

## NEWS CAPSULE

### Prithvi-II test-fire

BALASORE, June 2: India today successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Prithvi-II missile, having a strike range of 350 km, from a test range in Odisha as part of a user trial by the Army - PTI

### Earthquakes

NEW DELHI, June 2: Two moderate intensity quakes hit Haryana this morning, tremors of which were felt in Delhi and other parts of northern India. The first quake measured 5.0 on the Richter scale, while the second one had an intensity of 3.2. - PTI

### EVM challenge

NEW DELHI, June 2: The Election Commission tonight said its much-hyped EVM challenge is "on" as scheduled tomorrow after the Uttarakhand High Court rejected a plea questioning the constitutionality of the move. - PTI

### CBSE X results

NEW DELHI, June 2: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will announce results for the Class X examination tomorrow forenoon. A total of 16,67,573 candidates had appeared for the examination this year. - PTI

### Court injunction

GUWAHATI, June 2: The Court of District and Sessions Judge, Kamrup (Metro), in response to a petition filed by Asam Sahitya Sabha, has ordered an interim injunction barring the members of the 'Reform Committee' from making or publishing any defamatory remarks against the literary body. - Staff Reporter

The Assam Tribune on Internet  
<http://www.assamtribune.com> &  
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Accord benefits India, China: Trump

## US quits Paris climate pact

WASHINGTON, June 2: President Donald Trump today declared that the US will withdraw from the 2015 Paris climate accord, saying the "draconian" deal unfairly punished America but benefited countries like India and China, drawing strong condemnation from across the world.

"It was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris," Trump said, immediately triggering global condemnation on the move by the world's second-biggest emitter.

"As President, I have one obligation, and that obligation is to the American people. The Paris Accord would undermine our economy, hamstring our workers, weaken our sovereignty, impose unacceptable legal risks, and put us at a permanent disadvantage to the other countries of the world," he said from the Rose Garden at the White House.

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## India committed to protecting climate: Modi

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), June 2: India is committed to protecting climate, irrespective of the Paris agreement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here today but avoided a direct reference to the US withdrawal from the international deal.

Addressing the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) here in the presence of Russian President Vladimir Putin, he said India has traditionally been respecting nature and deserved from exploiting it.

"Paris or no Paris, our commitment to preserving the climate is for the sake of future generations," Modi said while responding to a question about US President Donald Trump announcing withdrawal of the USA from the Climate Change deal.

He said he had made the same comment in Germany three days back when "nobody's comment had come", an apparent reference to

Trump's announcement today. "I said it in then, I say it now" he added.

Trump earlier in the day said the US was withdrawing from the Paris climate change deal, agreed by more than 190 nations. He said it unfairly benefited countries like India and China.

"The call of time is that we should rise above specific incidents. Terrorism is the enemy of mankind. All should come together to fight terrorism," Modi said during a discussion at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF). He shared the stage with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the leaders of Austria and Moldova.

Modi, while noting that the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres was present in the gathering, lamented that for 40 years, a resolution is pending before the United Nations regarding definition of terrorism and of those who help terrorists.

"Only lip service has been provided. There has been no

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## Block terror funds: PM

ST. PETERSBURG (Russia), June 2: Describing terrorism as a global menace, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today sanctioned Rs 25 crore for infrastructure development of Bodoland University, Kokrajhar and the funds will be released within August this year.

Announcing the government decision, Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told the media persons on the university premises here today that

"The construction works of the medical college at Kokrajhar will be started soon. He said for academic uplift of colleges in the BTAD region the State Government has allotted extra budget.

The minister visited Bodoland University and BE Engineering College here for a review of the institutions.

BTU chief Hagrama Mohanta, deputy chief Kampa Borgohain, Rajya Sabha MP Biswajit Damary and BPF MLA Chan-

brahma accompanied him. During his one-day visit, Sarma also inaugurated a digital library system in the Kamal Kumar Brahma Central Library at Science College, Kokrajhar.

Sarma later attended a party meeting here where the presidents and secretaries of district and mandal committees of four BTAD districts participated. BJP State president Ranjeet Dass also attended the meeting.

## Modi calls for investment in India

ST. PETERSBURG (Russia), June 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today invited global businesses to invest in India, saying its market of 120 crore people provides vast opportunities from agriculture to defence, while being protected by political stability and a "vibrant" judicial system.

"The sky is the limit in India. You can venture here in any area you want (to do business)," Modi told a global audience in his plenary address at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) here.

This is the first time that an Indian Prime Minister is attending the SPIEF forum, which is held annually in St. Petersburg, Russia's second largest city and President Vladimir Putin's hometown.

Putin, who addressed the session before Modi, also spoke of Russia's attractiveness for investors, pointing out the technological advancements of its youth.

Modi said that his government's journey toward developing India is built on investments in infrastructure, agriculture, manufacturing and services.

"Fifty cities need metros, 500 cities need solid waste management and drinking water. Besides, India has the world's second largest railway network. It needs to be

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## Rs 25 cr for Bodoland varsity

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## Goof-up by AHSEC

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 2: After SEBA, the Assam Higher Secondary Educational Council (AHSEC) has also goofed up by showing "generosity" in awarding marks for a subject to a candidate who did not appear in the first place.

The goof-up came to light when Arnab Kapil, a student of Cotton College who secured the ninth position in the Science stream of HSSLC examination, disclosed that he got 94 marks in the subject Mathematics, despite the fact that he didn't appear in the examination.

"Arnab informed the Council office on May

31, as soon as we got the details of the marks. Accordingly a notification was published by the Council in the newspaper on June 1," Arnab's father Ronen Sarma told *The Assam Tribune*.

However, the notification was also not free from flaws. It mentioned Arnab securing eighth position in the exam, instead of his actual position which is ninth. However, his position has remained intact in order of merit, even after correction of marks.

After another correction of marks, Dayita Pushpa Swami of Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Silchar has been upgraded to the eighth position in the merit list in the Science stream.

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## 'Silt flow will negate dredging in Brahmaputra'

### AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, June 2: Immeasurable silt flow would negate the impact of dredging in the Brahmaputra and its tributaries, asserted US-based senior engineer Dr Umesh C Tahmidar. The Assam-origin engineer was talking to this newspaper.

Nuflifying dredging as a potential solution to the nagging flood problem in Assam, Dr Tahmidar maintained that the recently announced plan to dredge the Brahmaputra is not backed by any scientific and engineering data that establish the viability of the project. Moreover, the avowed project cannot guarantee mitigation of the flood problem, he said.

He further asserted that to lessen Brahmaputra flood by reducing only one foot from its high stage of flood at Pandu, a simple calculation shows that the needed embankment cross section will be excessively and prohibitively large in order to utilise the dredged material. Therefore, the concept does not seem practical. Additionally, sooner the dredging is done to dig a channel of 35-metre width, as postulated, than the silt-laden flood water of the Brahmaputra will fill the dredged channel to force dredging again. It is going to be a daunting task, both finan-

cially and practically. Justification and more clarity from the authorities are needed before the project is launched, the engineer said.

He claimed that it is universally accepted that the only method of really controlling the floods in Assam is the detention of the floodwater in storage reservoirs and subsequent release of the water in a regulated fashion. A thorough analysis of flood plain, precipitation, topography, etc., should be included in mathematical modelling of flow of surface run-off to arrive at optimum locations of the floodwater reservoirs.

Other than reservoirs on the tributaries upstream, it will be necessary to have reservoirs to impound flood water at other strategic locations.

All 26,000 villages of Assam should be considered for areas earmarked for detention basins. At the end of the day, pumping will be needed to throw the excess water in appropriate channels bypassing the flood plains. A network of channels or pipelines will be needed for this. As to impounding floodwater at the source of Brahmaputra tributaries, it is quite unfortunate that there isn't a single large reservoir for flood control in Assam or Arunachal Pradesh. This clearly reflects a lack of

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## Non-NDA top guns to meet at Karunanidhi's bash

CHENNAI, June 2: In what is being billed as Opposition show of strength, top leaders including Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

are expected to share dais at an event to mark 60 years of DMK chief M Karunanidhi as a legislator here tomorrow. Besides, the diamond jubilee celebrations of Karunanidhi's entry into the Tamil Nadu Assembly will also see the participation of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav.

Kumar and Yadav are two rarely seen faces in Tamil Nadu. Apart from Lok Sabha MP Derek B'riar, who will represent TMC, CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI national secretary D Raja, National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar are also scheduled to attend the event.

Ironically, Karunanidhi's participation is still uncertain as doctors have not given him the nod to attend the function, scheduled to coincide with his 94th birthday.

The nonagenarian leader is recuperating following a tracheostomy procedure in De-

mber last to improve breathing.

The event comes amidst parleys by non-NDA parties involving TMC supreme and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to field a common candidate for the Presidential polls due in July.

However, DMK working president and Karunanidhi's son MK Stalin has denied his father's birthday bash will serve as a platform for the non-NDA parties to discuss the Presidential polls. He had earlier said Congress president Sonia Gandhi had already held discussions with him on the

possibility of putting up a joint Opposition candidate.

Incumbent Pranab Mukherjee's term ends in this July.

A five-time Chief Minister, Karunanidhi made his debut as a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Kulinthala in then undivided Tiruchirappalli in 1957 and has not lost a single election in his career. Even during times his party faced routs at the hand of arch rival AIADMK, including in 1991 and 2011 where the late J Jayalalithaa led her party to stupendous wins, Karunanidhi had emerged victorious. — PTI

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# NGO founder, office-bearer held on fraud charges

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 2: Amardeep Paul, the founder of NEEDS (North Eastern Economic Development Society), an NGO, was today arrested by the City Police on charges of duping youths in the name of providing jobs.

The arrest came following an FIR lodged by a victim.

Along with Paul, a director of the NGO, Aparupal Ray, was also arrested.

ACP (Panbazar) Supravita Lal Baru told *The Assam Tribune* that Paul operated by issuing advertisements in leading newspapers, promising jobs with salaries ranging from Rs 35,000 to Rs 50,000 to lure unsuspecting youths.

"The selected youths are called for interview and given 'training.' On completion of the training, Paul demands a certain sum of money from the youths who are then asked to sell the customer care cards of the NGO. No salary is given to the youths. They are asked to keep a margin on the sale of every card," Baru said.

The NGO is alleged to have duped a number of youths over the last few years.

"Some unemployed youths carry on with the job for some time, but later discontinue," the police officer said.

He said Paul, who hails from Karimganj, had cases against him in southern Assam and Dispur as well, after which he shifted his office to near Bora Service here.

Police have registered a case (No. 482/17) under Sections 419, 420 and 406 against Paul and Ray.

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Ever ambitious, this year The Assam Valley School sent up 131 students for the ICSE (Class 10) examination and 110 students for the ISC (Class 12) examination and we are happy to say that all our students passed with flying colours.

The Head of School, Ms. Sonya Ghandy Mehta was delighted to announce the results which, at the ICSE was an impressive 86.99% as the Class Aggregate but the ISC performance was even better with an astounding 89.65% Class Aggregate, the best ever in the history of the School. With results getting better with every year it seems that the School has just the right mantra to produce such outstanding results year upon year. This and the fact that our students get admission into some of the best institutions for tertiary education around the world speaks volumes for the way our students are taught, not just to memorise facts and spew them out at an examination but to be able to use the knowledge garnered in order to analyse, derive, deduce and solve complex problems. The tried and tested adage that there is always 'room for improvement' must surely be the corner stone on which such robust academic health lies for the teachers as well as parents trying to look for innovative methods by which to transact their syllabus.

The Head of School congratulates all the students who appeared for the ICSE (Class 10) examination for it was the biggest class ever to be mentored and guided to appear and do well. The teachers too deserve equal credit for their part in this success story where 39% of students scored 90% and above and 43% scored between 80 to 89%. It was an impressive 82% of the 131 students that sat the exam that scored above 80%. The remaining 18% scored between 70 and 79%. At the ISC level 62.70% scored 90% and above while 26.30% scored between 80 and 89% resulting in a colossal 85% of students in the 80% and above category.

The School is happy to announce that Lune Lakshmi Dai was the School Topper at the ICSE level with a whopping 97.60% and Shivesh Khatan and Nehal Ahmed were both School Toppers at the ISC level with an impressive 98.50%. It is worth noting that Nehal Ahmed bagged perfect scores in two subjects, Physics and Chemistry while Shivesh walked away with perfect scores in four out of the five subjects – Mathematics, Computer Science, Chemistry and Physics. 10 students at the ICSE level and 23 students at the ISC level secured perfect scores in various subjects. It must also be mentioned that Yash Jalan and Mahima Agrawala topped the Commerce stream with 98.25% while Anusha Datta topped the Humanities stream with 97.50%.

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Incredible results can only be posted by an incredibly dedicated team and for an institution to produce such stellar scores for over a decade now, it only goes to show that no stone is left unturned by the teachers in helping the students realise their goal. The Head of School congratulated the entire team – teachers, parents and students for this outstanding result. However, she iterated, one can only appreciate this gargantuan accomplishment when one lives the AVS life and sees first hand that it is not just about academics. Students enjoy School life and many excel at various sporting and cultural pursuits. In this climate of hectic semesters and countless opportunities it is nothing short of excellence that we produce such amazing academic results year upon year. The Head of School remains grateful to the Governing Body who are always there to support the School in any and every endeavour.

Ms. Sonya Ghandy Mehta takes this opportunity to wish every student the very best in all their future endeavours and is confident that such bright minds will do the School and Society proud in the not too distant future.

Anganwadi workers meet minister  
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 2: Members of All Assam Anganwadi Workers' Union today met the Minister of Social Welfare Nala Doley over their various demands including regularisation of jobs and a hike in remuneration.

"After hearing our demands,

the minister promised to re-

solve the issue amicably. He also stated that the demands of Anganwadi workers were justified and logical," a release from the union stated, adding that the Government would soon make some positive announcement related to a hike in the honorarium.

After the discussion, the union postponed its protest pro-

gramme scheduled from June 9.

#### Medical camp

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 2: A team of doctors, medical and paramedical staff of 1st BNNDRF Guwahati organised a medical camp at Barkuchi, Upper Diphu, under Palasbari Revenue Circle of Kamrup today.

In the camp, 425 patients with chronic and seasonal diseases, including Hepatitis B and C, were diagnosed and the blood groups of villagers of Barkuchi were checked. Local people were given health tips, apart from being sensitized on precautions against the seasonal diseases that sometimes take the shape of an epidemic.

The aim of organising the medical camp was to ensure the good health of underprivileged and poor people who do not have access to good hospitals due to financial constraints.

Most of the patients who attended the camp were school children, rickshaw pullers, vendors and labourers.

## Carcass of elephant calf found

GUWAHATI, June 2: The carcass of an elephant calf was recovered from a pit inside the Narangi Military cantonment this morning. Forest sources said that the calf – a female around 2 years of age – fell into the pit while moving along in a herd. The incident probably took place last night.

An Army spokesperson stated that following the discovery of the calf stuck in the drain at Narangi Military Station, the matter was immediately reported to Forest officials. "The team of Forest officials on arrival declared the animal dead, most likely due to suffocation," he added. – Staff Reporter

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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying.  
— MICHAEL JORDAN

**The Assam Tribune****Changed perspective**

Contours of the new shape being given to India's foreign policy have become visible, mirrored in the ongoing four-nation trip by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the recent past India had discarded her so-called non-aligned role to veer closer to America, a shift started by the UPA Government and continued by the NDA. However, the unpredictable nature of the US policies under President Donald Trump has perhaps made a rethink inevitable, especially since his 'America First' stance has hurt India. No doubt foreign visits are fixed much in advance and the fact that Modi's current trip includes Russia and three European Union nations can be just coincidental. Even if this be so, the fact remains that it has enabled India to make the statement that she would not be taken for granted. One cannot help but notice that the US under Trump has given China an importance not bestowed upon India; while the American President had met his Chinese counterpart almost immediately after his inauguration, Modi is still waiting his turn, a far cry from the importance bestowed during the Obama days when the Indian PM had addressed a joint session of the US Congress. Trump has overtly shown that he considers India to be the primary strategic partner as far as Asia was concerned, turning to that nation for assistance in controlling entities such as North Korea.

The ongoing spat between the US and the European Union has facilitated India in sending out her message. Repeatedly, in each country, Modi had emphasized India's commitment to issues such as globalization and the Paris Climate Deal, thereby directly challenging the policies of the current US President on these. The broad range of economic cooperation with all four countries India has entered into underlines the fact that India remains a major market for investors. A changed perspective entailed that the close camaraderie which existed between India and Russia during Nehru's days be revived and bonds between the two nations strengthened. The joint declaration issued by Putin and Modi sets out a roadmap to speed up bilateral cooperation in all fields, including political relations, security, trade and economy, military and technical field, energy, scientific, cultural and humanitarian exchanges and foreign policy. Such a gamut of cooperation is an indicator that the phase during which India-Russia relations had cooled somewhat is over and is going to be straightened. This is a pragmatic shift, for it is now apparent that Trump's US is becoming more and more isolated in the global arena even as Russia is re-emerging as a major player. Apparently, India's foreign policy is about to turn a full circle; given the changed global scenario brought about by Donald Trump, such a change of perspective is timely indeed.

**Boosting agriculture**

The pitiable status of a vast majority of the State's farmers comprising small and marginal tillers reflects poorly on the Government's oft-repeated claim of putting agriculture on the fast-track growth path. The State Government is now talking of doubling farmers' income by 2021, a tough ask given the debilitating constraints plaguing the farming community and the apparent lack of sincerity on the part of the authorities. The very fact that majority of the agriculturists are not getting adequate remuneration against their toil exposes that the required interventions are not reaching the farmers. The practice of distress sale has been widespread among our farmers, stemming largely from the absence of storage facilities and market linkage. The situation acts to the advantage of the middlemen who exploit the hapless farmers by compelling them to sell their produce at throwaway prices. If the Government, the Agriculture Department in particular, is serious about ameliorating the plight of the farmer, it needs to come up with the required interventions, and more importantly ensure that the interventions actually reach the farmer. On paper many plans and programmes, mostly Centrally-sponsored schemes, have been implemented but the fruits have not percolated down to the grassroots farmer. Rampant corruption in the department has been among the factors behind this sorry state of affairs. If the Government really means what it utters about improving the agriculture sector, it must act tough on the thriving corrupt practices and the perpetrators. As for market linkage, we have the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board but the perennial ban of absence of market linkage belies its existence. For a revamp of the agriculture sector, the Government needs to identify the priority areas and act accordingly in a transparent and accountable manner.

Agriculture on which the sustenance of millions depends remains an area of serious concern in the State. Even today productivity continues to be well below national average. While the vagaries of nature, especially unseasonal floods and dry spells, continue to be a bane for agriculture, the required technological interventions have been far from adequate. The State has a huge number of small and marginal farmers, most of whom remain outside the purview of the interventions. Stagnant productivity and gradual shrinkage of agricultural land due to erosion and conversion to industrial and residential uses warrant that technological interventions percolate down to the grassroots farmer. Along with modern methods of farming, greater use of high-yielding and hybrid seeds is a must to boost yield and gain self-sufficiency on the front. All this will be possible only when the Agriculture Department exhibits dynamism and a sense of purpose. Among other imperatives for boosting the sector are irrigation facilities and crop insurance. As scientific interventions continue to be distanced from agriculture, thanks to an overall lack of vision, poor planning and tardy implementation at government level, the cherished goal of a green revolution continues to elude the State.

**ICJ, Jadhav's case and Indian stand****■ Kanak Sarma**

**T**he International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April, 1946. The seat of the court is in the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). Of the six principal organs of the United Nations, it is the only one not located in New York. The court has a two-fold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by states (its judgments have a binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned); and second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system. The court is composed of 15 judges elected for a five-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. Independent of the United Nations Secretariat, it is assisted by a Registry, its own international secretariat, whose activities are both judicial and diplomatic as well as administrative. The official languages of the court are French and English. Also known as the 'World Court', it is the only court of a universal character with general jurisdiction.

Kulbhushan Sudhir Jadhav, a retired naval officer who is an Indian national, was arrested by the Pakistani Army on the charge of being a spy. He was arrested and detained and tried by the Pakistan Army Tribunal. It is contended by India that it was not informed of Jadhav's detention until long after his arrest and that Pakistan failed to inform the accused of his rights. It further alleges that, in violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations in the matter of the detention and trial of Jadhav, sentences failed to death by a military court in Pakistan.

The applicant also points out that it learnt about the death sentence against Jadhav from a press statement. India submits that it has information that Jadhav was 'kidnapped from Iran, where he was carrying on business after retiring from the Indian Navy, and was then sentenced to have been arrested in Baluchistan' on March 3, 2016, and that the Indian authorities were notified of that arrest on March 25, 2016. It claims to have sought consular access to Jadhav on March 25, 2016 and repeatedly thereafter.

The legal issues stem from the fact that there was a 2008 bilater-

al agreement on consular access, an agreement that India sought not to rely on at The Hague and merely restricted itself to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. In doing so, India made the point that the agreement had not been registered with the United Nations and therefore, India would have to restrict the argument to

of prisoner lists and consular access. Coming to the point of consular access, one of the key arguments that Pakistan raised before the court was that India had failed to prove the nationality of Kulbhushan Jadhav. Towards this, among the many annexes in India's pleadings before the ICJ, annexing Jadhav's birth certificate or perhaps a copy of his original passport would have gone a long way in countering this objection by Pakistan.

Putting it simply, not all spies are of the same nationality as the state for which they are spying. Sometimes foreign spies can be engaged as well. We still have a burden to prove that Jadhav is a national of India.

The other issue is the point of jurisdiction and reliefs. India has approached the ICJ to ask Pakistan to release Jadhav on the grounds that his rights under the Vienna Convention had been violated or, in the alternative, to declare that the military court trial was unfair and not carried out in accordance with international law, and a new trial, i.e., relief by way of restitution in return, which is legitimate for returning to the original condition.

It would be wise at this stage to point out that India, in none of its pleadings before the court, has asked for consular access as a prayer, in

cluding in its main pleas before the court. None of them include a relief by way of a direction that Pakistan grant consular access to the Indian national concerned, which is the relief to address India's primary and continuing grievance under the Vienna Convention. Consular access would help Jadhav find lawyers to fight his appeal and also help him liaison with his family back home.

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accordance with international law, and a new trial, i.e., relief by way of restitution in return, which is legitimate for returning to the original condition.

Now, the ICJ has granted interim stay for the execution of death sentence and the fate of Jadhav shall be decided after the final hearing and verdict by the ICJ.

**A 'panacea' for all diseases: Are you ready?****■ Dr Monprativ Barooah**

**S**o, or rather the more softmax part of it, seems to be currently obsessed with two things, i.e., yoga and the holy cow's urine or *Gau-mutra* (leaving aside the contentious issue of meat of course). So, let us first consider the golden popularity that our revered Gau Mata's seemingly potent and all-powerful urine is getting. Now the holy cow means serious business, for there is this discovery (by some quarters) that its urine can cleanse our body as well as clean our floor, spot on. Therefore, now we have the 'Gau-style' all set to replace phenyl, which had served us as the good old household disinfectant for decades. More importantly, one can derive tremendous health benefits from the urine, according to a select few. For example, if one wants to keep the dreaded word cancer at an arm's length or even cure it, drink a copious potion of *gau-mutra* — a mixture of urine, dung, milk, ghee and curd — which is hailed as the next miracle medicine. Swearing by the power of the *panchagavya* as a tonic medicament, a Central minister is vouching for Ayurvedic companies to salvage the health of the poor Indians and free them from the toxic effects of 'foreign' drugs.

When the urine comes into the picture, can the dung be far behind? Cow dung cakes are a hot-seller in the e-commerce site Amazon. One can order a dozen cakes for 100 bucks or so and put it to good use (at one's own risk of course!). In fact, the waste products of our ru-

minating, four-legged friend have gained so much popularity that its vital secretion, the milk and its by-products have been relegated to the third spot. Let us of course not utter a word about its flesh, for it is considered 'sinful' and its discussion is fraught with substantial 'risk'. Anybody found not sparing the cow, the Government will not spare him — that is what a couple of State governments thinks. For, on the anvil is a legislation that would hand down life imprisonment for cow-slaughter, soon to be passed by those State governments. So for the gourmet who enjoys the steak, better stick to the buffalo, for it isn't that 'holy' and its urine not that 'precious'! Will the whole of India get such a dictum too? Perhaps only the cow could know better!

Nevertheless this raises a serious question: Are there enough scientific evidence corroborating the benefits of the use of cow excreta on human body? Advertising the bovine species' waste products as miraculous cures for all and sundry before testing for safety and efficacy is fraught with risks, serious risks at that, to say the least. People, ignorant and illiterate, the pregnant and the elderly are the vulnerable groups who might put their health at considerable risk by gulping down something untested on the market nor should it encourage its promotion.

Let us now come to yoga. The yogis, *babas* and gurus have tremendous following in our country. Their words are taken for granted and their dictated discourses followed blindly. It would be prudent if they exercise caution while speaking on matters pertaining to human health (like sermonizing the 'miraculous' effects of *gau-mutra*). The Government in this aspect should follow the protocol laid down by the modern system of medicine, for it is the one adhering to strict research, training, scientific knowledge and evidence before certifying a product as a safe medicine or consumable. It should not allow untested medicines and nutritional products (be it Ayurveda or anything else) on the market nor should it encourage its promotion.

Therefore, the Government with its focus on preventive aspect of health care should leave the choice unto the individual to select the physical, mental and spiritual practice he or she wishes to embark upon. Neither should any institution impose upon its pupil a particular exercise/art form, just because it has originated from pre-Vedic ancient India. Modi has the image of an innovative, forward-thinking modern man, and contrarian ideologies in the name of tradition should not be thrust upon this multi-hued and diverse cultural amalgamation called India.

**Letters to the EDITOR**

Sir,— The view of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) that dredging in the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dibrugarh is not necessary and that the National Waterways 1 at Dibrugarh and now a huge expanse of sand. So, the channels, which are now deep enough, will certainly get enough silt deposits to raise the riverbed high enough in future, to make even this Waterway 11 unusable. In fact, dredging should be done wherever possible to create more waterways and to prevent floods. The silt taken out may be used for raised flood relief platforms, sold to real estate agents, etc.

Through your esteemed daily, I request the IWA to reconsider its decision, after a better ground level understanding of the Brahmaputra. For biodiversity conservation, samples of the riverine flora and fauna can be shifted temporarily and nurtured in existing or freshly made water bodies and recycled back to the dredged sections later. Yours etc., DEBASHIS BARERU, Silpukhuri, Guwahati.

**Woes of 'new India'**

Sir.— It is extremely distressing to read about the series of lynching and mob terror incidents occurring with increasing frequency all across 'new India', especially in the States under the BJP rule. Nightmarish scenes of blood and gore which one normally associates with cruel societies of the medieval past are now almost a regular occurrence. In my opinion, these incidents cannot be dismissed as stray instances or as a mere law-and-order problem. Such barbarism is only the outward symptom of the internal disease of communal polarization being spread in every systematic and well-calibrated manner on the ground by various vested elements. It is apparent even to the distant observer that the patronage network of these groups extends into the topmost echelons of the government. For instance, when Dandi happened we saw how Central ministers and MPs rushed to defend the accused. Modi has displayed no will at all to tackle this serious problem. He rather prefers to look away when such incidents take place. His Twitter handle invariably goes silent. But what must surely be a matter of extreme frustration is the casual attitude of many Indians. In any other country, it would have triggered nationwide protests. It is perhaps too much to expect the electronic media, which has become the handmaid of the

**Dredging the mighty Brahmaputra**

and have been inhabited by people. Up to the early 60s, big cargo vessels could come from Dibrugarh to even Jorhat. In 1963, this author witnessed a huge expanse of water at the No. 9 spur of Dibrugarh, and now a huge expanse of sand. So, the channels, which are now deep enough, will certainly get enough silt deposits to raise the riverbed high enough in future, to make even this Waterway 11 unusable. In fact, dredging should be done wherever possible to create more waterways and to prevent floods. The silt taken out may be used for raised flood relief platforms, sold to real estate agents, etc.

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ruling party, to outrage like it did in 'old India'. But, at least all those who believe in the ideals of a compassionate society and in the basic and inalienable right to life of every citizen should collectively raise their voice and force the government to respond. Yours etc., ARUNAKA GUPTA, Golaghat.

**One year of State Govt**

Sir.— With a historic drive on May 24, 2016, the BJP with its alliance parties (AGP and BPF) formed the new Assam Government with Sarbananda Sonowal as the Chief Minister. The Government has completed one year in office. The common people of Assam expected a new agenda from the Government. Some major decisions of this Government are very positive. The anti-corruption movement of this Government is really appreciable. The completion of the bridge on the Lohit named Dr Bhupen Hazarika Setu is commendable. At the same time, the Government has a lot to do in the health and education sectors. The transport, road and agriculture sectors too need more emphasis. As on date there are many villages having no electricity (1,200 as per record) and potable water. Though the State

Government has taken up the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, its proper implementation is a matter of concern. The common people of Assam have a mammoth expectation from the Sonowal Government; hope some major issues will be addressed by this Government in the interest of the people. Yours etc., JINTU SARMA, Tezpur.

**Solar energy and GST**

Sir.— This refers to the news in *The Assam Tribune* regarding the GST rate of 18% on solar modules, whereas the same is presently exempted under the Excise Act and VAT (in most of the States). There is no rational of imposing 18% tax, whereas solar power plants are chargeable at 5%. On the one side, the Government is promoting the use of solar energy and giving subsidy of 70% and on the other is charging 18% to private sale. There is total confusion in the policy and this will harm the promotion of green energy. The Government must reconsider the matter in the right perspective. Yours etc., NIRMAL AGARWAL, Guwahati.

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Mother of deceased SU-30 pilot, Squadron Leader D Pankaj, paying floral tributes during the cremation ceremony, at Tezpur on Thursday. — UB Photos

## 110 cattle heads seized in Dhubri border areas

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, June 2: In a massive drive along the Indo-Bangla borders of the district, the BSF of Dhubri sector has seized as many as 110 cattle heads that were being smuggled to the neighbouring country.

BSF sources added that the drive was conducted by the 71, 67, 57 and 174 battalions of the security forces on the night of June 1 till June 2 morning on various bordering areas of the district. According to information, the BSF has made the seizure mostly along the borders in the char areas of the district and the cattle heads were about to be sent to Bangladesh.

It may be mentioned here that this is the biggest seizure of cattle by any security agency this year in the district. It was supposed that the demonetisation has curbed cattle smuggling in the district but this seizure again proved that the illegal trade has started again in full swing.

However, BSF sources added that recent cattle smuggling is being carried out with the distribution of Fpike Indian Currency Notes (FICN).

"In recent times movements in FICN have also been observed in the borders of the district," said a highly-placed BSF source.

## Ranjit Das campaigns for party at Bokajan

CORRESPONDENT

DIPUH, June 2: State BJP president, Ranjit Kr Das visited Bokajan on Tuesday last to attend a party meeting which was held at Bokajan ahead of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAC) election, 2017. The State BJP president began the poll campaign in the meet held under the chairmanship of BJP Town Mondal president Rajat Das.

While addressing the gathering, Das tried to woo the voters by talking about different schemes and developmental projects to be undertaken in the region.

## OBITUARY

### Dr RK Das

GUWAHATI, June 2: Dr Rama Kanta Das, son of late Mohikanta Das (ex-Speaker, Assam Assembly), passed away after a brief illness on May 30.

Born in Tezpur in 1931, Dr Rama Kanta Das after completing his DGO from the prestigious Calcutta Medical College, went to obtain his MD degree from Assam Medical College while pursuing his teaching career as Registrar there. He was instrumental in establishing the Gynaecology department of Silchar Medical College after joining as the head of department in 1969.

He retired as Head of Department (Gynaecology) of Gauhati Medical College in 1990. He had mentored many gynaecologists during his tenure as a teacher.

## Suman, Muzammil, Samudrajiit bring glory to Tezpur

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, June 2: Suman Chetry, Muzammil Ahmed and Samudrajiit Borah, three students of Ramanujan Junior College, Nagaon, besides making their institution proud, have brought glory to this historic Tezpur city by securing the 4th, 9th and 10th positions respectively in the Higher Secondary Examination (Science), 2017, result of which was declared on Tuesday last.

Suman Chetry managed to secure a total of 479 (95.8%) scoring 92 marks in English, 92 in Alternative English, 99 in Mathematics, 98 in Chemistry, 92 in Physics and 97 in Biology.

Muzammil, son of Mumtaz Begum and Jalladulah Ahmed, by profession a teacher and resident of Napan area near Tezpur University here, while interacting with this correspondent said that he was satisfied with the result as it has been as he expected and it was an outcome of his regular studies.

It needs to be mentioned here that Muzammil had also scored a good performance in HSLC examination with 92 per cent in 2015, from Tezpur Don Bosco High School. This correspondent said that he would pursue engineering.

ed that he would go for medical science and become a responsible doctor. According to him, a doctor can serve the society through his selfless and dedicated services.

Muzammil Ahmed, secured a total of 473 (94.4%) scoring 97 marks in English, 92 in Alternative English, 99 in Mathematics, 97 in Chemistry 93 in Physics and 91 in Biology.

Likewise, Samudrajiit Borah managed to secure a total of 472 (94.4%) scoring letter marks in English, Alternative English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

Son of Anaram Borah and Jayantajit Borah, a bank employee of Assam Gramin Vikas Bank and a resident of Magazano Tamuli Pukhuri here, Samudrajiit has an aim to study in Delhi University in the days to come.

Stating that his parents and teachers were the inspiration for his success, Samudrajiit mentioned that he had no fixed time for studies; he simply maintained the regularity and honestly dealt with everything. "Playing football and cricket is my hobby as sports keep me both physically and mentally fit."

Meanwhile Kunal Hora, a student of Anandaram Baruah Academy, Pathasala has brought glory to Dhekaijuli town by grabbing the 3rd position in the Science stream. Son of Sulekha Hora and teacher Mangra Hora and a resident of ward no. 8 of Dhekaijuli town, Kunal told this correspondent that he

has scored a good performance in HSLC examination with 92 per cent in 2015, from Tezpur Don Bosco High School. This correspondent said that he would pursue engineering.

## Completion of three years by BJP govt at Centre celebrated

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, June 2: On the occasion of completion of third year of BJP government at the Centre, a function titled, 'Sabka Sat Sabki Vikash Samman' was organised at Tarun Ram Phukan playground here today.

Addressing the gathering, Rajen Gohain, Union Minister of State for Railway dwelt at length about the policies pursued by the BJP government at the Centre. Gohain also explained the developmental works carried out by the Railways in Assam and the NE region. He said that Rs 5000 crore has been additionally earmarked for the railway network development in the North-east.

in the current financial year.

Speaking on the occasion, Piyush Hazarika, MLA, Jagiria said that due to the demolition move announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, nation's economy has been strengthened. Tax evasion has been curbed substantially and after adoption of the GST system, which will be implemented from July 1, the common people will start getting benefits, Hazarika added.

He further said that every poor family will get a dwelling house free of cost under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Paban Manita, Chief Executive Member, Tiwa Autonomous Council also spoke on the occasion. The function held at Morigan was sponsored by Na-

tional Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC). A free health check-up camp was also held on that day at TR Phukan ground under the Spandan pathashala of the NHPC.

**Book released:** A book titled, 'Akoni Bir Chilarai', written by Parameswar Deka was formally released by Harendra Bora, president, Morigon Zila Sahitya Sabha at an august function held here at Morigon District Journalists' Association conference hall on May 29. An open meeting was held on the occasion under the auspices of Morigan district unit of Asom Lekhika Samooh Samiti. It was presided over by Chandra Lekha Gohain, where as many as 100 women writers from different parts of the district participated.

## Teachers taught play method of teaching

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, June 2: Macmillan Education, one of the reputed global publishers, organised a primary teachers here recently, where over 60 teachers, principals and vice principals from 23 schools attended the workshop.

The theme for the workshop was "Play and Learn – teaching through fun." Padmakshi Patowary, the resource person introduced the teachers to the various ways and benefits of play method of teaching.

The teachers were divided into eight groups and they had hands-on experience on making various teaching aids.

There were games and also activities in the session to showcase how teaching and learning can be fun. There was a mini book display in the venue and the teachers were also introduced to various online certified courses for their benefits.

They are Fankri Singnar of All Saints English High School, Bakulbari; Waisong Phangcho of Hawaipui Baptist English High School and Amrjeet Chauhan of Don Bosco High School, Kerheri.

The total number of students, who appeared in both West Karbi Anglong and Karbi Anglong districts is 5554 and out of them 4933 were declared passed. There were 1254 students securing first division, 2355 second and 1324 third divisions.

Meanwhile, in Diphu Govt Boys' HS school examination centre, out of 403 students who appeared, 110

passed. Out of this, 10 were in the first, 48 in second and 43 in third divisions. The pass percentage at this centre is 27.29 per cent.

Meanwhile, from Diphu-B of DAV HS school centre, out of a total of 521 who appeared, 223 passed. Out of the passed students, 56 were in first, 124 in second and 43 in third divisions. The pass percentage at this centre is 42.80 per cent.

From Rengbonghoma HS school, out of the 692 students appeared, 361 passed. There were 181 in first, 157 in second and 23 in third divisions. The pass percentage here is 51.94.

## HSLC pass percentage in Karbi Anglong dist decreases

CORRESPONDENT

DIPHU, June 2: Karbi Anglong has nothing to cheer about the result of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination, 2017 as it is at the lowest position among the districts with a pass percentage of 31.72, which is lower than previous year's 49.79 per cent, the result which was announced by SEBA on May 31.

After the results were announced, almost all the schools received the result book along with mark-sheets, which were collected from respective examination centres.

It may be mentioned here that Kokrajhar with overall 31.77 per cent and Cachar with 32.49 per cent, are little better than Karbi Anglong district.

However, there are three students securing 100 out of 100 marks in Social Science.

## Raids carried out at panchayat blocks in Kaliabor subdiv, one held

CORRESPONDENT

KAZIRANGA, June 2: Soon after the issue of misappropriation of funds by two panchayat blocks of Kaliabor subdivision under Nagaon district came into the notice of authority concerned, the local sub-divisional administration conducted raids at these two panchayat offices and seized documents besides apprehending one Habibur Rahman after recovering of incriminating documents and an office stamp and seal from his possession.

According to an official source, the local sub-divisional administration of Kaliabor through its vigilance committee made inspections at many panchayat blocks resulting in a total mess. "This was a clear case of violation of MNREGA Act and there was serious procedural lapses where lakhs of rupees were misused. After hours of review, it was found that official records were not maintained properly as per government's mandatory rules. The job cards which ought to have been distributed among

the beneficiaries, were not distributed. Rather, they were kept under the custody of middlemen for their own vested interests. Necessary information and records were not submitted by the panchayat blocks to the higher authority, which is a mandatory process. So we have decided to take appropriate action against these people," said an official of the local administration. He added that matter would be apprised to the higher authority immediately.

## Poor result in HSLC, HS exams

## Performances of provincial schools in Udaguri dist to be evaluated

CORRESPONDENT

KALAGAON, June 2: Following the dismal performance of students of provincial schools of Udaguri district in the recently-declared HSLC and HS examinations, Blabon Deuri, Inspector of Schools, Udaguri district has decided to evaluate the performances of the provincial schools had been under process. Heads of the schools

with lower pass percentage than that of the State, would be called for counselling.

He expressed regret over the poor performances of the known government schools of Tangla, Kaliabor, Matang, Khorabori, Orang etc.

On the other hand, he hailed the performance of a few schools situated in remote villages in the district. Specifically mentioned Borobazar HS located in a remote village near Rowta, from where four students had passed with star marks, 20 in the first division,

53 in second division and only

five in third division in HSLC examination in 2017.

It needs to be mentioned here that National Pioneer Junior College, another private sector junior college of Tangla could show excellent performances in the HS (Com) final examination, 2017 with two of its students, namely,

Gaurav Patowari securing 93.2% and Dipankar Saha, securing 10th rank with 91.6%.

Unfortunately, no provincial schools could perform as had been expected. The Inspector of Schools, Udaguri further

said that he had sent a letter to the State Co-ordinator, NRC, Assam (Memo No.I-S/UDC/Gen/197/11/192 dated 27.05.2017) informing that science teachers of a few schools in the district, who were engaged in NRC updating works in NSC centres, didn't attend even a single class in their respective schools since October, 2015. He requested the State NRC co-ordinator, Assam to issue direction so that teachers concerned attend at least two classes in their schools in the morning hours after which they could join the NRC duty.

## Collection of primary data on Majuli's ecology completed

CORRESPONDENT

tive of Majuli Deputy Commissioner Palash Gopal Jha and under the leadership of New Delhi-based environment related company AAYARA's project manager TN Chethan and Jadumoni Bhuyan, a team of eight members did a survey and collected environment-related data by covering almost 64 villages and 32 major and minor Satras of 20 gaon panchayats of this island district.

Jadumoni Bhuyan, a project leader of this Carbon Neutral District Project, told this correspondent that through this project the Assam government in collaboration with Majuli district-led government is totally responsible for this corruption. She also demanded a high-level intervention against the Social Welfare department of Barak valley.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Subrata Bhattacharya, BJP district president, Biswarpur Bhattacharya, State vice president, Krishna Das, Debobrata Saha, Kishore Dey, Amit Paul were present in the meet, among others.

In this context, at the initia-



Members of All Assam Freedom Fighters' Association having a discussion with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on their various demands, in Guwahati on Thursday.

## Workshop on GST held at Golaghat Commerce College

CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, June 2: A day-long workshop on Goods and Services Tax (GST) was held at Golaghat Commerce College recently. The workshop was inaugurated by the principal of the college, Dr Jatinra Nath Saikia and moderated by Asstt Prof. Dept. of Banking, Manash Pratim Sharma.

Rajesh Jaiswal, the Head of the Department of Commerce, Dr Pranjal Pratim Dutta, Assistant Prof. of Accountancy and Suchitra Chelleng, Assistant Prof. of Business Management took part as resource persons and gave their presentations on the GST.

The resource persons vividly explained the various aspects of GST which is going to replace all the indirect taxes presently levied in the country. The resource persons in their presentations forwarded their views that the

government of India is introducing the GST with a view to minimise the present tax system and to bring all the indirect taxes into a single category.

Taking part in the open discussion held after the presentation, the vice principal of the college, Dr Rajeev Lochan Borah along with the teachers Anup Kumar Das, Dr Parmananda Sarma, Tua Kanta Saikia, Moornmoni Baruah, Debyendu Palit, Juilee Dutta and Atul Kumar Das explained their views and raised several important questions.

The resource persons answered all the doubts with examples. The workshop made the recommendation that the introduction of GST would be able to enhance the revenue collection of the government by overcoming the lacuna of the present tax system and will bring good results for the common people.



## BSF jawan hurt

TURA, June 2: Cattle smuggling across the international border with Bangladesh came to the fore once again after smugglers attacked a BSF jawan when he attempted to stop them while they were passing cattle across the international border.

The incident took place at about 11 am this morning near the Hatimara Border Out-post (BOP) under Mahendraganj police station in South West Garo Hills. The miscreants managed to escape before help could arrive after which the jawan was taken to the Mahendraganj CHC for medical treatment. Medical officials confirmed the injured jawan was out of danger. A search for the attackers is currently underway. — Correspondent

## 4 houses gutted

ITANAGAR, June 2: Altogether four houses were totally damaged in a fire at P. Sector, Nirjuli near Itanagar early this morning.

Though the exact cause of the fire was not known, the police suspects electrical short circuit could be the reason.

Properties of the dwellers were reduced to ashes. However, there was no human casualty in the fire mishap. — Correspondent

## WEATHER NORTHEAST

**Forecast for NE:** Moderate rain/thundershower is very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

**Warning:** Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated pockets over Arunachal Pradesh on June 3, Nagaland on June 4 and over Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Assam. Thunderstorms may to very heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam and Meghalaya on June 3.

## Temperatures :

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	24.2	23.4
Tezpur	27.5	23.8
Silchar	29.1	23.7
Dhubri	28.6	24.4
Jorhat	30.0	24.7
N Lakhimpur	24.8	22.0
Dispur	28.0	21.3
Imphal	28.0	21.3
Itanagar	27.5	22.1
Aizawl	24.1	9.8
Maisel	23.8	9.2
Kohima	22.5	17.2
Pasighat	23.8	22.5
Cherrapunjee	20.2	19.6

## Centre to promote bamboo cultivation in Arunachal

## CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, June 2: Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan assured support to promote bamboo cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now-a-days, largely used for production of bio-fuel.

The assurance came when Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Lok Sabha MP from Arunachal and Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju met Pradhan on Thursday evening.

It's worth mentioning that the bio-fuel refinery, first-of-its-kind in India, set up by Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam, will soon process bio-fuel from bamboo, which is found in abundance in Arunachal Pradesh. In this regard, the Arunachal Government has

signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NRL for sourcing three lakh tonnes of bamboo from the state.

The Union Minister informed that only 5% of bamboo resources of the state are used for paper production, while around



80% of bamboo resources go in waste. We will tap it and the economy of bamboo farmers and the state would change," he said.

He suggested establishing small processing units in the rural areas cater-

ing to a cluster of villages, which can be run by unemployed youths.

The Union Minister informed that the Ministry has come out with a Vision 2020 document that includes an intense road network for the North-east in oil and natural gas exploration, extension of production, distribution, research, etc. He requested both Khandu and Rijiju to go through the document and plan accordingly.

Highlighting the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), the Union Minister said that by the end of 2019 every household in Arunachal Pradesh will be provided with LPG connection under it. He requested the Chief Minister and Union Minister of State for Home to launch the scheme in the state and advised them to plan accordingly launching of the same at all district and block levels on a mission mode.

Senior Manipur Government officials at a high-level meeting in Imphal on Friday. — Photo: Neimai News

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## CAG report baseless, says Thanga

## CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, June 2: The Mizoram Government today rubbished the CAG's findings that the state government's flagship programme New Land Policy (NLP) failed to achieve all its objectives.

A meeting of NLP Implementation Board chaired by vice-chairman P.L. Thanga, in Aizawl today, termed the CAG's report on the NLP as "baseless".

On CAG's allegation that beneficiaries were selected

by NLUP Apex Board, instead of village level NLUP committees, the NIB said the allegations were baseless.

"Baseline survey was conducted by Young Mizo Association in all the villages. The lists of beneficiaries selected by both the YMA branches and village level NLUP committees were submitted to their respective Deputy Commissioners. The fact that no one has complained against the baseline survey till date proves that the survey was reliable," the NIB said in the statement.

Refuting the CAG's report

that there was no identification of compact area as stated in the NLUP manual, the NIB said Mizoram was divided into 40 cluster/compact areas, which were not different from identification of compact areas in the Central Government schemes. The CAG's findings that there were 1400 eligible beneficiaries, the NIB maintained that after thorough scrutiny, as many as 1,178 beneficiaries were cancelled because of the start of the first phase. After such scrutiny, there was no ineligible beneficiary, it said.

The CAG had said in its report that there was no record to show that the VLNC was involved in the selection of beneficiaries.

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## PM urged to exempt Meghalaya from cattle slaughter ban

SHILLONG, June 2: Former Union Minister and Congress MP Vincent H. Pala has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to exempt him on sale of cattle for slaughter at animal markets in tribal and beef consuming states like Meghalaya, Pala said today.

Prime Minister should exempt applications of the new livestock rules banning cow slaughter and livestock trade in tribal and beef-consuming states like Meghalaya, Pala said today.

In a formal petition to the Prime Minister, Pala urged that formal views from all state governments should also be taken into consideration to review the rules and allow implementation of the same with state-wise necessary notifications.

Meghalaya was ranked the top beef-consuming state in the country where 80.74 per cent of the population eat beef, ahead of Lakshadweep and Nagaland, according to the latest National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).

"Tribal state like Meghalaya should be exempted from the application of these rules (the newly promulgated Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulations of livestock Markets) rules, 2017)," Pala, the Shillong MP said in the petition submitted to the PMO last evening.

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Two bridges in Phonkuri village under Meluri subdivision have also been washed away in the flash flood. — PTI

## Flood claims 2 in Nagaland

KOHIMA, June 2:

Incessant rains during the past few days have caused flash flood in Phhek district of Nagaland killing two persons.

A search was on for two others who were reported missing in the flash flood that struck the district on the midnight of May 30. Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority said in a press release.

Paddy fields near Meluri village in Phhek district were washed away in which four persons were swept away and one person was injured.

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## NE needs more export facilitation centres: Das

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, June 2: North Eastern Council (NEC) member, CK Das today stated that there is a need to have export facilitation centres at the District levels which should function as "growth engines" providing all necessary information to the exporters.

"The need of the hour is to develop low volume, high value products and study the requirements of the neighbouring countries to be successful in engaging in sustainable exports", said Das.

The summit was organised as part of the 4th

Act East Business Show here which was also attended by Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, Kazi Muashir Mursheed, Economic and Commercial Counsellor from China, Li Baogen and Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.

Meanwhile, ICC Regional Director, Ishan Sobhraj, said that India's economic growth could benefit immensely from developing the North-east and exploring the geographical advantages of the region.

He, however, pointed out that there is much ground to be covered in the region to realise its potential.

"By no means this region can be termed as hotspot for export as the region contributes a negligible \$0.01 billion of the all India exports", he said.

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BA	16-06-2017	17-06-2017	18-06-2017	20-06-2017	22-06-2017	24-06-2017
Mathematics	Eng. Assesment	Gen. English	Sanskrit	Logic-II	Economics	
25-06-2017 P.U. Sc.	26-06-2017 Sociology	27-06-2017 History	28-06-2017 Eco-I	29-06-2017 Eco-II	30-06-2017 Eng. English	31-06-2017 M.A. Alt. Eng.
19-06-2017 Eng. for Prod. Stu.	20-06-2017 Busi Statistics	21-06-2017 Financial Accounting 2	22-06-2017 Company Management	23-06-2017 Marketing Management	24-06-2017 Financial Accounting I	25-06-2017 DS Through C. Lan(Th.)
20-06-2017 Eng. for Prof. Stu.	21-06-2017 Business Statistics	22-06-2017 Discrete Mathematics	23-06-2017 Financial Management	24-06-2017 DS Through C. Lan(Th.)	25-06-2017 DS Through C. Lan(Th.)	26-06-2017 Sd/- Dr. Bhabarajan Samrah Controller of Examinations

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HS 1st Year (Science)	10.06.2017	13.06.2017	14.06.2017	10 AM onwards
HS 2nd Year (Arts)	10.06.2017	13.06.2017	15.06.2017	10 AM onwards

The date of collection, submission of forms, notification of merit list and counselling & admission is on the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dist: Biswanath.

**SUBJECTS OFFERED IN H.S. AND NUMBER OF SEATS IN MAJOR SUBJECTS**

S. No.	Subjects available HS courses	Total number of seats	Subjects available B. Sc. Major Courses	Total number of seats
1.	English	200	Physics	30
2.	Alt. English		Chemistry	30
3.	Assamese		Mathematics	30
4.	Physics		Statistics	30
5.	Chemistry		Botany	40
6.	Mathematics		Zoology	40
7.	Statistics			
8.	Biology			

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	49%	27%	7%	12%	5%

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২০১৭ সন্মুক্ত অন্ত পালি পৰামৰ্শন সূচী

Date	বৰ্তমান (Morning)	আৰালি (Evening)
১১/০৭/২০১৭ Tuesday	প্ৰৱেশিকা : সংস্কৃত প্ৰৱেশিকা : পালি	মধ্যমা : প্ৰথম পাঠ (মাতৃভাষা) শাস্ত্ৰী : প্ৰথম পাঠ
১৩/০৭/২০১৭ Thursday	প্ৰৱেশিকা : সংস্কৃত প্ৰৱেশিকা - MIL প্ৰৱেশিকা : মাতৃভাষা	মধ্যমা - 1st Paper শাস্ত্ৰী - 1st Paper মধ্যমা : প্ৰথম পাঠ শাস্ত্ৰী : প্ৰথম পাঠ
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**A**lifa is a memorable experience, which vindicates its winning of the Indira Gandhi National Award for the Best Debut Feature, besides the Best Feature Award in the just concluded Ottawa Indian Film Festival, Canada. In his first outing, Deep Choudhury displays such flair on the craft that it results in a beautifully laid out, heart-rending film. Measured shots, wonderful, evocative transitions and rhythmic unfolding of its multifaceted narrative has shaped *Alifa* into a well-knit work for which Deep Choudhury deserves kudos. *Alifa* deals with displacement and precarousness of life as

**Bitopan Borborah**

its offshoot, despite its main focal point being the naïve, adolescent Alifa's dream for a decent education, which fritters away in her doomed existence. What remains latent under this human drama are serious issues like deforestation and its grim consequences, which form its climax.

Displaced by the devastating floods of the Beki River, *Alifa*'s protagonist Ali (Bahrain Islam) takes refuge on a hilltop in a fringe area of Guwahati city, conviving with a forest guard. With his charming wife Fatima (Jaya Seal), Ali makes two ends meet working as a daily wage earner, a life full of woes and uncertainty. The constant abuse from employers for his immigrant past as well as forest guards for defrauding or protection money robs Ali of any semblance of dignity, and he gradually sinks into further misery as he loses his job, besides witnessing his wife's growing closeness to Rekha (Prasun Gayen), a co-worker from the hilltop, the sprawling city with its imposing struc-



Deep Choudhury

tures definitely makes an impact on the tender minds of Ali's elder daughter Alifa (Pakja Hasmi), who nurtures a dream not just to break free from her arduous daily chores like collecting firewood, carrying water from the plains, but also to study and satisfy her ever-inquisitive mind. She, therefore, hails midway to pay heed to her privileged friend studying, even when climbing up the hill carrying water. This endearing, evocative shot fills one's heart with profound despair; another excellent shot expresses their moment

of ecstasy when Alifa, in great joy, swings with her brother Faisal (Rayal Alidul) on a rocking cradle when their father brings them books. The growing tension and discord in the family, attributed equally by the hardships and Fatima's dalliance with her paramour upsets them even more, which culminates in a bitter fight between Ali and Rekha. While Ali and Fatima struggle to adjust to their conjugal life, hope beams for Alifa as an Anganwadi worker makes her way to the hilltop. This existential drama takes it turn for the good, what comes back to him hard is the sin they committed by clearing the hills before settling down, which inevitably disturbed the wildlife. As more settlers spread over the hills, and as the receding forest gets more skeletal, the fallout brings them terrible news: a marauding leopard is around looking out for prey. People patrol at night, yet the leopard hunts down Alifa, killing her and her unwavering dreams that she always kept aloft. Inconsolable, Ali pulls down the rocking cradle in irrepressible rage, the symbol of a freedom and joy of his chil-

dren. Young Faisal resumes a metaphoric journey, heading up to the hill, armed with a bow and arrows. This open-ended euphemistic shot, despite being impregnated with great allusions, appears contrived.

While *Alifa* convincingly tracks the trail of self-destruction by diligently putting displacement as the trigger and deforestation or man-animal conflict as its upshot, it brings into the fore a larger picture of systemic failure, in which subaltern lives are under huge stress. Immigrant or not, it is a fact that the welfare measures of the State mostly remain inaccessible to the under-privileged, which diminishes their journey agonisingly perilous. What is worrying is that this wrenching life is percolating down to the next generation, depriving them from right to education and healthcare, thereby, crushing all the dreams they held deep inside.

Produced by Arman Ahmed, *Alifa*, therefore, is a significant piece of thought-provoking work. Cinematographer Nahid Ahmed has accomplished a wonderful feat by making it visually arresting. On one hand, while his dimly-lit pale shots reflect the in-



herent gloom of the narrative, on the other, his shaky hand-held camera movement beautifully captures the precariousness of the lives the film portrays. Bickram Ghosh has also done a great job as the music composer; he heightens the mood of the scenes at many places but he seems exophonic in certain patches. Bahrain and Jaya looked suave and markedly different from their peers and they together carry the drama with great ease; it was, however, Pakja, who delivered a stellar performance. Editor Ravirajan Maitra ensured that the rhythm of the narrative is not lost, to make it a gripping and an unforgettable lyrical account.

# Lost dreams



## Understanding cinema

**Prantik Deka**

**C**ame to eminent filmmakers Gautam Bora and Haobam Paban Kumar of Manipur, filmmaker folklorist Raphel Warji of Meghalaya, Pranjal Borah, writer and associate professor of English in Dilkhowmukh College, Assam, providing their expertise.

But the workshop, on the



an idyllic setting, against the backdrop of the verdant pines in the NEHU campus, provided a perfect week-long retreat for students, academics, scholars, artists, cinema lovers and activists seeking to attain an in-depth understanding of the medium and its varied contours.

This short course, designed and directed by filmmaker Maulee Senapati,

first place,

became possible due to the persistent efforts of Dr Jyotirmoy Pradhan, professor of English at NEHU, who was helped in his endeavour by ICSSR-NERC, and the Shillong forum for English Studies. "The support that we received from Professor Jyotirmoy Pradhan, his most dynamic team of research scholars, and the English department to which they belong to, was immensely val-

uable," said Maulee Senapati.

There were other guests too, filmmakers who had also put across their views and ideas in perspective at the workshop, including Assam's Jaicheng Jai Doluita, Meghalaya's Pradip Kurah, director of acclaimed film *Onatak*, Paulami Dasgupta and Michael from Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya.

This collaborative effort with NEHU is part of several other initiatives envisioned by MKDFD focused in memory of renowned cinematographer Mirnal Kanti Das, who met with a fatal road accident in Jorhat in 2004, to spread awareness towards good cinema and what cinema has to render. Though intensive and gruelling, this entire engagement turned out to be quite a refreshing and rejuvenating one, and MKDFD along with other collaborators, are already planning their next programme, much in advance!

The response too has been quite encouraging, as a number of participants from across the States of Meghalaya and Assam, Kolkata and Delhi took part in the seminar, that sort of provided a platform for the students, aspiring filmmakers, enthusiasts and organisers to interact and exchange ideas in the academic space, which has always been one of the foremost purposes of the Mirnal Kanti Das Foundation.

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### Chaknaiya releasing on June 9

**C**haknaiya, an Assamese feature film produced by Mridu Ranjan Das, under the banner of Jagannath Advertising and Media, and directed by Naba Kumar Nath, is scheduled for release on June 9 at different centres of the State. The film is the maiden venture of the director, who has also written the script and dialogue. The story depicts the impact of the present economic conditions on the lives of the common people.

The cast includes Pranami Bora, Himangshu Prasad Das, Dhananjay Debnath and Arunabha Hazarika. National award-winning Torali Sarma directs the music, with songs by Zubilee and Prabhat Sarma. The cinematography is by Himangshu Barman, while Dhruv Mazumdar has edited the film.



### Presenting Bangladesh through music and dance

**A**' Bangladeshi Evening', showcasing music and dance, was held on May 10 at the Sehba Hall of Hotel Radisson Blu, Guwahati, at the initiative of Kazi Munshiur Moshad, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh. On the occasion, Kendriya Kholaigar Asar, a national children's organisation of Bangladesh, presented folk and traditional items reflecting the country's rural life-style, deriving from ethnic groups. It was a thrilling experience for the audience to witness the primitive musical vigour and rhythmic variations, synchronised with sweet melodies and touching lyrics.

### Documentaries screened

**T**wo documentary films—titled *Holi*: *The spirit of colours*—directed by Ranjit Das (in English) and *O' Aai Sei Gaonkhon Koloi Goloi*, directed by actor-director Upakul Bordoloi, was screened on May 28 at the Bhagawati Prasad Barua Auditorium, under the auspices of the Gauhati Cine Club. The first film depicts in detail the most important cultural festival of the Barpeta Satra celebrated early with sa-

ceremonial rituals and a distinct local flavour. This documentary was officially released for screening at the 9th Jaipur International Film Festival and the 7th Dada Sahib Phalke Film Festival, 2017.

The other film—*O' Aai Sei Gaonkhon Koloi Goloi*—is based on the poems penned by singer-composer Kamal Hazarika, depicting Assamese rural life and scenic beauty; the documentary has been produced under the banner of Dhirkamal Hazarika.

## A mother's tale

**N**ational award winning film actor Moloya Goswami will be back on stage after a decade. She will enact the main role in the play *Aat*. Being produced under the banner of Biswa Foundation, Guwahati, the play will be staged at the Robindebar Bhawan Auditorium on June 5.

Written by renowned writer and dramatist Prabhat Goswami, the play will present a story of an octogenarian who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Moloya, the first Assamese actress to win the National Film Award for Best Actress for her inimitable performance in the Assamese film *Firingoti* (1992), will play the role of the protagonist. Her character has lost her secondary memory due to illness, while her primary memory is still intact. The story will revolve around this character and her small family, including her son and daughter-in-law, and a few other characters.

Talking about the story, Prabhat Goswami says, "The drama will deal with some universal issues like selfishness in human relationship, familial complexity, mental suffering, etc., being faced by every family. In it, our audience will notice a novel theme that has never been attempted by anyone in Assam." Goswami, who has earned a good reputation for his skillful blending of elements like emotion, love, loneliness, excitement, jokes, pathos, et al, on stage for decades, will also direct the play.

Popular actress of Assamese films, television serials and mobile theatre Prastuti Parashar will also enact an important role of the daughter of the protagonist. Besides her, other distinguished actors like Dilip Baruah, Anita Chakrabarty, Debo Kashyap and Guru Prasad Sarma will also perform in other leading roles.

"The rehearsal has been going on at the Artists' Guild premises for the last couple of days. We are planning to bring this unique play to other places too," informs Dolan Choudhury, chairman of Biswa Foundation.

**Dhanjiti Medhi**

"The drama production will utilise beautiful props and stage set-up. Music for the play will be arranged by Torali Sarma. Soothing and soulful music of this repaid singer and music director will definitely enthral the audience," says Naren Hazarika, the advisor of the entire production.

In the same evening, Hazarika's new Assamese magazine titled *Mancha*, which will be a half-yearly publication, will also be released. The socio-literary-cultural magazine will carry around 50 articles on theatre and dramatic art. Leading writers and journalists have contributed to it.

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### Chitrangda Singh in Saif's new film Bazaar

**S**aif Ali Khan playing a shrewd businessman in *Bazaar* has got everyone excited about the film. Interestingly, not much was known about the film before it was announced, complete with the first look poster. The film also marks the debut of late Vinod Mehta's son, Rohan. Radhika Apte was part of the cast from the beginning. Later, we heard, Prachi Desai would be part of it too, but now it seems she has been replaced by Chitrangda Singh.

However, Nikhil Advani refutes all such claims. Talking to a Mumbai daily, the filmmaker said, "I'm happy that the cast is looking so exciting. We have Saif, Chitrangda, Radhika Apte and Rohan Mehra (making his acting debut). The shoot has just begun and will be wrapped up by mid-August, while the film is slated for a December release. Prachi has expressed interest in working with my production house but that is for another project. As far as the role of Mandira in *Bazaar* is concerned, Gaurav K Chawla, my director, came up with the idea of casting Chitrangda."

### Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra in Dibakar Banerjee's next film

**B**ollywood actors Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra garnered appreciation, both from the critics and the audience with their performance in *Ishaqzaade*. They shared a sizzling chemistry in Habil Faisal's film and the audience loved them on screen as a couple. Now, if reports are to be believed, then the two of them are reuniting for another film. It is going to be an action-romance for the national award winning filmmaker Dibakar Banerjee.

A leading daily quotes a source saying, "Arjun had loved the script and given his nod but had not signed on the dotted line. Dibakar was still working on the final draft and wanted Parineeti as the leading lady. By January, both the actors were on board."

*Ishaqzaade* has been a special movie for both Arjun and Parineeti. While it marked the debut of the former in the Bollywood film industry, the latter received a Special Mention at the National Film Awards.

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#### Parijat's music workshop

**A**s in the previous four years, Swar Sangam, a music organisation affiliated to the Parijat Sangeet Vidyalaya, a premier institute of Sivasagar, recently organised a workshop and competitions on *bhajan*, *Borgoi* and classical music and a dance competition based on Sanskrit songs. With a view to encouraging the upcoming generation of artistes and making them aware about the legends, competitions were held on *Jyoti Sangeet*, and on songs written and composed by Parvati Prasad Barua, Bishnu Prasad Rabha and Nirmal Prabhul Bordoloi.

The closing ceremony, songs were presented by Prashanta Pratim Sarma, Jayanta Dutta, Mina Sarma, Dr Anjana Sarma, Hem Saikia, Jolly Gogoi, Pabitra Dutta, Padma Bayan and Pranati Barua, head of the Parijat Sangeet Vidyalaya, while Arup Narayan Sarma delighted the audience with his recitation. The awards for the winners were contributed by artistic Ranjan Becharah, Mirnal Malanta and the family of yesteryear actress, late Amrita Becharah.

Readers are hereby invited to contribute original articles related to culture of the North-East (film, music, drama, etc.), along with photographs. They may be e-mailed to [cultural@assamtribune.com](mailto:cultural@assamtribune.com).

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# A musical connect

**W**hen I was a student at the Barpeta Government High School, the famous Narahari Burhabhakat, known to be a multi-disciplined artiste of the 20th century, used to run a summer school at the Barpeta Government High School called Jai Krishna Sangeet Vidyalaya. He used to teach *Borgat*, the *khol*, harmonium and Sattriya dance. Prabhat *da* Sharma was his assistant. When *Burhabhakat* was busy with his advanced lessons, Prabhat *da* used to look after us, the beginners. It was a great privilege to have seen Prabhat *da*'s early days of melody on the flute, while accompanying *Burhabhakat*. Before the summer break at our school, there used to be a cultural programme and I remember watching Prabhat *da* assist *Burhabhakat* in so many ways.

In due course of time, Prabhat *da* moved to Guwahati in the pursuit of his ambition in music. Although Prabhat *da* is the one and only uncontested flautist in Assam, he is also a multi-faceted musician. He has a melodious voice, plays the *khol*, *nagara*, *bhortal*, *dotara* and the *tabla*, as if he has filled the vacant position of *Burhabhakat*.

In December, 1960, in the final demonstration evening of the Inter College Music Competition in Cotton College, Guwahati, Prabhat *da* was especially selected by the legendary Bhupen *da* to accompany him on the flute. Thereafter whenever and wherever a flute slot was required, Bhupen *da* always asked for Prabhat *da*.

Lit changed in different ways for me. I became a doctor and Prabhat *da* became All India Radio (AIR) Guwahati's top grade artiste and a well-established musician. I used to visit Prabhat *da*'s residence with my wife Manjiri, who used to sing *Borgat* for All India Radio, Guwahati. Prabhat *da* first accompanied her on the *khol*, and then she was drawn to his knowledge and soon trained herself in *Borgat* and *Lokageet*.

When I came to the UK in 1975, and my wife joined me, she missed her singing career badly. However, an opportunity presented itself to her. The organisers of the Hindu Samaj in Sheffield, Yorkshire, offered

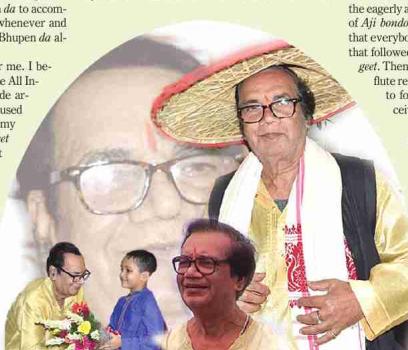
Manjira a singing slot in their annual event at the Leadmill Theatre, Sheffield. She was happy to once again find her roots in singing. That was in July, 1984. Taking that thread, she managed to extend her music all over the UK, both in non-Assamese and Assamese organisations.

## Dr Tarun Kumar Chowdhury

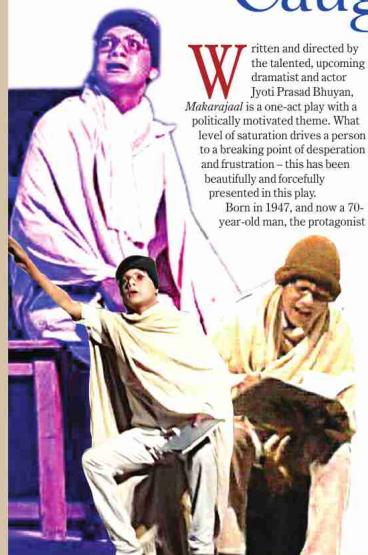
In 1993, when she decided to produce cassettes in *Borgat*, Kamrupi and Goppariya, *Lokageet* and *Bihu*, she spoke to Prabhat *da*, and wanted him to be the music director. By that time Prabhat *da* was not only a top class musician in AIR, but also on television. He was involved in directing film music and touring theatres. To watch the song recordings in the studio was an amazing experience. The quality of the three albums was superb, catching the authentic melody. Hence, the cassettes got immense recognition in Assam, the UK and the USA.

## Prabhat *da*'s UK Tour

In the UK, there is a small community of Assamese people who are enthusiastic about maintaining our cultural heritage, in spite of our professional commitments. When Manjira became the Secretary of the Assam Sahitya Sabha UK (ASSUK), we sponsored Prabhat *da* and his wife's (Renu Sharma)



# Caught in the web



**W**ritten and directed by the talented, upcoming dramatist and actor Jyoti Prasad Bhuyan, *Makarajoad* is a one-act play with a politically motivated theme. What level of saturation drives a person to a breaking point of desperation and frustration – this has been beautifully and forcefully presented in this play.

Born in 1947, and now a 70-year-old man, the protagonist

calls himself 'Swadhinata' and he is not ready to accept that he is an old man. He says that whenever he is reminded of his age, he starts cycling relentlessly. The cycle is symbolic of the spirit of the protagonist. He is a simple man with hopes and dreams of a beautiful and enriched society. However, the political and social changes after the Assam Agitation

## Neeta Sharma

shattered his dreams and now he is heartbroken. He feels crushed as the promises and hopes of a golden era in Assam seem to be a lost cause.

The old man analyses the regional problems of Assam, like the long-standing foreign immigrants issue, the negligent attitude of the Central Government towards Assam and the North-East, the power-centric greedy mentality of the young political leaders who took charge of Assam's future with lots of promises, the secessionist agitations within Assam, the suppression and exploitation by the State machinery, etc. More than 800 people sacrificed their lives during the Assam Agitation and more than 10,000 died in the name of secessionist agitations. Now who should be blamed and held responsible for such a huge loss of valuable lives? Swadhinata repeatedly

asks this question. The audience is left numb, as a deep silence creeps through them, giving them goosebumps. Unlike other plays, the protagonist doesn't have any other character to interact with, so he interacts with himself and connects with the audience instantly. His power-packed performance managed to win the hearts of the audience.

Bidyut Kr Nath, the young promising actor, played the role of the protagonist in the play. He was able to carry the entire play on his shoulders, and the audience was left spell-bound, not only by the acting skills of Bidyut Kr Nath, but also by the strong and powerful message that was conveyed through the play.

The play was first staged in the premises of the ADP College, Nagaon, in March, and it was inaugurated by the renowned critic and writer Prabhat Bora. After that, it was successfully staged in different places like North Lakhimpur, Nonoi, Borongabari and at the Nowong Girls' College. The writer-director Jyoti Prasad Bhuyan has taken up an important issue and this is his first political play. The play was staged under the banner of Nivedon, the NGO which publishes the annual socio-literary magazine *Nivedon*.

## prelude

Marx Brothers are the four 20th century American comedians born in New York. They were known by names like Chico Marx (Leonard), Harpo Marx (Arthur), Groucho Marx (Julius) and Zeppo Marx (Herbert). Trained as musicians, the brothers began their careers in Vaudeville with their mother and aunt as the Six Musical Maccos and later, as the Four Nightingales. A fifth brother, Gummo Marx (Milton), also appeared with them on stage at this time, although he never acted in any of their films. Finally billing themselves as the Marx Brothers, they appeared in a number of film comedies noted chiefly for their zany sight gags, which owed a lot to their previous stage work.

Such films included *Animal Crackers* (1930), *Horse Feathers* (1932) and *Duck Soup* (1933), all of which performed in 1933. Harpo and Groucho worked together with great success in *A Night at the Opera* (1935), *A Day at the Races* (1937), and *Room Service* (1938). Their last film as a team was *Love Happy* (1949). Each brother had readily identifiable characteristics: Groucho had a caustic wit and appeared with a cigar and moustache; Chico spoke in an Italian accent and played the piano; Harpo communicated in pantomime and played the harp. After the brothers ceased making films,

Groucho continued his entertainment career as master of ceremonies of the television series *You Bet Your Life*. He also wrote the autobiographical *Groucho and Me* (1959) and *Memoirs of a Mangy Lover* (1964). Harpo published his autobiography, *Harpo Speaks*, in 1961. The brothers inspired the musical *Minnie's Boys* (1970), which was co-authored by Groucho's son Arthur.

E-mail your questions with answers to: coloseum@assamtribune.com

## harmonisers

From Narjuna Begum, Tengnagar  
1) Which Sikh Guru is known as *Bhai Jetha*?  
2) Who composed the symphony *Ode to Joy* written later used at the Olympic ceremonies?  
3) In *Tintin* comics, who invented a pill from medical plants that could cure alcoholism?  
4) Whom did George Harrison refer to as the 'Godfather of World Music'?

## unities

From Shajid Khan, Tengnagar  
5) Which popular Kannada actor was popularly known among his fans as Annavar?  
6) Who became the first Indian director to shoot at NASA?

## the colosseum

### ■ Neelotpal Deka

#### Picture screen

1) *Picture Screen*: Identify the childhood picture of the author of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, who was known for his contrasting literary styles, and the stream of consciousness technique in his works. (Shajid Khan, Tengnagar)



8) Senator O'Hara is the heroine of Margaret Mitchell's epic *Gone with the Wind*. Name the period of American history that provides the backdrop for the novel.

#### do-re-me

9) The name of this minced kebab is said to be derived from the Pashto word *chapprik*, meaning 'flat' – alluding to the kebab's light, round and flattened texture; it originated from Peshawar. Name it. (Jyoti Prasad Kaita, Fatsali, Guwahati)

10) Found in Thailand, Indonesia and Brazil in 1971, it is today the second largest coffeehouse chain in the world after Starbucks. They are known for their 'Mastimo' cups. Which company? (Shajid Khan, Tengnagar)

11) It is a biscuit-like thick, flat bread, popular in Kashmir, and has a crusty surface. The bread was named after a Bangladeshi General Bakar and his love interest Khami Begum in the 1800s after Khami died because of the feud between her two suitors. Name the bread. (Pubali Gupta, Kahilpara)

12) He was Ajay Singh Bishoi, 22 years old, when he donned the robe of an ascetic and renounced the worldly pleasures, shaving his head. He even got his ears split and wore large earrings, and was named as the 'kanphata yogi'. He took a new name, too. Name him. (Jayanta Topadar, Dhemaji)

13) *The Mothers of Manipur* is a book by which Indian journalist? (Syeda Narjuna Begum, Hospital Road, Tengnagar)

14) Who is widely acknowledged as "The First Lady of Indian Cinema"? (Ningombam Duhita, Cotton College, Guwahati)

## crescendo

15) A classic fairytale written by French writer Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot Devilleneuve was published in the form of *La Belle et la Bete*, in 1740. It was first adopted as a Disney movie in 1991; a remake was released recently. Name this famous classic fairytale. (Barinali Devi, Guwahati)

## ANSWERS

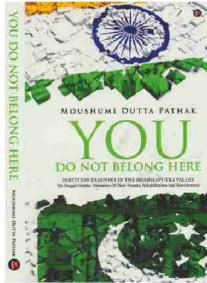
1) James Joyce 2) Guru Ram Das 3) Ludwig van Beethoven 4) Professor Calculus 5) Pandit Ravi Shankar 6) Rajkumar 7) Ashutosh Gowariker (*Sivadev*) 8) The US Civil War 9) Chapli kebab 10) Costa Coffee 11) Bakarkhani naan 12) Yogi Adityanath, the CM of Uttar Pradesh 13) Teresa Rahman 14) Devika Rani 15) Beauty and the Beast



## The persecuted

Joykanta Sarma

**T**here is no denying that the



**You Do Not Belong Here**  
**(Partition Dispossession in the Brahmaputra Valley)**  
Moushumi Dutta Pathak,  
Notion Press, Chennai.  
Price: Rs 499/-

Hindu Bengali migrants who had to come to Assam under compulsion, mostly from the then East Bengal (now Bangladesh), following the Partition of 1947, are unwanted guests on account of a number of factors. Millions of people had been involved in the process of migration in search of security of life, honour and property, or in search of protection from religious and other kinds of persecution. In fact, the forced migration into the Brahmaputra Valley from East Bengal began with the Noakhali riots of October, 1946. As per the Sylhet Referendum, just before Partition, barring the *thanas* of Patharkandi, Karimganj, Ratabari and Barapukur, all the Sylhet district opted for Pakistan, which induced Bengali Hindu migration into the Brahmaputra Valley from East Bengal and Barak valleys. At this period, a sizeable number of 'optees' from the private and public sectors, including teachers, migrated to divided India. A large number of such optees were the employees of the Assam Bengal Railways, which after Independence was designated as Assam Railways. They entered the Brahmaputra Valley following the disbanding of the former company; its headquarters at Chittagong was also shifted to Pundu in 1947.

The book under review by Moushumi Dutta Pathak, a teacher of History in a Guwahati college and daughter of a Partition-victim, has widely looked into the human dimension of the problem and adaptability or otherwise of the displaced Bengal Hindus into the Brahmaputra Valley to a new social environment and a different cultural area. While exploring the memories of trauma of the displaced with the help of oral history, the book has also critically examined the relief and rehabilitation policies of the government that was in 'black and white', and the corresponding private papers of important personalities. There are instances galore of occasional communal strife occurring out of the apprehension on the part of the indigenous people pertaining to massive change in the demographic composition, a burden on the economy of the receiving State and the corresponding cultural threat to the 'host' community.

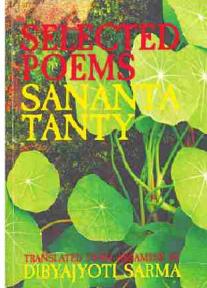
## From the margins

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**R**eading the poetry of Sananta Tanty, I consider, is a simple pleasure. It is so because what he pens is simple, but from the core of his heart. With a poetic attitude that delves deep into strong aesthetics having an unmistakable lyrical flow, Tanty, a member of the tea garden community of Assam, is a poet of unbridled conviction and strong personal commitment towards his fellow beings. With 13 highly-acclaimed collections of poems to his credit, Sananta Tanty is an important, and frequently heard, voice of Assamese contemporary poetry. His is a voice from the margin that has become a mainstream one, all because of the universality magnified in his otherwise marginalised social existence.

Two books, both collections of Tanty's poems, *More Priya Sapori Osore-Pajore* in Assamese and *Selected Poems Sananta Tanty*, translation of his poems by Dibyajyoti Sarma, which also includes critical writings on Tanty's poetry, select interviews, selected translations of his poems by other translators, etc., have hit the stands recently.

Sananta Tanty is distinguished from several of his contemporaries for some definite reasons. His mother tongue is Odia, but he studied in Bengali-medium, because by birth he was a resident of the Bengali-speaking Karimganj district of Assam. There are tea gardens in Karimganj and Sananta's ancestors have been workers at a tea garden there named Kalimangar Tea Estate. But Sananta Tanty's soul is Assamese, that soul thinks, celebrates, weeps, protests, grieves, rebels in the Assamese language. This is significant as far as the growth of Sananta as a poet and a true human being is concerned. This has further strengthened Sananta's credentials as a voice that needs to be heard. In fact, Sananta Tanty's appearance as a poet in the 1970s is considered an important event in the history of modern Assamese poetry.



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## President calls for affordable, effective facilities in villages

DHAULA (Haryana), June 2: Affordable and effective infrastructural facilities should be created in villages so that youths do not have to migrate to cities for work, President Pranab Mukherjee said today.

Making a clarion call for the development of rural India, he said the 'SmartGram' initiative was a step in this direction.

The President was here to lay the foundation stone of a Driver's Training Institute and a Secondary School under the SmartGram Initiative. Three new Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) at Mahendragarh, Ambala and Palwal were also inaugurated.

"Our villages not only have the capacity to develop but are also eager

for development. If we keep moving ahead in this manner, the day is not far when our youth would not need to leave villages for cities in search of better avenues. Good and affordable health services would be available for all and the youth would get training and employment in the vicinity of villages itself," he said.

Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, who was also present at the occasion, talked about how cab aggregators Ola and Uber had put the demand of 3 lakh drivers before the Centre. "People have often questioned the existence of the Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry. They fail to understand the meaning of skills.

A skill is something that makes your life 'kaushal, sara, sundar' (adept, easy and beautiful).

"Our job is not just to provide skills to a person, but also make him excel at it. For instance, we not just need drivers who can ferry passengers from one place to another, but also know about digital payments and can speak in English so that they can reach out to a wide strata of people," Rudy said.

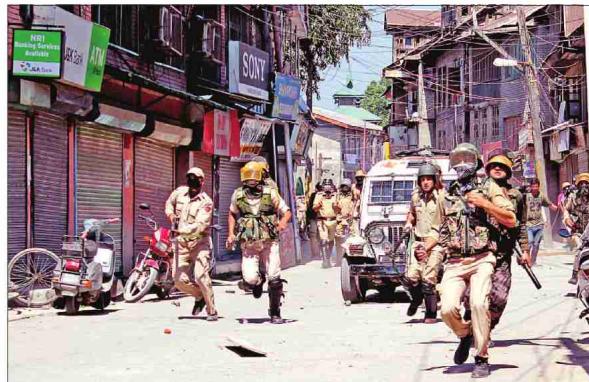
The President said when the SmartGram initiative was started on July 2 last year, he was sure that the work which had been done to make President's Estate a 'Smart Township' could be replicated in villages as well.

With the help of the Haryana government, Rashtrapati Bhawan selected

five villages and many initiatives were taken for their development. Keeping in view the success achieved in the five villages, the programme has now been extended to 100 villages.

Highlighting Haryana's achievement in developing its villages, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the State has taken steps to ensure that all village heads are literate and have no criminal record. Proper sanitation and electricity connections in villages are other areas of focus. "Plans are also there to construct colleges for girls with in every 20 km in the villages," he said.

Union ministers Dharmesh Pradhan and Rao Inderjit Singh and Haryana Governor Kaptaan Singh Solanki were also present at the event. - PTI



Security personnel chasing unruly stone-pelting youths during clashes, which erupted after Friday prayers, in Nowshera Chowk in Srinagar - UNI

## ED files money laundering case

NEW DELHI, June 2: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a money laundering case to probe alleged irregularities in the 2016 Bihar toppers scam case related to the State school examination board.

Officials said the agency has booked a criminal case against a total of eight people, including former Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) Chairman and four principals, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The Central investigative agency took cognisance of a Bihar Police FIR and the findings of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to register its own Enforcement

Case Information Report, the ED equivalent of a police FIR.

They said the agency will probe the possible "proceeds of crime" generated by the accused and the alleged subse-

quent creation of illegal wealth by them.

The scam had rocked Bihar in June last year after Ruby Rai, a student of Vishwanath Roy College in Vaishali district who had topped in the arts category, failed to answer basic questions and went on to de-

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Jawadekar, who was addressing the concluding day of a workshop on "Innovative and Best Practices in School Education", organised by the HRD ministry and Punjab's Department of School Education, said States had been given the au-

thority to decide whether or not to retain failing students in 5th and 8th standard exams.

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## 'BEd shops told to give affidavits'

CHANDIGARH, June 2: The Centre has begun clamping down on "shops" being run in the name of BEd colleges by asking them for affidavits listing information on course structure and the like, Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar said here today.

About 7,000 colleges across the country have sent the affidavits and more are in the pipeline, the Minister said. "The Centre has sought affidavits from BEd colleges

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## Paraplegic drives from Leh to Kanyakumari in record time

NEW DELHI, June 2: Conquering disability, 29-year-old Eric has made it to the pages of the *Limca Book of Records* after driving from Leh to Kanyakumari in record time.

Eric, who is paralysed from chest below, covered a total distance of 3,917 km in the record 159 hours and 59 minutes in a customised hatchback with hand controls.

"It feels really good but I think I have just crossed a milestone and there is a long way to go," said Eric, who has been confined to a wheelchair since February 2012 following a road accident.

"There were many challenges on my way, like no toilets, restrooms, shelters or any public place which is wheel-

chair-friendly. Neither are people aware about offering help. Instead they look at me with pity, which makes a special person uncomfortable."

"Other challenges were instant changing weather conditions, no mobile network, petrol pumps at long distances in hilly areas, poor condition of roads, and landslides. Language barrier while getting food and shelter was also a task," he told PTI.

However, he is happy to have overcome all the challenges in the journey, including the world's highest motorable road passes in Leh.

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A passionate driver, Eric had last winter completed the "Golden Quadrilateral" road task of the Limca Books to set a record.

He had driven 6,000 km - from Delhi to Mumbai and then Bengaluru and Chennai to Kolkata - in less than seven days to enter the Limca Book of Records.

The Leh-Kanyakumari drive, published in the Limca Book recently, is his second record. A keen follower of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", Eric has campaigned for cleanliness during his two expeditions across the country.

Now he is gearing up for another record-setting road trip, while also working towards raising awareness about issues of disabled people.

"I want to see a new India which is accessible for people like me or with any other disability. It is only possible when the whole society comes together and works in this area. I'll try my best to contribute towards this," he said. - PTI

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Jurassic Park will never become a reality, say scientists after re-analysing a protein from a Tyrannosaurus rex bone discovered more than a decade ago. Jurassic World is a concept of science-fiction where a theme park is populated with cloned dinosaurs.

## Jurassic dream

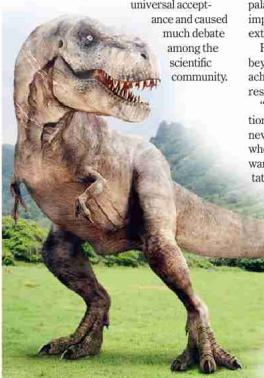
T rex bone proves Jurassic Park will never exist, says a study

"It is probably the most common question palaeontologists are asked by the public – Could Jurassic Park become a reality?" researchers at the University of Manchester in the UK said.

The claims of protein sequences (peptides) surviving from a 68 million year old Tyrannosaurus rex fossil discovered ten years ago sparked the imagination of many scientists worldwide that, potentially, there may be hope one day.

Prehistoric proteins might have supplied the first possible glimpse of the steps towards rebuilding dinosaurs.

This discovery, however, was not met with universal acceptance and caused much debate among the scientific community.



"The discovery of proteins in dinosaur bones sent a shock-wave around the world, both among scientists and the public. It appeared that fiction was now being converted to fact through the application of new techniques," said Mike Buckley, from the University of Manchester.

A team based at Manchester and National Museums Scotland set out to explore the possibility of whether the claimed dinosaur peptides could have come from modern animals, given that ostriches and alligators were known to be used by the labs in the original studies.

The team analysed samples of bone from three different ostriches

finding strong matches to all of the originally reported fossil peptides from both T rex and Brachiosaurus (duck-billed dinosaur).

"Our work set out to identify the collagen fingerprints for both ostrich and alligator and was not intending to debunk the previous studies. However, we soon realised that our results were pulling the rug beneath the paradigm that collagen might survive the ravages of deep time," Buckley said.

Collagen is the key protein within bone that provides the flexibility in the skeleton and is intimately locked within the minerals that comprise bone. This ubiquitous material dominates both the archaeological and palaeontological record and can provide important information on both living and extinct organisms.

However, the survival of collagen sequences beyond 3.5 million years old has not been achieved and validated by any other team, researchers said.

"The fossil record is offering new information on a daily basis through the application of new technology, but we must never forget that when results show us something that we really want to see, that we make sure of our interpretation," said Professor Phil Manning from The University of Manchester.

"The alleged discovery of protein sequences in dinosaur bones has led many unsuccessful attempts to repeat these remarkable claims. It seems we were trying to reproduce something that was beyond the current detection limits of our science," Manning said.

(Source: PTT)

## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Saturday, June 3, 2017:

This year you learn to trust your logic even more. You always have had a very intellectual side, but that part of your personality is emphasized even more now. Opportunities come forward, especially since many people see you as being very logical. If you're single, you are likely to meet someone who is a good catch. You attract several suitors, and it's hard to have difficulty choosing the right person for you. Trust your judgment. If you are attached, the two of you often talk till the wee hours. You rarely experience boredom when you're together. LIBRA knows how to draw you closer.

The Stars Show that Kind of Day You'll Have: 5 Dynamic; 4 Positive; 3 Negative; 2 Neutral; 1 Challenging.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Opportunity accompanies the unexpected. Know that a loved one will be there for you, no matter what you run into. Do not allow unexpected developments to cause you to change your plans; change only if you want to. Tonight: Join a friend or two for a fun dinner.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You won't have time to throw yourself into a project or help others get past a problem. You will need to rethink a recent decision with more care. Taking up a new hobby with a friend or two will provide many happy hours for both of you. Tonight: Don't push yourself so hard.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You are in a position where you need to rethink a recent squeal. Let go of the issue, and recognize that there is a difference of opinion. Respect the other party's views, and don't push to get your way. Allow more fun into your life. Tonight: Dance the night away.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You might want to spend some quiet time at home with a child or loved one. A one-on-one conversation could be more important than you realize. You seem to be in the process of setting up long-term professional relationships. Spend your mind. Tonight: Invite friends over.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* The right words naturally seem to come to you. You might believe that something needs to be more exciting or different. Allow greater give-and-take between you and a sibling or neighbor. The two of you tend to chat as if there were no tomorrow. Tonight: With favorite people.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Be aware of the cost of proceeding as you have been. You might wonder what choice would be best regarding a major purchase. You could be particularly lucky with money right now. Refuse to talk a risk that you can't afford before you face trouble. Tonight: Your treat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Others are determined to be near you, no matter what it takes. A partner or potential suitor will do almost anything to get your attention. Remember that this is also your Saturday, and you need to make plans that suit you as well. Tonight: Make the most of the moment and the fun.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You are in a position where you want to make a major change but don't feel quite ready. Think about what you really want. Express your desire to move forward, but don't quite weigh the pros and cons of heading down a certain path. Tonight: You don't need to push so hard.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You might like the excitement that surrounds this person. You see a situation that you think is there in a while. Absorb the positives that surround you. Everything is in its place. Tonight: Cut with friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Your plans could fail to the wayside, especially if someone close to you decides to host a get-together. You might wonder what is appropriate, given your present circumstances. Perhaps you can ask a friend for her or his feedback. Tonight: At a favorite place.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* You might feel better looking at a challenging situation with an detached heart. As a result, you are likely to see which direction you should head in, without trying to peace by understanding where others are coming from. Tonight: Make sure great music surrounds you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

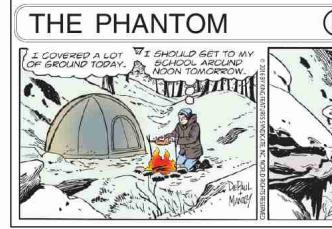
\*\*\*\*\* A partner makes an effort to meet you halfway. This person's charming ways tend to get you to agree to his or her ideas. Still, remember to honor your feelings. If you need to demand different terms or head in a different direction, do. Tonight: Go with more romance.

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Thought for the day

I like to be in America O.K. by me in America Ev'rything free in America  
For a small fee in America!

- STEPHEN SONDHEIM



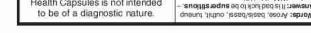
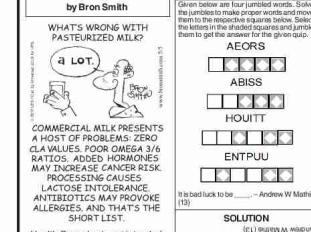
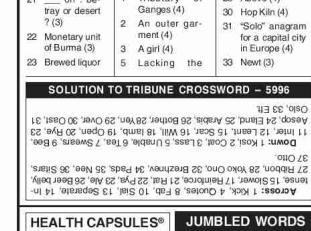
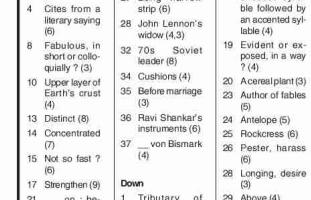
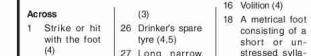
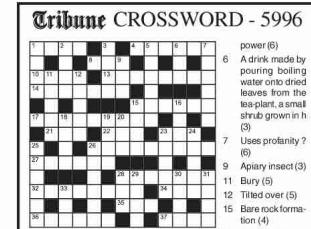
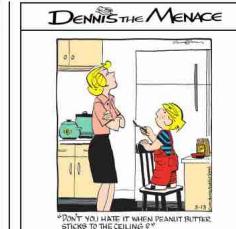
By Lee Falk



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## 7 killed as Afghans rally against terrorism

KABUL, June 2: At least seven persons were killed as violence broke out in Afghanistan's capital on Friday after hundreds of protesters gathered near the site of this week's car bomb attack to demand the resignation of President Ashraf Ghani's government.

The mass rally was in protest against the government for failing to prevent attacks in Kabul city following Wednesday's deadly truck bombing in Wazir Akbar Khan area - the diplomatic zone in the heart of the city. At least 90 people were killed and over 460 injured in the attack. - IANS

### Short Notice for Expression of Interest No. 7 of 2017-18

Mission Directorate, Swachh Bharat Mission-Granit invites expression of interest from eligible intending bidders for "EMANELMENT OF FINANCIAL & BANKING SERVICES TO MISSION DIRECTORATE, SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-GRANIT, ASSAM". The detail bid document is available in the Public Health Engineering Department's website: [www.aphe.gov.in](http://www.aphe.gov.in) from 15:00 hrs of 01.06.2017 upto 12:00 hrs of 21.06.2017.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation, Assam Hengrabari, Guwahati - 781036.  
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### TENDER NOTICE

This is for general information of all concerned that some timber lots procured as out turn of tree cutting from NH-52 for expansion of 4 lane project & seized timber lots are lying in various depots under Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali and intended to be sold by tender on 14/06/2017 and bids for individual lots shall be received upto 2-30 PM (IST). If the office does not function on the day for any reason beyond control, bids will be received on the next working day.

Interested bidders may obtain details of the sale notice from the office of the District Forest Officer, Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali during office hours on any working day and collect the prescribed form on payment of Rs. 50/- (Rupees fifty) only for each copy.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer  
Sonitpur East Division  
Biswanath Chariali.  
Janasanayog/1022/17

# INTERNATIONAL

## Anger as Trump announces US withdrawal from climate deal

WASHINGTON, June 2: President Donald Trump announced the United States would immediately stop implementing the "bad" 195-nation accord.

"I can't, in good conscience, support a deal that punishes the United States," he said, decrying what he said were the "draconian financial and economic burdens the agreement imposes on our country."

Trump repeatedly painted the pact - struck by his predecessor Barack Obama as a capitulation, a deal that did not "put America first" and was too easy on economic rivals India, China and Europe.

"I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris," he said. "We don't want other leaders and other countries laughing at us anymore. And they won't."

Trump offered no details about how, or when, a formal withdrawal would happen,

and at one point suggested a renegotiation could take place.

"We're getting out but we'll start to negotiate and we will see if we can make a deal that's fair. And if we can't, that's fine. And if we can't, that's fine," he said.

That idea was unceremoniously slapped down by furious allies in Europe,

seriously hamper efforts to cut emissions and limit global temperature increases.

Amid Trump's domestic critics was Obama, who said the United States was "joining a handful of nations that reject that future."

Nicaragua and Syria are the only countries not to party to the Paris accord, the former seeing it as not ambitious enough and the latter being racked by a brutal civil war.

Obama insisted that US business, state governors and mayors of major cities

would step up. The Democratic governors of New York, California and Washington states indeed formed a quick alliance, vowing to respect the standards agreed on under the Paris deal.

With much of the implementation of the accord taking place at the local level, the accord's supporters will hope the deal will be胎生in the international arena.

Trump's decision is likely to play well with the Republican base, so the more immediate damage may be on the diplomatic front. - AFP

## New York leadership to honour Paris Accord with executive orders

NEW YORK, June 2: Terming US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement as "immoral" and "reckless", New York's top leadership said it will honour the commitments of the climate pact through executive orders.

In response to Trump's decision, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, California Governor Edmund Brown Jr and Washington State Governor Jay Inslee announced the formation of the "United States Climate Alliance", a coalition that will convene US states committed to upholding the Paris Climate Agreement and taking aggressive action on climate change.

"The White House's recklessness

to withdraw from the Paris

Agreement has devastating repercussions not only for the United States, but for our planet. This administration is abandoning its leadership and taking a backseat to other countries in the global fight against climate change," Cuomo said in a statement here yesterday.

He added that New York State is committed to meeting the standards set forth in the Paris Accord regardless of Washington's "irresponsible" actions.

"We will not ignore the science and reality of climate change which is why I am also signing an Executive Order confirming New York's leadership role in protecting our citizens, our environment, and our planet," Cuomo said.

The US Climate Alliance will also act

as a forum to sustain and strengthen existing climate programs, promote the sharing of information and best practices, and implement new programs to reduce carbon emissions from all sectors of the economy.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said Trump can turn his back on the world, but the world cannot ignore the very real threat of climate change.

"This decision is an immoral assault on the public health, safety and security of everyone on this planet," he said adding that New Yorkers are already experiencing hotter summers, more powerful storms and rising seas, which disproportionately affect already vulnerable communities. - PTI

## '36 dead after gunman torches Philippine casino'

MANILA, June 2: Thirty-six bodies were found inside a casino in the Philippine capital today after a masked man burst in with an automatic rifle and set fire to a gaming room, authorities said, but insisted it was not a terrorist attack.

Dozens of others were injured in a stampede as they rushed to leave Resorts World Manila, which is across a road from the Philippines' main international airport, after the man fired what police said was an M4 assault rifle and started the fire around midnight.

The burnt body of the gunman was found in a hotel room inside the complex about four hours later, police chief Ronald dela Rosa said.

Dela Rosa said the gunman only fired at a television screen

and did not take aim at any people.

But police later reported finding 36 bodies in the casino whom they said died from inhaling smoke that had become toxic because of the carpet on the gaming room floors.

The victims who suffered from suffocation went up to 36," Manila police chief Oscar Albayalde told reporters.

"The gunman apparently was a foreigner. But he and Dela Rosa insisted it was most likely a robbery gone wrong, saying the man did not shoot at anyone and appeared to be intent just on stealing gambling chips.

"For now, we can say that this is not an act of terror. There is no element of violence, threat or intimidation that leads to terrorism," Dela Rosa said. - AFP

## B'desh police seizes huge unclaimed weapons

DHAKA, June 2: A huge cache of weapons, including two rocket launchers and 62 Chinese-made machine guns, were today seized from an artifical lake near here and detained three persons for questioning, police said.

Acting on a tip-off, police seized 62 Chinese-made sub-machine guns, two rocket launchers, 42 hand grenades, fire pistols and huge ammunition that were found wrapped in poly bags as the fire service divers joined police in recovering those from an artificial lake in Rupnagar of Narayanganj city near Dhaka.

Three persons have been arrested for questioning in this connection, police said.

Divers continued their search of the canal where most of the weapons were found submerged. "The firearms and ammunition have been assembled here in a bid to carry out sabotages in the country," IG Shahidul Haque said. Police, however, could not name any group or confirm any terror outfit's link to the cache. - PTI

## 19 dead in blast, shelling in south Syria

BEIRUT, June 2: A roadside bomb and government shellings killed at least 19 people, most of them rebel fighters, in southern Syria's Daraa province yesterday, a monitor said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said an explosive device placed on a road by government forces detonated as a convoy of rebel fighters passed by.

"After the blast, civilians from nearby came to the scene and the regime shelled the area," said Observatory director Rami Abdel Rahman.

He said 13 of the dead were from local rebel factions, and at least three others were civilians.

The identities of the remaining fatalities had not been confirmed. - AFP

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

### RECRUITMENT OF RESEARCH STAFF IN MULTI DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH UNIT UNDER F.A.A. MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, BARPETA

Application are invited from Citizen of India for purely temporary and contractual engagement at Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit (ICMR sponsored) at Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College & Hospital, Barpeta, Assam.

Posts are:

1. Research Scientist-II 1 no. post
2. Research Scientist-I 1 no. post
3. Laboratory Technician 1 no. post
4. Laboratory Assistant/Data 1 no. post

#### Entry Operator (EO), Grade-A

- The application is to be submitted on or before 15th June' 2017 to the undersigned either personally or through registered postal service in the address of Principal-cum-Chair Superintendent, FAAMCH, Barpeta, 781301.

- The shortlisted candidates shall have to appear for a written & / or oral interview, the date and time of which will be duly informed. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the same. Short listed candidates will be announced in institutional website at <http://mrtafaamcassam.co.in> on 20th June 2017.

Further more details of the said posts are to be found in our website at <http://mrtafaamcassam.co.in>

Sd/- Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent,  
Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College & Hospital,  
Barpeta, Assam  
Janasanayog/2791/17

### ADVERTISEMENT

As per the Govt. letter issued vide No.ASE/262/2017/56 dated 29.05.2017, the additional applications are invited from the teachers/tutors whose educational institutions have already been provincialised as per "the Assam Venture Educational Institutions (Provincialisation of Services) Act, 2011" but the concerned Headmaster/Principal/Teachers/Tutors/Instructors may submit their application for provincialisation of services under the New Act,2017 i.e., the Assam Education (Provincialisation of Services of Teachers & Re-organisation of Educational Institutions) Act, 2017 through the concerned Headmaster/Principal. Application should be submitted in respective prescribed format developed.

1. Format have been developed separately for such teachers of Higher Secondary Schools, High School and High Madrasa. The teacher will fill up the respective forms as the case may be and as per guidelines.

2. Apart from the applications to be submitted by the Headmaster, Principal and the individual teachers, there is also a format to be filled up by the District Scrutiny Committee.

3. All the formats are available in the departmental website [www.madhyamik.in](http://www.madhyamik.in)

4. All other terms and conditions will remain same as per advertisement issued earlier dated 26.05.2017.

5. Treasury Challan/Bank Draft to the tune of Rs. 100/- will not be required.

Sd/- Director,  
Secondary Education, Assam  
Janasanayog/2791/17

### NOTICE

It is for general information that it is mandatory to obtain license to operate Lifts / Escalators within the State of Assam per provision of the Assam Lifts and Escalators Act, 2006 and the Rules made thereunder.

However, it appears that in spite of several letters and notices published in premier daily, News Papers of Assam regarding the operation of lifts and escalators in Assam, many owners / societies of apartments etc. are inactive till date and as such non-compliant with the mandatory provisions of the Assam Lift and Escalators Rules, 2010. Therefore, all such owners/ societies of apartments etc. of the Lifts and Escalators are hereby requested once again to duly apply for necessary license in prescribed format to this office to be submitted within 48 hours of knowledge of occurrence of fatal and other accidents. Required forms may be downloaded from website of this Inspectorate <http://www.celassam.org>

For any clarification(s) in the matter, this office may kindly be approached. Contact details are given below.

Address: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector-cum-Adviser & Chief Inspector of Lifts & Escalators, Govt. of Assam, 1st Floor, West End Block, HOUSEFED Complex, Dispur, Guwahati - 781 006, Assam.

Sd/- Chief Electrical Inspector-cum-Adviser (U/c)  
Govt. of Assam  
& Chief Inspector of Lifts & Escalators, Assam.  
Janasanayog/2813/17

### অসম লোকসেবা আয়োগ ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

No.247PSC/DR-49/2/2010-2011

#### NOTIFICATION

As per order of the Hon'ble Commission and as the applications are under continued scrutiny, the following candidates whose candidature were rejected for recruitment to the post of Asstt. Inspector of Schools under Education Secondary Deptt. are allowed to appear for the Screening test to be held on 4th June 2017.

Sr. No. Name of the Candidate. Roll No  
1 Kanak Chandra Bordoli 0000007  
2 Anup Hazarika 0000170  
3 Ritu Mahanta 0000171  
4 Chumee Baruah 0000172

The intimation letter are uploaded in the APSC website ([www.apsc.nic.in](http://www.apsc.nic.in)) on 02-06-2017. The candidate shall have to download his own intimation letter from the aforesaid website. No intimation letter shall be sent separately by post. Any inquiry in this regard shall be entertained over telephone No.0361-2363117 during office hours w.e.f 03-06-2017

Further, as per order of the Hon'ble Commission the following candidate whose candidature was previously Selected is now Rejected.

Sr. Name of the Candidate & earlier Roll No.  
1 Mustafizur Rahman, 0000007

Holding experience under private institute as per confirmation of the Director i/c, SCERT

Sd/-  
Deputy secretary,  
Assam public service commission  
Jawaharnagar, Khanapara,  
Guwahati-22.  
Janasanayog/2806/17

### No. NITE/ZTSRD/TRID/ARM/83/2016-17 PRESS NOTICE RE-HAVING TENDER

Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (RMS), Eastern Zone, Dibrugarh

Assam Govt. on behalf of Government of Assam

Invites fresh bid from approved and eligible Contractor [CEN (A)] for the following works:

PWD Roads

Maintenance & Repairing of roads

for the works under PSSM for

the year 2016-17.

Two Nos. of packages of Tinsukia Districts of Assam

(Appendix)

Details may be seen at the office of

the undersigned from 05/06/2017 to 07/06/2017 during office hours.

Sd/- Addl. Chief Engineer,  
PWD Roads

Eastern Zone, Dibrugarh.

Janasanayog/602/17

No. SA/22/2016/02  
CANCELLATION NOTICE

Date: 22/06/17  
Time: 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Subject: Cancellation of tenders

for the following works:

1. Construction of 10 km long

road in Tinsukia District

of Assam.

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Purav-Divij in pre-quarters, Paes eliminated

PARIS, June 2: The Indian pair of Purav Raja and Divij Shanmugam advanced to the pre-quarterfinals after an upset win but their senior compatriot Leander Paes made an exit in the men's doubles of the French Open here today.

The unseeded Raja and Shanmugam upstaged the 15th-seeded Austrian-Croat combo of Oliver Marach and Mate Pavic 6-3, 6-6, 6-4 in a second-round match that lasted two hours and 11 minutes to enter the men's doubles pre-quarters.

The duo will next face the 11th seeded team of Jean-Julien Rojer of Netherlands and Romania's Horia Tecau.

The young Indian pair sent down five aces and also converted two of the five break point chances that came their way.

Oliver and Mate paid the price for failing to convert the six break point opportunities.

In another second-round match, Paes and his American partner Scott Lipsky lost 6-7, 2-6 to crash out of the tournament. — PTI

### Injured Woakes out of Champions Trophy

LONDON, June 2: England pacer Chris Woakes will not take further part in the Champions Trophy after suffering a side strain in the tournament opener against Bangladesh.

"A scan has confirmed that Chris Woakes sustained a left side strain in yesterday's ICC Champions Trophy match against Bangladesh," said ECB in a statement.

"An update on a replacement for the seamer for the remainder of the tournament will follow in due course," it added.

Woakes could only bowl two overs against Bangladesh yesterday.

England eventually won the game by eight wickets. — PTI

## Holder Muguruza in fourth round, Nadal storms through

PARIS, June 2: Defending champion Garbine Muguruza reached the fourth round of the French Open with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Kazakhstan's Yulia Putintseva, while Rafael Nadal produced a brilliant display to beat Nikoloz Basilashvili on Friday.

With pregnant Serena Williams absent, Maria Sharapova denied an invitation and top seed Angelique Kerber a first-round casualty, familiar faces are relatively thin on the ground in Paris, and Muguruza's win over the Kazakh was greeted warmly by fans on the Philippe

*Spain's Rafael Nadal in action during the third round match against Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia, on Friday.*

Chatrier court.

The Spaniard has had a patchy year so far and is seeking to regain the form that enabled her to secure her first Grand Slam title in Paris last year. The fourth seed took a tight first set that featured seven breaks of serve but improved in the second set. Muguruza, 23, will face Shuaiqi Rogers or Kristina Mladenovic in the last 16.

"I'm happy I went out there without any kind of fear," said Muguruza. "I wanted the match. I tried to just do what I had to do and keep that during the whole match."

"The more matches I play and the tougher the victories gives you self-confidence, a successful feeling out there."

"It's important with all the three matches that I played they were not easy at all."

Nine-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal secured a convincing 6-0, 6-1, 6-0 victory against Basilashvili of Georgia.

The fourth seed needed only 90 minutes to see off the Georgian and secure his place in the fourth round in Paris. Nadal, 31 on Saturday, has now won 98 of 100 matches he has



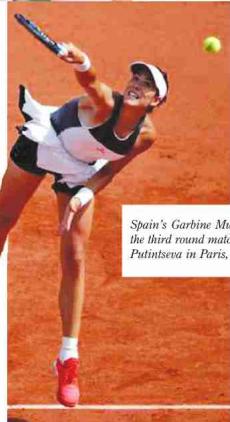
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Nadal has a 75-2 win-loss record

was leading 5-4 in the first set when Zeballos, who had earned his first break point, forced him to the edge of the court near a cover with a deep groundstroke. Goffin, a semi-finalist in Monte Carlo this year, managed to get to the ball, lifting a lob over the Argentine but slipped in the process, hurting his ankle.

Medical staff rushed on and helped him off the court for a medical check. The umpire

announced minutes later that the 26-year-old was forced to retire. Zeballos, 32, who is through to the fourth round of the French Open for the first time, will now play the winner of the match between sixth seed Dominic Thiem of Austria and American Steve Johnson. — Agencies

## SA face Sri Lanka in Champions Trophy today

LONDON, June 2: South Africa begin their Champions Trophy challenge at The Oval tomorrow by taking on Sri Lanka in a side against whom they have already enjoyed overwhelming One-Day International success this year.

The Proteas whitewashed Sri Lanka 5-0 in a bilateral series in South Africa in January.

Sri Lanka were not alone in being a touring side routed in 50-over cricket by South Africa, with Proteas previously also hammering Australia 5-0.

Yet for all they are top of the One-Day International rankings, South Africa have a reputation for under-performing in International Cricket Council tournaments.

The only ICC event they have won was the inaugural Champions Trophy in 1998.

South Africa also boast the world's number one-ranked ODI batsman and bowler in AB de Villiers and Kagiso Rabada respectively.

In all they have four batsmen and two bowlers in the respective top 10 ICC rankings, while seventh-placed Sri Lanka have none in either list.

"We're still ranked the No. 1 team in the world going into the tournament, so there are quite a few reasons for us to be confident," said South Africa ODI captain de Villiers, whose side were beaten 2-1 away to Champions Trophy hosts England in a preceding three-match warm-up series.

"But we're still humble at the same time and know that we have to work hard and take it one step at a time to win this," he added. — AFP

## Juventus stand in Zidane's path to history with Madrid



that time. It's a special final," said the Frenchman. "We're very close to doing it (winning successive finals) and we're the first to be so close to doing it for so many years. But we haven't won anything yet."

Victorious against city rivals Atletico Madrid in the 2014 and 2016 finals, Real are chasing a third success in four seasons. It would allow them to proclaim European dominance with a conviction they last possessed during Alfredo Di Stefano's five consecutive wins of the late 1950s.

Zidane, 44, has already led his team to glory in La Liga, ending a five-year league title drought as well as the Club World Cup and European Super Cup. Cristiano Ronaldo, meanwhile, can claim a fourth European crown which would only enhance his chances of matching fierce rival Lionel Messi's haul of five Ballon d'Or successes. The 32-year-old Portuguese has exploded reports of his demise with stunning hat-tricks against Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals and Atletico in the last four.

With 10 goals to his name, he needs one more to equal Messi's tally in this season's competition and become a Champions League top scorer for the fifth consecutive campaign.

"The team is in a sweet spot and we have to take advantage of that," Ronaldo told Real Madrid TV this week.

"We really wanted to win La Liga and that has taken a lot of pressure off us. Now we have a unique opportunity to be the first team to win (the Champions League) on two consecutive occasions."

— AFP

## More than just a game of bat and ball at stake

It is one of game's sweetest irony that Pakistan would be mindful of India's pace armoury at Edgbaston on Sunday. Who would've thought that to happen to the land of Sarfraz and Imran; Wasim and Waqar? Some grandmas have mixed cooking classes of teenagers in fridges and canisters?

To be fair, Bhuvni-Shami-Yadav-Bumrah would be coveted by any international side today. None of them are express pace but all of them together make a great tool box. Like a wrench or a screwdriver; hammer and pliers which give an automobile a work over in a shanty garage. Pakistan's bashing which collapses all too often these days is nothing short of an a\*\*e's pace; could worry endlessly over an unforgiving local audience if their worst fears were to come true.

That's not all. Hardik Pandya is like

a young rooster crowing loudly lest he go unnoticed. He, along with Ashwin and Jadeja, allows the batting line-up to be short on specialists; never mind the specialist players who are held in high regard for the well-being of Rohit and Yuvraj. That canny old fox, MS Dhoni, is likely to treat this summer as his hunting season. Kohli would like libraries to revise their history books.

It's not to say that Pakistan don't have fire power. They have aplenty; more so if Edgbaston happens to be under a cloud-cover. Amir, Wahab and Junaid could be strong and sensible picks. These additions would complement two leg spinners, like it was with Rashid Khan of Afghanistan in IPL, which would demand caution on young Shadab Khan.

The two nations would come to a standstill on Sunday. There is more than just a game of bat and ball at stake. Prejudices and prayers would flow in equal measure.

The aftermath would be no less extreme. It's a race heading to a head on Sunday. — TCM

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## India favourites against Pakistan: Afridi

LONDON, June 2: Flambouyant all-rounder Shahid Afridi says a well-balanced India holds the edge over Pakistan in the marquee clash of the Champions Trophy on Sunday.

"As a passionate Pakistan supporter, it's natural that I would want my team to finish on the winning side against any team, and especially against India."

"However recent history and the depth of the India squad gives it a slight edge

heading to the game," Afridi wrote in a column for the ICC.

Afridi says Pakistani bowlers will have to bring their A game to the field against a formidable Indian batting unit led by captain and star batsman Virat Kohli.

"Led by Virat Kohli, the Indians possess a formidable batting line-up that can lay any bowling attack on its day," he said.

"Kohli's credentials as a top-order batsman are known to

against him.

"They must try and attack, especially when he is new at the crease. If Pakistan dismisses Kohli cheaply, it will significantly increase its chances of restricting India to a low score," said Afridi.

The former Pakistan captain feels India also has a potent bowling attack to compliment their strong batting line-up.

"For me, bowling is India's tradi-

tional strength, it is also field-

ing a leading bowling attack

that includes some skilful bowlers led by the wily Ravichandran Ashwin.

"The off-spinner has truly come of age and has become a pivotal part of India's recent successes across the three formats. Ashwin has great control and bowls an impeccable line and length which troubles the best in the business."

"He gets great support from left-arm Ravinder Jadeja, who has been another vital cog in the Indian line-up in re-

cent years. The conditions in England might not suit spinners much but both Ashwin and Jadeja have the quality and accuracy to make run-scoring difficult for batsmen."

"The spinners will be complemented by what I feel is a more than capable seam bowling line-up led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammad Shami," he said.

Pacer and death overs specialist Jasprit Bumrah has hugely impressed Afridi. - PTI

Saina, Praneeth in semis

BANGKOK, June 2: Olympic medalist Saina Nehwal and B Sai Praneeth advanced to the semifinals of the Thailand Grand Prix Gold Badminton Tournament with convincing victories here today. The second seeded Saina, defeated Japan's Haruko Suzuki 21-15, 20-22, 21-11 to make the last-four stage while Praneeth beat Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen 21-16, 21-17. - PTI

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## Karate meet at Jorhat from today

GUWAHATI, June 2: The 6th edition of the UKAA Upper Assam Zone Inter District Karate Championship will be held at Rainforest Research Institute Indoor Stadium, Sotai, Jorhat from tomorrow.

A total number of 323 players from seven different districts – Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Charaideo, Titabar and host Jorhat will take part in the championship.

Players of the Upper Assam Zone for the UKAA State Karate Championship will be selected from this meet which will be

hosted by the Karate Association of Jorhat. Competitions will be conducted in Sub-junior (7-13 years), Cadet (14-15 years), Junior (16-17 years), 18 years and Senior categories for both male and female. UKAA also convened an extended executive committee meeting at the competition venue tomorrow at 7 pm, stated an UKAA release.

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