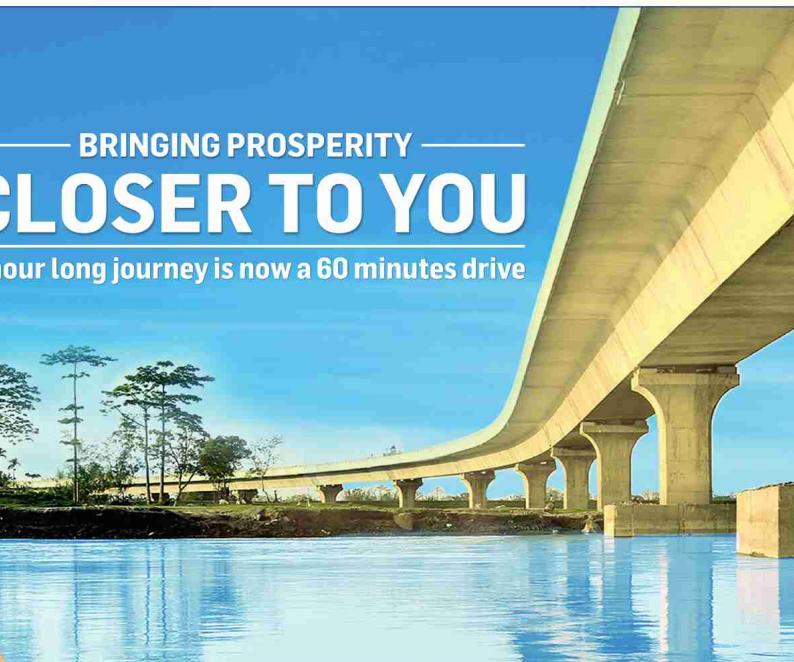
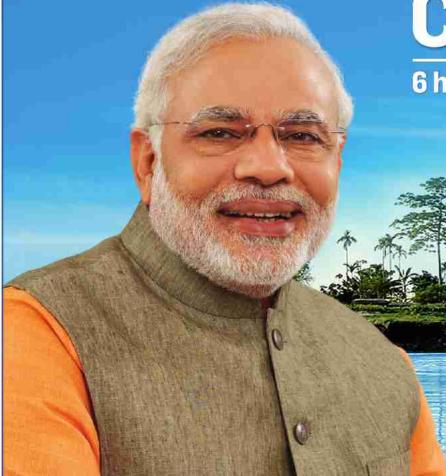
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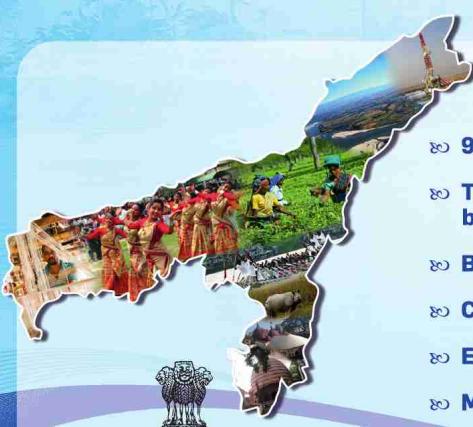
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Cow vigilante groups not our people, says Gadkari

NEW DELHI, May 25: The BJP and the Sangh family supports a ban on cow slaughter but "condemns" vigilantism in the name of its protection, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said today, declaring they are "not our people".

Gadkari's comments in an interview with PTI are the strongest yet repudiation of cow vigilante groups by the Modi government, which has come under fierce attack by the its rivals over violence perpetrated by

the so-called 'gau rakshaks'.

These cow protection groups have mercilessly beaten up people, some even to death. In Gujarat's Una, seven members of a Dalit family were flogged over skinning a dead cow, while in Rajasthan's Alwar, they dragged out cattle traders and beat to death a Muslim man. Another elderly Muslim man was killed on suspicion of storing and eating beef in Bisada village in Dadri in Uttar

Pradesh. These incidents inflamed communal tensions, tarnishing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts to focus on economic development, which Gadkari said was the government's main agenda.

The government is focused on 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (Togetherness with all, Development for all), and none of its policies discriminated against religious minorities, Gadkari said in an interview.

Gadkari said violence in the name of protecting cows "should not have happened". "This is not our agenda. Those who are doing this are not our people. Those who did it are wrong. We are not with them. Prime Minister had condemned [them]... We all have condemned [such violence]. Why then are we being blamed for these incidents?" he said.

Gadkari deprecated the tendency of associating every saffron clad per-

son with the BJP.

"Any saffron clad person on television is immediately related to us (BJP) whereas the fact is that we don't have any relation with that person," said Gadkari, a former party president and a senior luminary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. "We don't support such people."

The BJP leader said these were part of a Left campaign to sully the image of his party. - PTI

Centre sends 400 anti-riot policemen to Saharanpur

NEW DELHI, May 25: The Centre has sent 400 anti-riot police personnel to Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh to help the State restore peace in the region where caste clashes have claimed two lives.

The forces were sent after a request from the Uttar Pradesh government, which also despatched a preliminary report to the Home Ministry with details on incidents of violence. It said apart from the two deaths, 40 people were injured.

"Around 400 personnel of the Rapid Action Force have been sent to Saharanpur to help the State government maintain law and order following a request of the Uttar Pradesh government," home ministry spokesperson Ashok Prasad told reporters here.

The request for the specialised anti-riot RAF and the pre-liminary factual report came after the home ministry asked the State government to send details of the incidents which had taken place in the western Utter Pradesh district.

Prasad said one person was shot dead and two people were injured in the clashes between two communities on May 23, following which three FIRs were registered and 24 people arrested.

On May 5, another person was killed and 15 people were injured in a fresh bout of violence. Nine FIRs were registered on that day and 17 people were arrested. About a dozen police vehicles were set ablaze and 12 policemen were injured on May 9. - PTI



Suman Sharma, Indian civilian woman pose for a photograph after flying the Eurofighter Typhoon, world's most advanced fighter aircraft, at the Moron Air Base of NATO, 600 kms away from Madrid, becoming the first civilian to do so. - UNI

Govt closely watching Kashmir terror funding

NEW DELHI, May 25: The Centre today said it is keeping a close watch on illegal flow of funds to fuel militancy in Jammu and Kashmir and action is being taken by security agencies in such instances.

According to an estimate of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Pakistan-based terror groups finance terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir by generating millions in donations through their charity organisations.

Fahab-e-Insaniat Foundation (FIF), a charity run by terror outfits Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), and Al Rehmat Trust, backed by another terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), have collected millions from people and uses them to fund terrorists.

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These outfits collect donations from people in Pakistan and then pass on the money to finance terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir through their over ground workers, an NIA official said.

"All Rehmat Trust distributes pamphlets to raise funds for sacrificing animals during Eid and after collecting the money, they finance terrorism.

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In pursuance of the Office Memorandum issued by the Government of Assam vide G.O.M.R. No. 100/2016 dated 25th May, 2017 and in view of the enactment of the new Act namely 'The Assam (Provincialisation of Services of Teachers and Reorganization of Educational Institutions) Act, 2017', applications in prescribed format (developed by the Government) are hereby invited from the Heads of eligible Ventil High Schools, Higher Secondary Schools, Jr. Colleges, High Madrasa etc., from all districts of Assam for provincialisation of services of teachers and-tutors working in the respective institutions. Applications should be submitted in the prescribed format 'A' for High Schools and High Madrasa while Format 'B & C' will be for Higher Secondary Schools and Jr. Colleges. The application forms alongwith annexures as well as the formats have already been uploaded in the departmental website www.madhyamik.in, and also will be available in the office of all Inspector of Schools. The other terms and conditions for submission of the applications are as under:

1. The Heads of the eligible Ventil Educational Institutions may collect the application forms as stated above from office of the concerned Inspector of Schools.
2. The venture High Schools and High Madrasa must have received permission from the state Govt. and recognition of the last and the highest class from the SEBA or on before 01.01.2006.
3. Venture H.S. Schools and Jr. colleges must have received concurrence from the Govt. and permission, from the AHSEC on or before 01.01.2006.
4. The land, building and other infrastructures of such venture institutions should be as far as practicable at par with the provisions of the Assam Non-Govt. Educational Institutions (Regulations and Management) 2006 and the Rules there under.
5. Such venture institutions must have clear and exclusive title and possession over the land prior to 01.01.2006.
6. Such venture institutions must leave minimum 25 enrolment in highest class i.e class "X" and also 25 in case of Higher secondary schools and Jr. College.
7. The Institutions must have good academic performance which means that at least 30% of the students appearing for the final examinations as a whole must have passed in last three consecutive years.
8. Applications of the venture educational institutions will be scrutinized by the district level scrutiny committee as per provision of this Act.
9. There shall also be a State Level Scrutiny Committee for verification and recommendation for provincialisation.

The filled in applications should be submitted in office of the concerned Inspector of Schools along-with a copy of Treasury Challan/Bank Draft of Rs.100/- being the application fees within 05.06.2017. This advertisement cancels the earlier advertisement issued by this directorate and published in the 'Assam Tribune' on the 21st May/2017 and in other dailies.

For further information any one may visit the website www.madhyamik.in or contact the concerned office of the Inspector of Schools.

Sd/- Director, Secondary Education, Assam Kalihipara, Guwahati-19,

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BJP workers, police clash in Kolkata

KOLKATA, May 25: BJP workers today clashed with police at various places in the metropolis during their march to the police headquarters demanding arrest of "corrupt" TMC leaders, prompting the force to use teargas shells, water canons and batons to disperse them.

BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, State chief Dilip Ghosh and party Rajya Sabha MP Roopa Ganguly were among those detained by the law enforcement officials during the protests.

Several parts of the city witnessed pitched battles as BJP workers tried to break through barricades, with police using force to disperse them, two days after similar scenes were witnessed during a Left rally.

A police vehicle was set on fire on BB Ganguly Street, Bentinck Street, close to the Lalbazar headquarters, also saw violence unfold as the agitators hurled stones and glass bottles at the police and got lathi charged by them. - PTI

The rules also define the requirements to be met by the breeders and the establishments used for breeding, such as those related to health, housing facilities and conditions for sale.

The ministry also notified the livestock market rules which recommend an animal market monitoring committee to be formed in every district, headed by the district magistrate. There are also extra legal conditions to ensure that smuggling of cattle is checked.

The new rules have been

framed under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act – The Dog Breeding and Marketing Rules and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Aquarium and Fish Tank Animals Shop) Rules.

"This was an area where no regulation existed. Despite the government spending huge amounts for neutering dogs in India, breeding of pedigree dogs was going on unabated in extremely cruel and unsanitary conditions in puppy mills," said activist Ganesh Mukherji, who had moved court demanding that such regulations be put in place. - PTI

New rules to regulate dog breeders, cattle markets

NEW DELHI, May 25: The government today introduced rules to regulate dog breeders, aquarium owners and live-stock markets by bringing them under the ambit of a law to check cruelty to animals.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) issued a series of notifications under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Under the new rules, it will be mandatory for all dog breeders and aquarium owners to register themselves with the State Animal Welfare Board of the respec-

Fadnavis' helicopter crash-lands in Latur, CM escapes unhurt

MUMBAI, May 25: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had a narrow escape today when his helicopter got entangled in overhead wires and crashed-landed in Latur district after the pilot faced difficulty due to bad weather, soon after take-off.

The State government's six-year-old Sikorsky chopper was damaged beyond repair an official of civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said.

The accident occurred when the helicopter, which had six persons on board including two crew members, was landing at Nilanga town of the district where the CM had a pro-

said. The AIB probes all accidents and serious incidents involving Indian aircraft.

"Our helicopter did meet with an accident in Latur but I am sure and my team is (sic) absolutely safe and OK. Nothing to worry," Fadnavis tweeted after the accident.

The Chief Minister later proceeded by road to Latur city, which is about 40 kms from the crash site, and boarded a specially arranged aircraft to fly to Mumbai.

The DGCA official said the six-seater helicopter suffered substantial damage and would have to be "written off".

After taking off at around 12 noon, the pilot observed a variable wind pattern and decided to land. In the process, the helicopter got entangled in wires, the official said, adding that all on board are safe and escaped without any serious injury. - PTI

Court rejects AAP leaders' plea in Jaitley's DDCB case

NEW DELHI, May 25: AAP leaders Ashutosh and Sanjay Singh have failed to get relief from a sessions court which rejected their plea against an order to put them on trial along with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a defamation complaint filed by Union Minister Arun Jaitley in the DDCB controversy.

Additional Sessions Judge Rakesh Pandit dismissed the revision petition filed by the two AAP leaders against the magisterial court's order framing no cause against them in the case.

Notices under Code of Criminal Procedure framed in the criminal complaints are equivalent to framing of charges in criminal cases pursued by the State.

The court said there was "sufficient prima facie evidence" against the two and it appears that the statements given by them "are directly against" the complainant (Jaitley) and his family members.

"Accordingly, the revision petition is dismissed in limine (at the threshold)," it said. In the revision plea, Ashutosh and Singh had assailed the trial court's March 25 order framing notices against them.

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Chief Engineer, PWD Border Roads and NEC Works, Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3, on behalf of Governor of Assam invites bid for the following work under Central Road Fund (MORT&R) for the year 2016-17. Details may be seen at website <http://www.pwdassam.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sl. No.	District	Name of Work	Approx. Estimated Amount (Rs.)
1	Nagaon	Upgradation of Nagon College Point to Deorow Bypass intersection under District Head Quarter to NH connectivity scheme by four laning with divider and other accessories under CRF for a length of 10.80km for the year 2016-17. [Job No. CRF/AS/2016-17/145]	388461945.00
2	Nagaon	Improvement of Old NH-37 from Nagon College Police point to Uriagora by-pass junction point of 4 lane NH-37 (km 272.00 to km 278.85 under CRF for the year 2016-17. Job No. CRF/AS/2016-17/153]	191384352.00

Sd/- Additional Project Director, Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society, Uluberia, Guwahati-7
E-mail : dir.iwts@assam.gov.in

Expression of Interest for Supply of Computers and Peripheral Items

Secretariat Administration Department invites 'Expression of Interest' from Authorized Dealers for supply of following items required for Official use at Janata Bhawan or GeMApproved Rates.

Item No.	Description	Details	GeM/approve rate
2	Brief Description of the EO	All in one Desktop Computer with Intel Core i3 Processor with Linux OS, 4 GB RAM, 500 GB Hard Disk, Tower Case (i3 with Linux OS) with 3 years onsite warranty.	GeMPrice of Rs.43,050.00 only. (VAT & GST charge as admissible shall be extra).
	Printers	Computer Printer HP LaserJet Pro MFP with warranty.	GeMPrice of Rs.1,200.00 only. (VAT & GST charge as admissible shall be extra).
	UPS	Numeric UPS with Exide / Quantu batteries (1 KVA) with interactive UPS/216 VAH UPS) with warranty.	GeMPrice of Rs.8,000.00 only. (VAT & GST charge as admissible shall be extra).
3	Date of Issue	25/05/2017	
4	Last Date for Submission of EO	09 June,2017 upto 2:30 PM.	
5	Date of Opening of EO	09 June,2017	
	Place of Submission/Opening of EO	Secretariat Administration (Est.) Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam, Block-A, Ground Floor.	
	Contact Nos.	96761065 Earned Money Deposit	
		Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One lakh) only.	

The detailed specifications along with other terms and conditions can be obtained in the office of Secretariat Administration (Est.) Department, Janata Bhawan or download from the website www.assam.gov.in and www.sast.gov.in.

General terms and conditions :

1. Interested authorized dealers shall have to fulfill above requirements and shall submit necessary documents as mentioned below along with their revised price quotation for the proposed work.
2. The Authorized dealers should have experience of supply, installation and commissioning of Computers, Computer Hardware (including Printers/Scanners) in office/institution. Documentary proof/PO/Contract Copy/Certificate from customer) should be provided in support of their proposal.
3. The bidder must have registered office and/or authorized representative established within 25 kilometers radius of Janata Bhawan. The bidder must be able to provide support services for the computers / printers / UPS to be installed.
4. The bidder must possess PAN, VAT, Service Tax Registration No., and Trade License issued by appropriate authority.
5. Interested dealers shall be registered company. Copy of registration certificate should be enclosed.
6. The bidder must have registered office and/or authorized representative established within 25 kilometers radius of Janata Bhawan. The bidder must be able to provide support services for the computers / printers / UPS to be installed.
7. The supply has to be made at Janata Bhawan, Secretariat Administration (Est.) Department. These are verified by the NC officials. After verification these will be installed at the concerned office.
8. Interested dealers should submit documentatory evidence in support of facts / claims submitted made in response to the EO. All the pages will be reviewed and opened on the following working day at the same time.
9. The Authorized Dealer should submit documentatory evidence in support of facts / claims submitted made in response to the EO. All the pages will be reviewed and opened on the following working day at the same time.
10. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the concerned office.
11. Open negotiation through e-mail/ Fax etc. will not be considered.
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13. SAST will not be responsible for replacement of the EO document in case it is not properly superscribed with the words "EO for Supply of Computers and peripherals for SAST".
14. The successful Authorized dealer will be required to make a Security Deposit of an amount of Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh) jointly as security for proper execution of the work correct. The said Security deposit will be refunded on successful completion of the contract after deduction of any fine.
15. Successful authorized dealer shall have to enter an agreement with Secretariat Admin. Dept. for a period of one year.
16. This EO document is not an agreement and is not a binding invitation by Secretariat Admin. Dept. to any parties other than the concerned office.
17. The Authorized dealer must submit documentary evidence in support of facts / claims submitted made in response to the EO.
18. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the concerned office.
19. Secretariat Admin. Dept. reserves the right to (a) accept or reject any / all EO's submitted by parties and (b) Cancel the process at any time without any liability and assigning a reason thereof.
20. All responses to the EO alongwith the proposal, a sealed envelop superscribed as "EO for Supply of Computers and peripherals for SAST" should be received to the concerned office by or before 09 June, 2017.
21. Secretariat Administration Department (SAD), Block-A, Ground Floor, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati.
22. Sd/-Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Secretariat Administration Department.

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Government of India

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of

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Guwahati (Assam)**

by

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

at
Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati (Assam)
On Friday, 26th May, 2017 at 03:30 PM

In the august presence of

BANWARILAL PUROHIT
Governor, Assam

SARBANANDA SONOWAL
Chief Minister, Assam

FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE
Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare

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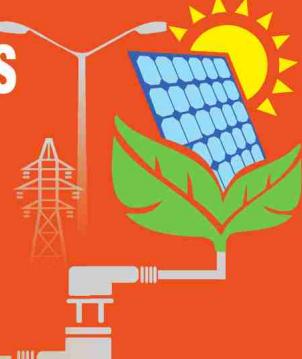

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam


Government of Assam

Lighting Assam towards a new horizon

A year of initiatives and achievements in the power sector

Power – for homes and for industries – is one of the pillars on which development stands. The Government of Assam, under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Sri Sarbananda Sonowal, has always been committed to provide sufficient and reliable power supply across the state. Towards this objective, the combined efforts of APDCL, APGCL and AEGCL has resulted in new initiatives and rapid progress in taking Assam towards becoming a power sufficient State.


ENHANCING DISTRIBUTION**Consumer friendly initiatives**

- Provided ₹ 302 cr. subsidy to the consumers of low income group.
- Under UJALA, distributed 4.25 lakh 9W LED bulbs and 65 thousand 20W LED tubelights to electrical subdivisions for onward sales at ₹ 70 and ₹ 230 respectively. Energy efficient fans are also being sold at ₹ 150.
- Energy bill E-payment facility and online prepaid meter recharge facility through credit/debit card/net banking/payment wallets (Airtel Money, Vodafone mPesa) are available.
- Consumers can register by logging into www.apdcl.org and provide valuable feedback as well as grievances through the Feedback tab.
- Registered consumers can:
 - View their bills/payment details/consumption history of last six months
 - Receive billing and payment related SMS
 - Receive SMS for power outage information in advance
 - Receive E-bills
- Online service connection registration facility is available for consumers of RAPDRP town areas.

Powering villages under DDUGJY

- Electrified 2123 on-grid un-electrified villages.
- Electrified 117 villages with off grid standalone solar power system.
- Provided free electricity to 86332 BPL families.

Tapping solar energy

- Installed 5 MW solar power projects in Balpara.
- Commissioned 85 KW grid-interactive solar power plants in 3 Government Colleges and at Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO).
- 88 standalone LED based Solar Street Lighting System have been commissioned with 57 wind-solar hybrid street lighting system.

AUGMENTING GENERATION

- 164 standalone Micro-Grid Solar Plants have been commissioned in 17 remote villages in Tinsukia and Goalpara districts.
- Commissioned 127 Solar Central Charging Stations and distributed lanterns to remote villagers in Lakhimpur and Darrang districts.
- Bringing in the power of Information Technology
 - Advanced IT implementation successfully completed in 4 substations.
 - Rolling out of SAP ERP across APDCL in 5 phases covering 19 Electrical Circles is nearing completion.
- Moving forward with ADB funded schemes
 - Out of 49 numbers of 33/11 KV substations, 5 have been completed, 3 are nearing completion and rest partially completed.
 - Completed 202 KM and 178 KM of 33 KV and 11 KV lines respectively.
 - Introduced IT module for centralized uniform revenue billing systems for 8500 HT consumers.
- And more...
 - To provide power supply to Indo-Bangladesh border lighting in South Salmara and Dhubri districts, installed four substations totalling 15.2MVA and deployed 143 KM of lines.
 - Initiated the construction of 33/11 KV 2X5MVA Patgaon substation, 33 KV bay at Serfanguuri substation and 33 KV line from Fakiragram to Kokrajhar under Annual Plan 2016-17.
 - Sanctioned ₹ 15 crore to replace damaged transformers and install new ones.
 - Process of installing smart meters in 55 tea gardens is ongoing.

IMPROVING TRANSMISSION

- A total of 212 MVA in four 132/33 KV substations completed and commissioned at Kamalpur, Hailakandi, Matia and Kokrajhar.
- 95.2 KM of 132 KV single circuit and 0.5 KM of 132 KV double circuit completed and commissioned.
- Upgraded ground wire to Optical Ground Wire at 132/33 KV Kamalpur substation.

Manchester United lift Europa League title

STOCKHOLM, May 25: Paul Pogba propelled Manchester United towards a 2-0 victory over Ajax on Wednesday in a Europa League final rendered heavy with emotion by this week's terror attack in Manchester.

A night that began with a moment of silence, then applause, in memory of the 22 people who died at Manchester Arena on Monday ended with United completing their trophy collection through goals from Pogba and Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

Reminders of the attack were everywhere at Stockholm's Friends Arena, from United's black armbands to the chants of "Manchester!" from their fans, while Pogba, too, was grieving, following the recent death of his father.

Victory enabled United manager Jose Mourinho, who said prior to the game that he and his players were struggling not to think about the tragedy, to bring his maiden Old Trafford season to a successful conclusion.

He had already guided United to glory in the League Cup and despite a sixth-place finish in the Premier League, success in the Europa League means his side



Manchester United celebrate with the UEFA Europa League trophy after defeating Ajax at the Friends Arena in Stockholm, on Wednesday.

will return to the Champions League next season.

United became only the fifth club – after Juventus, Ajax, Bayern Munich and Chelsea – to have won the

Champions League and the now defunct Europa League and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Mourinho, a UEFA Cup winner with Porto in 2003 and two-time Eu-

ropean champion, has now won all four of the major European finals he has contested.

Ajax were appearing in their first continental showpiece match since

the 1996 Champions League decider and fielded a team with an average age of 22 years and 282 days – the youngest to have ever started a major European final.

Peter Bosz's effervescent team caused United some uncomfortable moments, but without ever threatening to pull off an upset.

Denied a glorious homecoming by a serious knee injury, United's Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic was present instead as a spectator to see his current side take on the team where he made his name.

Pogba put a volley fractionally wide in the first minute and in the 18th minute he found the target, albeit with a helping hand.

From Marouane Fellaini's lay-off, the French midfielder let fly with a left-foot shot that flicked off Davinson Sanchez's left foot and looped past Ajax's helplessly wrong-footed goalkeeper Andre Onana.

It was the biggest return yet on United's world-record £89.3 million (£115.8 million, 103.2 million euros) investment in Pogba, who celebrated by pointing to the sky.

Minutes later, Antonio Valencia stung Onana's palms after a raid down the United right. – AFP

Morgan ton sets up England win over SA

LEEDS, May 25: England captain Eoin Morgan's fine century laid the platform for a 72-run win over South Africa in the day/night first One-Day International at Headingley on Thursday.

Victory over the Proteas, the world's number-one ranked ODI side, gave England a morale boost just a week before they host the Champions Trophy tournament featuring the world's top eight 50-over sides and put them 1-0 up in this three-match series.

South Africa, set 340 to win,

made steady progress while the

experienced Hashim Amla and Faf du Plessis shared a second-wicket stand of 112.

SCORECARD

England: (1) Roy c de Kock b Parnell 1, A Hales c de Kock b Phehlukwayo 1, J Root c Afridi b Morris 1, Moeen 1, S J Broad c Morris b Morris 107, B Stokes c Miller b Rabada 25, Buttler c Miller b Morris 7, M Ali not out (b 1, w 0). Extras: 0 (b 1, w 0). Total: (For 6 wkts, 50 overs) 339. Fall of wickets: 1-3 2-101, 3-122, 4-190, 5-198, 6-315. **Bowling:** Rabada 9-0-59-0, Phehlukwayo 9-0-59-0, Morris 10-1-198, Tahir 9-0-60-0, Phehlukwayo 9-0-59-2, Duminy 6-0-34-0.

South Africa: H Amla lbw b Wood 73, Q de Kock c Buttler b Wood 57, S J Broad c Buttler b Wood 57, Faf du Plessis c Buttler b Morris 67, AB de Villiers c Plunkett b Ali 45, JP Duminy c Woakes b Rashid 15, D Miller c Stokes 1, S J Broad c Buttler b Ali 5, W Parnell c Wood b Woakes 19, A Phehlukwayo b Buttler 1, K Rabada c Buttler b Morris 19, I Tahir not out 0. Extras: (b 1, w 3) 4. **Total:** (all out, 6 overs) 267. **Fall of wickets:** 1-1, 2-22, 3-145, 4-149, 5-192, 6-216, 7-225, 8-230, 9-267. **Bowling:** Woakes 8-0-54-2, Rashid 10-0-62-1, Phehlukwayo 10-0-62-1, Buttler 10-0-52-2, Ali 10-0-40-1, Buttler 10-0-50-2, Root 10-0-40-1. **APF**



England's Eoin Morgan celebrates after reaching the triple figure mark against South Africa during the 1st ODI at Headingley, on Wednesday.

Bangladesh down New Zealand

DUBLIN, May 25: Bangladesh took a huge step towards qualifying for the 2019 World Cup with a five-wicket victory over New Zealand in the tri-series final yesterday.

The win at Clontarf promoted Bangladesh to sixth place, above Sri Lanka in the standings, with just four months to go before the cut-off date of September 30 when the top eight are guaranteed automatic qualification for the finals in England.

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Mashrafe Mortaza 6, M Santher b Shakib Al Hasan 0, C Munro c Mashrafe Mortaza 1, M Rashid b Purnell 1, Moeen 5, JP Duminy not out 7. Extras: (b 6 w 3) 20. **Total:** (8 wkts, 50 overs) 270. **Fall of wickets:** 1-23, 2-156, 3-167, 4-208, 5-225, 6-235, 7-248, 8-255, 9-258, 10-262. **Bowling:** Mortaza 10-0-62-2, Mustafizur Rahman 10-0-46-1, Rubel Hossain 10-0-56-1, Nasir Hossain 9-47-2, Shakib Al Hasan 8-0-52-1, Md Saifuddin Tamim c Bennett b Santher 65, Soumya Sarkar c Anderson b Patti 0, Sabir Rahman run out 65, Mosaddeq Hossain b Patti 10-0-55-1, M Hossain 10-0-55-1, Shoaib Al Hasan c Bennett 19, Mahmudullah not out 46. Extras: (20) 19w 21. **Total:** (5 wkts, 48.2 overs) 271. **Fall of wickets:** 1-2, 2-10, 3-10, 4-19, 5-19. **Bowling:** Mortaza 10-0-55-1, M Hossain 10-0-55-1, Shoaib Al Hasan 9-0-49-0, H Bennett 9-0-47-1, C Anderson 5-37-0, M Santher 10-0-53-1, J Neesham 4-0-28-0. – AFP

Warm-up venues for Ashes tour announced

SYDNEY, May 25: England will play tours matches in Perth, Adelaide and Townsville in the lead-up to the first Ashes Test against Australia at the Gabba later this year. Cricket Australia said on Thursday.

Joe Root's team will play the three warm-ups ahead of the opening Test in Brisbane on November 23, with a further match added between the second and third Tests.

They open their tour with a two-way game against a Western Australian XI at Perth's WACA Ground from November 4-5. The team then head to Adelaide Oval for a day-night four-day clash against a Cricket Australia XI from November 8-11.

"These tour matches also importantly provide our emerging players the ability to experience top level international competition," – AFP

BCCI invites applications for head coach's post

NEW DELHI, May 25: The BCCI today invited applications for head coach's post, sending a reminder to head coach Anil Kumble that he will not get an automatic extension after his current term expires at the end of Champions Trophy.

Interested candidates can apply by May 31 and will be interviewed by the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman.

"To ensure a fair and completely transparent process, a nominee of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) will oversee the entire process along with the Cricket Advisory Committee," a BCCI official told PTI today.

The surprising aspect has been the timing of the announcement for inviting fresh applications as the team just landed in UK today for their Champions Trophy defence.

"Obviously BCCI could have waited till the end of the Champions Trophy to invite applications. But then no one should take his place for granted," the source added.

"Kumble is bargaining for himself as well as the players. Fair enough but tomorrow if BCCI decides to replace him, he will be in a position to bargain. Some of his demands have been simply inexplicable," the official said.

The India brass is peed of Kumble winning 10 out of the 12 home Tests with two draws and a single defeat against Australia on a rank turner at Pune. Also under Kumble, India won a Test series comprehensively in the West Indies.

But of late, Kumble's stance on players' pay hike and the manner of his demands have not gone down well with the BCCI.

Obviously, he is in contention as the current chief coach," a BCCI official told PTI today.

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The BCCI brass is peed of Kumble demanding 25 per cent extra "captaincy fees" for Virat Kohli as he takes extra burden.

His demands in a position of being the head coach has also been questioned in all quarters.

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They have already made it clear that they won't increase the current 26 per cent reserve that is reserved for the cricketers and would work around that model. – PTI

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Guest of Honour

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Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

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Minister of Agriculture, Assam

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Humans follow social norms to forge cooperation among peers, even though such unspoken rules of the society sometimes require them to make personal sacrifices, scientists say.

Social norms – unspoken rules of how we

Following norms

US researchers decode why we follow social norms

dress, talk, eat and even allow ourselves to feel – are often internalised to such a degree that we probably do not even notice them.

Following norms, however, can sometimes be costly for people if norms require sacrifice for the good of the group.

Researchers from the University of Tennessee in the US wanted to delve into why humans evolved to follow such norms in the first place.

The results, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, show that the ability of humans to internalise social norms is expected to evolve under a wide range of conditions, helping to forge a kind of cooperation that becomes instinctive.

Researchers used computer simulations to model individual behaviour in group actions and underlying genetic machinery controlling

such behaviour.

They worked from the premise that adherence to norms is socially reinforced by the approval of, and rewards to, individuals who follow them and by punishment of norm violators. In the model, individuals make choices about participating in collective actions that require cooperation, and individuals who do not cooperate – or “free ride,” can face consequences.

The model shows that encouraging peer punishment of free-riders is much more efficient in promulgating cooperation in collective actions than promoting participation itself.

The study predicts a significant genetic variation in the ability of humans to internalise norms.

Under some conditions populations are expected to have a relatively small frequency of “over-socialised” individuals who are willing to make extreme sacrifices for their groups.

Examples in today's society might be suicide bombers and other displays of extreme social behaviour for the perceived good of the group, researchers said.

Likewise, there are also “under-socialised” individuals – psychopaths – who are completely immune to any social norms.

“Every day human beings make choices among multiple options in how to respond to various social situations. Those choices are affected by many interacting factors, including social norms and values,” said Sergey Gavrilets, a professor at the University of Tennessee.

“Understanding the effects of social norms could help us better understand human decision-making and better predict human actions in response to certain events or policies,” he said.

Gavrilets also said the models could be helpful in social and economic policymaking. “Generalising our models can lead to the development of better tools for predicting consequences of introducing certain social policies and institutions and in identifying the most efficient strategies for changing or optimising group behaviours,” he said.

(Source: PTI)



Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 26, 2017.

This year your ingenuity often takes the front seat in your life, especially when dealing with others. You could feel as if Lady Luck is with you. If you are single, you meet people with ease, yet choosing the right person will be an art. Know what kind of relationship you want when it comes to your choices. If you are in a relationship, you have a strong intensity between you. You could be prone to equanimity, so learn to hold back some comments! A fellow GEMINI often exhausts you with his or her high energy.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Ask yourself whether your expectations are set too high for the other party in a certain situation. Does this person know what you expect? You seem to be indulgent in general. Make calls to confirm plans tonight and for the weekend. Tonight: Stay out as late as you want to.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**** You are in a mood of expectation if you financially. How you feel about this implicit demand could form how you feel about the situation. Remember, it is your money, and you have the final say. If you're feeling generous, embrace it. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner and T.G.I.F!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

**** You naturally feel good. Your need to complete a certain task could require some time. You might be enthusiastic about the coming weekend. You take a proactive and positive approach with nearly everything you do right now. Tonight: Touch base with a friend first.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

**** You don't withdraw from a situation that ranks high on your list of priorities. Just the same, you might not like what you are seeing, and could have difficulty stating what alls you in a way that is likely to effect change. Tonight: Take the night off from TGIF festivities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Focus on groups and meetings. Express your authentic self, and know what you want to accomplish. Others respond to your inquiries, no matter what setting you are in. You might not have as much control over what you would like, but you don't seem to care. Tonight: Paint the town red.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You often express a keen sense of responsibility when others become fatigued or distracted. You could be ready for some time off, but nevertheless are stepping up to the plate. You might express some impatience, though, and the day. Tonight: Cut off the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Read between the lines. Look at what is motivating others. You might find someone around you to be a bit deceptive. Know that this person is not being real. Reach out to a friend at a distance, and you will find that you are feeling as though usual. Tonight: Think “travel.”

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** One-on-one relating takes you down a new path regarding those you deal with both professionally and personally. When you allow interactions to become more social, you learn more about the person. This knowledge can only help you move forward. Being alone is a no-no.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You could be deep in the moment and find that what you are doing is more important than you think. Your sense of humor takes over with an associate who is thotful to have with you. This person might give you a gift or two wants. Tonight: Accept an offer.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might not have the full story behind someone else's decision. As a result, you are likely to hit a snafu. Step back and approach the situation with a little more care. Others are well-intended, but do not seem to be a source of upset. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your random expressions of cheerfulness elicit many positive reactions. Use caution around a financial issue. You might have missed a key detail that has caused your plans into chaos. Maintain a sense of humor as you decide to move forward. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You could feel tense, and will need some time off from work. Do what you must, but know that you may be misleading those around you. Try to open up to your innate listening skills. You will gain an understanding and be much more content. Tonight: Be careful with any sarcasm.

Thought for the day:
You won the elections, but I won the count.

- ANASTASIO SOMOZA

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14:00 Ben 10 Universe
15:00 Oggy and the Cockroaches
16:00 Teletubbies
21:00 Team Titans Go
21:30 Larva

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- Families living in slums can benefit under this vertical
- Under this vertical families living in slums have the provision to be redeveloped with houses having all the basic amenities such as clean drinking water, toilet etc.
- Under this vertical the families dwelling in slums will be temporarily relocated with all basic amenities till the completion of the project by the Project Partner.

VERTICAL 2: Credit Link Subsidy Scheme (CLSS)

NAME OF THE SCHEME	CLSS-EWS (Economically weaker Section) AND LIG (Lower Income Group)	
Income group	EWS	LIG
Annual income	Upto Rs. 3 lakhs	From Rs. 3.01-upto 6 lakhs
Monthly income	Upto Rs. 25,000/-	From Rs. 25,001-upto Rs 50,000/-
Carpet area	30 Sq.m.	60 Sq.m.
Maximum loan eligible	Rs 6 Lakhs	
Interest subsidy on loan	6.5%	
Tenure of the loan	20 years	
Geographical boundary	Local ULB + Planning Area	
NOC from State Government	Required	Not Required
NAME OF THE SCHEME	CLSS - MIG (Middle Income Group)	
Income group	MIG 1	MIG 2
Annual income	From Rs. 6.01- Upto 12 Lakhs	From Rs. 12.01-upto 18 Lakhs
Monthly income	From Rs. 50,001/- – Upto 1 Lakh	From Rs. 1.01 Lakhs-upto Rs 1.5 Lakhs
Carpet area	90 Sq.m.	110 Sq.m.
Maximum loan eligible	Rs 9 Lakhs	Rs 12 Lakhs
Interest subsidy on loan	4%	3%
Tenure of the loan	20 years	
Geographical boundary	Planning Area	
NOC from State Government	Not Required	

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VERTICAL 3: Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP)

For families with monthly income up to Rs. 25,000/-

- For families belonging to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and does not possess own house/ land and live in rented houses can benefit by Government subsidy to purchase houses in projects classified as AHP projects built by project partners.
- The houses have to be purchased in the name of the female family head.
- A subsidy of Rs.1,50,000/- will be provided as central assistance and Rs. 50,000/- as State assistance to the family.
- The rest of the cost will be borne by the beneficiary.

VERTICAL 4(A): Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) [NEW CONSTRUCTION]

For families with monthly income up to Rs. 25,000/-

- The beneficiary family can construct new house in their own land.
- The new houses should be of a maximum size of 30Sq.m. carpet area.
- A subsidy of Rs.1,50,000/- will be provided as central assistance and Rs. 50,000/- as State assistance to the family.

VERTICAL 4(B): Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) [ENHANCEMENT]

For families with monthly income up to Rs. 25,000/-

- The enhancement of minimum 9 Sq.m to the existing house with total area post enhancement should be within 30Sq.m area.
- A maximum subsidy of Rs. 1,50,000/- will be provided as central assistance and Rs. 50,000/- as State assistance to the family.

*CONDITIONS APPLY

1 Sqm= 10.76 Sq ft

DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

(ISSR)	Required documents of the HEAD of the Family - 1. Photo 2. Voter ID of all adult family members
(CLSS)	Required documents of the HEAD of the Family - 1. Photo 2. Voter ID of all adult family members 3. Bank Pass Book
(AHP)	Required documents of the FEMALE HEAD of the Family - 1. Photo 2. Voter ID of all adult family members 3. Bank Pass Book
BLC (NEW CONSTRUCTION)	Required documents of the HEAD of the Family- 1. Photo 2. Voter ID of all adult family members 3. Bank Pass Book 4. Land document with Dag No. and Patta No. / Jamabandi / Land Holding Certificate / Partition Deed/Sale Deed/ Gift Deed
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Where to avail the Demand Survey Forms?

- The Demand Survey Forms will be available at your Local Municipal Corporation/Municipal Board/Town Committee Offices or at the form distribution camps organised by the ULBs in your town.
- Forms are also available with the Ward members and the local NGOs.
- PMAY website - www.pmayuassam.in
- PMAY mobile app - PMAY-U ASSAM

The timeline for Demand Survey Awareness : 20 days (From 11th May to 30th May 2017)

The timeline for Demand Survey Form submission:

From JUNE 1ST, 2017 to 7TH JUNE, 2017 the filled up forms along with the required documents can be submitted at the Municipal Corporation / Municipal Board / Town Committee Offices.

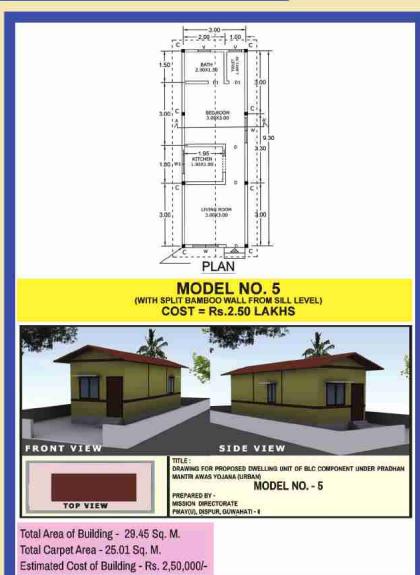
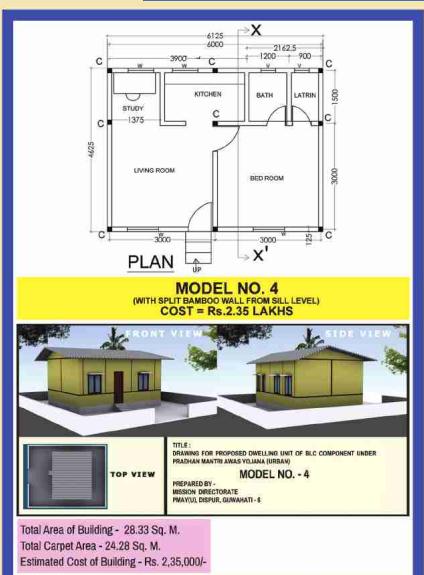
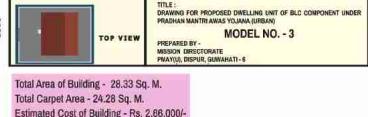
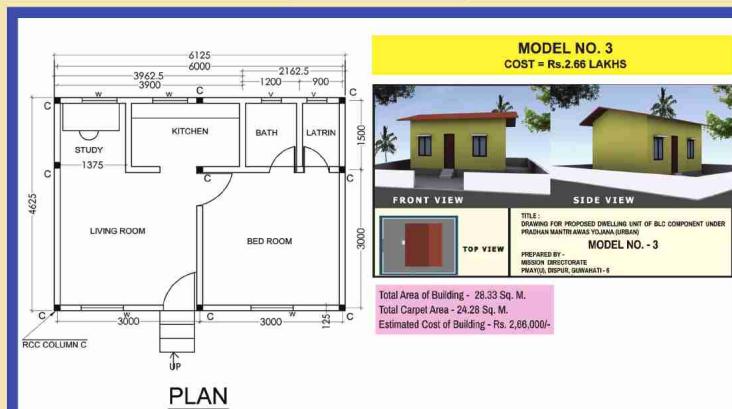
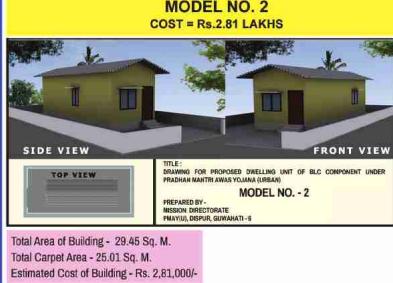
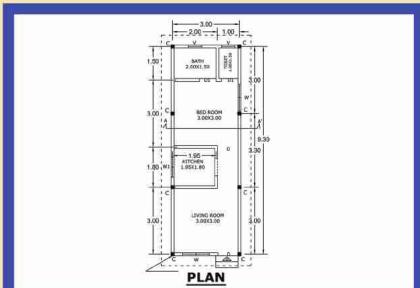
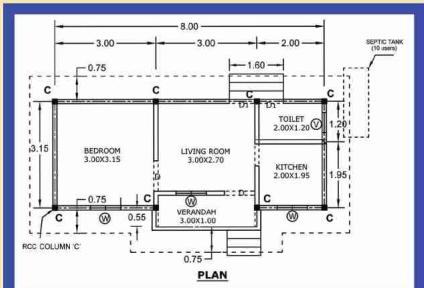
DISCLAIMER: The demand survey forms and the demand survey process are absolutely free of cost. Any person, Institution, Organisation found collecting or demanding money from beneficiaries on any pretext is punishable. Any such grievances can be lodged with the local District Development Commissioner / Principal Secretaries in Autonomous Councils in written.

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**THE MODELS AND THE LAYOUTS OF HOUSES GIVEN BELOW ARE
PRE-APPROVED UNDER VERTICAL 4 (A) BLC (NEW CONSTRUCTION)**



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Stabilise your fitness

Angshuman Dutta

If you have been working out at a conventional gym, you must be using a lot of equipment – machines where you exercise your chest, back, shoulder, leg muscles and so on. If you think about it, most machines that are available in a gym, allow you to work out either lying down or in a seated position. Basically, most gym equipment focus on isolation movements and target specific muscles. Muscle development, symmetry and definition are all important hallmarks of a bodybuilder. So if you are one or planning to become one, you definitely need isolation movements. On the other hand, if you are looking to develop your functional fitness, improve your athletic performance or live a pain-free life, you should be looking beyond the conventional machines and train the muscles which will help you in that pursuit. In real-life situations, we seldom use muscles in isolation; I am sure you don't take your grocery or laptop bags and do bicep-curls or leg presses in your home or office.

Muscles do not work in isolation. The musculoskeletal system is a complex and interconnected network and works in tandem. So, in order to increase muscular efficiency, you need to train them as a whole and also train the muscles which you don't see.

Most traditional gym machines do not train, what we call the stabiliser muscles. You do shoulder presses, side lateral raises – but do you train your rotator cuff muscles? The rotator cuff muscles namely the supraspinatus, infraspinatus, subscapularis and teres minor are a group of muscles that stabilise the shoulder muscles and bear the brunt whenever any shoulder muscles are put to work. Unfortunately, untrained rotator cuff muscles are

ble belief, love
and reverence to
Lord Tirupati.
On an average, around
35,000 heads are shaved every

day at Tirumala yielding almost 500 kilograms of hair. Each barber is trained to shave 60-70 heads during a six-hour shift. During festival-time, the number goes up to 45,000 heads per day. Five years ago, there was a fee of Rs 10, but in 2011, it was made free of cost, because the temple committee began to take the sale of hair seriously and projected it internally as a major source of revenue. The platforms for tonsuring play soothing devotional music, while television sets beam mythological movies and bhajan. The platforms are cleaned every two hours and the hair is sent for washing and drying. Every devotee is given a fresh blade and a tablet of sandalwood paste. Barbers are given antiseptic solution. The collected hair is cleaned and dried at controlled temperatures and stored in categorised bins at a warehouse in Tirupati. The revenue generated from tonsuring hair is increasing. The bi-annual e-auction in 2016 yielded Rs 200 crores. The revenue from tonsured hair is estimated to cross Rs 220 crores in 2016-17.

Besides tonsuring, another major source of human hair in India is combed hair. Women trade that with peddlers for home appliances and sarees. Hair collectors of Chennai and Kolkata have a well-connected network. They appoint agents even in the North-East region to collect combed hair. These mounds of comb waste are processed in the workshops of Eastern India, as well as Bangladesh and Myanmar. Money earned from hair, along with other sources is ploughed back into running schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, giving free meals, etc.

Waste human hair is another potentiality that can make the barber rich. A group of researchers have found that human hair is an excellent medium for separating oil from water. However, the separation process was found efficient only at laboratory scale. A lot of experiments need to be done to validate the economics of it. (sailen16sarmah@gmail.com)



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Surjan Changkakoty

Bharat. A great nation. Thousands of years of old, glorious history. A nation that is famous for its spirituality, yoga, cricket, Bollywood, its literary contributions, amazing architecture, and great leaders. We, the people of this country proudly say that we are Indians. Indeed we are. But is this a real identity? What is our connection with the name India? Nothing! The British gave us this name. We are Bharatija and this is our country Bharata.

The word Bharata has three components. 'Bha' or 'Bhava' meaning sensation. Our whole experience of life is a sensation. What we see, what we hear, what we touch, what we smell, what we taste; we only experience it as a sensation,

nothing else. So everything you know as life is actually a sensation. *Sa Bha* is the fundamental basis of our experiences. 'Ra' means *Raga* or the tune. The tune is not ours. The universe has already set the tune. We cannot set the tune. So now we have to find the rhythm which is 'Ta' or *Tala* (rhythm). If you find the right rhythm, you will be a successful person and if you miss it, you will be crushed by the process of life. So this name Bharata has a very deep meaning. But the world knows us as India. Why? We need to understand this.

Whenever somebody occupies a nation, first thing they will do is they will change the name of the nation. When British took over us they changed the name Bharata to India because this is the way of dominance, this is the way of enslaving. If you see the African-American history when African people were brought in, the first thing America did at the port was they changed their names.

Because this is the sign of dominance. Like the word India. What does it mean? It doesn't mean anything. Yes, some explanations were given, but this name has no connection with us. The British did this because they knew that if they gave us a meaningless name, we will be a meaningless country in front of the world. So in that context, we have become India.

The concept of a nation must sink into everybody's mind. The nation is just an idea. When this idea reverberates through our minds and sinks into our hearts, only then will we have a real nation. Otherwise, the nation is just in paper. This is the reality right now. So when the British left in 1947, the first thing we should have done was to change the name in such a way that it reverberates in everyone's mind. People may ask what is in a name. When we utter our names, we must understand there is a sound.

The meaning of a name is a psycho-

logical and social thing. But the sound is existential. It has power. Bharata has power. This power has to reverberate in everybody's heart. It's not that the name will change all our problems. But the name has to inspire passion. And our other name Hindustan means the people who live between the Himalayas and Hind Sagar (Indian Ocean). It's a geographical identity. It has no connection with a particular religion. So the name Hindustan describes the geography and Bharata describes the culture. The time has come for our identity to become cultural. Because culture is inclusive.

This great nation predates all the religions. We were the richest country in the world. It's because everybody could connect internally to our name Bharata. Therefore, at present, we must uphold the glorious traditions of our country and work towards its progress at the same time.

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The name game





Are we digitally challenged?

It was always a big fan of the interstellar adventures of Captain James T Kirk and his crew aboard the starship USS Enterprise, a space exploration vessel, built by the interstellar federal republic United Federation of Planets in the 23rd century. In fact, the late Eighties, when the series was telecast in Indian television, my generation grew up watching the adventures of Commander Spock and Captain James T Kirk as they visited new planets in faraway galaxies displaying an array of super technologies that enabled them to encounter advanced civilisations.

Interestingly, what was mostly fiction with some semblance of scientific plausibility and the creative imagination of the creator of the *Star Trek* television series, Gene Roddenberry, we can actually witness some of those farfetched scientific gadgets and gizmos becoming a reality.

In the years since its debut in American television in the 1960s, Gene Roddenberry's most famous work has gone on to inspire a wide variety of scientific breakthroughs and developments. Many of the gadgets and household technological marvels that are taken for granted now were initially popularised on *Star Trek*. There is a saying that what we see as a function in films today are potential realities in the future.

The pace at which technology has intruded our daily lives is indeed incredible. We are now reading stories in the media about the prediction from Stanford economist and RetinX founder Tony Seba that the global oil business will end by 2030, forecasting that the electrification of transportation would turn fossil-fuel obsolete. The study entitled 'Rethinking Transportation 2020-2030', published by Stanford University, says that fossil-fuelled cars will vanish within eight years and the people who want to buy cars will have no choice but to invest in electric vehicles. Google has been working on self-driving technology since 2009. In 2016, the Google self-driving car project became Waymo, a self-driving technology company with a mission to make it easy and safe for people and things to move around. For car manufacturers like Volvo, Tesla, BMW, autonomous driver less vehicles are their future manufacturing strategy. Maybe, in developed nations, we may see such cars replace traditional vehicles much sooner than we may have expected.

The economy has already warmed up to cashless transactions with internet connectivity in rural India making it possible for card and app based transaction in areas where there are no banks for miles. This was almost unthinkable just a few years back. Even EVMs machines (despite the recent controversies) have created a lot of ease in conducting the great Indian elections where millions queue up to cast their franchise. As presiding officer, I remember the extremely difficult paper-ballot times when casting and counting of votes was a herculean task. Nobody ever thought that EVMs would actually work in a country like ours with such logistical challenges.

Life in our times now starts and perhaps ends with a password. From bank transactions to locking the cell phone screen, from managing e-mail accounts to trading online, we are loaded with passwords that need to be changed intermittently. Suddenly, we are caught up in a virtual world which is becoming more complex with increasing news reports of hackers bombing the net with ransomware – malicious software that blocks access to the victim's data or threatens to publish or delete it until a ransom is paid.

For a country like ours where digital literacy status is not very encouraging, the government of India has taken up an ambitious plan to make six crore households digitally literate by 2019. The cyber criminals are out there with their deadly digital armour to penetrate our cell phones, computers and online transactions, threatening our privacy as well as stealing our hard-earned money. As we welcome technological advancements, we now need to acquire a new set of skills and constantly update our knowledge to protect our online identities, financial transactions and privacy from the cyber criminals of the digital world.

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Dr Purnima Barman of Assam and Sanjay Gubbi of Karnataka have won the prestigious 2017 Whitley Award, popularly known as Green Oscars, for their efforts in wildlife conservation. Barman has won the award for creating an all-female network to save the Greater Adjutant Stork and its wetland habitat in Assam, while Gubbi has been awarded for his work to protect tiger corridors in Karnataka. Barman has been nominated for her relentless efforts and campaigns for the conservation of the Greater Adjutant Stork locally known as *Haargila* in Assam. She has been working with the Dadarpa, Pachariya and Hinglami villages of Kamrup district to save the Stork and is associated with Aaranyak, a Guwahati-based NGO which works for wildlife conservation. Each of the winners will receive 35,000 pounds in prize money for project funding over one year. The Whitley Fund for Nature is a UK-based charity that works to highlight grassroots leaders in nature conservation across the developing world.

Quiz News: As a part of the World Environment Day celebrations, the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Assam Oil Division) will organise an All Assam Open Prize Money competition on May 28, Sunday, at the Golden Jubilee Complex Auditorium, Digboi. Besides attractive prizes to the first three teams, consolation prizes would be awarded to the other three finalists.

In today's Master's Choice section, do try out a set of questions on environmental issues. Meanwhile, keep writing to us with quiz reports, questions (with answers and full postal address) and interesting bits of information at: Quizone, Horizon, C/o The Assam Tribune, Manirampur Dewan Road, Guwahati. SMS at: 98640-26322 and e-mail at: tosallen@gmail.com or quizonesallen@gmail.com. To read Quizzone online, you can log on to epaper.assamtribune.com.

MASTER'S CHOICE

1. Sulphur/sulfur dioxide and various nitrogen oxides are the main contributory factors in which environmental effect?
2. Which climate change agreement is aimed at stabilising greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere, and named after the Japanese city in which participating nations agreed its framework in 1997?
3. In which year was the first World Environmental Day celebrated?
4. Carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and sulphur/sulfur hexafluoride are widely referred to by which collective metaphorical term?
5. What is the term, coming from Greek words for 'house' and 'study of', that refers to the scientific study of the relationship between living things and their natural

Echoes of Writing

An untiring heart that ignited a race
Was a vigorous burst of inspiration,
The progenitor of equal justice,
Who kindled the flames of mind.

His pen spewed the words of hymns
For the common masses of arid ideals.
His little sharp and treble ribs
The societal bureaucrats for revolution.

The secretion of ink from the pen,
Portrays a transparent mirror for a race.
It was a voice against the fascists,
Capitalists and gigantic autocrats.

But the philanthropic shape of heart,
Unrests the crying owl.
A black dusk wistfully covers
A red robe on the soul, making him eternal.

(A tribute to journalist Parag Das)

Parthajit Borah,
Nagaon

Spring Always

Once again Spring is bidding goodbye!
Hence, these days
The sun, usually like a dominant king,
Looks subdued sometimes,
As the autumnal moon,
Below the thin smoky cloud.
That sometimes runs impatiently in the morning sky...
The still thirsty paddy-field,
Expects more rain to be showered,
Getting ready for the next harvest.
Sometimes, love, a sun-like emotion,
May find a camouflaged moon-like expression,
During the unpredictable weather.
As true bearers of it,
Keep Spring always in the heart
And expect more rain...

Dr Mukul Kr Sarma,
Sarbari

SCIENCE ZONE
Rajiv Chandra
Dev Goswami

One of the incredible bioresources from Assam is fresh water microalgae. Various water bodies in this region are perfect habitats for microalgae.

Picture clue:
19. He created the famous Nokia tune. Identify him. (Adish Agarwalla, Moronhat)

QUIZ ZONE
Sailen Baishya

Need for alternative fuel - I

Fossil fuel reserves are diminishing at an alarming rate due to the global energy demand and everyday routine uses by mankind – be it in the automobile sector, agricultural sector or any other industrial sector.

Rapid explosion of technology and industrial development have made us think of alternative fuel sources available against fossil fuels, which may be utilised in the same pace with easy production.

Many countries have already started massive solar projects to sustain the equilibrium in energy consumption and production, with a parallel thinking for environment protection. It is high time to explore other viable resources of renewable energy, otherwise the shrinking fossil fuel reserves may turn out to be a mayhem for smooth running of this technology-addicted world.

The Northeast of India is already gifted with astounding biodiversity, making it a major hotspot in the country. There are potent natural treasures that might open up new vistas in bioenergy and environment research, but many of these bioresources are yet to be explored. With an ideal geographic location, appropriate climatic condition and required amount of rainfall, the region already fulfills various criteria required for renew-

able energy generation.

There is an urgent need to explore the untailed bioresources of this region. One of the incredible bioresources from Assam is fresh water microalgae. Various water bodies, rivers, ponds, bogs, wetlands, and agricultural fields in this region are perfect habitats for microalgae. Oleaginous microalgae are well known for biofuel production. Locally isolated microalgae strains may show astonishing oil content of 30-40 per cent in terms of cell dry weight. It is also possible to grow them easily and have maximum output in terms of oil recovery, compared to many other bioresources. As most algae are aquatic, the growing medium – mainly nitrogen, carbon, phosphates as major nutrients – can be recycled and they have the ability fix carbon dioxide 50 times more efficiently than any other terrestrial plants via photosynthesis. It is widely accepted that algae fuel has the ability to replace fossil fuel, indicating a zero emission approach in the near future. This also addresses the issue of climate change utilising these tiny natural powerhouses.



es from the region.

These aquatic photosynthetic factories can consume a large amount of CO2 gas during their growth and it is also established that they can be fed with industrial flue gases too. A few algal strains are reported to survive under high concentration of CO2 which is a lethal condition as CO2 gas when dissolved in water produces an acidic environment. But recent studies suggest that a few locally available strains may withstand 7.93 grams/litre CO2 when supplied at a flow rate of 100ml/minute. So the total benefits squeezed are effectively from two ways – a large amount of CO2 fixed during their growth and oil recovery for biofuel generation after their growth. The entire practice is pre and post biomass recovery, fulfilling our quest for environmental protection and energy generation.

Researches also indicate that microalgae can be grown through rain water harvesting, using manure, nitrogenous fertilisers and wastes. As CO2 has a lesser dissolving capacity, researches are in the process of converting it to salt form like carbonate/bicarbonates, but this conversion may demand an extra input cost. So finding competent local strains having high photosynthetic efficiency, high CO2 tolerance and high oil content should be a major research focus from this region which may solve the aforementioned issues.

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ANSWERS

1. Acid rain, 2. Kyoto Protocol, 3. 1974, 4. Greenhouse gases
5. Ecology, 6. Ozone, 7. Kenya, 8. Greasestock, 9. Joseph Fourier, 10. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), 11. Eco Action Day, 12. Flora, Fauna and Merryweather, 13. Reema Lagoo, 14. Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin, 15. Jack Nicklaus, 16. Cairo, 17. Dalmatian, 18. Portugal, 19. Francisco Tárrega, 20. Doppelganger

environment?

6. Name the structural modification of oxygen that is an air pollutant in the lower atmosphere but beneficial in the upper atmosphere?
7. Which country is the world leader in the number of solar power systems installed per capita?
8. Name the annual event held yearly in Yorktown Heights, New York which is one of the largest showcases of environmental technology in the United States?
9. Who proposed the Green House Effect in 1824?
10. Name the inter-governmental organisation which promotes the adoption of renewable energy worldwide and aims to provide concrete policy advice and facilitate capacity building and technology transfer.

READERS' CHOICE

11. Which event associated with the World Environment Day is celebrated to inspire people to reduce energy consumption at the workplace? (Kuladip Medhi, Guwahati)
12. What are the names of the three fairies in the Disney classic *Sleeping Beauty*? (Snigdha Goswami, via SMS)
13. This veteran Bollywood actress who passed away recently was one of the most iconic screen mothers. Born as Nayan Bhadra, she was famous for her motherly roles in movies like *Maine Pyar Kiya* and *Hum Aapke Hain Koun*. Name her. (Shajid Khan, Tangla)
14. What are the four houses at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? (Pallabi Nath, Guwahati)
15. Name the legendary golfer nicknamed Golden Bear, with a record 18 Majors to his name. (Nishanta Gogoi, Golaghat)
16. The Great Pyramid of Giza is located in which Egyptian city? (Monikanta Mahanta, Jorhat)
17. In the United States, which breed of dog is commonly known as a firehouse dog? (Riya Borah, North Lakhimpur)
18. Brazil was once a colony of which European country? (Gaurav Goswami, Hajo)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

20. This word means 'a coexisting identical being, double or negative version of a person'. The word, adopted by German writer Johann Paul Richter, literary means 'double walker'. It has influenced *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, *Twin Peaks*, *Fight Club* and *Black Swan*. Name the term. (Mrinalini Devi, Guwahati)

In the present times, there are so many varying concepts, theories and paradigms available to mankind in all fields of knowledge that man is confused as to which one is totally true in its results. For e.g., in metaphysics, there are a large number of concepts, concerning soul, god, world, hell, heaven, etc., and each one of these is more or less divergent from the other, and some are even diametrically opposed to others. Similarly in theology, theosophy and religious philosophies, there is great diversity of doctrines. Thus, amidst this large and almost bewildering variety of views or beliefs about the self, the creator, liberation or *mukti*, man stands nonplussed. Seeing this deep mist and haze, some have decided never to make any effort at all to discover the self or to search for the real identity of those around them, thinking that it will only be futile to do so. Similarly, they also consider all talk of religion, philosophy or spirituality as taboo, without even checking whether the claim is genuine or fake.

Likewise, there are many postulates, hypotheses and theories about the 'origin of the world' and 'the creation' or the appearance of mankind on the planet earth. These theories have divided mankind into various groups and cults, each one vociferously pronouncing the belief of others. In this raging controversy about the origin of the world and the creator, man has lost faith in his original divine nature. Similarly, in the field of economics, there have been so many divergent theories that the world-economy, as a whole, is in shambles. Every wizard in the domain of economics has given his complicated formulations in such a masterly manner that, studying these luminaries, a man of medium IQ stands in awe and even the intelligent is often puzzled as to what remedies they should apply to the current problems faced by world economy.

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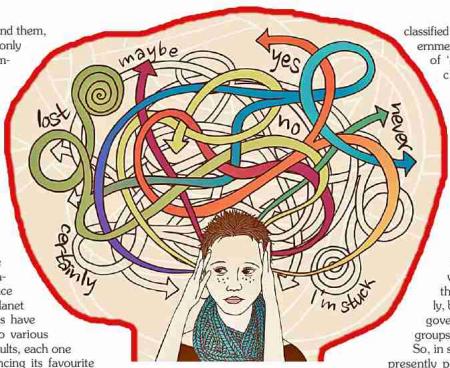
omy is becoming more and more complicated even as economic theories are becoming more and more complicated and confusing. Also, the suffering of about half the populace of the world from poverty is evidence that our economic theories have failed. The same can be said for politics as well. There are political theories that give statecraft a place of honour and great importance and value, and there are also such schools of political thought that consider politics as the last resort of a scoundrel. There have been thinkers and their theories that consider politics as a great art of governance, whereas there are others who consider this as murky business, and politicians as more or less a bunch of people who have lost power and who, in the race for power, become absolutely corrupt. There are theories that have classified various forms of government into various forms of 'cracies' and have in clear words, termed democracy as a perverted form of government. On the other hand, there are politicians who consider democracy as the best form of government. Karl Marx in his theory about the state, had even said that the state would wither away and that there would, ultimately, be no government, for government also creates groups of vested interest.

So, in short, we can say that presently people are in a state of confusion. There is no such theory given by any man that has at its core the potential that can serve all fields of knowledge and can, thus, eliminate confusion of man and enlighten him truly and totally. However, not many of us know about the fact that such a treasure of wisdom is given by the infallible and all-perfect Supreme Almighty only once in a 'Cycle of Time' when the whole world is to be transformed into a holy, happy and healthy world. And such a time is only 'now'. So, it can be said with a clarion call that the time for world transformation is now, when all sorts of confusion can be removed.

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MIND'S EYE
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World of confusion



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Driverless cars and car pooling, which promise to make the world more human-friendly, are being taken care of and very soon we may be seeing big changes in the way of life we are leading. Global car major Toyota has recently announced a plan to use a digital ledger, called blockchain, to amass driving data that will help develop driverless cars, which could eventually also decrease insurance costs for such car users, as well as pave the way for new carpooling solutions.

According to Toyota's Strategic Innovation officer, Chris Ballinger, hundreds of billions of miles of human driving data will be needed to develop safe and reliable autonomous vehicles. Toyota aims to achieve this by using blockchains and distributed ledgers to pool data from Toyota vehicle and fleet owners. Customers will have access to their own data, the Toyota official confirmed.

If the information derived from sensors in a car is stored in a blockchain, car users will be able to give their insurance companies "increased transparency to reduce fraud, plus granting them access to driving data to measure driving habits", Toyota wrote in the statement.

Blockchain is a new way to record and store data in a transparent, public ledger. Each piece of information (called

a 'block') in the chain is linked to the others cryptographically, making the system tamper-proof unless a hacker attacked every computer holding the information simultaneously. Blockchain has already been used effectively in a number of areas. The UN uses Ethereum, one of the biggest blockchains so far, to ensure that money reaches the intended people.

FUTURE CARS

The electric vehicles are steadily getting popular, but a majority of them are still gas-powered. As an entry for this year's Shell Eco-marathon Americas, students from Université Laval have put forward a prototype that could run for 2,713 mpg on a Detroit-Michigan test track, thus winning the year's top trophy. But while the Laval team's achievement was no small feat, it wasn't able to outperform last year's champion car from the University of Toronto, doing an astounding 3,421mpg. Better fuel efficiency could translate to less fossil fuel vehicle consumption. While this could count as a win for the environment, fossil fuels remain one of the leading contributors to climate-warming emissions. As such, doing away with fossil fuel cars completely should be the ultimate goal. But then, the marathon is organised by oil major Shell!

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TECH TRENDS
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Towards autonomous cars



Morbid jealousy

According to evolutionary psychologists, jealousy has some advantages in a sexual relation. Propagation of one's own genes is ensured by jealousy. However, such belief without evidence impairs relationships. Jealousy can be very distressing and can be morbid. In fact, various psychiatric disorders have morbid jealousy as one of their symptoms. It can be present as obsession, an overvalued idea, or as delusion.

A team of psychiatrists, consisting of Satyajeet Kumar Singh, Sagar Singh Bhandari, and Pramod Kumar Singh studied patients with morbid jealousy who attended the Department of Psychiatry, Patna Medical College Hospital. Of the 970 patients, who attended the department during the study period, 658 were interviewed and 174 fulfilled the criteria for morbid jealousy. Of them, 50 were assessed. Mean age of both sexes was in the mid-30s. It was found that men ex-

MIND MATTERS
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hibited morbid jealousy twice as commonly as women. Most of the patients were suffering from schizophrenia, followed by depression. Delusional jealousy was the most common. Also, there were patients with jealousy as overvalued idea and as obsession. Twenty per cent of the patients were into psychoactive substances such as alcohol, cannabis, and tobacco. There were some triggering factors like the spouse working away from home; interaction of their spouse with the opposite sex; attractiveness, as perceived by the person with morbid jealousy.

One alarming issue is that women who are patients of morbid jealousy or have partners with morbid jealousy have high risk of suicide.

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Plastic, which had been hailed as a wonder material in the early 20th century, has an overwhelming impact on the way we live. Plastic has become popular because it is versatile, durable, can be easily shaped, strong, lightweight, waterproof, inert, insulating and most of all – cheap. Therefore, plastics are extensively used in packaging, house-hold items, construction, aerodynamics, health care, electrical, electronics, agriculture, sports, and so on.

The irony lies in the fact that the same benefits of plastic have become the cause for its adverse impact on health and environment. Poisonous additives turn plastic materials toxic and traces of these chemicals can leach out of the plastic when it comes in contact with food, water, etc. For instance, Polycarbonate, used to make transparent baby bottles has Bisphenol A (BPA), which is a known hormone disruptor and can lead to cancer, insulin resistance, inflammation, and heart disease. With more and more use of plastic in our daily life, the toxic risk is rising.

Environmentally, plastic is a growing menace. The cheap material has replaced almost all traditional materials like jute, cotton, leather, paper, and rubber worldwide and the usage has become virulent. Plastic does not decompose, hence almost every molecule of plastic produced continues to exist somewhere in the environment and will continue to do so for hundreds of years. Plastic residues contaminate the land, lakes, rivers, and percolates to the underground water, entering the food chain of marine species. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, 800

kms off the coast of California and 300 kms off the coast of Japan in the Pacific Ocean is filled with trash consisting mostly of plastic debris estimated to be more than four times the size of India. Further, an estimated 8 per cent of the global crude oil is used for plastic production that creates and releases large quantities of chemical pollutants.

There is huge scope to reduce the indiscriminate use of plastic provided the governments come up with strict instructions. The Andhra Pradesh government has drawn up plans to lay plastic roads in every district on pilot basis to find a solution to growing plastic waste menace. The process involves shredding of waste plastic to small pieces and mixing it with bitumen, a procedure likely to bring down the expenditure involved in construction of roads.

In Janshpur, a school is all set to have an environment-friendly toilet made of plastic bottles and other materials. The objective behind the proposed toilet was to utilise unused plastic bottles and slagash, which were available in and around the city in plenty.

The use of carry bags and other materials made of plastic has been banned in the Udupi City Municipal Council limits. The Golehat Municipality in Assam set the precedent years ago. There was an order that under no circumstances should plastic bags be given to customers. These are small but effective solutions that could help the environment win over the menace of plastic toxicity.

SEEDS OF CHANGE
Mubina Akhtar



agers seek attention and it should be acknowledged at the right time to shape desirable behaviour. Communication skills can be developed through day-to-day conversation, not with criticism but with corrective and positive feedback. Parents should keep a track of their child's needs and interests as it will help them understand the youngsters better. Parents should give enough liberty to their children to express their thoughts. Proper definition and explanation should come from the adult's side if they feel that their child is wrong. The way in which parents or prominent adults in a teenager's life justify a matter to the child is very crucial in the development of a child's personality.

Threat and fear may activate behaviours like lying, suspiciousness, suppression of thoughts and anger. As they grow up, parents should teach them about personal space, ways of approach, manner, etc. So, as an adult, it is very important to keep a track of our behaviour.

Teenagers are future adults.

We need to give them the opportunity to trust us and confide in us. Adults should not project their anxieties and fears on to their children. Discussion is the best way to deal with a teenager. It is important to motivate them to look at a particular situation through various perspectives and take their own decision rather than forcing them to follow what their parents want. Every child is different and deserve special care from adults. Parents need to be more innovative to facilitate good parenting. Learning new skills will definitely help parents build a strong bond with their children.

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The advent of teenage often brings about a sense of insecurity, frequent changes in mood, thoughts of risk taking behaviour and similar feelings, which are often left unanswered by the individual's immediate circle.

Teenage is an age of overall development and it is not an easy phase. Every teenager faces much difficulty in accepting the sudden changes in their life. Sometimes their efforts are acknowledged and sometimes they get ignored. The issues of teenagers need to be addressed patiently. Their confusion, stress, emotional ups and downs make them confine their thoughts and feelings to themselves. Most of the time teenagers come to a conclusion that nobody understands them. Their approach and behaviour is misunderstood many a time. After repetition of a certain behaviour, they are labelled as per the tag everywhere, and they carry the tag everywhere, because of which their improvement remains unnoticed.

Now the question is how do these teenagers develop undesirable behaviour? Most of their behaviours are developed through observation and reinforcement. Children are a reflection of adults. They acquire most of their behaviour by observing the most immediate circle – their parents, siblings, friends, etc.

The first precaution should be initiated by the parents by exhibiting proper behaviour in front of their children. To encourage good behaviour, children need to be reinforced for their small achievements, and should be taught appropriate approaches and good habits. Teen-



PLIGHT, BETROTHED

IN traditional Christian marriage, the bride and groom each say, 'I plight thee my troth', meaning, 'I pledge my word'. Troth is an old variant of truth, plight is an old English word meaning 'to promise solemnly'. The other meaning of plight, 'a predicament', comes from the old French 'plif' meaning 'fold' used to denote a difficult or complicated situation.

Again, the word 'betrothed' is used to mean a partner bound by solemn word for life.

WORDSPEAK
The story behind words
Bibekananda Choudhury



PAMPHLET

THE 12th century Latin love poem *Pamphilus, seu de Amore* gained popularity across Europe and was translated and sung in French and English, among others. This song was popularly known as 'Pamphlet' meaning a short handwritten work of several pages fastened together – as the case actually was. It then changed form to drop the 'l' to become pamphlet and lived on till 16th century to get associated with political campaigns carrying information for public to garner support.



The mutual accord – II

In continuation of my earlier article on interpersonal communication, I shall talk about more facets of relationships. Here is a glimpse of the elements that bring us together.

Feedback: Feedback consists of messages the receiver returns, which allows the sender to know how accurately the message has been received, as well as the receiver's reaction. The receiver may also respond to unintentional messages as well as intentional ones. Types of feedback range from direct verbal statements, for example – "Say that again, I didn't understand" – to subtle facial expressions or changes in posture. Feedback allows the sender to regulate, adapt or repeat the message in order to improve communication. It is only the feedback that makes a communication model complete.

Context: All communication is influenced by the context in which it takes place. However, apart from looking at the situational context of where the interaction takes place – in a room, office, or perhaps outdoors –

the social context, such as the roles, responsibilities and relative status of the participants, also needs to be considered. The emotional climate and participants' expectations of the interaction will also affect the communication.

Channel: The channel refers to the physical means by which the message is transferred from one person to another. In a face-to-face context the channels which are used are speech and vision. However, during a telephone conversation the channel is limited to speech alone. Channel, in a broader sense, encompasses of virtual, psychological and enormous pseudo physical state of mind.

Use of interpersonal communication: Most of us engage in some form of interpersonal communication on a regular basis. How well we communicate with others is a measure of our interpersonal skills. Interpersonal communication can be used to:

- Create and obtain information, pertinent to subject that depicts interactive human behaviour
- Influence the attitudes and behaviour of others
- Form contacts and maintain relationships
- Make sense of the world and our experiences in it
- Express personal needs and understand the needs of others
- Give and receive emotional support
- Make decisions and solve problems
- Anticipate and predict behaviour
- Regulate power

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WEST SIDE STORY

Bella's mystery man

MODEL Bella Hadid, who was rumoured to have enjoyed a flirty exchange with boxer Anthony Joshua last week, following her split from long-term boyfriend The Weeknd, was recently spotted enjoying dinner with a mystery man in Rome.

The brunette beauty, 20, could not contain her giggles as she enjoyed an intimate *al fresco* meal with her handsome company, bidding him farewell with a sweet embrace and heading home with a bouquet of red roses in hand. After a busy week storming the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival, it is no wonder Bella was ready to take some time off to relax in the Italian capital.

Beckhams' unimpressed fans

DAVID and Victoria Beckham have come under fire from fans for allowing their 12-year-old son to exercise in the gym. Cruz Beckham posted a video of himself vigorously exercising on Instagram on Saturday with the caption: 'Gym with David Beckham Brooklyn Beckham'. The clip shows him rowing intensely on a machine; huffing and puffing as he puts all his effort into the toning exercise. Cruz, who has over 7,000,000 followers, has been criticised intensely working out at such a young age.

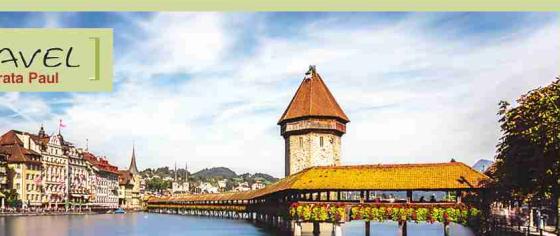
Sarah's health issues

SARAH Hyland recently posted a long message to Twitter in response to ongoing negative comments about her weight on social media. "I have been told that I can't work out. Which, for me, is very upsetting. I am not a fan of 'being skinny'. Which many of you have told me that I am too much of... My circumstances have put me in a place where I'm not in control of what my body looks like," the 26-year-old actress tweeted.

(AGENCIES)

TRAVEL
Namrata Paul





A Swiss sojourn

Age. The water tower is also very well-known for its octagonal form, a shape that Kaiser Friedrich II loved and favoured for his most beautiful building, that is Italy's Castel del Monte.

Lake Lucerne at 434 metres above sea level is also fascinating due to its pictureque landscape and historical sites. Boats and cruises help you see its magnificent beauty surrounded by the snow-studded Swiss Alps.

It was around 1.30 pm and we planned to have our lunch in the typical Swiss way. Swiss cuisine is influenced by French, German and Italian cuisines, but each region adds its own traditional touch. So, we had Cheese fondue, Zopf (soft white bread) and Saffron risotto. After lunch, we moved towards the famous Lion Monument, also known as the dying Lion of Lucerne or Löwendenkmal. This world famous monument is carved out of a natural rock in a park. It was created in memory of the heroic deaths of the Swiss mercenaries who were massacred in 1792 during the French Revolution, when revolutionaries stormed the Tuilleries Palace in Paris, France.

Here the dying lion is seen impaled by a spear, covering a shield bearing the *flambeau* of the French monarchy, beside him you can see another shield bearing the coat of arms of Switzerland.

Since it was a part of Lucerne's fortifications, the bridge's lakeside wall is higher than the other side and that made it easier for soldiers to rest their weapons on top of it during the Middle

Age.

Next day, we started our day praying at the Sacral Baroque church situated in

the lake side. It is the first large church in Switzerland. Constructed in 1666 by Father Christoph Vogler for the Jesuits, its tomb was redecorated in the mid-18th century. Later, we moved towards the Hof Church, which is the main cathedral of this city. Its castle like structure has increased the beauty of this city to a greater extent.

Next, we proceeded towards the well-known Swiss Museum of Transport. On display at the museum are more than 3000 items illustrating the development of mobility on road, rail and water, along with air and space travel. The film theatre features the country's biggest screen, while the Planetarium and Hans Erni Museum are great attractions too.

Then we visited the KKL (Kunst und Kongresshaus Luzern) on Europa Square, which is the work of the Persian architect Jean Nouvel. This concert hall is one of the finest concert halls in the world. The Lucerne hall, the Convention Centre with the Auditorium and the Museum of Art are part of this sensational construction. You can take a personal guided tour to know the place better.

It was 5 o' clock in the evening and we reached the ticket counter for the Lake Lucerne cruise. We were the last visitors to get tickets for the last trip of the day. The view of the Swiss Alps, the Lucerne city and sunset from the cruise was simply incredible. The cruise is one of the must-do things in Switzerland.

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Nursery of stars

Notwithstanding the purists' scoffing at the Indian Premier League as cricket's ultimate soap opera, as a fast-food version of one-day cricket, its ability to hone the players' skills and catapult star performers into the big league is undeniable. The IPL has produced and improved a lot of good players and Indian cricket has benefitted enormously from it. The tenth edition of the cash-rich extravaganza has proved to be the most productive in this context, with an exciting battery of new stars emerging from the just-concluded tournament.

Basil Thampi, a quick bowler from Kerala; Nitish Rana, an attractive southpaw from Delhi and Rahul Tripathi from Maharashtra are three such young players who have made it big this season. They displayed great temperament, technique and ability to rise to the occasion when their teams needed them. Any player blessed with these ingredients is most likely to excel at the top level and set sights on a long career.

One can also add the likes of Krunal Pandya and Rishabh Pant into the list of star performers this season. Some of these youngsters are expected to make the cut when the India A team will be announced for the tour to South Africa in the next few months.

If these players give an assurance that India will have a great bench-strength in the coming years, there are others who have boosted their chances of staying in the reckoning with sparkling form this time. Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jaydev Unadkat occupied the top two positions in the bowling department, claiming 26 and 24 wickets respectively. Jasprit Bumrah, blessed with a thinking mind and steely nerves, was a revelation too. His ability in the death overs



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had never been in doubt, but this time, he looked even more effective and the eventual champs Mumbai Indians had a lot to do with his impeccable bowling, both the old and the new ball. Twenty20 cricket is a difficult format for pace bowlers, yet the impact of all these quicks was evident throughout IPL-10.

Last season was a forgettable experience for the Rising Pune Super-giant team, but this year they moved within two runs of winning the coveted crown. Replacing Dhoni with Steve Smith as skipper was a bold move, but it has proved to be a masterstroke in the end as the Australian led from the front with a string of gritty knocks and astute captaincy. Despite the tragic end in the final, Pune's march to the summit was heart-warming as they managed to overcome a poor start and went on to defeat more fancied outfits, witnessing the emergence of some unsung heroes on the way.

The IPL-10 presented a bright overall picture, although two controversies proved to be a bit of a dampener. Just when the shadow of match-fixing seemed to have disappeared from the IPL, and the BCCI too claimed to have kept it clean, the news about the presence of suspected bookies in a Kanpur hotel used by the Gujarat Lions and Delhi Daredevils brought the spectre of fixing back into the game.

Then there was a big question mark over the IPL's rain rules, when Kolkata Knight Riders needed just 48 runs of six overs as per the Duckworth-Lewis method to beat defending champs Sunrisers Hyderabad. That was a ridiculously easy target for a T20 match, and it showed that the D/L method can give an undue advantage to the team batting second. Perhaps, next year the cricket board will consider having a reserve day for play-offs to ensure that every team gets a fair deal.

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AT THE THEATRES

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DIRECTOR: SAKET CHAUDHARY
STARRING: IRFAN KHAN, SABA QAMAR, NEHA DHUPLIA

Saket Chaudhary's *Hindi Medium* draws our attention to the hyper increase in urbanites' obsession with the private school system and the life that kids are made to live in the name of quality education.

The story revolves around Delhite parents (Raj Batra and Meeta) who try to get their ward enrolled in an English-medium school and the extent to which they go to achieve that.

Irfan Khan, who plays the male lead, makes the character and the movie his own as he does on most occasions. Saba Qamar in her role of Khan's better-half too rises to the occasion and is equally effective when it comes to comic timing. Deepak Dobriyal comes up with another quality performance, and he, along with the other characters of the movie, will certainly have you in splits more often than not.

Hindi Medium may not emerge as one of the highest grossers of this season but it has all the ingredients to influence the right thought process.

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half girlfriend

DIRECTOR: MOHIT SURI
STARRING: SHRADDA KAPOOR, ARJUN KAPOOR, ANISHA BUTT

If any comparison has to be drawn between Mohit Suri's *Half Girlfriend* and Avi Shevach's *Two States*, merely for the fact that both the flicks were based on author Chetan Bhagat's books, the former certainly falls a bit short of expectations.

However, Suri's *Half Girlfriend* has just enough to make the audience stay indoors and interested for nearly two-and-a-half hours. The story is about Madhav Jha, a boy from Bihar, his struggle with the English language and his lady love Rya Sonam whom he tries to woo with her half girlfriend theory. Despite being fast paced, the film tries to depict too many shades of the characters, which could have been avoided.

Performance wise, Shraddha Kapoor stands out, while Arjun Kapoor struggles with his expressions in most parts of the movie. Seema Biswas who plays Madhav's mother, and Vikrant Massey deserve a pat on their back for their well-essayed cameos.

The best part of the movie is its music. And this is where the movie stands at par with *Two States* and many other such musical hits of recent time.



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THERE'S A BIG FUN IN HERE!

SWAT HIM!! SWAT HIM!!

I THINK I'LL GO INTO MY OFFICE AND RELAX

PARN'S SARGE IS IN HERE... I'LL TRY TO IGNORE HIM

THERE'S A BIG FUN IN HERE!

SWAT HIM!! SWAT HIM!!

