

NEWS CAPSULE

Doklam issue

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Defence Minister Arun Jaitley today urged to investigate the significance of resolution of the China-India face-off at Doklam, saying it was a "sensitive" issue and that the government had already conveyed its position. The External Affairs Ministry has already articulated the government's stand on the issue, he said. — PTI

MoU approval

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: The Union cabinet today approved signing of an MoU between India and Myanmar for conservation of earthquake-damaged pagodas at Bagan in the north-eastern state of Myanmar. The MoU will be signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Myanmar during September 6-7. — PTI Correspondent

Exchange of fire

KAZIRANGA, Aug 30: An exchange of fire between forest guards and poachers took place around 5:15 am today when the latter attempted to kill a rhino at Mandi Baneswar camp under Burapahar range of Kaziranga National Park. The forest guards later recovered some ammunition from the site. — Correspondent

Countdown

BENGALURU, Aug 30: The 29-hour countdown for tomorrow's launch of navigation satellite IRNSS-1H to augment the existing seven satellites of the NavIC constellation began today. To be launched on board PSLV-C39, IRNSS-1H will be a 'back-up' satellite for IRNSS-1A. — PTI

Adhaar data

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: The Centre today told the Supreme Court that the deadline to furnish Adhaar for availing the benefits of various social welfare schemes would be extended till December 31. Attorney General KK Venugopal made the submission in the apex court. — PTI

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History, geography to be combined core subject at HS level

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC) is set to introduce history and geography as a combined core subject at 10+2 level.

The new subject to be known as Swadesh Adhyayan will contain elements of both history and geography.

This was decided following the recommendation by an expert panel.

"Knowledge of history and geography is crucial for the understanding of our own heri-

Over 1.22 lakh cattle heads seized since 2015 Spurt in cattle smuggling to Bangladesh

R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Despite the issue making headlines for some time, cattle smuggling to Bangladesh still remains a major cause of worry and according to records available, more than 1.22 lakh cattle heads were seized by the personnel of the Border Security Force (BSF) in the areas under its Guwahati Frontier, the most vulnerable because of the riverine international border as more than 40 thousand cattle heads were seized in that sector last year, while, so far this

year, 12,362 were seized so far this year. Though the smugglers try to smuggle out cattle heads through other areas in Coochbehar and Falakata sectors, the Dhubri sector is still the most vulnerable and it is noticed that in recent times, the Coochbehar sector is also becoming vulnerable.

Meanwhile, BSF sources said The Assam Tribune that the smugglers always try to use different tactics to smuggle out cattle heads and syndicates are working in the area. Sources pointed out that

Year	Number of cattle seized
2015	39,470
2016	58,468
2017 (Up to August)	24,965

all the stakeholders must play a role to deal with the menace as it is difficult for the border guarding force alone to deal with the problem. "The

cattle are brought mostly from North India and the smugglers manage to cross several inter-state check gates to reach the international bor-

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der. If the vehicles carrying cattle can be stopped at the way, it will be difficult for the smugglers to bring cattle

Farmers would be compensated for crop loss: Union Minister

Centre yet to receive Assam flood survey report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Aug 30: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Parshottam Rupala today said Assam's flood survey report is yet to be received by the Centre after which farmers would be compensated for loss of their standing crops under laid norms.

The Assam government is yet to send a survey report of the flood. After the report is received and verified, the Centre would accordingly compensate the farmers for their crop loss under laid norms," Rupala said after attending a programme at ICAR, Umiam.

The minister said all farmers are compensated during natural calamities for loss of their standing crops. The



process is carried out based on a survey report undertaken by the state government and sent to the Centre.

After due verification of the report, the Central government releases fund for the loss the farmers incur due to natural calamities such as flood and drought.

Expressing optimism on the potential of farmers in the Northeast, he said much of the potential has not been realized due to various factors. He said that the region could be the

driving factor if India was to succeed in organic farming.

Citing the example of Sikkim, he said, the organic produce from the Himalayas is being sold at a premium at different markets of the

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AGP firm on its stand 'Implement Assam Accord in toto'

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Pleading for urgent steps to implement the Assam Accord in letter and spirit, the Ason Gana Parishad pleaded.

The most important clause of the Assam Accord is Clause 6, whereby the Government of India has agreed to provide constitutional safeguard to the people of Assam.

agreed to provide constitutional safeguard to the people of Assam, but to that effect no concrete step was taken by the previous governments. "We, therefore, urge upon you to expedite the matter in the greater interest

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Apprehensions on GST proved unfounded: Modi

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Two months after the rollout of GST, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said apprehensions with regard to the indirect tax regime have been proven to be unfounded and a smooth transition has happened.

He asked chief secretaries of all states to further boost efforts to increase registration under GST (Goods and Services Tax) and to achieve a quantum jump in this regard within a month, a PMO statement said.

The Prime Minister was chairing his 21st meeting of Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI), a monthly interaction with top officials of states through a video conference.

GST was rolled out on July 1, ushering in a uniform indirect tax system in the country.

The last 20 meetings of PRAGATI have seen a cumulative review of 183 projects with a total investment of Rs 8.79 lakh crore, according to the PMO statement. — PTI

Army to undergo major reforms: Govt

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Major reforms will be carried out in the Indian Army to enhance its combat capability which will include redeployment of nearly 57,000 officers and other ranks as well as ensuring better utilisation of resources, the government announced today.

Defence Minister Arun Jaitley said perhaps for the first time after Independence, such a big and "far-reaching" reform process is being initiated in the Army.

Replying to a question that whether the exercise was undertaken keeping in view the Doklam episode, Jaitley said, "This is not specific to any incident. It had been going on much prior to Doklam."

The reform initiatives were recommended by a committee headed by Lt Gen DB Shekhar (retd) which had a mandate to recommend measures for enhancing of combat capability and rebalancing defence expenditure of the armed forces to increase "tooth to tail ratio".

The "tooth-to-tail" ratio refers to the amount of supply and support personnel (termed as tail) for each combat soldier (tooth).

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Dawood being sheltered by Pak: Union Home Secy

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim, key accused in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts, is in Pakistan and that country is creating hurdles in getting him back to India to face the law here, Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi said today. Mehrishi said the government was taking all required action so that Ibrahim could be brought back to India.

"Dawood Ibrahim is in Pakistan. That country has given him shelter. That country is also putting hurdles in bringing him back to India to face the law," he told PTI here. Mehrishi will demit office tomorrow.

The Home Secretary said the "attitude" of Pakistan was not in conformity with international law and it is working against India in Ibrahim's case.

"Whatever action is required,

Ibrahim is the main accused in the 1993 serial bomb blasts case in Mumbai in which around 260 people were killed, and more than 700 were injured. He fled India post the bombings and is hiding in Pakistan at present.

In April, Home Minister Rajnath Singh had stated there was no doubt that Ibrahim was still in

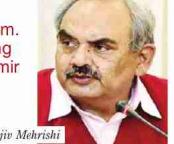
Pakistan. During the last 10 years, India has sent several dossiers to Pakistan in this regard, naming Ibrahim as the accused in the Mumbai blasts case.

In 2011, P Chidambaram, the then Home Minister in the UPA government, had also said that Ibrahim was based in Karachi. — PTI

No talks can take place with pre-conditions'

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Talks with separatists in Jammu and Kashmir are a possibility but these have to take place without any conditions, Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi said today.

"Whatever action is required,



Rajiv Mehrishi

Pakistan is sponsoring terrorism. Pakistan is ensuring infiltration to Kashmir and Pakistan is funding terrorism in Kashmir.

Mehrishi, who is demitting office tomorrow, also refused to blame the Haryana government for its alleged failure in handling the law-and-order situation after the conviction of the Dera Sacha Sauda chief saying it was not proper to judge any situation sitting in.

Delhi as law and order is a "live and dynamic situation".

On the possibility of talks with the separatists, he said Home Minister Rajnath Singh has made it clear "many, many times" that the Central government was open for dialogue in Kashmir.

"We want to talk," he said.

"I don't think that any talks can take place with pre-conditions," Mehrishi told PTI in an interview while replying to a question on whether the Centre was inclined to hold talks with the separatists in Jammu and Kashmir without any conditions.

He said there was "no doubt" that Pakistan has been sponsoring terrorism in Haryana through various ways, including funding militants. "Pakistan is seeking terrorism. Pakistan is ensuring infiltration to Kashmir and Pakistan is funding terrorism in Kashmir," he said. — PTI

we are taking. We will get him. The process is on. But the attitude of the Pakistan government is not in conformity with the international law. Pakistan is working against India. The legal process is on. We will get him at an opportune time," he said.

'AG to help SC on Article 35A'

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: The government's top law officer will help the Supreme Court with regard to the legal aspects of Article 35A of the Constitution under which special rights and privileges are granted to the "permanent residents" of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi said today.

"There are 4-5 cases on 35A in the Supreme Court. These are only legal issues. The Attorney General will help the Supreme

Court," Mehrishi told PTI here.

The Supreme Court last month had asked the Centre to file a reply to a writ petition filed by an NGO seeking that Article 35A be struck down. The petition said the State government, under the guise of Article 35A and Article 370, which grants special status to the State, has been discriminating against non-residents who are deported from buying properties, getting a government job or voting in the local elections. — PTI

Sacrificing goats on Bakrid bad like triple talaq, says Muslim Rashtra Manch

LUCKNOW, Aug 30: Ahead of the festival of Bakrid, the Muslim Rashtra Manch (MRM) has appealed to Muslims to sacrifice bad habits and goats.

"Animal sacrifice during Bakrid is a bad practice like triple talaq. People should boycott those advocating sacrifice on the day. Giving 'kurban' during Bakrid is 'haram' (not allowed) in Islam," MRM Convenor (Awadh Prant) Syed Hasin Kausar told reporters here.

If anyone wanted to give sacrifice, he should "shun his bad habits and cut a symbolic goat cake," on Bakrid, which will be celebrated on September 2, he said.

Kausar said that there were a number of superstitions among Muslims about animal sacrifice and added that those who get better education would "understand Islam".

Meanwhile, MRM co-convenor KA Khurshid Agha advocated a Ram temple in Ayodhya.



Shoppers throng Ghani Khan Market in Srinagar on Wednesday ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. — UNI

Is extreme weather events the new normal?

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: From Houston all the way to Mumbai and from Nepal to the desert State of Rajasthan, rains have cut a swathe of destruction with flooded streets and thousands marooned in their cities and villages go under.

With people across the globe dealing with the humanitarian and economic fallout of unusually heavy rains this year, are extreme weather events the new normal?

Scientists, meteorologists and climate change experts blame rising global temperatures for the erratic weather patterns, leading to instances like heavy rains and floods.

Heavy rainfall, cloudbursts, thunderstorms and heat waves are indeed becoming the new normal, said former India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General Laxman Singh Rathore.

A worrying trend, added the consultant with the World Bank for South Asia on Climate Change, was that "periodicity and severity" had increased.

"In case of rainfall, the average precipitation has

more or less remained the same, the dry spells have increased but the amount of rainfall remains the same. This means there is heavy concentration of rainfall over a particular region while other areas go dry," explained Laxman Singh, CEO of Skymet.

IMD recorded 2016 as the hottest year since 1901. And, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) fifth assessment report on climate change, observations since 1950 show changes in some extreme events, particularly daily temperature extremes and heat waves. The IPCC report also noted that it is likely that the frequency of heavy precipitation will increase in the 21st century over many regions.

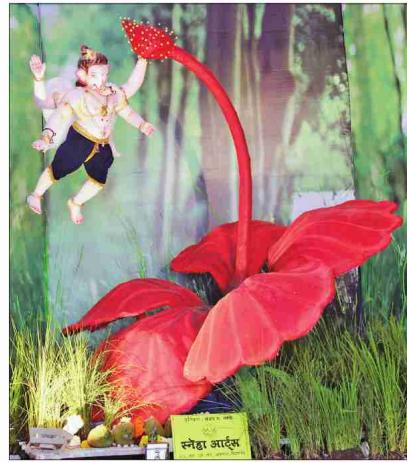
According to the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 41 million people have been affected due to torrential rains in India, Nepal and Bangladesh this year. Nearly 900 people have died in the three countries, a report on the UN news website said.

An IMD report added that 1,600 people in India died due to extreme heatwave conditions in which 475 lives were lost during floods and thunderstorms in 2016.

But how does global warming lead to heavy rainfall? Roxy Mathew Koll, a scientist researching climate change with the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, a premium institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, explained that the atmosphere and the oceans were getting warmer due to increasing carbon dioxide, a result of human activities.

"A warmer atmosphere holds more moisture. This results in two factors. The first is that warm moist air is lighter than cold dry air and hence makes the atmosphere unstable as it rises up," said Koll.

The second factor, he added, is that since the atmosphere holds more moisture, it dumps it all together – a heavy rainfall event. These factors leads to erratic weather, including extreme rainfall events across the globe. — PTI



An idol of Lord Ganesh installed at a Ganesh Puja pandal at Belagavi in Karnataka, on Wednesday. — UNI

Hardik, his aide in 3-day police custody

AHMEDABAD, Aug 30: A magistrate court in Patan district remanded Patidar quota spearhead Hardik Patel and his close aide Dinesh Bambhani to three-day police custody in connection with an assault and dacoity case registered against them on Sunday. Patan Police, who had formally arrested them yesterday morning, had sought a 10-day custody. The magistrate granted three days of remand that will end at 5 pm on September 1.

One Narendra Patel, who claimed to be associated with Hardik Patel-led Patidar Anamul Samiti (PAS) had filed a complaint against Hardik Bambhani and six to seven other supporters of Hardik at Patan 'B' Division Police Station on Sunday. On the basis of the complaint, the police had registered a case against them under IPC Sections 395 (dacoity), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506-2 (criminal intimidation) and 47 (rioting). — PTI

Doon Express engine delinks from coaches

JAUNPUR (UP), Aug 30: The engine of the popular Doon Express train today got detached from the coaches between Khetasari and Jaunpur stations on the Varanasi-Faizabad section of the northern railways but fortunately it did not lead to any untoward happening. The incident took place at about 1 pm when the engine got separated from the Howrah-Dehradun Express train near gate number 56 after the coupling suddenly broke, rail officials said here. The freak incident this afternoon, however, triggered panic among the passengers as two train accidents have occurred in UP in recent days. — PTI

Girl ends life over 'harassment' by teacher

TRINULINE (TN), Aug 30: Unable to bear 'harassment' by her school teacher, a Class 7 girl student has allegedly committed suicide here. The police said today, Sabrine Harjeera, 12, a student of a private matriculation school at Palayamkottai here, leaped to death from the open terrace of her house at about 3 am yesterday.

Police said the girl left behind a suicide note in which she accused her woman teacher of harassing her beyond 'tolerable' limit. The note, addressed to her mother, was found from her school bag.

"There was no complaint against me when I was studying in 6th standard. Now, why is she complaining against me so much? What mistake did I do? Why is she the teacher tormenting me? I am not able to hear it," the girl said in the handwritten note. "I agreed, I lied to the teacher. But she should not torture me by harassing me... I don't know the way to protect myself... I am committing suicide," she wrote. — PTI

Patna HC dismisses Shahabuddin's appeal

PATNA, Aug 30: The Patna High Court today dismissed an appeal by controversial RJD leader and its former MP Mohammad Shahabuddin against the life sentence awarded to him by a Siwan court in an acid attack case which took place 13 years ago. The case relates to the killing of two brothers by drenching them in acid in 2004 allegedly on the directions of Shahabuddin over a property dispute. — PTI

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Louisiana braces for Harvey strike again

HOUSTON, Aug 30: After a tropical depression by tonight, pouring record rains on Texas, tropical storm Harvey made a second landfall today to strike Louisiana, a state still bears deep scars from 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

The monster hit comes five days after the monster storm slammed onshore as a category four hurricane, pummelling the US Gulf Coast with torrential rains that turned neighbourhoods into lakes in America's fourth largest city, Houston.

Harvey made its second landfall just west of the town of Cameron, the National Hurricane Center said, with "hinding rains" drenching parts of south-eastern Texas and neighbouring southwestern Louisiana.

Louisiana residents braced for Harvey's ferocious maximum sustained winds nearing 45 miles (72 kilometres) per hour, with forecasters predicting another five to 10 inches (13 to 25 centimetres) of rain could pour on the region. They expect Harvey will gradually weaken to

a tropical depression by tonight, meaning maximum sustained winds should slow.

But low-lying New Orleans was still girding for the storm, just a day after the 12-year anniversary of Katrina, which ravaged the vulnerable city famous for its jazz music and cuisine.

The New Orleans branch of the National Weather Service

said a heavy rain threat remained over southeast Louisiana and southern Mississippi through tomorrow, when relatively drier weather is finally slated to arrive.

One night prior to the second landfall, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu tweeted to "remind #NewOrleans that we are not yet in the clear," urging residents to "remain vigilant and cautious."

In recent weeks it has threatened to send a salvo of missiles towards the US territory of Guam, while President Donald Trump has warned of raining "fire and fury" on the North.

Wipro denies ...

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Wipro has also developed the software and IT infrastructure for this project. Despite delayed receipt of payments, Wipro and its partner continue to pay salaries to the data entry operators to ensure that operations remain uninterrupted and staff are not impacted," it said in a statement.

It added that Wipro had always provided services in accordance with the terms of its contract with NCR and the same was being monitored by the concerned authorities.

Farmers would be ...

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states of the Northeast to emulate Sikkim's success story.

Rupala further urged the farmers to adopt scientific means of farming and use of technology in the field. He said such methods would not only improve yield but also protect their produce from damage. He nonetheless acknowledged some of the challenges before the northeastern states and said that the connectivity issue needs to be addressed so that farmers have easy access to markets.

99 pc of junked ...

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RBI said just 7.1 pieces of Rs 500 note per million in circulation and 19.1 pieces of Rs 1,000 notes per million in circulation were found to be fake in its sample survey.

Opposition was quick to seize on the data to attack the government with former finance minister P Chidambaram saying, "RBI 'gained' Rs 16,000 crore, but 'lost' Rs 21,000 crore in printing new notes!" The economists deserve Nobel Prize."

"Rs 16,000 crore out of demonetised notes of Rs 15,44,000 cr did not come back to RBI. That is 1 per cent. Shame on RBI which 'recommended' demonetisation," he tweeted.

Chidambaram also wondered if demonetisation was "a scheme designed to convert black money into white".

Samajwadi Party leader Naresh Agarwal said his party would move a privilege motion against RBI Governor Urjit Patel for misleading a parliamentary panel on the issue.

RBI said just 8.9 crore pieces of Rs 1,000 notes or 1.3 per cent of the scrapped ones have not returned. It, however, did not give a specific number for the old 500 rupee notes.

"Subject to future corrections based on verification process when completed, the estimated value of specified bank notes (SBNs) received as on June 30, 2017 is Rs 15.28 trillion," the central bank said. - PTI

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In view of 4 days Traffic block for replacement of CC apron of platform no 2 at Tundla station from 05-09-2017 to 19-09-2017 the following trains will be diverted:

1. 15631 Barmer - Guwahati will diverted via Kanpur Central - Jhansi - Agra Cantt - Bandukui Jn on 05-09-2017, 12-09-2017, 17-09-2017, 19-09-2017, 24-09-2017, 26-09-2017, 01-10-2017, 03-10-2017, 05-10-2017, 07-10-2017, 11-10-2017 & 17-10-2017.

2. 15632 Guwahati - Barmer will be diverted via Bandukui Jn - Agra Cantt - Jhansi - Kanpur Central on 05-09-2017, 12-09-2017, 14-09-2017, 16-09-2017, 21-09-2017, 23-09-2017, 28-09-2017, 30-09-2017, 05-10-2017, 07-10-2017, 12-10-2017 & 14-10-2017.

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CONTINUATION OF PASSENGER SPECIAL TRAINS

It has been decided to continue the service of presently running of following Special Trains as per existing timings, stoppages and composition as under:

A. Train No. 05910/05909 Guwahati-Dibrugarh Special,

Train No. 05910 Guwahati-Dibrugarh on 01-09-2017 to 04-09-2017

Train No. 05909 Dibrugarh-Guwahati on 31-08-2017 to 03-09-2017

ARR. DEP. STATIONS ARR. DEP.

... 20.00 Guwahati ... 07.00 ...

07.00 ... Dibrugarh ... 20.00

Other Commercial Stoppages: Chirapurk, Lumding, Dipu, Dimapur Mariani and New Tinukia.

Composition : First AC cum 2nd AC (One), AC-2 tier (One), AC-3 tier (One), Sleeper Class (Ten), General Second Class (Four) and SLR (Two)= 19 Coaches.

B. Train No. 05608/05609 Dibrugarh-Dalkhola Special,

Train No. 05608 Dibrugarh-Dalkhola on 30-08-2017 to 02-09-2017

Train No. 05609 Dalkhola-Dibrugarh on 31-08-2017 to 03-09-2017

ARR. DEP. STATIONS ARR. DEP.

17.00 ... Dibrugarh ... 17.30 ...

17.00 ... Dalkhola ... 18.00

Other Commercial Stoppages: News Tirksura, Simalguri, Mariani, Furkating, Dimapur, Dipu, Lumding, Hoaji Jagirod, Guwahati, Kamakhya, Rangiya, Nalbari, Barpeta Road, Bongaigaon, New Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Fakiragram, New Alipurduar, New Coochbehar, Falakata, Dibrugarh, Jalpaiguri Road, New Jalpaiguri, Rabobari, Road and Kishanganj.

Composition : AC-2 tier (One), Sleeper class (One), General Second Class (Nine) and SLR (Two)= 13 Coaches.

C. Train No. 05610/05607 Guwahati-Dalkhola Special,

Train No. 05610 Guwahati-Dalkhola on 01-09-2017 to 03-09-2017

Train No. 05607 Dalkhola-Guwahati on 01-09-2017 to 03-09-2017

ARR. DEP. STATIONS ARR. DEP.

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04.30 ... Dalkhola ... 06.30

Other Commercial Stoppages: Kamakhya, Rangiya, Nalbari, Barpeta Road, Bongaigaon, New Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Fakiragram, New Alipurduar, New Coochbehar, Falakata, Dibrugarh, Jalpaiguri Road, New Jalpaiguri, Alasara Road and Kishanganj.

Composition : AC 2 tier (One), Sleeper class (One), General Second Class (Nine) and SLR (Two)= 13 Coaches.

D. Train No. 05606/05605 Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Special,

Train No. 05606 from Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri on 01-09-2017 to 03-09-2017

Train No. 05605 from New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati on 01-09-2017 to 03-09-2017

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17.00 ... New Jalpaiguri ... 13.45

Other Commercial Stoppages: Kamakhya, Rangiya, Barpeta Road, New Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, New Alipurduar, New Coochbehar, Dhubri.

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N Korea says more missiles to come

SEOUL, Aug 30: North Korea leader Kim Jong-Un has promised more missile flights over Japan, insisting its nuclear-armed nation's provocative launch was a mere "curtain-raiser" in the face of UN condemnation and US warnings of severe repercussions.

After the latest launch Trump said that "all options" were on the table, reviving his implied threat of preemptive US military action just days after congratulating himself that Kim appeared to be "starting to respect us".

Russia, which also has ties to it, backed the US-drafted declaration, but it will not immediately lead to new or tightened sanctions.

The *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper, mouthpiece of the North's ruling party,

south Korea's military said yesterday that it had travelled around 2,700 kilometres (1,700 miles) and reached a maximum altitude of 550 kilometres.

The official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) cited Kim as saying that "more ballistic rocket launching trials will be conducted to achieve our goals" against ongoing US-South Korean military exercises which the North regards as a rehearsal for invasion. - AFP

UN condemns launch

The UN Security Council - which already imposed seven sets of sanctions on Pyongyang - said in a unanimous statement the North's "outrageous" actions "are not just a threat to the region, but to all UN member states".

Another showed him gazing upwards as the missile rose into the air.

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Trump may be inciting violence against media: UN

GENEVA, Aug 30: The UN human rights chief said today that President Donald Trump's relentless attacks on the media could trigger violence against journalists, suggesting the US leader would be responsible.

In a broad condemnation of Trump's conduct in office, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said he viewed the US president as the driver of "the bus of humanity", accusing Trump of "reckless driving".



"To call these news organisations 'fake' does tremendous damage and to refer to individual journalists in this way, I have to ask the question, is this not an incitement for others to attack journalists?"

"And let's assume a journalist is harmed from one of these organisations, does the president not bear responsibility for this, for having fanned this?" Zeid told reporters in Geneva.

"I believe it could amount to incitement," he added, saying Trump had set in motion a cycle that includes "incitement, fear, self-censorship and violence."

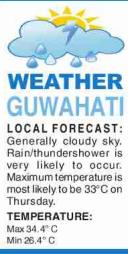
According to the rights chief, Trump's assault on the media has emboldened other countries to crack down on press freedoms.

"The demonisation of the press is poisonous because it has consequences elsewhere," Zeid said. - AFP

CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATIONS OF TRAIN SERVICES

Due to unpreceded flood situation in Bihar, West Bengal and Assam causing extensive damage to the railway tracks, the following cancellations/short terminations/short originations are planned:

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**Timber seized**

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The Zonal Flying Protection Squad of the Forest Department seized a timber-laden truck bearing registration number AS 01 FC 0826 near Koiradouh here at around 7.30 am today.

The truck was carrying 31 pieces of sawn timber without any valid documents. The driver, Padma Garo, from Sonapur, has been detained. — Staff Reporter

Assam Police advisory to parents

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The Assam Police today issued an advisory to parents to monitor the social media activities of their children in the backdrop of the Blue Whale challenge, an online game involving a series of dangerous tasks.

The advisory was issued after a Class X student inflicted injuries on himself playing the online game. The boy, admitted by the GMCH, had cut marks on his hand.

"Recently a few online games have become popular among youth who are glued to their mobiles, computers and are addicted to excessive video gaming. Some such harmful games like 'Blue Whale', 'Silent House', 'Sea of Whales', 'Wake Me Up at 4:20 AM' etc. involve emotional and psychological conditioning of the players," the advisory said.

As most cases involve teenager victims between 13 to 19 years of age, the Assam Police advised all parents, teachers, guardians and men-

THREAT OF HARMFUL ONLINE GAMES

bers of the civil society to be vigilant about such cases. Parents/elders in the family have been advised to monitor and regulate the online surfing activities of their minor children. Certain parent monitoring apps and software available via Internet may be used to keep a check on the surfing and download history. Teachers and civil society have been appealed to encourage an open discussion about cyber and social media awareness among children.

Some of the early noticeable signs and symptoms of such dangerous game addictions are depressed and violent behaviour, isolation, self-harm, late night and early morning Internet surfing, secret chatting, etc.

"Any such case suspected may be urgently brought to the notice of medical doctors and reported to Assam Police. (WhatsApp number of Assam Police: 7086055100)," the advisory said.

The boy, currently admitted to the GMCH, is undergoing treatment. Doctors said despite the counselling, he still wants to continue the game. "It will require some time before he comes out of it. We have also put him on medication," Phookan said.



A woman selling local fish varieties at Uzambazar in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos

Governor inaugurates renewable energy project at Raj Bhavan

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Governor Banwarilal Purohit along with Science and Technology Minister Keshab Mahanta inaugurated a 30 kW grid interactive solar power plant under the Renewable Energy Project at the Raj Bhavan today.

In his inaugural speech, the Governor said solar energy is considered to be the best option for the people and the exceedingly increasing energy requirements of modern-day life, as it belongs to the renewable category. The disappearance of fossil fuels from the planet and their rising costs have forced countries to switch over to a sustainable energy source, he added.

The sun is the biggest energy supplier and is fully capable of meeting the energy needs of earth in the distant future. Solar

energy is the only alternative energy for the country, the Governor said.

Purohit also asked the Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA) officials to look into the possibility of providing LED-based solar lanterns in the streets where there is no access to power. Even in the un-electrified villages, LED-based solar study lamps would be a good alternative. He further asked the AEDA to make the technology available to every household to let them reduce the energy expenditure to a great extent and help the country to switch over to clean and renewable energy.

It may be noted that the Renewable Energy Project at the Raj Bhavan, Assam was sanctioned to the AEDA by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) Government of India under its Special

Area Demonstration Project Scheme. The objective of the scheme is demonstration of application of various renewable energy systems in a project mode with 100 per cent funding from the Ministry to create greater awareness about renewable sources of energy and to supplement the energy requirement.

The project was first initiated by the then President of India in 2008 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, with the aim to reduce carbon footprints wherever possible, to undertake comprehensive measures for conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and for adopting eco-friendly practices in day-to-day life as part of the programme 'Roshi'.

Minister Mahanta said the AEDA is going to launch a programme for rooftop solar project to harness the abundant power of the sun. He said by December 31 this year, 14 mega watt of power in the social sector of Assam is going to be installed and it will be grid connected.

Mahanta also said that Assam has huge potential for renewable energy and by using the renewable energy sources, electricity can be provided to all. There are many remote areas not connected by electricity grid and by harnessing energy tapped from the sun, all the remote areas can be brought under light, Mahanta added.

It may also be mentioned that under the project, different renewable energy systems have been installed and commissioned at the Raj Bhavan here, like 30 kW grid interactive solar PV power plant, solar water heating systems, 6 kW solar wind hybrid aero generator and LED garden lights and LED streetlights.

HN Baruah's death anniversary today

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The 30th death anniversary of the doyen of Assamese journalism, Harendra Nath Baruah, will be observed tomorrow all over the State under the auspices of the HN Baruah Memorial Trust.

In this connection, a public meeting will be held at the Vivekananda Kendra auditorium at 4 pm tomorrow.

Tomina Rina, noted journalist and associate editor of the Arunachal Times, will deliver the monologue address on the topic 'Arunachal-Assam Relations and the Media'. Senior Journalist DN Chakravorty will preside over the function.

Nitya Bora, editor of the Assam Pratidin, and GL Agarwalla, chairman of the GL Publications, will be felicitated on the occasion. — Staff Reporter

Money looted

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Two motorcycle-borne miscreants snatched Rs 4 lakh from a lady outside the SBI branch at Beliaghata today and fled the spot immediately. The lady, Jesmin Sultan Haque, was about to get into her car after coming out from the bank when the miscreants snatched her bag.

The money was meant for some NGOs. A case has been registered in this regard at the Basistha Police Station.

Police said in spite of repeated instructions to the banks to install CCTV cameras outside their offices, the bank authorities have not taken the instruction seriously. — Staff Reporter

OBITUARY
Krishna Sarma

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Krishna Sarma, former employee of The Assam Tribune and a resident of Pensionpara passed away at a city hospital today. He was 74. He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Women Entrepreneurs' Hub to be set up in city

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: State Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary announced that a Women Entrepreneurs' Hub would be set up in Guwahati, catering exclusively to the products made by women.

He said this while inaugurating the three-day exhibition on 'Traditional Jewellery Designing and Making, Block Printing and Lifestyle Products' at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IEE), Guwahati, on Tuesday.

The programme was sponsored by the Women Cell of the Commissionerate of Industries and Commerce, Assam, an official release stated today.

Lauding the efforts in crafting exquisite products and designs, Patowary asked the women entrepreneurs to focus on innovation and quality to compete in the national and international markets, while retaining the traditional motifs.

He asked the department officials to rope in professional experts to impart training on the occasion. — Staff Reporter

fine quality commodities.

The minister added that the upcoming Incubation Centre at Ambari, Guwahati, would keep two floors of the building for products, goods and artefacts designed and made by women. Stating that only micro industries can provide large employment opportunities at comparatively lower capital investments than large industries, Patowary said that an industrial park would be set up at Jagiroad on a plot of 19 bighas with 40 sheds of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) where women entrepreneurs would be given preference.

Patowary distributed certificates to the trainees who had successfully undergone the jewellery designing and block printing course at the Indian Institute of Gems and Jewelry, Jaipur, and fashion designing at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Kolkata.

Additional Chief Secretary, Assam, Ravi Kapoor said that the department had so far trained around 500 women in candle-making, natural dye, jute and water hyacinth weaving, and would extend all help to set up their own enterprises. Additional Director, Industries and Commerce, Manjula Saikia Bhuyan, in her presentation, said that the department plans to provide a platform to women entrepreneurs in upcoming events like IITF New Delhi and BIMSTEC Expo, Kolkata.

Meanwhile, the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), under the sponsorship of Women Cell, Commissionerate of Industries and Commerce, has sent 50 women on an advanced training programme of two weeks to the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, for food processing and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management, Coimbatore, for fashion designing.

Additional Director, PK Saikia, Deputy Director Dr Minakshi Deb, Director of IIE Manoj Das, and Head, CIE, IIE, Dr Srivaparna B Baruah were also present in the programme.

Indigenous Muslim bodies demand original inhabitant status in NRC

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Demanding that the State's indigenous Muslims be categorised as Original Inhabitants (OIs) in the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the Sadou Asom Gariya Mariga Yuva Chatra Parishad and Muslim Kalyan Parishad today alleged that a conspiracy was afoot to deprive the indigenous Muslims of Assam who have been living in the State and enriching its national life since the past 800 years.

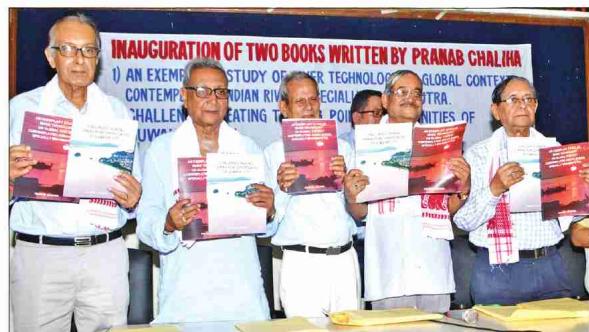
"Apparently a plot has been hatched to bracket the indigenous Muslims with the immigrant Muslims and render them second-class citizens. When we met the NRC Coordinator earlier and submitted memorandums to the State Government demanding an OI status for us in the NRC, the Coordinator assured us that none of the indigenous groups would be termed OIs. But during the last hearing in the Supreme Court, it was revealed that 20 lakh out of the 48 lakh applicants were OIs. This smacks of a sinister conspiracy against the indigenous Muslims," Moinal Haque, general secretary of Sadou Asom Gar-

iya Mariga Yuva Chatra Parishad, said at a press conference today.

The Parishad also questioned the basis on which the 20 lakh applicants had been termed as OIs, and demanded a white paper on the issue.

"We also appeal to all espousing the cause of Assamese nationalism to make their stand clear on the indigenous Muslims namely, Gariya Mariga, Deshi, Juluha, Maimol, etc., of the State," Haque said.

The Parishad will hold a mass convention on the issue on September 17 where it will chalk out its course of action.



Prof Anil Kumar Goswami (R), former principal of Cotton College, and other dignitaries releasing two books written by Pranab Chalika, at Guwahati Press Club on Wednesday. — AT photo

Bitten by the 'frustration' bug, top babus move court

SANJOY RAY

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: If you are a mid-career professional still grappling for job satisfaction, you can take solace in the fact that a section of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS) officers are also facing the same problem. Government records point out that as many as 172 Grade 'A' officers, including the IAS and the IPS, posted in Assam had moved the Court in the last five years, seeking redressal of their job-related grievances.

In Assam itself, 172 Grade 'A' officers, including the IAS and the IPS, had moved the Guwahati bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), seeking redressal of their different professional grievances in the last five years.

The CAT functioning under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pension Department of Personnel and Training had come across nearly such 300 cases (related to Grade 'A' officials) in the last five years from across the North-east, with the highest number of such cases (172) emerging from Assam.

Of the nearly 300 cases of grievances filed

by top officials posted in the North-eastern States with the Guwahati bench of CAT, 30 cases were filed by IAS officers, while 33 cases were filed by IPS officers posted in the region. Eight Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers also sought legal intervention to deal with their professional grievances.

Apart from 172 cases from Assam, 37 officials based in Meghalaya had moved the CAT for redressal of their professional grievances followed by Manipur with nine cases and Tripura with 21 cases during the same period.

Official sources said the number of such cases is increasing and the CAT's Guwahati bench has maintained one of the best disposal rates in this regard. Of the 3,653 cases filed between 2007 and 2016 with the CAT's Guwahati bench, 3,643 cases were disposed of.

The CAT, which came into being in 1985, is meant for adjudication of disputes with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed in public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or other local authorities in India or under the control of the Government of India.

Permission delay hits maintenance of ancient structure

AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The State's Directorate of Archaeology is still awaiting concrete steps from the Kamrup (Metro) district authorities for handing over physical possession of the Narakesar Hill site where remnants of an antique wall were found by a group of city-based archaeological enthusiasts led by general surgeon Dr Satyakam Phukan on February 19 this year.

D K Kauli, Director, Archaeology, told this newspaper here today that the experts from the Directorate have already visited the site and found remnants of an old brick structure there and the Kamrup (Metro) district authorities were requested to hand over the possession of the site through a letter on June 6, 2017.

"Only after getting the phys-

ical possession of the site, we can go for its protection and preservation," she said. The exact time of the structure found at the site is yet to be ascertained, though it may

safely be assumed that it may belong to the early medieval period, she added.

Dr Phukan said the remains of a wall were found running continuously right

site with the rich cultural heritage of the medieval period. If it is to be notified as a 'Protected Archaeological Site' under the purview of Section 3 (1) of The Assam Ancient Monument and Records Act, 1959 and The Assam Ancient Monument and Record Rules, 1964, the notification required to be issued for the purpose would need revenue clearance and the district authorities need to take appropriate steps to facilitate this notification.

Moreover, the district authorities also need to properly mention the necessary particulars like measurement of the land of the sites and the monuments located there, besides, name of the location and views of the deputy commissioner, while initiating the process for protection of the sites, added Dr Kauli.

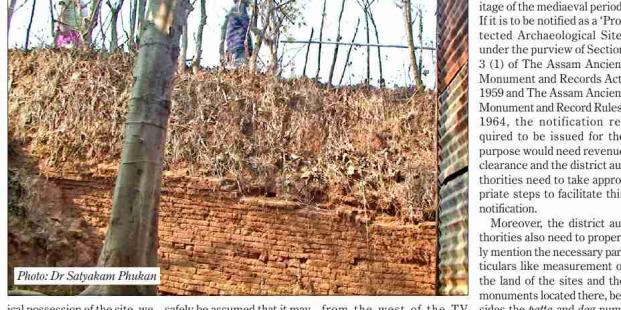


Photo: Dr Satyakam Phukan

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.
The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.*

— WINSTON CHURCHILL

The Assam Tribune**Naga peace talks**

With the NSCN (IM)-Centre talks at an 'advanced stage', one hopes that the vexed issue of Naga insurgency is brought to a logical and amicable conclusion. The Centre has reportedly rejected some of the demands of the outfit such as a separate constitution, passport, and integration of Naga-inhabited territories in neighbouring States for creating a Greater Nagaland. The demand for integration of Naga-inhabited land in Greater Nagaland in particular has a lot of bearing on long-term peace and stability in the North-east. The three States — Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh — have been vehemently, and rightly so, opposing the demand for a Greater Nagaland with their territories. Respecting the constitutionally demarcated boundaries in the north-eastern States is a must and any tinkering with the same will only trigger a cycle of unrest. It is understood that the Naga rebel leaders will be granted more autonomy for the State of Nagaland so as to enable the people to have a greater say in the ownership and management of their land and resources. This is a legitimate aspiration of the tribal State and granting of autonomy to the extent possible should go a long way in ushering in an era of peace and progress in the volatile State. It may be recalled that the NSCN (IM) had been adamant on sovereignty as a core issue before the talks but the Centre managed to convince it that a sovereign Nagaland was non-negotiable, forcing it to budge from its untenable stand. Since then it persisted with the claim for a Greater Nagaland including Naga-inhabited areas of neighbouring States but this, too, has failed to strike a chord with the Centre largely because of the stiff resistance from the affected States. Historically or otherwise, the NSCN (IM) claim is far from based on convincing ground.

An arrangement that can safeguard the political and cultural identity of the Nagas — expediting at the same time their economic progress — should be the guiding principle of the peace talks. Prudence dictates precisely such an approach, as over the decades the NSCN (IM) brand of insurgency has done great harm to the region. The Naga people have been the worst hit, as unabated insurgency has only served to distance the masses from the development process. It led to a perverse culture of gun, extortion and intimidation, perpetuating a vicious cycle of unrest and underdevelopment. Due to the Centre's soft-peddling on the Naga problem all these decades, the militant outfit virtually ran a parallel administration in utter defiance of the rule of law even as it continued to be engaged in a perpetual dialogue that yielded very little. Drugs and arms smuggling have been two other disturbing offshoots of the insurgency movement. If the NSCN (IM) is really committed to the cause of its people as it claims to be, it should give up its impractical demands and settle for an honourable resolution that recognizes the socio-economic and developmental concerns of the masses.

Looming threat

Even as the North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong Un continues on his defiant ways, the international community appears to be flummoxed as to exactly how to deal with him. Kim's antics seem to be almost risible as he cooks a snook at his detractors, yet these do pose one of the gravest threats not only for South-east Asian nations, but also the entire planet. This is because of the instable nature of the man, as also the indisputable power he commands over the people of his nation, who will do nothing to stop him even if he decides to undertake potentially disastrous courses of action. International sanctions appear to have only made him more reckless. The problem is compounded by the equally unpredictable nature of another powerful world leader; in fact arguably the most powerful person on earth, US President Donald Trump. He had some time back warned North Korea that he would rain down "fire and fury" on her if she persists with her nuclear programme and carries on launching ballistic missiles. A brief tiff in North Korean activity in these spheres had led Trump to claim that the North Korean leader was "beginning to respect us". His assumption was echoed by his Secretary of State Rex Tillerson who had asserted that he was pleased to note unprecedented restraint by North Korea after Trump's threat.

Clearly, the joke is on the American duo, if the latest provocative actions of North Korea are anything to go by. Just a few days later Pyongyang fired three short-range missiles to demonstrate its strike capabilities. Then, on August 29, it fired an international ballistic missile which flew over the Hokkaido island of Japan for a distance of 2,700 km at a maximum altitude of 550 km before landing in the open sea. This launch, understandably, caused great consternation amongst the populace and induced Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to denounce it as an "unprecedented, serious and grave threat". It may be recalled that Pyongyang had earlier threatened to launch a nuclear strike on the US territory of Guam, 3,000 km from North Korea, to reach which its ICBMs must fly over Japan! Observers also note with dismay that his missile was launched from a spot adjacent to Pyongyang rather than as in previous cases, from remote places where not many human lives would be lost in case of a preemptive counterstrike by the US. It is almost as if Kim is daring the US to launch just that type of a strike well knowing the kind of escalation it would lead to! The most terrifying aspect of the looming threat is that, with neither China nor Russia seemingly willing to use the cloud they have over Pyongyang, there is very little the rest of the world can do.

Their master's voice**The Mailed Fist****Pradip Phanjoubam**

Other than the devastating floods and their tragic aftermaths in Assam and Manipur on account of early, unseasonal and unpredictable cloudbursts the North-east region has been witnessed to this year, there was another development last fortnight which largely failed to capture media and public attention as much as it ought to have. This is nothing as immediately tragic as the floods have been causing misery to thousands, but nonetheless nothing trivial or trifling either. Indeed, this is a bag of nearly six decades that the North-east has been afflicted by, for which too little so far has been done towards ameliorating the situation. As anybody familiar with issues of the North-east would have probably guessed, the reference is once again to the controversial legislation, the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958, which has today become an unsightly and unpopular appendage in the overall political architecture of the North-east region, and a bad name for Indian democracy before the international community.

Although there is still a great deal of ambiguity on this particular development, if newspaper reports last fortnight emanating from New Delhi are to be believed, the decision to extend or end the continuance of the Disturbed Area Act, which is the precondition for the imposition of the much dreaded AFSPA, in the cases of Manipur and Assam, will now be left to the respective State cabinets. The question which has not been adequately answered so far however is, would this new condition be re-

served for only these two States or would it be applicable to all the other States of the North-east?

From available information so far, it will be, no mention was made of the other North-east States even while these reports were categorical that the new condition will not be applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir where the AFSPA is also in force. In Kashmir, the Union Government would continue to have the last word on whether the DAA should continue to be extended, and with it the promulgation of the AFSPA. Presuming the reports on the matter were accurate, in particular the one published in the respected daily, *The Hindu*, it must be said the development implies even more unsavoury interpretations. This is especially so because both Assam and Manipur are recent converts to the BJP — the party in power at the Centre.

Left on their own, many of the North-east States would probably opt to end the era of DAA and AFSPA. Tripura has done precisely this and was allowed to get away with it, probably because the general perception is, all radical challenges to the Indian state are either dead or else resolved now. As Tripura has done, Nagaland probably would be the next to follow suit, given the fact that none less that the Nagaland State Assembly passed resolutions on several occasions that the AFSPA should be lifted from its soil, as the era of violent confrontation between the state and its challengers is drawing to a close and peace talks are be-

ing held currently between the rebels and New Delhi.

Likewise Manipur too, although amidst much more controversial circumstances, removed the DAA and AFSPA partially in 2004, as part of a desperate manoeuvre of the erstwhile Congress Government in the State following an unprecedented public outrage over the rape and murder of Thangjam Manorama, a woman suspected to have links with militants, in the custody of the As-

signees could well be handled without the assistance of the Army and Central paramilitary forces.

Before the argument is misread, a caveat may be what is necessary. There can be no disputing the fact that AFSPA is instrumental to violent military challenges to the Indian state, and that if these challenges were to end, so would AFSPA die a natural death. While this is understandable, what is unacceptable is the draconian and extrajudicial nature of the AFSPA. If insurgency is to be considered an internal law and order problem, the response to it too, if it be by police or military, must have to remain answerable to civil legal jurisdiction. This is what the AFSPA overrides. If on the other hand, insurgency is to be treated as war, then there are international laws of war, such as those defined by the Geneva Conventions and The Hague Conventions. In other words, opposing the AFSPA does not amount to hating the military, as so many have tried so falsely to frame this debate.

The fact also is, probably misled by such misinformed and sometimes mischievous twists to the debate, for most of the post-Independence years, the Central Government and the North-east State governments have not been of the same page on the matter of the continuance of the AFSPA. The trust deficit evident in this was also probably what made the former think all this while it was prudent for it to keep the DAA rein in its own hands. Hence, many of the States went against its wishes on the matter and decided anytime to dis-

continue with the DAA, a freedom which normally should have belonged to the States in a federal polity that the Indian Constitution pledges, the Centre had the power to overrule the decision.

This is precisely what has been happening in the case of Nagaland on as many occasions as the State made it explicit that it wanted the DAA and AFSPA done away with. The intriguing question now is, what is it that made the Centre now change its mind with regards to Assam and Manipur? Why has it handed over the DAA rein to these two now converts to the BJP ideology?

The answer probably has to do with the organizational structure of the BJP. As a tightly centralized monolithic party with an extra strong and domineering leadership at its command, the party is now probably certain it has the guarantee of unquestioning compliance of its state units in these two States to its will and policies, so much so that it now considers it no longer essential for it to keep any overt levers of control over them. This is to say, the BJP central command is now confident these two North-east States will willingly suspend their independent judgments on the matter and act in anticipation of what they gauge is their central command's desire, or else only after a green signal from the latter.

The question which should disturb all believers in the beauty of federalism is, are these two States, and probably more to follow soon, entering an era of Central rule by proxy, in which the voices of the two State governments have successfully mutated and transformed into their master's voice?

With our back to the wall, we stand united!**■ Dr Monprativ Barooah**

The devastation brought about by the recent floods in Assam is beyond description. If there was a need or time for regional unity cutting across social strata, caste and religion — it is now. Thousands are waiting to get back to their homes, rebuild their lives and recover from the losses they have suffered. While many a story of suffering has surfaced, so are tales of human endurance aplenty, as people fought one common threat — that of the surging waters. Hand in hand, shunning the differences of blood and birth, they braved the natural calamity with whatever little resources were available to them. One such particular incident, which the writer of this piece had witnessed, is worth mentioning here. During an aid and relief camp in a remote upper Assam village, the medical team reached a temple where around eight families ravaged by floods were stranded. The priest of the temple, a Brahmin by name who lived in a two-room hatched house with his wife just by the backyard, gave refuge to those families — in the temple premises. Among the eight families, three were Muslims, while the rest were of Nepali, tea garden community and Bengal origin. For five long days, the Brahmin priest fed the displaced lot, while his wife attended to

the sick children of the Muslim families who had developed diarrhoea, dehydration as well a fever. They huddled together and stayed put until finally relief and rescue arrived. This happened at a time when elsewhere, but not very far away, a section of people were repeatedly crying hoarses over a possible threat to secular ethos that our State has witnessed under the present government's rule. Many of the 'intellectuals' kind voiced their concern over the imminent danger of disruption of this multifaceted social fabric of Assam due to a saffron onslaught initiated from the Centre. Sporadic protests were organized and armchair panelists went hammer and tongs at the Government on television, sounding rack-up issues like cow vigilanism and possibly Sanskritization of schools.

Then all of a sudden, the Deendayal Upadhyaya controversy also popped up. They (the intellectuals, leaders) raked up their tirade further terming it as sinister motive of the Hindu heartland to reinforce ideologies thereby giving precedence to Hindutva nationalism over regionalism. It was dissent all over with the intellectuals drawing the conclusion that if the proposed model colleges sport the name of Deendayal Upadhyaya, the very identity of indigenous Assamese will soon be endangered to the core. A very

learned person has even termed the phenomenon as a 'Brahmin aggression' — a ploy employed by the Sangh Parivar to spread the roots of Brahmanism or forcibly instil its tenets on the native masses. The 'intellectual' went further claiming that, if it is arrested, it might have the propensity to create a 'Brahmanical disruption' in the society.

Mind it, the comments have come at a time when Assam is reeling under the effects of a grave natural calamity that knows no boundaries. With resources pushed to the brink and relying heavily on Central aid to get us out of this quagmire, this was hardly the time for taking a dig at a sensitive issue that has the potential of spiralling out of control. Severed road and rail connectivity, homeless people, loss of life and livestock and an unpredictable yet powerful neighbour stomping near our borders had already made an ideal atmosphere to rouse up a cacophonous debate on saffron vs. secularism.

Nevertheless, intellectuals have ignited minds. They must have sensed something to harp at such an issue. However, commoners like us still feel that securitised ethos of the greater Assamese society is still intact. Cow vigilanism does not exist in our part of the land, nor has extreme ideologies ever been thrust upon us forcing us to adhere to a particular doctrine. The composite culture that has evolved out of an as-

similative process involving diverse castes and creeds and promoted by the likes of Srimanta Sankaradeva, the author of the *Brahmin onslaught* concerned, the matter doesn't hold ground. Brahmins have been an integral part of the composite culture of the Assamese society since long. The outlook in Assam since ages have been that of a more liberal one than the other parts of India and so have been those of the clastic Brahmins who arrived from Mithila as well as other parts of India, under the tutelage of the Koch and Ahom kings. The orthodox Hindu society of Assam have permitted many sub-castes to enter into its fold, while accepting different shades of social and religious life. Likewise, the Brahmins too have cohabited harmoniously with all the ethnic tribes. Learned and well versed in the Vedas, the restrained Brahmins occupied important positions in the king's courts. They composed and translated a large body of Sanskrit works, taught students and showed efficiency in political and socio-religious matters. Moreover, the Assamese Brahmins played a pivotal role in the spread of Sanskrit too, after the great neo-

Vaishnavite movement gained grounds, which eventually went on to shape the art and culture of our magnificent land. Contrary to popular belief, they had in fact a salubrious effect on the composite culture of the greater Assamese society.

Every secular country or region has to have a religious orientation, as decided by the majority. Assam is no different. While upholding secular ethics, it is also important to realize that we are currently facing a threat of dangerous demographic shift. Unabated illegal migration from neighbouring Bangladesh has largely contributed towards this. This very newspaper reported how perilous the situation is with many districts now having Muslim predominance. Rather than a saffron onslaught or Brahmanical invasion, we should be more worried about losing our lands and thus our identity to the huge influx of illegal migrants who our neighbourhoods are teeming with. With the threat of a radical Islam hovering worldwide, an unabated demographic shift might just provide the fertile bed for extremist elements to take over and introduce the extreme components of radicalized Islam. It would be too late then.

If Hinduism is thus making an effort at propagation, it should brook no offence as long as it does not belie the principles of secularism or adopt authoritarian stance at in-discrimination.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir — This is in reference to the news item 'Doklam stand-off comes to an end' (AT, August 29). That the military stand-off between India and China at Dokla (Doklam) region has come to an end is really good news. One knows, the military stand-off began on June 16 last after the Chinese troops started constructing a road in the region adjacent to both India and Bhutan. India opposed the Chinese action with a statement that China had aimed to change the status quo in the area. Again, the actual status of Doklam has remained a controversy for decades with both China and Bhutan claiming it. While Bhutan treats Doklam as its part, China claims it on the basis of a treaty with Britain that dates back to 1890. Several rounds of border talks between Bhutan and China have failed to resolve the dispute. Now that India and China have

agreed to withdraw their troops from the Doklam plateau in the Himalayas, one will hope for a lasting solution regarding the status of Doklam region. This region belongs to Bhutan and China should recognize Doklam as a part of Bhutan. If China continues to claim the Doklam plateau unnecessarily or proposes to build a road through the mountainous area, then, a confrontation between India and China will be inevitable. India views that the Chinese deployment of troops in the Doklam region is a security threat to it and that China should drop its claim over Doklam. As one knows, there is already a border dispute between India and China. So, Doklam should not become another flashpoint in the Indo-China ties. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya. (II)

Sir — It is a matter of satisfaction that the Doklam issue has been resolved peacefully at least for the present when both India

and China withdrew their troops avoiding a full-fledged war. It has also shut the mouths of some astrologers who always predict an Indo-China war in near future. Indeed it is a great diplomatic achievement of the Union Foreign Ministry. But a section of the Indian media is unnecessarily trying to provoke the situation by highlighting it as a defeat of China. Undoubtedly, India is now in a position to take any challenge from China unlike the most humiliating defeat of 1962. But since any war causes massive irreparable damage to both the warring sides, it is always better to avoid it especially when the world is on the verge of a third world war with possibility of India becoming a base for it. Yours etc., SUBHASH CHANDRA AGRAWAL, New Delhi. Clean India

Sir — It was quite interesting to go through the article, titled 'A few meadow and calamitous swans song' by Gautam Ganguly. Being a sports lover, I have enjoyed this write-up. I

am a fan of Usain Bolt. I am sad at the way Usain took farewell. Yours etc., RIAJ AHMED, sivasagar.

Medical facilities

Sir — This is regarding the health care situation of our State. Many patients of the remote areas are economically backward. They face serious financial hardships to meet their medical expenditures. Though the facilities are available in the government hospitals, but people are being deprived of those facilities because of non-functional equipment and non-availability of doctors. Through your esteemed daily, I request the Health Minister to ensure smooth operation of the government hospitals so that the poor patients need not go to private hospitals. Yours etc., RAJU ROY, Borgonj.

Swan songs
Clean India
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Free medical camp for flood victims

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The Sri Satyamev Jaya Alumni of Assam and Sri Satyamev Jaya Trust (Assam and NER) recently organised a free medical camp for flood victims in Hatinchari village, Morigaon district. The camp was conducted in association with the Excel Centre and Gauhati Medical College Hospital, said a press release here.

Several doctors of the city including Dr Golok Das and Dr Neil Bardoloi offered their services at the medical camp. Specialists from various departments such as cardiology, ophthalmology, gynaecology, dermatology, orthopaedics, paediatrics, dental, surgery, microbiology, medicine, etc., lent their support.

Altogether 482 patients were treated at the camp.

Maria's flood relief: As part of its community service programme, city-based Maria's Public School has donated a huge collection of food items to the flood-affected people of Mayong and Pohitora, said a press release here.

Award of excellence to city teacher

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: City-based Assam Down Town University (ADTU) has instituted the ADTU Award of Excellence in School Teaching' with a view to encouraging teachers in the academic field.

Out of 29 applications received from all over Assam, Ghanashyam Medhi from Assam Jatiya Bidyalaya, Nionmati, has been selected for the award, which will be presented on September 5 at a function to be held at ADTU, Panikhaiti.

The award consists of a citation and a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh. The selection committee was headed by Dr Hemanshu Goswami, head of the Department of Management, ADTU and co-chairman Apurba Sharma.

Engineering students' demonstration against move for affiliation change

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, Aug 30: The Assam Government Engineering College Students' Union including the Assam Engineering College Students' Union staged a demonstration in front of the Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU) office at Tetelema here today for trying to change the affiliation of the engineering colleges to ASTU against the will of the students and teachers.

Talking to this correspondent, Abinash Medhi, general secretary of the AEC Students' Union said the Government of Assam had recently tried to change the affiliation of the prestigious AEC, JEC and other government engineering colleges of the State to the ASTU. The colleges are already affiliated to the Gauhati University and Dibrugarh University since inception. Following strong

protests and rejections from the students and the teaching fraternity, the decision is yet to make any headway. He further said that since the newly formed ASTU neither has proper infrastructure nor NAAC accreditation, it would harm the career of the students.

The proposed move would also undermine the future of the students who got admitted to the engineering course after cracking JEE.

Medhi further alleged that following pressure from the government, the Jorhat Institute of Science and Technology (JIST) and Bineswar Brahma Engineering College (BBEC) in Kokrajhar applied for ASTU affiliation on August 14, a similar pressure is being mounted on the AEC and JEC also, he said.

The students urged Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to listen to their grievances and comply with

their demand. It may be mentioned that the move to change affiliation of the government engineering colleges started on January 19, when ASTU officials invited faculty members of the AEC to a meeting to discuss academic collaboration of ASTU with the AEC. Twenty-three teachers from the AEC were present at the meeting.

Interestingly, the AEC teaching fraternity wanted their college to be affiliated under ASTU, when no such commitment was made by them at the meeting. Misrepresented by the ASTU of officials, the Government of Assam ordered the Director of Technical Education, Assam to change the affiliation of the many facilities in the academic field. So our students and teachers are not ready to change affiliation. The AEC authority will not take any decision against the opinion of the students and teachers."

It has been further alleged that a similar situation had arisen in 2014 when the government sent letters to the principals of these colleges asking them to change their affiliation to ASTU, but with rejection and strong protests, this decision was called off. A meeting will be held on September 1 among all the stakeholders to discuss the future course of action to be taken.

Meanwhile, AEC Principal Atul Bora said, "We are comfortable with the Gauhati University and everything is running smoothly in the academic sphere. So there is no question of changing the affiliation. Again, ASTU is a newly established university, so there are drawbacks. If we change the affiliation we will be deprived of many facilities in the academic field. So our students and teachers are not ready to change affiliation. The AEC authority will not take any decision against the opinion of the students and teachers."



Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Panchayati Raj Parshottam Rupala interacting with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at Janata Bhawan in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos



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Residential flats for SSB officers inaugurated

CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, Aug 30: Residential flats for the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) officers and personnel were inaugurated at Sonapur, 22 Bn, SSB near here today.

Chief guest Bishnu Upadhyay, Inspector General, SSB, Gauhati Frontier, inaugurated two blocks of 15 Type-III flats and two Type-V flats at the Sonapur campus of the 22 Bn, SSB.

The IG also expressed satisfaction over the timely completion of the projects and praised the Central Public

Works Department (CPWD) as well as the SSB for their joint efforts.

The programme was started with traditional worship, ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by sweets distribution and lunch. A plantation drive was also carried out in the campus area.

Umesh Kumar Thapliyal, Commandant, 22 Bn, SSB, Sonapur with other officers, staff and officers from the CPWD were also present in the programme.

Birth anniversary of trade union leader today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The NF Railway Mazdoor Union has made an elaborate arrangement to celebrate the 90th birth anniversary of Late Nandawar Thakuria tomorrow, in association with his family. Late Thakuria was one of the pioneers of trade union movement in the Indian Railways. The NF Railway Mazdoor Union is affiliated to the All India Railwaymen's Federation and the Hind Mazdoor Sabha.

The celebration programme includes, among others, release of a souvenir and a seminar on the role of Late Thakuria in the trade union movement and in spreading education in the Greater Jalukbari area of the city. The seminar, scheduled to be held at 11 am tomorrow at his Sadilapur residence here, will be addressed by noted educationist Dr Birenandan Datta and NF Railway Union general secretary Rakhal Dasgupta.

In a tribute, Rakhal Dasgupta described Late Thakuria as a man of strong conviction. Dasgupta reminisced the role played by Late Thakuria in strengthening the trade union

movement among the Railwaymen of the country. Thakuria, along with a group of trade unionists, worked hard to make the railwaymen's agitation programmes successful.

He later became the president of the Pundit branch of the NF Railway Mazdoor Union, besides being the convenor of the NCCRS Maligaon in 1974 during the country-wide indefinite strike of railwaymen. He ably shouldered the responsibility of providing economic assistance and keeping the morale high of the railwaymen, who were removed from services in the wake of the 1974 strike.

Thakuria was elevated to the post of assistant general secretary of the NF Railway Mazdoor Union after the strike. He was also among those Mazdoor Union leaders who undertook the responsibility of organising the annual conference of the All India Railwaymen's Federation in July 1976 at Maligaon, when internal emergency was in force all over the country, said Dasgupta.

Thakuria had to fight cancer in his last years and he died on October 22, 2001. Burhagohain offered the vote of thanks. — Staff Reporter

RPF role in rescue of children, recovery of stolen property

STAFF REPORTER

erry of stolen property worth Rs 9,58,845," he said.

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) in the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) zone has achieved some major successes during recent months in areas ranging from rescue of minor children to recovery of stolen property.

"During this period, RPF apprehended 20 touts and prospected them under Section 143 of the Railway Act. In addition, contraband goods worth Rs 3,20,43,549 were recovered on 79 occasions with arrest of 27 criminals during this period. Moreover, during this period 18 criminals involved in drugging and looting of passengers and 18 criminals involved in theft of passengers' belongings were also arrested and handed over to GRP for further action," said Sharma.

He added that during January-July, RPF recovered a huge quantity of explosives, gelatin sticks, detonators and fuse wires from the Kamakhya and the Bihara railway stations. Two persons were arrested with those items, while another was arrested along with a revolver.

"RPF also distributed food and clothes to flood victims of Lakhimpur and Karimganj. The toll free RPF helpline number, 182, is functioning round the clock and providing facility to traveling passengers in lodging complaints and seeking assistance without breaking their journey. Immediate assistance was provided in 67 cases and stolen and left behind luggage items were handed over to owners," Sharma said.

Guv visits Akshaya Patra Foundation

STAFF REPORTER

hard from wee hours in the morning to prepare hygienic and nutritious food for the school children.

Purohit took stock of different facilities there. He visited the kitchen, the storeroom and took stock of different parameters for hundreds of school children. He also visited the efforts of the Akshaya Patra Foundation which strives

and equipment that the foundation uses to prepare food and feed the students.

While hailing the foundation's efforts in feeding the students at school and ensuring their nutritional needs, Purohit asked the foundation officials to take care of the cleanliness and hygiene and adhere to the highest standard of food safety.

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1.	E-Tender No. KEP/2017/278 dated 18/08/2017 for "Design, Manufacturing, Testing, Supply and Delivery of Stainless Steel Super Duplex Wire Wound Cooler Tubes required for BHEL stage 25 MW Hydro Turbine Generator Units of Khandong and Kopili Stage II Power Station at Kopili Hydro Electric Plant, NEEPCO Ltd., Umrongso, Dima Hasao, Assam"	Estimated Cost = ₹1,00,000/- EMD = ₹25,000/- Cost of Tender Document = ₹500/-	28/08/2017 Upto 12.00 Hours	28/08/2017 at 12.00 Hours (IST)

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Former Congress MLA Rana Goswami along with Congress workers taking out a protest rally against the BJP-led State Government for making "false" promises in development works, at Jorhat on Wednesday. —UB Photos

Discussion on book showing Indira's passion for Nature

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has been viewed as an iron lady with a dynamic political legacy. While much has been written, acknowledged and applauded about her political conquests, there is a lesser known aspect of her personality concerning her passion and love for Nature.

Former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh, author of the book *Indira Gandhi: Life in Nature*, has unveiled one of the nation's greatest leader's journey as an environmentalist and conservationist.

The book is an unconventional auto-biography reflective of the real Indira Gandhi, her kinship with Nature and commitment to environmental causes.

In a book discussion event at the Vivanta by Taj on Tuesday evening hosted by Balipara Foundation, Ramesh en-

gaged in a conversation with Prof Arupjyoti Saikia from the IIT Guwahati, who is an environmental historian.

Ramesh revealed details, chapters and insights from the book through the eyes of Indira Gandhi and said that the leader saw herself as "a child of Nature, who grew up in a place who lived with Nature and became a Prime Minister of Nature".

He called her compelling, charismatic and controversial but an environmentalist at heart, who found her inner peace in the company of birds, plants and stones, staring at the universe of constellations, living in the hills and protecting the forests and wildlife of India.

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the lens of Indira Gandhi, which gives us an insight on today's environmental structure, the laws and the institutions".

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Traffic point inaugurated

BADARPUR, Aug 30: A traffic point was inaugurated at Badarpur Choumitha on Tuesday by Karmrang Superintendant of Police Gourav Upadhyaya.

In a brief function held on the premises of the police point venue, Upadhyaya in his address appealed all to follow traffic rules and urged the police personnel to be sincere in their duties. — ANN Service

OBITUARY

RN Kalita
CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, Aug 30: Ramendra Nath Kalita, retired Senior Field Assistant of Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat, a noted *nunmachinga* as well as a resident of Tingimora Kumar gaon, Panichakua near here died on Saturday at the Jorhat Medical College Hospital due to cardiac arrest. He was 70.

Born in 1947 at Tingimora Kumar gaon, he joined his service in 1962 at AAU and retired in 2004.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters, two daughters-in-law along with a host of relatives.

Dhiren Doley
CORRESPONDENT

DHEMAMI, Aug 30: Dhiren Doley, founder headmaster of Pub Dhakukhana Kaneng High School (non-provincialised) and an inhabitant of Matmaran Bakulguri here died yesterday following illness. He was 52.

Late Dhiren Doley established the Pub Dhakukhana High School in 1991 in cooperation with the local people. He was loved and respected by all in the locality because of his simplicity and amiable nature.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, two daughters, a son and a host of relatives.



Painful is the pang of separation. The more intimate the relationship is, the more painful is the pang. It is a universally accepted fact that death spares none. Living beings come to the world only to go away from it. My friend Madan Mohan Patowary, the former Principal of Railway Maligaon Higher Secondary passed away on August 18 while undergoing medical treatment at the GNRC Hospital at Six Mile, Guwahati.

Madan was born on January 1, 1937 in Pandula village in Nalbari. After matriculation, he shifted to Guwahati and started living with his elder brother, Late Deben Chandra Patowary. Madan passed IA and BA examination from Pragjyoti College, Guwahati in 1959 and 1962 respectively. After passing IA examination, he was appointed as headmaster of Maligaon ME School which in course of time grew up to a full-fledged HS School. Madan passed BT, ET and MA

(Pol. Sc) from GU in 1968, 1976 and 1982 respectively and from headmaster of the ME School he rose to be the principal of the same school when it was finally taken over by the NF Railway administration. For some time, he also served as Principal of Badarpur Railway HS, Alipurduar Railway HS, Netaji Vidyaloy Railway HS, Maligaon and finally retired as Principal on December 31, 2001 from Maligaon Railway HS School of which he was the founder headmaster.

As a philanthropist, Madan liberally donated money to various organisations. He dominated the decorated main gate of Damodardhara Satra built at a cost of more than 16 lakh and also donated Rs one lakh to Maligaon Sahitya Sabha and Rs 10,000 to Mahamayadhyu Dhireswaracharya Sanskrit Tol to institute an annual prize to be bestowed on the winner

of the highest mark in Sanskrit in HSLC examination in Assam. He also donated Rs 50,000 to Assam Natya Samman. Besides, he used to liberally help poor but meritorious students.

He was the founder member of Assam Sikhs Prakash Mahavidyalaya (BEd College), Lankeswar, Guwahati. With a view to spreading education in Ghatotkata area, he founded the Banasthali Academy.

On the whole, Madan led an ideal life and proved his worth as a self-made man. My association with him has been all along intimate. I regret that because of my stay in Delhi I could not respond to his enquiry call at his last moment in the hospital.

He leaves behind his wife and four sons. I pray to the Almighty for the eternal peace of his departed soul.

— KC Talukdar



Dipali Pathak Bhagawati breathed her last on August 21 at Dharamshala Hospital, New Delhi after a prolonged critical illness.

She was born at Udalguri and since her school days, involved herself in many social

activities. Dipali also successfully tried her hand in literary works writing several stories and poems. She started her career as a teacher at Majbar Girls High School in 1983. She served as a teacher next at Udalguri Girls HS School, Mangaldoi Vidyaapeeth High School, Damdama HS School and lastly at Natun Fatsil Town

High School.

A resident of Sankar Path, Hatigam, Guwahati, Dipali Pathak Bhagawati was closely involved with the Sankar Path Naamghar and in a good number of social activities. A very friendly and approachable woman, she endeared herself to everyone who came into contact with her. She never

made any distinction between the people she met.

Her premature demise was deeply mourned by all friends and well-wishers.

Today, on the day of her *adyashradhha*, we pray to the Almighty to help her departed soul rest in eternal peace.

— Panmoni Pathak,
Binmoni Pathak

Junu Chamuah

Junu Chamuah, a pious lady hailing from Bihlangani of North Guwahati, passed away on August 18 last at the age of 82 following a protracted illness.

Born to a very well-known family of Kamrup (Late Dr Golinda Deka, Scientist and ex-principal of Cotton College, was her elder brother), my

mother-in-law possessed many high qualities of head and heart. Always wearing a smiling look, she could endear herself to any person by her pleasant personality and humble behaviour.

Being a skilled weaver, she always wore only clothes made in her own handloom.

So wherever she was, she looked a typical lady in perfect Assamese attire. The rare virtue, I observed in her character, was her practising non-violent principles in life and constantly advising her children to follow the same. After her husband predeceased her in 1998, she managed the

family problems very nicely.

She leaves behind three sons, a married daughter and a host of relatives. In her demise, I have lost an ideal mother and guide.

Today on her *adyashradhha*,

I pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

— Dr Sarbananda Das

Governor to attend NIT Conclave 2017 in Silchar

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Aug 30: Assam Governor Banwarilal Purohit will grace the 7th NIT Conclave to be hosted by the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Silchar from September 1. This is informed by Prof Rajat Gupta, director of the institute.

Fostering the theme — "Transients in Technical Education – Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship", the vision of the NIT conclave is to set a benchmark for the creative solutions to the problems faced by the society through careful and comprehensive discussion. NIT Silchar takes the pride of hosting the seventh version of the event. We expect participation of more than 200 students from 31 NITs of India and Governor of Assam has given his consent to attend the inaugural ceremony," Prof Gupta said.

He was quick to add that other luminaries like Dr Subramanian Swamy and Indian

cricketer Yuvraj Singh are likely to attend the three-day mega event.

On the other hand, in reply to a question on extending support to Cachar Paper Mill under the Hindustan Paper Corporation, the solitary industry of the region, the chief patron of the conclave maintained,

Meanwhile, Purnash Kumar Gautam the lead convener of the conclave informed that the ensuing occasion will bring an opportunity for NIT Silchar to showcase as many as 18 products like surveillance drones, obstructions avoiding robots made by the techies of the institute before students and faculty staff of other NITs of the country. Prof MA Ahmed, patron of the conclave and Dr Wasim Arif, faculty convener of the event have urged the student fraternity for their active participation to make the event successful.

Tough stance on traffic issues: At a time when the city of Silchar is grappling with erratic traffic congestion, the Cachar district administration has a tough

stance to solve the problem ahead of the festive season.

In the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee including the District Transport Office, Cachar Police, Silchar Municipal Board and members from different political parties on Tuesday, Cachar Deputy Commissioner S Vishwanathan said "the road stretch from Capital point to Nazirpatty will be made 'No Entry' points. Further, there will be full details of the auto rickshaw owner including the mobile number on the hood of the auto for proper identification."

He also informed that soon there would be a drive to clear off the footpaths encroached by the vendors.

On the other hand, Cachar SP Rakesh Roushan informed that a vigilance committee including officials from the DC office, DTO office and Police will monitor the traffic movement and those violating norms shall be punished with the seizure of their driving licenses.

Tinsukia Police busts fake job racket

CORRESPONDENT

TIZPUR, Aug 30: Two workers of the Gammon India Ltd. engaged in the construction works of the second bridge over the river Brahmaputra in Kohlabora here were drowned on Wednesday while they were busy in their work.

According to official sources, the two workers were rescued, Bijoy Rabha, a resident of Jorhat, and Ajay Munda.

Although both of them were rescued, Bijoy Rabha, a resident of Jorhat, and Ajay Munda, an employee of the Oil India Limited, Dhaligarh.

The joint operations initiated to this effect was led by Debraj Dey, the DSP, Tinsukia HQ in association with OC, Blaskar Sankar of Makum yielded significant gains with the arrest of six persons from various locations including the Indo-Nepal border, Bedanta Gogoi from Jorhat and the other accomplices from Makum. According to Makum, the case was being investigated from all possible angles and with the seizure of Oil India I-cards, certificates of training and promissory letters, bank transactions and document printers and other evidence, emergence of many skeletons from the scene cannot be ruled out.

Ex-students' convention of Abdul Hasib HS School

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Abdul Hasib HS School of Hojai, which was established in 1946 as a high school has completed 70 years of its existence. The ex-students of the institution from 1946 to 1990 are going to organise a two-day long convention on October 28 and 29 next at the institution premises.

For this purpose, a reception committee was formed in a meeting presided over by Bina Borkatoki, acting principal of the school, taking Anup Kumar Borthakur as president, Mahmudur Rahman as vice-president, Newah Ahmed, Mohim Bora, Giasuddin Ahmed, Utpal Sarma, Imran Hossain and Muzibur Rahman as members. This was stated in a press release.

A friendly meet among the ex-students including felicitations of retired teachers and ex-students, who had passed with flying colours will be held in the convention. A souvenir will also be published on this occasion, the release said.

The reception committee has requested the participation of all and has asked the ex-students to send their address, phone numbers, e-mail ids to the reception committee president or vice-president, the release added.

Plea to compensate kin of witch-hunting victims

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Aug 30: Doomdooma branch of Ellora Vidyamandir (EV) submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Tinsukia recently expressing serious concern over the growing cases of witch-hunting related incidents in some parts of the district.

In the absence of the Deputy Commissioner, ADD Pramabjit Kakoti received the memorandum from the three-member EVM delegation comprising its Doomdooma branch president Jhulanika Borgohain, vice-president Arjun Baruah and general secretary Tarini Deka.

In the memorandum, the Mancha urged the DC to grant compensation to the family members of Dilip Kishan and Sibhatri Kishan of Line No. 10 of Hanbarsa Division of Raiganj Estate here, who were brutally killed by a section of labourers of the line for allegedly practising witchcraft, on the night of August 15.

The organisation also



urged the Deputy Commissioner to award exemplary punishment to those who were involved in the gruesome incident. Police, if may be recalled, arrested 31 labourers of the line for allegedly practising witchcraft, on the night of August 15.

which these superstitious beliefs are more pronounced and assured all possible help to the administration in this regard.

Meanwhile, the general secretary of Doomdooma branch of EVM, Tarini Deka has informed that their third triennial conference which was slated to be held on August 27 has been postponed to October 29 due to the current flood situation in the State.

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
LUMLA DIVISION, PWD, AP.**
PO : LUMLA, DIST : DARRANG,
ARUNACHAL PRADESH - 786105.
Notice Inviting Bid
Bid/Package no.: LMD/NIT/DB-07/2017-18/ 183 Dated 30/08/2017
RFP for "Construction of Permanent Bridge over Nyamjam Chu at Naamting under Lumla Sub-Division of Tawang Dist. Arunachal Pradesh (Span-60m)" through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract.

The Executive Engineer, Lumla Division, PWD, AP, Lumla on behalf of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh represented by its Chief Engineer PWD, issued few invites bids from eligible Class – I contractor within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tawang District for the following project:

State : Arunachal Pradesh
Division : Lumla Division, PWD, AP, Lumla.

Job No : CRFA/P/2016-17/90
Name of the Project : Construction of Permanent Bridge over Nyamjam Chu at Naamting under Lumla Sub-Division of Tawang Dist. Arunachal Pradesh (Span-60m).

Estimated cost : Rs. 9,70,00,000/- (Rupees nine crore seventy lakh only)

Completion period : 2 years (two years)

Maintenance period : 4 years (four years)

The complete BID document can be viewed/downloaded from official website www.arunachalpradesh.gov.in of Arunachal Pradesh Public Works Department (APPWD). Bids must be submitted on or before 20/09/2017 (1200 hours IST). Bids received online shall be opened on 20/09/2017 (1200 hours IST).

Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Specification and Technical Evaluation Agreement (T.E.A.G) shall be submitted by the bidder on or before 20/09/2017 (at 1100 hours IST). Please note that the Executive Engineer, Lumla Division, PWD, AP/ Superintendent, Engineering, Tawang Circle, PWD, AP, Tawang, reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Lumla Division, PWD, AP, Lumla
Email: lumlapwd@gmail.com



ASHA workers taking out a protest rally in support of various demands, at Sonari in Charaideo on Wednesday. - UB Photos

First govt model college inaugurated in Bongaigaon

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, Aug 30: State Education, Health and Finance Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Wednesday inaugurated the first government model college – Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsh-Mahavidyalaya – at Tulgung in Bongaigaon district.

Already 85 students in BCom first semester and 75 students in Higher Secondary Commerce first year took admissions in the college which has 300 seats (150 each for

degree and higher secondary section).

There are 16 residential quarters for teaching staff, quarters for grade-iii and grade-iv employees and a girls' hostel with 60 seats in the college. However, two quarters have been kept for cleaning workers in the college campus.

The minister inaugurated the college before planting a gooseberry seedling in front of it.

In his address, the minister said that the students of this area would get opportunity to

study commerce subjects up to degree level here.

Bongaigaon Refinery has already ready promises to offer furniture, air-cooler and books in the library, said GC Sikdar, Chief General Manager in charge of the refinery.

Legislators Ananya Malo (Abhayapuri South), Ashwin Ray Sarkar (Golakganj), Ashok Singh (Bilaspur east), Deputy Commissioner Biswajit Pegu and top officials of higher education department were present in the inaugural ceremony.

Man held in dowry death case

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Aug 30: Anjan Roy, husband of 28-year-old Ruma Roy, a resident of Nadirpari village in Bihara under Katigonra constituency of Cachar district was booked by police on charges of a dowry death case.

It may be mentioned that Senthulina Roy, father of the deceased, filed an FIR at Bihara Police Station alleging that in-laws of his daughter exerted pressure upon the deceased for meeting the demands of dowry.

The police recovered the body of Ruma Roy under mysterious condition on Monday.

Schoolchildren donate Rs 10,000

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Aug 30: Students of Kokrajhar Sankardev Sahitya Vidyaniketan recently donated Rs 10,000 to the BTC relief fund for the flood victims in the region.

The amount was handed over to the BTC Chief, Hagrama Mohiyar, in a ceremony held at the BTC Secretariat in Kokrajhar. BTC Chief Hagrama Mohiyar expressed gratitude to all the students of Kokrajhar Sankardev Sahitya Vidyaniketan who had contributed donations to BTC relief fund for the flood victims.

Pensioners donate

Rs 30,000

BUREAU

DIBURUGARH, Aug 30: Namrata Sharma, a minor girl of Sasoni Anguri and a student of St Mary's School, Naharkatia, reportedly committed suicide by jumping into the Burhi Dihing river from Gabhor Dolong while returning home from school on Tuesday evening.

The Naharkatia Circle Officer, Bikram Chetri, along with a police team, rushed to the spot and ordered a search operation. "The SDRF personnel conducted the search operation the whole day. But the body of the girl could not be traced," the Circle Officer told *The Assam Tribune*.

It is learned that the minor girl was reprimanded by the school authorities for her objectionable behaviour in the school. She was a student of Class VII. The police are investigating the case.

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh visits flood-hit Lakhimpur

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, Aug 30: Rajya Sabha MP from Assam Sanjaya Singh of the Congress visited the flood-affected areas of Lakhimpur on Monday. The felicitation function was organised by Lakhimpur District Inclusive Education Department for Children with Special Needs of Lakhimpur. Dr Ashraful Amin, attending the function as the chief guest, the Superintendent of North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital, Dr Hemanta Kumar Dutta; and Inspector of Schools of North Lakhimpur Kanakeswar Deka; also attended the function as the invited guests. As many as 16 differentially-abled students were felicitated in the function.

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Minor girl commits suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBURUGARH, Aug 30: Namrata Sharma, a minor girl of Sasoni Anguri and a student of St Mary's School, Naharkatia, reportedly committed suicide by jumping into the Burhi Dihing river from Gabhor Dolong while returning home from school on Tuesday evening.

The Naharkatia Circle Officer, Bikram Chetri, along with a police team, rushed to the spot and ordered a search operation. "The SDRF personnel conducted the search operation the whole day. But the body of the girl could not be traced," the Circle Officer told *The Assam Tribune*.

It is learned that the minor girl was reprimanded by the school authorities for her objectionable behaviour in the school. She was a student of Class VII. The police are investigating the case.

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All State capitals to be connected to Delhi by rail: Rajen Gohain

UMIAM (Meghalaya), Aug 30: Union Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain today said the Centre has fixed a target to connect all State capitals to Delhi by rail to help farmers sell their produce.

"We have already fixed the target to connect all State capitals to Delhi through rail," Gohain said, while addressing a programme at ICAR-NER here.

"It (railways) will not only help in intercommunication but will also help the farming community to export their produce to different parts of the country and fetch them high income."

According to the Union Minister, Railways will also help in bringing visitors to Meghalaya and its people stand to benefit

from the tourist inflow.

"Not only will the rail bring in tourists, the cost of importing and exporting materials in the State will go down by using the goods train services," he said in opposition to railways in the State on the grounds that it would cause influx of immigrants into the tribal State.

Criticising the Congress Government in the State, Gohain said, "Meghalaya Government has not taken interest in railways. I don't understand why they have kept the project halted."

A new government will be in place in the State in 2018 and will take forward the railway connectivity work and work for land acquisition, he said. "Because land acquisition was not done, the project has come to a standstill," he added.

Earlier, Gohain reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement saying that focus on a second green revolution in the North East should be through organic farming.

He said the ICAR has initiated different programmes for doubling the farmer's income in the next five years by 2022 on a pilot basis in their adopted villages.

"The abundance of natural resources, congenital climatic conditions and a large number of educated youths make the region suitable for India's second Green Revolution," he said.

He said, the North East continues to buy foodgrains but its demand-supply gap has narrowed down in the last decade. - PTI



Joint Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs M Subbarayudu on a visit to Tripura to discuss the Indo-Bangla Railway project, in Agartala, on Wednesday. - UB Photos

Indo-Bangla rail project likely to be completed next year

PRABIR SIL

AGARTALA, Aug 30: The 15-km Indo-Bangla railway project connecting Agartala with Gangasagar (Bangladesh) will be commissioned by the end of next year.

The decision to commission the ambitious project by December 2018, was taken at a meeting of Indo-Bangla Joint Steering Committee comprising officials from both sides that ended in Dibrugarh yesterday.

In the meeting, it was informed that laying of dual-gauge has already been completed from Aksauna to Laxum (Bangladesh) so that the Indian Railway can operate service without any hindrance.

In the meeting, it was shared that the survey for the railway connectivity between Belonia (South Tripura) to Feni in Bangladesh has been initiated.

Secretary of Bangladesh Railways and Assistant Secretary of Bangladesh Railways Minister joined the meeting.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in December this year.

After the meeting, a team of the Indian delegation led by Joint Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs M Subbarayudu visited Nishnupur area, entry point of Indo-Bangla border and Agartala railway station. They also inspected the alignment of the proposed rail link - 5 km in Indian part and 10 km in Bangladeshi side.

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The centre has assigned Central public sector undertaking IRCON to execute the railway track laying works across 15-km distance in both sides of the border and DoNER has already released Rs 97 crore to expedite land acquisition process, a vital preliminary work of the project.

116 sportspersons awarded

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Aug 30: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu gave away cash prizes to 116 sportspersons

from the State who have won laurels representing Arunachal in their respective disciplines in various tournaments held during the last few years.

A State Government initiative, cash incentives are given to deserving sportspersons on

the occasion of National Sports Day celebrated across the country on August 29 every year.

Weightlifter Jumana Deru walked away with an incentive of Rs 16,5 lakh for his exploits – the highest amongst all sportspersons. Last December, Deru had created a new national record in clean and jerk event in men's 62 kg category with a lift of 153 kg to secure gold in the Senior National Weightlifting Championships.

Mizoram parliamentary secretaries resign en masse

ZODIN SANGA

and president of State Pradesh Congress Lal Thanhawla has made it clear.

The order issued by MPCC president Lal Thanhawla, has appointed the seven Parliamentary Secretaries, along with two other Congress MLAs, as general secretaries of the party. Their designations were stated as MLAs, and not Parliamentary Secretaries.

It is noted that Mizoram Parliamentary Secretaries are the first among the NE States' Parliamentary Secretaries to resign after the Supreme Court's order of July 20 that held unconstitutional The Assam Parliamentary Secretaries (Appointment, Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004 enacted by Assam Government in 2004 that allowed appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries equivalent to the rank of Minister of State.

A source from Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee said the Parliamentary Secretaries – KS Thanga, Lt Col ZS Zuala (rttd), HZ Zothanglana, Jitam Lalimpuia, TT Zothansanga, K Lalrithang and Hmingdawla Khangte – tendered their resignation to Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla.

The source informed that the Parliamentary Secretaries resigned at the instruction of the Chief Minister himself.

Even though the resignation of Parliamentary Secretaries is yet to be made official, an order issued by Chief Minister

The SC ruling, however, does not have any bearing on the present BJP Govern-

AAPSU against Tibetan rehab policy

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Aug 30: Reiterating its strong opposition to the State Government's move to adopt and extend Centre's Tibetan Rehabilitation Policy 2014 in the State, the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union today urged the Government to rethink on the issue as the Cabinet while taking the decision has not taken into account the aspirations, opinions and sentiments of the indigenous people of the State.

When the whole State is facing problematic situation because of the vexed refugee issue and no concrete solution has been visualised, such 'hasty' decision is unwelcome, said AAPSU in a press state-

ment here, adding that the State Government should have taken the views from various sections of the people, including NGOs, students community before taking such sensitive policy decision.

The AAPSU stated that Arunachal Pradesh is strategically a sensitive State. The implementation of the policy in States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Karnataka cannot be equated with that of Arunachal Pradesh which is a restricted State.

It opined that the implementation of the policy in the State will have adverse impact on its demography and livelihood of the indigenous populace, besides violating the rights of the indigenous people of the State.

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PM likely to visit Tripura

AGARTALA, Aug 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Tripura during the last part of October. His visit assumes significance as the State is heading for Assembly elections next year.

State BJP president Biplob Dab on Wednesday said that the date for his visit will be finalised sometime after October 20 and asked the booth-level party workers to activate themselves so that the Prime Minister can go back with a happy mood.

Dab was addressing a meeting of the booth-level party workers of Stellar sub-division in Town Hall here. He stressed the need for proper execution of the party's mass contact programme when the workers will meet every single voter and spread the Prime Minister's message.

As per the micro-management programme the BJP work-

ers are now distributing 'feedback forms' to each household where the voters will write the problems they are facing and what they expect from a Government. - Correspondent

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EXTENSION OF DATE

The last date for submission of tender for design and decoration both interior and exterior of Assam Pavilion for ITF, 2017, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, invited vide No. C1/C/V251/2017/3 dated 18.8.2017 has been extended till 18.9.2017 in view of fresh instructions received from ITPO. The details has been uploaded in www.assamtenders.gov.in vide corrigendum No. C1/C/V251/2017/28 dated 29.8.2017.

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Re-Procurement Notice

The Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Assam on behalf of Governor of Assam invites the tenders in electronic bidding system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sakha Yojana, 2016-17, Batch-2, in the districts of Cachar, Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Jorhat, Kamrup, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Morigaon, Nagaon, Sivasagar, Bongaigaon and Baksa of 61 number of panchayats situated on the stretch of 1610.63 Km. Construction period is for two years, from the eligible contractors registered with Public Works Department (PWD), Assam. (Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract)

Date of release of invitation for bids through e-procurement: 09/09/2017.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <http://ppgsyndesirassam.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidder are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft for the cost of bid document and stamp in the application form, (b) original form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati - 781003, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bid will be rejected. Last Date for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 12/09/2017, 1000 hours. For further details please log on to <http://ppgsyndesirassam.gov.in>

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Assam
Chandmari, Guwahati-781003

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Udaguri

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ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ADVT NO. 09/2017

No. 136/PC/Estt.-4/2007-08
Assam Public Service Commission invites application from Indian Citizens as defined in Articles 5 to 8 of the Constitution of India having registration in Employment Exchange in the State of Assam for the under-mentioned posts in the office of the Assam Public Service Commission in the scale of pay as indicated below and carrying usual allowances as admissible under Rules of Service.

- (i) Name of the Post: Programming (Class-I)
(ii) Number of Post : 01(One) no.

Name of the Post /Service	Open Category		CBOCMOB		SC		STP		STH		Total		Post Reserved for PWD & Type Disability
	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	
Programmer	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	0	Nil
(i) Scale of Pay: Rs. 30000/- to Rs. 110000/- with Grade Pay of Rs. 12700/- PM Plus other allowances as per rules of the Govt.													
(ii) Age: 21 years to 43 years as on 01/01/2017 as per Govt. OM No. ABP 06/2016/04 dated 03-03-2016. The upper age limit is relaxable in case of SC/ST/PWD candidates as specified by the Govt. in accordance with the Acts, Rules and orders of the Govt. in force.													

Or
B.E/B.Tech from a recognized University in Computer Science with at least 1(One) year experience in software development.

2. (i) Name of the Post: Asstt. Programmer (Class-II)
(ii) Number of Post : 01(One) no.

Name of the Post /Service	Open Category		CBOCMOB		SC		STP		STH		Total		Post Reserved for PWD & Type Disability
	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	Total	RW	
Asstt. Programmer	01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	0	Nil
(i) Scale of Pay: Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 87000/- with Grade Pay of Rs.11500/- PM Plus other allowances as per rules of the Govt.													
(ii) Age: 21 years to 43 years as on 01/01/2017 as per Govt. OM No. ABP 06/2016/04 dated 03-03-2016. The upper age limit is relaxable in case of SC/ST/PWD candidates as specified by the Govt. in accordance with the Acts, Rules and orders of the Govt. in force.													
(iii) Qualification: B.E/B.Tech in Computer Science or Degree in Computer Applications from a recognized University.													

HOW TO APPLY

- The name of the post applied for should be clearly written in "bold letters" in the Envelope containing the application form and a should be addressed to the Secretary, APSC.

b. Application form may be obtained by downloading the same from the APSC's website www.apsc.nic.in.

c. Candidates who apply for different posts appearing in this advertisement must submit separate set of testimonials.

d. The last date of receiving duly filled up application form in the Commission's office is fixed on 22-09-2017 during office hours.

e. Applications (including applications received through post) received after the last date fixed for receipt shall not be entertained. Only applications which are signed by the candidates and accompanied by all particulars as called for in the application form prescribed by the Commission only shall be considered and candidates fulfilling all the terms of the advertisement of the respective posts shall be called for a Screening test /Viva-voce interview wherever necessary as decided by the Commission.

f. All candidates, whether in Government Service or in Government owned undertaking or other similar organizations/Corporations/boards/ or in private employment may intimate their controlling authority instead of routing it through the same.

However, the fact of the intimation may be appraised to the Commission by the candidate.

g. The Commission shall in no way be responsible in the event of any candidate after appointment is not released by the concerned authority to enable him/her to join the new post.

HOW TO FILL UP THE FORM

- Applicants must affix 1(One) copy of recent photograph on the space provided in the application form firmly with good quality/good adhesive and also should enclose another copy along with the application. The photograph must be signed prominently. The Commission shall not be responsible for detachment/ loss of the photograph.

b. Since the practice of furnishing attested copies of certificates/mark sheets etc. by competent authority has been discontinued by the Govt., the applicant shall furnish copies of certificate/mark sheet etc. declared by himself/herself as certified to be true copy of the original along with the application.

c. In case of detection of any false declaration /statement made by any applicant, his/her application will be rejected and will also be liable for punishment of imprisonment of not less than six months and fine of not less than Rs. 10,000/-.

d. Certificate of Employment Registration Certificate / Experience Certificate (where necessary) should be furnished invariably and should be sealed properly without any chance of getting lost during transit. The Commission will not be responsible for any such loss due to improper sealing.

e. Incomplete application in terms of the Advertisement will be summarily rejected. No documents will be entertained after the last date of submission of application.

WRITTEN TEST / INTERVIEW:

If the number of applications received is large, the

i. Commission may short-list the number of candidates either on the basis of their marks obtained in the qualifying academic examination required for the post in terms of advertisement.

OR

ii. By holding Screening test (Multiple choice objective type examination) which will be notified in due course.

The list of candidates whose applications are found valid or rejected after scrutiny will be made available in the Assam Public Service Commission's website (www.apsc.nic.in) showing grounds of rejections in due course.

Sd/- Secretary

Assam Public Service Commission

Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

CAPSULE**Sindhu Bridgestone brand ambassador**

HYDERABAD, Aug 30: Tyre major Bridgestone India today announced ace badminton player and Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu as its first brand ambassador. As part of a three-year agreement, Sindhu will be included in Bridgestone's active marketing across its Worldwide Olympic Partnership, said Franco Arunizto, Senior VP and Executive Officer, Bridgestone Corporation, in a press conference here today. — PTI

Wipro share buyback

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: India's third largest software services firm Wipro today said its shareholders have approved the company's Rs 11,000-crore buyback proposal. The Bengaluru-based company has fixed September 15 as the record date for the buyback offer. — PTI

Bird Group

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Aviation industry major Bird Group today said that it has expressed its interest in buying India's ground handling subsidiary. "We have sent a letter to the Ministry of Civil Aviation evincing our interest in buying the Air India Air Transport Services Ltd (AIATSL)," an authorised spokesperson of the company told IANS.

Zorba yoga studio

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: Zorba - A Renaissance Studio, country's largest chain of yoga studios, opened its centre at Ulubari here recently. Equipped with state-of-the-art interiors, the yoga studio will offer training on 25 forms of yoga under expert yoga teachers. Besides, innovative yoga accessories will also be available for yoga learners at the studio, a press release said here.

HDFC branch

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: HDFC Ltd, India's premier housing finance company, today opened a new office in Silchar. HDFC's fourth office in Assam, the Silchar branch will help the company cater to the needs of the customers spread across this Barak Valley town and adjoining areas in a better way, a press release said here.



Minister of State for Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare and Panchayati Raj Parshotam Rupala handing over power tillers to farmers at ICAR premises on the outskirts of Shillong on Wednesday. — UB Photos

Cabinet nod to raising cess on luxury cars**Hike in cess on luxury cars to impact growth: Auto cos**

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: The Union Cabinet approved an ordinance to raise the ceiling on GST cess for luxury vehicles and SUVs from the current 15 per cent to 25 per cent. This can lead to a hike in prices of high-end cars.

Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said it was decided to recommend to President Ram Nath Kovind to promulgate an ordinance in this regard. The decision on raising the cess on luxury cars would be taken by the GST Council, he added.

In explaining the rationale, Jaitley said that pursuant to the implementation of GST, the price of luxury vehicles had substantially come down.

"Objective of any taxation policy can't be that luxury goods become cheaper. Relief has to

be given to a common man's item and not a luxury item," he said.

Currently, the luxury cars and sports utility vehicles (SUVs) are taxed at 28 per cent under GST along with VAT, which will adversely impact growth of the segment.

They also criticised the government's "hurry to implement the hike in cess," saying a review could have been taken after six months when impact of GST would have been clearer.

The ordinance is only an enabling law so that car manufacturers can increase the cess on luxury vehicles can be increased to 25 per cent.

"This doesn't mean that cess will automatically increase. The GST Council, whenever it meets, is entitled to take a decision if it wishes to increase the cess within the cap," he said.

In relation to certain products like cigarettes, tobacco and luxury vehicles, a cess was permitted under the GST, which goes into a compensation pool, from which any state that loses revenue in first five years would be compensated. — IANS

Benz India MD & CEO Roland Folger said in a statement.

The automotive segment has not even started to see the effect of the marginal relief in terms of rationalisation of taxes in the GST regime, he added.

Expressing similar views, Audi India Head Rahil Ansari said, "The taxes on this industry are already very high and this increase in cess rate will be detrimental to the luxury car industry as we will be forced to hike our prices to levels higher than pre-GST period."

Jaguar Land Rover India Ltd President and Managing Director Rohit Suri said reduced prices after GST implementation had helped in expanding the market, which had been declining because of high taxation. — PTI

To the requirement of creating a sustained demand for the luxury cars in this market, would rather affect the growth momentum adversely," Mercedes-Benz India MD & CEO Roland Folger said in a statement.

The Cabinet today approved promulgation of an ordinance to amend the GST compensation law to pave the way for increasing cess on mid and large cars to 25 per cent, from 15 per cent.

"This decision, contradictory to the requirement of creating a sustained demand for the luxury cars in this market, would rather affect the growth momentum adversely," Mercedes-Benz India MD & CEO Roland Folger said in a statement.

In the meantime, respective respondents may file a reply within a week and rejoiner a week thereof," the tribunal said.

NCLAT had last week asked both the parties to decide by today whether they would consider settling the dispute on their own or not. — PTI

McDonald's rules out settlement with Bakshi

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: US-based fast food major McDonald's today ruled out any settlement with its estranged Indian partner Vikram Bakshi for north and east regions before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

Subsequently, the NCLAT issued notices to both the parties over their cross petitions directing them to

file replies, and posted the matter for the next hearing on September 21.

"Without going into the merit, we find that there is no chance of any settlement," observed NCLAT Chairman Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya.

NCLAT was hearing the

appeals filed by McDonald's and Vikram Bakshi against each other.

In the meantime, respective respondents may file a reply within a week and rejoiner a week thereof," the tribunal said.

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NCLAT issues notices to both parties**ARENA chain to sell mass market models****Maruti takes up rebranding to woo tech-savvy customers**

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: The country's largest car-maker Maruti Suzuki today announced rebranding of its retail network across India, seeking to leverage on digital technology to keep pace with the changing preferences of its modern customer.

The company's showrooms selling mass market models will now operate under Maruti Suzuki ARENA chain. It currently sells premium products under the Nexa retail chain.

Maruti Suzuki ARENA is a part of the company's "Transformation 2.0" initiative," Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said.

Emphasising on role of digital technology, he said it "makes it possible for us to offer more convenience, more information, enhanced transparency and better service to our customers". — PTI

Security of customer data a key priority: Lenovo

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Chinese tech giant Lenovo, which sells handsets under 'Lenovo' and 'Motorola' brands, has sent a detailed response to the government outlining the measures taken by it to ensure data security for its customers.

The company – which termed security of customer data as a "key priority" – was among over 30 smartphone manufacturers that Ministry of IT and Electronics had written to on August 12, seeking details of safeguards adopted by them to protect customer data.

"Yes, we have already responded. Security and safety is a key priority for us. We work with governments as needed and comply with local regulations in all the markets we operate in," Lenovo India Mobile Business Group (MBG) Country Head Sudhin Mathur told PTI.

GST will also impact direct tax collection: Jaitley

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today said that the goods and services tax (GST) is bound to impact the direct tax collection as well due to the increased detection technology and greater compliance.

"To claim input tax credit under GST, people need to disclose their volume of transactions. There is bound to be a corresponding impact on direct tax," Jaitley said here during the launch of a book titled *Concise Commentary on Income Tax* published by Wolters Kluwer.

"Therefore, the impact of GST will not only be on indirect taxes but also due to the efficient system, on direct tax. The possibility of tax detection is very high because of technology," he said.

The Finance Minister said that even before GST was rolled out, the impact of demonetisation has expanded the number of assesses under his personal income tax.

Hinging at strict tax compliance measures ahead under GST, he said that currently there is "voluntary compliance" but queries will be raised for those whose vouchers don't match when the actual process begins down the line.

"Currently the experiment is on for 1-2 months. The system is capable of throwing alerts where evasion takes place," he said.

However, the honest taxpayer need not worry, he added.

"There is need for greater compliance for which the use of technology should be increased, physical contact between assessees and the tax authority needs to be reduced, but we also need to carry the stick if someone evades law," Jaitley noted.

"It is about time that Indians revisit their attitude towards taxation. Indian normal (temperance) way is that how can we avoid it (tax). In the last 2-3 years what has happened has come as rude shock for many," he said.

Referring to the tightening of tax laws for greater compliance, he said that the government did give the opportunity to the people to declare their black money. The treaty provisions which facilitated "round-tripping" were rewritten with countries like Mauritius, he said.

The 1988 Benami law was changed. "Indian chartered accountants earlier suggested their client means to channelise money to avoid taxes. The standard operating procedure has been smashed and the Benami Act has come into force."

The next stage is where the government is trying to avoid anonymity attached to cash, he said.

"We need to reduce the quantum of cash because it provides catalysing effect to corruption and tax evasion," the minister noted. — IANS

Tender No.267 of 2016-17

PRESS NOTICE

The Addl. Chief Engineer-cum-Director, PWD, BTC, Kokrajhar invites bids for 05 (Five) nos of work under **Udalguri Rural Roads Division** under AOP/SOPD fund in B.T.C., Kokrajhar, total bid amount of Rs.30,75,806.00 (Rupees Three Crore Seven Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Six) only from the registered contractors of Class-I(A, B & C) & Class-II, category of Assam PWD (Roads)/BTC.

Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Addl. Chief Engineer, Cum Director, PWD, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

IIPR(BTC)-322/2017

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing a non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight & paise twenty five only) with a validity period of 180 days, which will subsequently be converted and drawn up in the printed F-2 form are invited from the registered contractors of P.W.D. Class-I(A,B&C) & Class-II (Building) category according to their eligibility for submitting tenders for the work stated below. The tenders will be received by the undersigned up to **2.00 P.M. on 06.09.2017** and will be opened on the same date & place at 2.15 PM.

Name of work	Estimated Amount (Approx.)	Category of contractor	BD/BC Amount	Time of Completion
Construction of Cultural Open Stage at Singimari Village near Nam Ghora Pahar under No.40 Rowta Constituency under Cultural Deptt. BOP in Udalguri District.	Rs.9,90,04.00	Class-II(A,B&C) & Class-II	500/-	4 (Four) months
34 15665 Up B.G. Express	GHY	DMV	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
35 15603 Up Leda Intercity	GHY	LEDO	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
36 15605 Up DBRG Intercity	GHY	DBRG	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
37 15250 Dn LTAC Exp	KYQ	LTT	Th	FWLRRM
38 15615 On Dekarghat Intercity	KYQ	DKGW	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
39 15772 Dn KYO+POU Intercity	KYQ	APDJ	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
40 55612 Dn KYO+DBB Fast Passenger	KYQ	DBB	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
41 55601 Up KYO+LGA Passenger	GCL	GHY	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
42 55616 On SCL-GH Fast Passenger	GCL	GHY	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
43 15613 On Lachit Express	KYQ	MZS	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
44 15720 Dn Xpress	GHY	W. Sa	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
45 15770 Dn YPR Intercity	KYQ	YPR	Daily	FWLRRM
46 25058 Dn SCL Kanchanapura Express	SCL	SDAH	M, W, F	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
47 15601 Dn SCL P.S.K Express	SCL	NDSL	M	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
48 15660 Dn AGTL Kanchanapura Express	AGTL	SDAH	Tu, Sa	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
49 14919 Dn Sambadri Express	AGTL	ANVT	Th	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
50 55664 SCL-AGTL Passenger	SCL	AGTL	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
51 55663 AGTL-SCL Passenger	SCL	AGTL	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
52 15655 Dn Katha Express	KYQ	SVDK	Su	FWLRRM
53 15657 SCL-BHRB Passenger	SCL	BHRB	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
54 15660 BHR-BCL Passenger	SCL	BCL	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
55 15665 SCL-IRBM Passenger	SCL	IRBM	M, F	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
56 15666 SCL-IRBM-Pasenger	SCL	IRBM	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
57 55675 AGTL-DMR Passenger	AGTL	DMR	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
58 55676 DMR-AGTL Passenger	DMR	AGTL	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
59 55677 SCL-DMR Passenger	SCL	DMR	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
60 55678 BHR-SCL Passenger	SCL	DMR	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
61 55666 IRBM-SCL-Pasenger	IRBM	SCL	M, F	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
62 55680 DMR-AGTL-Pasenger	DMR	AGTL	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
63 55602 Manas River Passenger	GHY	NBQ	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
64 55804 GHY-NBO Passenger	GHY	NBQ	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I
65 55810 GHY-NBO Passenger	GHY	NBQ	Daily	FSLR-I, FSLR-II & RSLRD-I

N.B: Earnest Money Deposit for each 3,9, 04 & 05 tonnes compartment mentioned in Sn.1 to Sn.65 is Re. 1, 00,00/- (Rupees One Lac only).

Tender forms can be obtained from the office of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Luming, Assistant Commercial Manager, Guwahati and Area Office, Barpeta, N.F. Railway during office hours from 10:00 hrs. of 30-08-2017 to 10:00 hrs. of 04-09-2017. Tender can be submitted in the Tender Box kept at the offices of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Luming, Assistant Commercial Manager, Guwahati and Area Office, Barpeta, N.F. Railway from 10:00 hrs. of 30-08-2017 up to 13:00 hrs. of 04-09-2017 and will be opened at 11:00 hrs. of 06-09-2017 at Senior Divisional Commercial Manager's office, Luming. Tender documents will also be available in Railways website www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in.

Fr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Luming

NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Worried by accidents, railway panel bats for more power to DRMs

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Taking stock of the series of derailments this month, the draft report of a committee set up by Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu recommends that Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) be more empowered to take decisions, particularly in emergencies.

The committee, "Making Divisions as Strategic Business Units", was constituted by Prabhu in June to finalise a process by which more financial and executive powers are delegated to DRMs so they are able to handle day-to-day operations more effectively.

It is expected to submit its final report to the minister next month, a senior official told PTI.

A DRM heads the organisation at the division level and is primarily involved with the running of trains, customer interface and maintenance of railway assets.

According to the draft report, DRMs should be fully empowered to grant blocks – stopping or diverting trains till work on the tracks is over – for up to three hours. "No questions should be asked on regulation of trains for maintenance blocks," the committee has recommended.

The three-hour time frame has been suggested, sources said, to ensure that the block does not effect running of trains on other connected divisions.

The suggestion from the committee headed by Director General, Personnel, comes days after the Kalinga Utkal Express derailment in Khatauli in Uttar Pradesh on August 19 in which 23 people were killed. The DRM of the Delhi Division was among those sent on leave.

"The committee is working to enable DRMs to concentrate more on safety, customer satisfaction, transportation business, customer

interface, generation of revenue, operation and maintenance of assets.

"We are also working to see that they are relieved of procedural rigmaroles," an official in the ministry said. The committee has suggested in its draft report that full flexibility be given to DRMs to utilise their revenue grant across 'minor head' and 'primary head' within the overall spending limit given to the division. It has also recommended that DRMs should have the power to make emergency procurements so that safety related issues are addressed quickly. – PTI

SHORT SALE NOTICE

Sealed tenders affixing Court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and Paisa twenty five only) are only invited and will be received upto 3 PM (I.S.T.) on 07.09.2017 in the office of the undersigned and the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for sale of timber lots under Jorhat Division. If the office does not function on the date of receiving tender for any reason the next date will be fixed for receiving the tender.

The details of the timber lots and other terms and conditions are available in the sale notice which can be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day on payment of Rs. 100/- (hundred) only per sale notice and Rs. 5/- (five) only per Tender Form which is not refundable.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer
Jorhat Division, Jorhat.

RESTORATION OF TRAIN SERVICES

In view of the track between Kumudpur - Khuruli (Dn line) and Sughnali & Hita (Up line), the service of the following express passenger trains will be started from the date as mentioned below :-

SN	Train No.	From	To	With effect from
1	12423 Rajdhani Express	Dibrugarh Town	New Delhi	02-09-2017
2	12424 Rajdhani Express	New Delhi	Dibrugarh	02-09-2017
3	15950 Kamrup Express	Dibrugarh	Howrah	02-09-2017
4	15959 Kamrup Express	Guwahati	03-09-2017	
5	12505 North East Express	Anand Vihar Terminal	04-09-2017	
6	12506 North East Express	Anand Vihar Terminal	04-09-2017	
7	13146 Radhikapur - Kolkata Express	Radhikapur	Kolkata	03-09-2017
8	13145 Kolkata - Radhikapur Express	Kolkata	Radhikapur	02-09-2017

General Manager (Operations)
Sd/-
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Decision to remove me as RS leader unconstitutional: Sharad

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: Rebel JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav has questioned his party's decision to remove him as its parliamentary party leader in the Rajya Sabha, saying it was against its constitution and that majority of party members are with him.

Yadav today released his rejoinder, which was also sent to Raja Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar who have abandoned JD(U)'s basic principles and have voluntarily given up its membership, Yadav said.

"It appears that driven by pure political opportunism the faction led by Nitish Kumar has voluntarily left the membership of the Janata Dal (United)," he said.

Yadav noted that his faction had already moved the EBC

letter to me and the same is against the provisions of the party's constitution for which appropriate action is being proposed by its office-bearers...," Yadav has written.

It is not him, but Nitish and Kaushal Kumar who have abandoned JD(U)'s basic principles and have voluntarily given up its membership, Yadav said.

The JD(U) had replaced Yadav with Nitish Kumar confidant RCP Singh as its leader in the Rajya Sabha following the veteran leader's opposition to the alliance with the BJR - PTI

Quota: Certain PSU posts also come under OBC 'creamy layer'

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: The government today expanded the ambit of 'creamy layer' to include certain posts in PSUs and public sector financial institutions, thus barring these officials and their kin from claiming reservation benefits under the OBC category.

The Union Cabinet also approved excluding 'socially advanced persons/sections' from the purview of reservation under Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category.

The decision comes almost 23 years after a 1993 order of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) provided for 27 per cent quota for the OBCs in government vacancies and laid down criteria for defining 'creamy layer'.

This order merely said the criterion enumerated for Group A and Group B posts would apply to officers "holding equivalent and comparable posts" in the PSUs, banks and financial institutions.

Briefing reporters today about the decisions of the Union Cabinet, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said an approval was accorded to the norms for establishing equivalence of posts.

In PSUs, all executive level posts – board-level executives and managerial-level posts – would be treated as equivalent to group A posts in the government and will be considered 'creamy layer'. – PTI

ADVERTISEMENT

No. NHM/PROCRBS/K/3324/2016-17/3818 Date: 30/08/2017

Extension Notice

FOR EXTENSION OF BID SUBMISSION START AND END DATE & TENDER FOR ENTERING INTO RATE CONTRACT COCHLEAR IMPLANT DEVICE AND DIGITAL PROGRAMMABLE HEARING AID

This has reference to the e-tender No.: NHM/PROCRBS/K/3324/2017-18/10978 Date:10/08/2017 entering into rate contract for "Supply of Cochlear Implant Device and Digital Programmable Hearing Aid". The start and end date of submission has been extended as follows:

Sl.	Scheduled Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1	Bid Submission	14/09/2017	10:00 AM	19/09/2017 02:00 PM
2	Bid opening	19/09/2017 04:00 PM		

All other terms and conditions of the tender referred to above shall remain unchanged till further notice.

Sd/-
Mission Director NHM, Assam

AIADMK delegation meets Rajnath Singh

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: A delegation of AIADMK leaders today met Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in the backdrop of crucial political developments in Tamil Nadu.

AIADMK leader and Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker M Thambidurai, however, said the meeting was aimed at developing a cordial relationship with the Centre, and that the southern State's political affairs were not discussed with the Union Minister.

The party delegation had also met Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Arun Jaitley yesterday.

The move comes in the wake of recent merger of the two factions of AIADMK led by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Palanisami and O Panneerselvam (OPS) respectively.

"We are meeting the Union ministers to maintain a friendly relationship with the Centre and seek the pending funds and projects," Thambidurai, who headed the delegation, said. He maintained that there were no discussions on the political developments in the State. – PTI

Gujarat HC reserves verdict in Naroda Patiya riots case

AHMEDABAD, Aug 30: The Gujarat High Court today reserved its verdict on a batch of petitions challenging a special SIT court's order in the 2002 Naroda Patiya riots case of massacre of 97 people in which a former minister in the then Narendra Modi government was sentenced to 28 years in jail.

A division bench of the court comprising Justices Harsha Devani and AS Shejuhevi rejected the order after hearing the rival parties. It also heard the petition filed by the Special Investigation Team which had challenged the acquittal of 29 accused in the case by the SIT court on August 30, 2012.

Maya Kodhani, a senior BJP leader and former minister, was awarded 28 years imprisonment, while former Bharaj Dhal leader Babu Bajrangji was ordered to spend his entire life behind bars.

Kodhani's lawyer Hardik Dave said that the high court also reserved its order on her application seeking to summon BJP chief Amit Shah and seven others, including a former party MLA Amrish Patel, as additional witnesses. – PTI

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Dated 30/08/2017

Applications are invited from the intending eligible candidates who are citizens of India having Registration No. in Employment Exchange in the State of Assam for filling up of the vacancies as indicated below for persons with disability in (Special Recruitment Drive) as per Rule under Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam in the Standard Form of Application, as published in the Assam Gazette Part-II along with requisite mentioned below for filling up sanctioned vacant post of Grade-II.

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of vacancy	Reservation	Educational and other qualifications	Scale of Pay (Minimum)
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1.	Jr. Inspector/ Auditor (Coop). Handloom & Textiles, Assam	3 (three) Nos.	Person with Disability	A candidate must have Bachelor Degree (Art, Science, Commerce) from a recognized University or any examination declared equivalent by the Govt.	Rs. 14,000/- to 49,000/- + Grade pay Rs. 7,400/- in Pay Band-2
2.	Demonstrator, H & T	10 (ten)Nos.	-do-	A candidate should be H. S. L. C. or equivalent examination passed and 20 years of experience in Textile Processing, Textile Technology or Certificate Course from the Handloom Training Institutes of the Department of Handloom & Textiles, Assam	Rs. 14,000/- to 49,000/- + Grade Pay Rs. 6,200/- in Pay Band-2

Eligibility, requisites, procedures, terms & conditions etc.:

- Candidates must be Citizen of India within meaning of Article 5 to 8 of the Constitution of India.
- Candidates must not be of age less than 18 years and more than 43 years as on 1st January, 2017. However the upper age limit is relaxable by 5(ive) years in case of SC/ ST category of persons as per Govt. OM No. ABP/06/2016/04, dated 3rd March, 2016.
- Candidates applying for the above posts must possess the prescribed minimum qualification mentioned above.
- Candidates will have to appear for written test and viva at their own expenses if and when called for.
- Incomplete and wrongly filled application form will be rejected and no appeal and/or correction in that regard shall be entertained.
- The envelope containing the application should be clearly marked as "Application for the post ofCategory SC/ST/Caste etc."
- The application are to be submitted with the following requisites attached thereto:
 - One self addressed envelope of 5 cm x 11 cm affixing unused postal stamp of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five) only.
 - Attested copies of all certificates in support of Educational Qualification, Age, Caste etc.
 - Attested copy of persons with Disability Certificate issued by Competent Authority
 - 2 (two) copies of recent passport photographs signed and dated by the candidate on reverse side of those.
- Pension Scheme: "Government servants" baring the service of the State Govt. on or after 1st Feb '05 shall not be governed by the existing Assam Services (Pension) Rules, 1969 and others issued there under from time to time. So far as their pension and other retirement benefits are concerned, they will be governed by a new set of Pension Rules formulated in line with the Contributory Pension scheme announced by the Govt. of India via Finance Deptt. Circular No. BW3/2003/91-V/1 dated 25th January/05".
- No TA/DA shall be provided to the candidates for appearing the selection process.
- The applications are to be submitted to the undersigned.
- Any postal delay in the process of this matter shall not be a matter of responsibility of the undersigned.
- Canvassing directly or indirectly will be deemed to be appropriate ground for disqualification of the candidature.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept, modify or cancel the advertisement and to cancel or postpone written test/ interview without assigning any reason thereof.

Last date of submission of application to the undersigned is 25th September, 2017 .

Sd/- Director,
Handloom & Textiles, Assam,
Ambari, G.N.B. Road, Guwahati-1

Jansanyog/D/6990/17

Notice Inviting E-FOE

e-Floating of Enquiry (e-FOE) for supply, installation, commissioning, testing and after sales service of Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV)-Pump set system for irrigation purpose

No. Agri/Engg/FOE/4402/Pt. Solar Pump/2017-18/24 Date : 30-08-2017
Enquiry (e-FOE) inviting online bidding through e-procurement portal: <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. Details-FOE may be downloaded from the said portal or from the website of PWD, Sivasagar. Funded by ONCLG, Assam Asset, Sivasagar for the year 2017-18.

To participate interested bidder should have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the e-Procurement portal, <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. Details-FOE may be downloaded from the said portal or from the website of PWD, Sivasagar.

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SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, PWD, Jorhat Road Circle, Jorhat invites sealed Tender with a validity period 180 days from date of receipt of Tender in Form prescribed for subsequently to be drawn in 21 days of agreement affording a non-refundable Court Fee Stamp of Re. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and paise Five) only alongwith 2% Bid Security from the A.P.W.D. (Roads) Registered Contractor of Class-I (A, B, C) & Class-II for execution of the following works under PWD, Sivasagar Rural Road Division, Sivasagar. Funded by ONCLG, Assam Asset, Sivasagar for the year 2017-18.

No. XXVIII/648/ Name of Roads Approx. Value of works (in Rs.) Time of Completion Cost of Tender Papers (in Rs.) Bid Security % (Two percent)

1 Improvement of Road from Jyoti Bridge to NH-37 (From Ch. 00m to ch.400.00 m), L=0.40 Km under PWD, Sivasagar Rural Road Division, Sivasagar. Funded by ONCLG, Assam Asset, Sivasagar for the year 2017-18.

Rs. 42,63,550.00 120 days Rs. 60,000.00 Rs.65,000.00

2 Improvement of Road from Jyoti Bridge to NH-37 (From Ch. 00m to ch.400.00 m), L=0.60 Km under PWD, Sivasagar Rural Road Division, Sivasagar. Funded by ONCLG, Assam Asset, Sivasagar for the year 2017-18.

Rs. 62,85,215.00 120 days Rs.130,000.00 Rs.125,700.00

The tenders will be received by the undersigned till 02:00PM of 14th September/2017 and same will be opened on the same date at 2:30 PM.

The sealed tender paper should be in the form of Bank draft/Banker's Cheque of a Schedule Commercial Bank drawn in favour of Executive Engineer, PWD, Sivasagar Rural Road Division, Sivasagar.

Tender should be submitted through e-procurement portal.

Tenderer will be liable to pay the amount of tender in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions mentioned in the MOU signed between PWD & Public works department dated 23rd June/2017 & 16th June/2017.

(ii) Payment will be made by ONCLG Ltd. as per terms and conditions in the MOU.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.
Jorhat Road Circle, Jorhat.

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Online applications are invited from citizens of India as defined in the Constitution of India having Registration in Employment Exchanges in the State of Assam for recruitment to the post of Stenographer Grade.III (English and Language) for the Assam Secretariat, Government of Assam, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 in the Scale of Pay of PB(2) 14000-49000+ Grade Pay 7400/- plus other allowances as admissible under Rules.

Vacancies:

Total = 57
a) Stenographer Grade.III (English) = 32
b) Stenographer Grade.III (Language) = 25

The applicant shall have to clearly state in the application the post of Stenographers they are applying for specifying the language.

Reservation for Stenographer Grade.III:

Category English Language

i) ST (P) = 03 = 02

ii) ST (H) = 02 = 02

iii) ST = 03 = 01

iv) OBC/SC/OCBC = 13 = 10

v) Visually Impaired = 11 = 10

vi) PwD = 3% = 3%

vii) Reservation for Women = 30% = (in all categories)

viii) Reservation for Ex-Servicemen: 2% (in all categories).

Educational qualifications for Stenographer Grade.III:

(a) The minimum educational qualification of the candidates shall be a graduate in Arts, Science or Commerce from a University recognized by the State Government or a degree equivalent thereto and recognized by the Central Government.

(b) Candidates having National Trade Certificate in Stenography from ITI in Assam by the National Council for Vocational Trade after 1st August 1975 and Diploma in Stenography from Govt. recognized Polytechnic, Scanned Signature, Employment Registration Certificate, Caste Certificate (in case of reserved category candidates) and Certificate of Person with Disability (in case of PwD) issued by competent authority, Discharge Barmeri & Date of Birth (case of SC/ST) or Ex-Servicemen, Original copy of Matriculation, 10th and 12th certificate in case of candidates of BPL families. No other document i.e., the hard copy of the online application form, registration slip etc., are required to be sent to the Secretariat Administration (Gazetted Cell) Deptt.

Since the application shall have to be submitted online, the question of submission of applications through proper channel in case of the candidates already employed becomes redundant.

However such candidate shall inform their appropriate appointing authorities about submission of application in case of employment. The candidate who is already employed should note that the pre-requisite for accepting permission to appear in examination/join services on being selected by the Secretariat Administration (Gazetted Cell) Deptt. in due course of time shall rest upon the appropriate authority. The Secretariat Administration (Gazetted Cell) Department shall not be in any way responsible/accountable in the event of not acceding permission to appear in the examination/join service after selection.

Online form may be filled-up w.e.f. 04.09.2017 to Midnight of 06.10.2017 only. No application will be filled up after expiry of the given time as the link will be disabled.

In case of any technical difficulty in filling up the online application form, the candidate shall contact the concerned authority.

7 due to any unavoidable situation he/she submits another/multiple applications, he/she will ensure that the application with the higher Registration Number is completed in all respect which will be accepted.

Decision of the Secretariat Administration (Gazetted Cell) Deptt. as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.

CANVASING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SHALL DISQUALIFY A CANDIDATE.

No application form will be accepted in the Secretariat Administration (Gazetted Cell) Department.

No TA/DA is admissible for appearing in the Written Test/Screening Test.

Sd/- Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Secretariat Administration Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006

Jansanyog/D/6990/17

Consuming a diet low in fats and high in carbohydrates may increase the risk of early death, according to a major global study that contradicts dietary advice handed out for decades.

The findings, published in *The Lancet* journal, may explain why certain populations such

associated with lower stroke risk. Total fat and individual types of fat were not associated with risk of heart attacks or death due to cardiovascular disease, researchers said.

While the finding may appear surprising to some, they are consistent with several observational studies and randomised controlled trials conducted in Western countries during the last two decades, they said. The study questions the conventional beliefs about dietary fats and clinical outcomes, said Mahshid Dehghani, the lead author for the study.

"A decrease in fat intake automatically led to an increase in carbohydrate consumption and our findings may explain why certain populations such as South Asians, who do not consume much fat but eat a lot of carbohydrates, have higher mortality rates, researchers said.

The study on more than 135,000 people across five continents found that a diet which includes a moderate intake of fat and fruits and vegetables, and avoidance of high carbohydrates, is associated with lower risk of death.

The lowest risk of death was in those people who consume three to four servings (or a total of 375 to 500 grammes) of fruits, vegetables and legumes a day, researchers said.

The researchers from McMaster University and Hamilton Health Sciences in Canada asked people about their diet and followed them for an average of seven and half years.

The study on dietary fats found that they are not associated with major cardiovascular disease, but higher fat consumption was associated with lower mortality.

This was seen for all major types of fats (saturated fats, polyunsaturated fats and mono unsaturated fats), with saturated fats being

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Sri Lanka defends General accused of war crimes against LTTE

COLOMBO, Aug 30: The Sri Lankan government today came out in defence of a former Army Commander accused of committing war crimes during the brutal civil war against the LTTE, saying every death in the three-decade long conflict cannot be treated as a human rights abuse case.

Government spokesman Rajitha Senaratne said the government was prepared to probe any specific charges made against the military and Commander Jayasuriya.

Senaratne, who is also the Health Minister, said the accusations against Jayasuriya were of a general nature.

"Every death which occurred during the civil war could not be treated as a case of human rights abuse as we were conducting a war against terrorism," he added.

The Army spokesman Brigadier Roshan Seneviratne said the allegations were baseless.

The International Truth and Justice Project, a human rights group had filed



war crimes charges in Brazil and Colombia against Jayasuriya, who was the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Brazil.

He was also accredited to four more countries in the Latin American region.

The lawsuit filed in Brasilia and Bogota on Monday alleged that General Jayasuriya bore individual criminal responsibility as the Commander of units that committed repeated attacks on hospitals, acts of torture and sexual violence, enforced disappearances and extra-judicial killings.

Jayasuriya was commanding the Sri Lankan Army's Wanni brigade in the north of the country where conflict raged during the last phase of the war with the LTTE.

He later succeeded war winning commander Sarath Fonseka as the overall Army chief.

As recognition for their services towards ending the 30 years long armed conflict senior male military personnel were given plump diplomatic postings, including Jayasuriya who was appointed as Sri Lanka's ambassador to Brazil.

Sri Lanka faced UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolutions for alleged human rights abuses during the last phase of the conflict. Sri Lanka's human rights record, particularly over the impunity enjoyed by law enforcement officers, has been the subject of international condemnation.

The UNHRC demanded accountability mechanisms to probe rights abuses blamed on both the LTTE and the government forces that ended in 2009. —PTI

CORIGENDUM

In pursuance of the advertisement vide No.DRD-15/147/12/17, Dtd.14-08-2017 for the contractual post under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) published in the Daily News Papers on 15-08-2017 the following modification are made for information to all concerned:

- Applicants should be a permanent resident of Assam.
- Applicants should have proficiency in vernacular language of Assam i.e. Assamese, Bengali or Bodo.

Sd/- Joint Director,
O/o the Commissioner,
P&RD, Assam.

Jansanyog/D6867/17

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

No.SIRD-100/2017/23 Dated 29.08.2017
Sealed Tenders affixing non-refundable court fees of Rs.8.25 (Rupees Eight and paise twenty-five only), are invited from the manufacturer/authorized dealer/Supplier enlisted under P.W.D. for supply of branded steel Furniture for the Administrative Building of two District Panchayat Resource Centres of SIPRD, Assam. The Set of tender documents, eligibility criteria and other details may be obtained on written application to the Head of SIPRD, Assam and on payment of a sum of court fee of Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand) only by Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque during 4.09.2017 to 14.09.2017 at the office hours. The last date for receipt of sealed tenders is 18.09.2017.

Sd/- Director
Jansanyog/Cf1298/17
S.I.P.R.D :: Assam.

CORIGENDUM

Request for Qualification (RFQ) from Private Parties for setting up Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospitals in Assam through Public Private Partnership (PPP).

In pursuance of Govt. letter vide no. HLB_421/2017/73 dated 30th August, 2017, partial modification of earlier notice inviting RFQ vide no. AYUSH/H28/2017/7485 dated 18th August, 2017, are as follows.

1. The last date of submission of RFQ bid document is extended upto 2.00 PM of 15th September, 2017.

2. Net worth of Trust/Society = Sum of assets - Sum of all liabilities is added in the Appendix-5, B.

All other terms and condition of the RFQ document will remain same.

Sd/- For Director of AYUSH Assam,
Dispur, Guwahati-06

Jansanyog/C/3211/17



OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR
RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SIKSHA ABHIJAN, ASSAM

Kalijipur, Guwahati-781019

No: RMSA/Tele Education/835/2017/221

To-Tender Notice

This is a re-invitation to submit a proposal for implementing of Tele-Education through Classrooms in Government and Panchayati Schools across Assam in a phased manner through e-procurement system of Govt. of Assam i.e. <https://assamtenders.gov.in>

Detailed bid document may be seen at "<https://assamtenders.gov.in>" for eligible mode of work, tender terms and conditions etc. The tender document can be received by registered post at the address mentioned in Form 30-C/2017 to 10.00 AM on 14.00 PM and making payment of non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only in Demand Draft in favour of Mission Director, RMSA, Assam payable at Guwahati.

The tender is to be submitted online through the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Assam i.e. <https://assamtenders.gov.in> only or before 12.09.2017 at 14:00 hours.

Scope of Work:

Design, Installation, Operations & Management, Maintenance of the above works on turnkey basis.

Details of bidder:

- Earth Money Dealer (EMD)- INR 20,00,000
 - The bidder need to download from the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>
 - The form of contract will be a Rate Contract.
 - The details of scope of work and requirement areas provided in the tender document. The Proposal has to be submitted as described in the tender.
 - The tender shall have following components: (i)Eligibility Document, EMD & Tender fee (ii)Technical Bid & Commercial terms (iii) Financial Bid.
 - Bid Document Submission Date: 30.09.2017
 - Date/Timings of Submission of Bids: 12/09/2017 at 2.00 PM
 - Date of Opening of Bids: 12/09/2017 at 3.00 PM
- Those who have submitted the bid as per INT. No. RMSA/Tele Education/835/2017/204 dated 15/07/2017 need to submit again the tender fee and EMD in offline mode but they have to submit the tender along with Eligibility Document (EMD) and Tender fee Technical Bid & Commercial Terms/Financial bid in online mode at <https://assamtenders.gov.in>
- RMSA, Assam reserves the right to amend or cancel the Tender without assigning any notice or reason thereof. Moreover, in case of non-availability of sufficient bidder (or less than three bidder), authority has the right to take decision without prior notice.

Sd/- Mission Director,
RMSA, Assam

Jansanyog/C/1315/17

নগুওৰাসৌলৈ গোহাবি

নিবন্ধন,

বিজিতা ভামা, দেৱ, জাতি-কন্দামোৰ্ফি মিলন ক্ষেত্ৰ অসম মুদি। মহাশয়

ক্ষেত্ৰৰ শাখাপদেৱৰ আৰু মুণ্ডৰ নৰাণ্য ও জিলাৰ অভিযোগৰ পথে সম্পৰ্ক মিলন

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Hope and glory as Windies stun England

LEEDS, Aug 30: Shai Hope led the West Indies to a remarkable five-wicket victory over England in the second Test last night as he became the first batsman to score two hundreds in a first-class match at Headington.

The West Indies, set a seemingly impossible 322 for victory, finished on 322 for five with 28 balls to spare.

Hope, elegant through the off-

side and assured off his legs, was 118 not out following his first-innings 147.

Having not scored a hundred in any of his previous 11 Tests, the 23-year-old Barbados batsman had two in the one game.

Victory saw West Indies level the three-match series at 1-1 as they recorded their first Test win in England since 2000. It was all the more impressive given that

just over a week earlier they'd suffered an innings and 209-run defeat inside three days in the first Test at Edgbaston.

This was also, excluding fixtures against Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, just the West Indies' fourth Test win away from home in 88 matches spanning 20 years.

Together with opener Kraigg Brathwaite (95), Hope put on 144 after the pair had shared a stand

of 246 in the first innings, with Brathwaite making 134.

The West Indies responded on five without loss after England captain Joe Root had declared late on Monday with England 490 for eight in their second innings.

Only Australia, with 404 for three back in 1948, had made more to win in the fourth innings of a Headington Test.

James Anderson started Tuesday just three runs away from becoming the first England bowler to take 500 Test wickets.

Yet on a day of astonishing statistics, one of the more incredible was that Anderson won't rinkless while conceding 73 runs in 24 overs.

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England 1st Innings: 294
West Indies 1st Innings: 427
England 2nd Innings: 490-8 dec
West Indies 2nd Innings (overnight)
5-0, target 322: K Brathwaite c
Root b Anderson 95, K Powell c
Broad b Broad 0, S Heppell c sub
(Crane) b Woakes 30, J Blackwood c
Anderson b Ali 4, S Chanderpaul c
Root b Broad 0, D Sankar c
Ali b Broad 0, S Chanderpaul 16
Total: (5 wkt, 9.2 overs) 322. Fall
of wickets: 1-46, 2-53, 3-197, 4-246
Bowling: Anderson 24-6-73-5;
Broad 25-2-44-1; Sankar 5-0-25-0.
— AFP



Bangladesh celebrate after defeating Australia during day four of the 1st Test at the Shere Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, on Wednesday.



Shai Hope of the West Indies celebrates after winning the 2nd Test against England at Headington, on Tuesday.

Gibson leaves England to become SA coach

LONDON, Aug 30: Ottis Gibson has agreed to step down from his role as England bowling coach and become South Africa's new head coach, the England and Wales Cricket Board announced on Wednesday.

Gibson, who took up his current role in 2015, will leave after England's third and final Test against West Indies next week.

He succeeds Russell Domingo, whose contract with Cricket South Africa expired after South Africa's 3-1 Test series defeat in England earlier this month.

"I would like to place on record my thanks to Ottis Gibson for his services to English cricket," England's director of cricket Andrew Strauss said in a press release.

"Ottis has been an integral part of the England team in his two stints as bowling coach. His experience, tactical awareness and understanding of bowling in all conditions has benefited our approach and has helped our bowling unit develop greatly across all formats of the game."

"He is an ambitious man and when this opportunity presented itself, it was difficult for him to turn down. On behalf of the ECB, I would like to wish him every success in the next chapter of his career."

Gibson, 48, is in his second spell working with England's pacemen after four years as head coach of his native West Indies from 2010-14.

England head coach Trevor Bayliss said: "Ottis has played a vital role in our progress over the past few years."

"His knowledge of the international game and the way he has supported all our bowlers in their development has been immense," — AFP

Gaurav 'hooks' self doubts to win World medal

HAMBURG, Aug 30: Confidence bruised by near-misses and a nagging back injury – this is what Gaurav Biduri carried into the World Boxing Championships here before his career got a new lease of life as the lone medallist for India.

The 24-year-old was not even meant to be in the team till the second half of July which is when fortune smiled on him and he was handed a wildcard entry by the Asian Boxing Confederation (ABC).

"When I got to know that I have got a wildcard entry, I went around confirming it with every coach. I asked each one of them. I asked everyone

and only after each of them said that I have made it, I finally eased up a bit," the relieved was Gaurav spoke to PTI during an interview after the bout.

The Delhi boxer has never been and still has not travelled to Indian circuit and has been prone to making quarterfinal exits in almost every tournament he was picked for.

The most recent of these quarterfinal exits happened in the Asian Championships in Tashkent earlier this year, where he twice missed the chance to qualify directly for the world showpiece event.

"I have nearly always lost in the

quarterfinal stage of every tournament that I have competed in. Here also, once I reached quarters, I was having these negative thoughts that 'may be again the same thing will happen. I will lose, that I am not good enough.'

"The other part of me was also telling me to break this jinx," he spoke about how he sparred with creeping self-doubts.

Asked how he steered up for competing despite his seemingly mindless mind, Gaurav conceded it wasn't easy to shake off negativity.

"It is the toughest part of being an athlete, to control the mind. I was having all kinds of thoughts. All of them

were not negative but then not every thought was positive too. There was a lot of noise in my mind, something which only I could hear," smiled the boxer.

Now, Gaurav might become the first Indian boxer to win a medal better than bronze at the prestigious championships should he go on to win his medal.

"I have been battling a lot of injuries but did not care about them. I have had severe back problems for the last seven-eight months but I did not care about that and but I have been training relentlessly and finally I have won a medal," Gaurav said.

Gaurav will fight his bantamweight (56kg) semifinal bout against American Duke Ragon tomorrow.

By advancing to the last-four stage, he earned Vijender Singh (2009), Vijay Kumar (2011) and Shiva Thapa (2015) the right of Indian boxers to have finished on the podium at the biennial mega-event.

"Tomorrow he wants to go step ahead of Vijender, Vikas and Shiva and make the final to ensure that India finishes with a medal better than bronze. He said it would also help him get closure for all the near-misses of the past, which also includes a quarterfinal exit from an Olympic qualifying event. — PTI

Rafael Nadal wants New Yorkers to be quiet

NEW YORK, Aug 30: Rafael Nadal has conquered the French Open 10 times and battled career-threatening knee and wrist injuries, but his greatest challenge awaits him – telling rowdy New Yorkers to be quiet.

The World No. 1 and two-time US Open champion took his first-round record at the season's concluding Grand Slam to 13-0 on Tuesday with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-2, 6-2 win over Serbia's Dusan Lajovic.

But with torrential rain lash-

ing the Flushing Meadows site, the roof on the showpiece Arthur Ashe stadium was shut tight, creating a giant echo-chamber for the boisterous crowd of 24,000 beneath.

"Being honest, it (the noise) is a little bit too much," said the 31-year-old Spaniard, whose Grand Slam collection of 15 titles includes the 2010 and 2013 US Open crowns.

Nadal's complaints echoed similar concerns made by Andy Murray last year when the huge \$150 million roof over the world's biggest tennis stadium was rolled into action for the first time.

Murray, the 2012 champion, claimed that when the rain was bouncing off the outside of the roof, it was impossible to hear line calls inside.

Even the umpire in that match appealed to spectators to cut the volume, a desperation and often futile appeal during the tournament's famed night sessions when the alcohol-fuelled atmosphere is not for the meek. — AFP



Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Dusan Lajovic during the first round of the US Open.

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"The roof is too much noise. I was not able to hear the ball when hitting."

"I understand it's a show but under the roof we need to be a little bit more strict about the noise. All the noise stays inside, and this is difficult."

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Japan's Osaka overcomes nerves, ousts defending champ

NEW YORK, Aug 30: Japanese teen Naomi Osaka first conquered her shaky nerves and then crushed defending champion Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-1 on Tuesday to reach the second round of the US Open.

The 19-year-old daughter of a Haitian father and Japanese mother captured her first victory over a top-10 opponent by dispatching the German sixth seed, but first she had to fight off bad memories.

Ayeagor on the same Arthur Ashe Stadium court, Osaka squandered a 5-1 lead in the final set to lose to American Madison Keys 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7/3) in a third-round match.

"When I stepped on the court and I heard all the people and I saw how big the stadium was, I got a little bit freaked out, but I tried to hold it in," Osaka said.

"I never played a defending champion and also, I was playing on Ashe again, which wasn't really the best memory for me."

Osaka dominated former world number one Kerber, but as the match crept closer to

conclusion, a nagging thought popped up. "Really hope I don't do what I did last year."

She didn't. Osaka polished off Kerber, the first defending US Open champion to crash out in her opener since Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2005, and set aside a bad memory in the process.

"I felt the same type of nerves come up 4-1 in this match, so I wanted to tell myself just to keep

playing how I was playing and not let the nerves get over me as much as last year," Osaka said.

"The experience last year helped me this year. I feel like I know that I can play with the top players now, so I don't have to be as nervous as I was today."

Osaka, ranked 46th, tried to compare the situation to facing Venus Williams in a third-round loss at Wimbledon. — AFP



Naomi Osaka serves against Angelique Kerber during their first round match of the US Open.

Argentina, Uruguay collide in South America qualifiers

MONTEVIDEO, Aug 30: Luis Suárez could yet line up against Barcelona teammate Lionel Messi on Thursday as South America's battle for 2018 World Cup places resumes with Argentina's trip to Uruguay the pick of the fixtures.

With leaders Brazil already locking up their place at next year's tournament, attention turns to the tussle for the three remaining automatic berths on offer in the marathonic 10-team qualifying tournament.

Colombia are second in the standings on 24 points while Uruguay and Chile occupy the other two automatic spots on 23 points.

It means that fifth-placed Argentina have little margin for error as they head to Montevideo's Estadio Centenario for the latest instalment of their historic rivalry with the Uruguayans.

Argentina have spluttered their way through the qualifiers so far, notching only six wins in 14 games, but have shown signs of life under new coach

Jorge Sampaoli.

Sampaoli, who masterminded Chile's victory at the 2015 Copa América, took control of the Albiceleste in May, and began his reign with a morale-boosting 1-0 win over Brazil in a friendly in June.

A 6-0 romp over lowly Singapore provided a further clue that Sampaoli, who favours an aggressive, attacking style, may already have begun to have an influence.

Sampaoli served notice of his determination to invigorate Argentina's ranks by axing striker Gonzalo Higuaín in favour of Inter Milan's Mauro Icardi.

Icardi is expected to be at the apex of a front three with Messi and

Juventus prodigy Paulo Dybala lurking just behind.

Argentina's path to Russia has been complicated by the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruling on Tuesday that confirmed a sanction against Bolivia for fielding an ineligible player in their September 2016 0-0 draw with Chile.

FIFA later converted that result to a 3-0 win for Chile, a ruling that means Sampaoli's former team now have a one-point advantage over the fifth-placed Argentines.

"Now we have to play catch-up to get to the World Cup," Sampaoli said on Tuesday.

Uruguay meanwhile are sweating on the fitness of Barcelona star Suarez.

The 30-year-old talisman was initially ruled out of the fixture through injury but has travelled back to his homeland to train with the team.

Veteran coach Oscar Tabarez hinted Suarez may yet make a dramatic return on Thursday, declining to rule out the striker. — AFP



Argentina's Lionel Messi (L) and Mauro Icardi talk during a training session in Buenos Aires ahead of their FIFA World Cup qualifier against Uruguay.

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Marauding India look to extend lead

COLOMBO, Aug 30: Mahendra Singh Dhoni will be the cynosure of all eyes as he gears up for his 300th ODI with a marauding India ready to tighten the noose around beleaguered Sri Lanka in the penultimate encounter of the five-match series, here tomorrow.

And there is a good opportunity for the former India captain to come up with a memorable performance in his milestone match since Sri Lanka have hardly come across as respectable rivals in the top-sped series.

Considered one of the greatest finishers in 50-over cricket, Dhoni will join India's elite 'Club 300', which sees Tendulkar (463), Rahul Dravid (344), Mohammed Asif (344), Sourav Ganguly (311) and Yuvraj Singh (304).

Dhoni should be in fine fettle after playing a significant role in hauling the team in back-to-back tricky matches against the hosts.

The unbeaten knock of 45 and 67 under pressure is a proof that he is still not finished and his eyes are firmly set on the 50-over World Cup in 2019.

From being a world class finisher to playing a second fiddle to Rohit Sharma and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Dhoni has added another dimension to his game.

Although one can't dismiss the fact that a rag-tag Sri Lankan bowling attack, save mystery spinner Akila Dananjaya, has failed to keep up the pressure on Dhoni and Co. after making initial inroads.

With the series already sealed with an unassassable 3-0 lead, Virat Kohli's next aim would be to give a chance to players who have only warmed the benches as far as Kuldeep Yadav, Manish Pandey, Ajinkya Rahane and Shardul Thakur.

Kohli himself had a couple of low scoring games and he would look to get back to scoring some more



Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga (C) plays football with teammates during a practice session at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, on Wednesday.

runs along with KL Rahul, who has not exactly looked comfortable in an unfamiliar No. 4 position.

The only man who would feel a bit of pres-

sure is Kedar Jadhav after successive ducks.

More than the two blobs, what will bother Jadhav is the fact that he is unable to read Dan-

anjaya's deliveries.

In the first match, he was foisted by a googly and in the second match, he misread the length, trying to go

for a sweep shot.

It will be interesting if the team management decides to give Pandey a go instead of Jadhav. The only thing that can save him is his flat off-breaks, which gives Kohli an additional bowling option. Jadhav has picked three wickets in the series so far.

Pacer Thakur has looked sharp in the nets but Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jayasuriya have only played three matches and would not like to take rest.

The India captain has already hinted that he wants to rotate players and chinaman Kuldeep may get a look-in. In that case, either Yuzvendra Chahal or Axar Patel will make way.

While India have some 'happy problems' to deal with, Sri Lanka are in deep trouble, trying to field a potent first XI.

To begin with, the selection committee headed by Sanath Jayasuriya has resigned. Sri Lanka Cricket has accepted their resignation. However, they will continue to hold office until the end of the series but there will be intense spotlight on their selection decisions as has been the case for a while now.

Lack of consistency has been a key element of this Jayasuriya-led committee's selection process. They have picked 40 players in ODIs in the past year alone, and the same merry-go-round can be foreseen ahead of this fourth match as well.

Dinesh Chandimal has been ruled out of the series with a hand fracture on his right thumb after enduring a hit in the previous ODI.

To add to their headache, stand-in skipper Chamara Kapugedara has been ruled out of the remainder of the series as well, owing to an aggravated back injury (he received medical attention while batting during the third ODI). - PTI

MATCH START AT 2.30 PM

Bangla name unchanged side for Oz decider

DAKKA, Aug 30: Bangladesh named an unchanged squad for next week's series decider against Australia, after clinching a historic win over the tourists in their opening Test in Dhaka today.

The hosts beat Steve Smith's men by 20 runs in a thrilling victory on home soil; their first ever win against Australia since gaining Test status in 2000.

Mushfiqur Rahim's men are hoping to seal the series when they square off against Australia in the second and final Test starting in Chittagong on September 4.

Australia – who are touring Bangladesh for the first time

Federer passes five-set test to advance at US Open

more than a decade – are currently ranked fourth to Bangladesh's lowly ninth in ICC Test rankings.

The Baggy Greens on Wednesday added left-arm slow bowler Steve O'Keefe to their squad for the second Test. O'Keefe will replace fast bowler Josh Hazlewood who has been ruled out of the series with injury.

Squad: Mushfiqur Rahim (C), Tamim Iqbal, Surya Sarker, Imrul Kayes, Shakib Al Hasan, Nasir Hossain, Sabbir Rahman, Mehedi Hasan Shahidul Islam, Tajul Islam, Mustafizur Rahman, Monnat Hossain Liton Das, Taskin Ahmed. - AFP

have to go through."

The match was Federer's first since losing the Montreal final to Alexander Zverev nearly three weeks ago. He withdrew from Cincinnati with a sore back the following week.

"I was worried in the beginning from my back issue from a couple weeks ago but I loosened up," Federer said, calling his back "extremely well" and adding "it's only going to get better from here."

"To get through a five-set match you've got to be healthy. I believe this is going to give me great confidence in my game and my body," he said.

Third seed Federer will

next meet either Russia's Mikhail Youzhny, who is 0-16 against him, or Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic, 0-1 against Federer, as the Swiss carries a record sixth US Open crown.

The 19-time Grand Slam champion outlasted 70th-ranked US 19-year-old Francesca Di Stefano 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 in a shockingly tough battle that boosted his hopes of a deep run on the New York hardcourts.

"I always knew I was going to come in rusty or not great. I was hoping to start better," Federer said. "I was being too cautious with my movement. In the second set it all started to come together." - AFP

Chennaiyin sign six AIFF Elite Academy players

CHENNAI, Aug 30: ISL team Chennaiyin FC has signed six graduates from the AIFF Elite Academy on long term deals.

The players are: Goalkeeper Samik Mitra (16, West Bengal), defenders Joseph Sankar (17, Mizoram) and Lalliansanga Renpei (18, Mizoram), midfielders Zamunawia (Mizoram) and Bibin Boban (Kerala) and forward Rawfeetawng (Mizoram).

Chennaiyin FC co-owner Viti Dami said in a press release, "Last year we signed five graduates from the AIFF Academy and all five have shown great improvement over the last 12 months with Jerry (Lalrinzuala) and Anirudh (Thapa) also going on to play for the India senior team."

Chennaiyin FC technical director of youth development Sabir Pasha said,

"They are all teenagers but as Chennaiyin FC age has never been a hindrance. The door is open to each one of them to stake a claim for the senior team. Our head coach John Gregory will be following their progress closely."

Mitra, Sangluru, Boban and Rohnmingthanga have all represented India age group teams in various international matches while Renthlei and Zamunawia are part of the current India U-19 team that is preparing for the upcoming SAFF Championship and Asian Cup qualifiers. - PTI

Westley keeps place in unchanged England

LONDON, Aug 30: Tom Westley kept his place in an unchanged 13-man England squad announced today for next week's decisive third Test against West Indies at Lord's.

The Essex batsman has come under scrutiny after three single-figure scores at number three.

But he has been given another chance to nail down a place in the team in what will be England's last Test before the year-ending Ashes series in Australia.

Mark Stoneman and David Malan have also held onto their places after both chipped in with second-innings half-centuries in the five-wicket loss to West Indies at Headingly.

Left out of the starting team in Edgbaston were seamer Toby Roland-Jones and Hampshire leg-spinner Mason Crane will both hope to force their way into the XI for the series decider.

England will be aiming to return to the form that brought them a crushing innings and 209-run win in the first Test at Edgbaston.

England 3rd Test squad:

Joe Root (Yorkshire Capt.), Moeen Ali (Worcestershire), James Anderson (Lancashire), Jonny Bairstow (Yorkshire, wkt), Stuart Broad (Nottinghamshire), Alastair Cook (Essex), Mason Crane (Hampshire), David Malan (Middlesex), Toby Roland-Jones (Middlesex), Ben Stokes (Durham), Mark Stoneman (Surrey), Tom Westley (Essex), Chris Woakes (Warwickshire). - AFP

Assam Police Blues in NSA Trophy final

TIHU, Aug 30: Assam Police Blues made it to the final of the NSA Trophy Football Tournament.

In the keenly contested first semifinal of the Nalbari Sports Association organised tournament at the Gurdon HS School playground in Nalbari today, the policemen edged past Chamata spotklub Kira Sangha by a solitary goal.

Mujiful Islam netted the all important goal of the match.

The second semifinal will be played between ASEB Sports Club, Guwahati and Saranthai FC of Boksa tomorrow. The match will kick-off at 3 pm.

Referee body's meet

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 30: The Annual General Meeting of the Assam Olympic Association will be held at the Assam Olympic Association's conference hall in the RG Baruah Sports Complex here on September 10 from 10 am onwards, stated a GRA release issued by secretary Sushanta Sen.

Ashwin takes 3 on County debut, wants to play all 4 games

WORCESTER, Aug 30: Ravichandran Ashwin, who started his maiden county stint for Worcestershire in a decentate note taking 3/94 and scoring 36 against Gloucestershire, wants to play all the four remaining hours of the transfer window in damage limitation mode.

And former Arsenal star Ian Wright has seen enough, chipping in time for his old boys to step down.

"Where do we start?" The amount of things that are going wrong, it does come back to Arsene Wenger's door. We're three games in and we're literally at crisis point," Wright told BBC.

For Arsenal to be in such a panicked state is a huge blow to Wenger only three months after an FA Cup final triumph against Chelsea that the 67-year-old Frenchman hoped would herald a new era of sustained success.

The craven manner of Arsenal's capitulation at Anfield, coming just a week after a disappointing defeat at Stoke, laid bare all the flaws that

buchy could also be sold.

After a miserable first season with Arsenal, Lucas Perez has been told he can leave and the Spanish striker hopes to return home, with Lewandowski among the interested clubs.

Wenger will try to off-set those potential losses with some last-ditch shopping of his own and West Brom defender Jonny Evans and Paris Saint-Germain winger Julian Draxler are among his mooted targets.

For Arsenal to be in such a panicked state is a huge blow to Wenger only three months after an FA Cup final triumph against Chelsea that the 67-year-old Frenchman hoped would herald a new era of sustained success.

"Do I think he should go? I would like him to go simply because I do not believe now that Arsene Wenger can motivate those players with everything that's going on above him," Wright told BBC.

"We are three games in and it's already an absolute nightmare," Wright told BBC.

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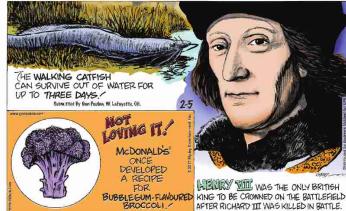
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Really... Believe it or Not?



Why was Yitzhak Rabin assassinated?

It was on November 4, 1995, that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was fatally shot after attending a peace rally held at Tel Aviv's King's Square. Israeli Rabin later died in surgery at Ichilov Hospital, Tel Aviv.

The 73-year-old Prime Minister was walking to his car when the back by Yigal Amir, a 27-year-old member of the far-right Jewish group Eya'l. Israeli police arrested Amir at the scene. In 1996, he admitted to the assassination, explaining of his assignment that "I killed Rabin because I wanted to give the Arab people what they wanted 'to give our country to the Arabs'."

Born in Jerusalem, Rabin was a leader of the Arab-Israel War of 1948 and served as director of Israel's foreign policy from 1974 to 1977. He became Prime Minister in 1974. From 1977 to 1992, he served as his country's Defence Minister.

In 1992, Rabin led the Labour Party to election victory and became Prime Minister again. In 1993, he signed the historic Israel-Palestinian Declaration of Principles with Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat and in 1994, concluded a formal peace agreement with the Palestinians. In October 1994, Rabin and Arafat shared the Nobel Peace Prize, along with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.



My viewpoint

“Why should we study Moral Science in school?”



Dipangshu Parashar,
Class-VI, Brookfield
School, Horni Lakhimpur

We should study Moral Science in school because it teaches us good manners. Moral Science is an extremely important subject. Moral Science teaches us to be good citizens of our country. Moral Science is important because it teaches us not to be rude to others. By studying Moral Science, I have learnt that value education is equally important as academic education.



Abhayanandan Sarma,
Class-VI, Kendriya Vidyalaya, U.T., Guwahati

A school, the cornerstone of the society, helps us to become complete beings who are good and ideal. Therefore, in the school curriculum, Moral Science is an extremely important subject. Moral Science forms our views towards our everyday life. It also teaches us to cultivate good principles and motivates us to work towards our goals in a better way.



Anindita Dutta, Class-X,
Dibrugarh Government
Sec. School, Dibrugarh

Moral Science plays an important role in our lives. It teaches us how to behave and react in different situations. We often come across many people who are successful in their lives, but don't know how to behave. And, for this, nobody can teach us. That is why it happens that in some difficult situations, we react in a very odd way, which makes us lose our friends and even our image gets a beating. So, Moral Science is important and we should learn it in school.



Mayuresh Bhagwati,

Class-III, South Point
School, Guwahati

Moral Science teaches us to follow the right path. It teaches us how and why we should be neat and clean. We also learn to keep our schools and classroom clean. Moral Science teaches us to be a good human being and to behave with our elders. We can become better people by studying Moral Science.

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GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

An Indian style ABC book

Priti Pathak, a former book editor at Penguin Books India and the woman behind India's first book on new media art, the Apeejay Books' *Gully*, recently launched her debut book, *ABC Desi* at Delhi. Made Mother to three boys, Priti felt the absence of a relevant alphabet book that caters to the new generation of Indian children so she decided to make one herself. *ABC Desi* is not a regular alphabet book; it is a learning tool for children packed with cultural references and delicious illustrations.

Each alphabet is accompanied by vivid illustrations that revives the lost Indian craft of hillbilly painting.

Too many pictures in books hinder kids' learning

A study has found that if there's more than one illustration per page in children's books, it can hinder vocabulary learning among preschoolers.

The researchers found that three-year-olds with one illustration at a time or with two illustrations at a time, were better at naming new objects that were nearby on the page. They found that children who were read stories with one or two illustrations learned more words as children who were read stories with two or more illustrations.

"Our findings fit well with Cognitive Load Theory, which suggests that learning rates are affected by how complex the information is presented to us. By giving children less information at once, or guiding them to the correct information, we can help children learn more words," she added.



Is technology the new trap?

Ritik Pandey, Class-XII,
Dibrugarh Government
Sec. School, Dibrugarh

Technology has got us hooked on social media.

Before you draw a conclusion on your own, let me tell you that I, too, still haven't got rid of our bad habit. It's just that we have replaced television with mobile phones. We are still stuck to our ears at most times, be it during our morning walk or bed-time.

With the growth of technology and rapidly, cellphones are now available

at affordable prices and hence, have

become accessible to all. Technology

generations would even know how to hold a bat while playing cricket. With the fast growth of technology, we are becoming dependent on technology has already been crossed and hence, researches have suggested that the younger generation that students today cannot quit their mobile phones even for a single day! The addiction to mobile phones is so strong that they grow into it, if the addiction remains as it is, are taken aback, worried about whether the future

Nowadays, news be like - "A teen was found dead after playing some games on mobile phone for hours". A boy drowning in a river in an attempt to take a selfie. Dust has settled down on literary books and novels. Even the younger generation is not a need; let's get out of this trap before this lifeless form called the internet sucks us into its web.

Contributor of the week

Ritik Pandey,
Guwahati

Poem of the week

Anirudha Majumdar,
Dibrugarh

Sketch of the week

Neha Bhattacharya,
Tezpur

Creative Endeavour of the month

Shafa Tasnim,
Mangaldoi



“Give your soul free play.”

Award winning author, television producer and anchor, president of the social welfare society – Priybondu, **Archantha Borhakur** has a lot going for her.

People who have influenced me the most are my mother, who taught me what strength is, my father, who taught me what happiness is, my husband, who taught me what sacrifice is, and my four-year-old son, who taught me how to love life.

Turning point of my life... It was the day when I got the new identity of being a Cottonian. It was a totally new world for me. I think that's where my life started.

Happiest moments of my life... The birth of my first baby - my baby. It is a wonderful feeling to be responsible for the life you have created.

Chances I would like to see in the society... I hope that the world changes and there is no change in the society. Good thoughts and good deeds are the only virtues that a person ought to acquire for oneself. The value of life is realized when we do good for others.

Message for today's youth... Listen to your inner voice. Give your soul free play. Never bow down. Do not fear anybody, except God.

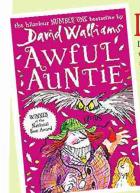
Wordwatch

Pick the word that is closest in meaning:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Amenable
a) Capable
b) Hopeful
c) Agreeable
d) Cheerful | 4 Synergy
a) State of equilibrium
b) Individual effort
c) Combined action of separate components |
| 2 Kindred
a) Variegated
b) Related
c) Inimitative
d) Sensitive | 5 Reconciliation
a) Re-establishment of friendship
b) Diplomatic maneuvering
c) Conciliation |
| 3 Unilateral
a) One-sided
b) Biased
c) Invalid
d) Unanimous | 6 Synergistic
a) Synergistic
b) Synergic
c) Synergetic
d) Synergies |

BOOK NOOK

Awful Auntie By David Walliams



Dear and I have been becoming the modern-day Roald Dahl. However, Walliams has a voice all of his own. He looks like a normal man, but when he plays and then *whooom*, they will right in the heart. The reason for this is that he is armed with magic. I won't spoil it for you, but you know it's magic. It is that a person here must outwit her truly awful aunt with the help of the **CHIMNEY SWEEP!** How can you go wrong with a chimney sweep as a stickler?

Know your masterpieces



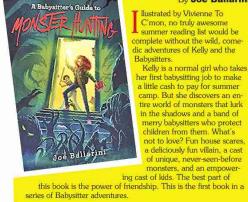
Lois Lowry is a beloved children's author who trained as a copy therapist. Her big questions concerning the Holocaust, dystopian futures, terminal illness, and the like.

Her books include classics like –

- ▲ The Giver
- ▲ Number the Stars
- ▲ Son
- ▲ A Summer to Die
- ▲ Messenger

A Babysitter's Guide To Monster Hunting

By Jon Ballarini



This book is the power of friendship. This is the first book in a series of Babysitter adventures.

Dreams in silk

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Syamanta Kalita, Class-X,
Anandram Baroah Academy,
Pathasala.

they live and work around fourth century BC. The village is known as a center of weaving since the Ahoms occupied Sualkuchi by defeating the Maghas in the mid-17th century. Slowly, almost the entire village got up weaving.

Apart from its production of silk products, Sualkuchi also has a number of historical monuments and temples. These archaeological attractions are a must see for tourists. One such temple is Kali Mandir located just near the Brahmaputra. The place where the temple is located is like a paradise with its lush greenery and a narrow connection with the larger landmass on the fourth side.

We then went to see the waterfalls of the Brahmaputra which is purified here and supplied to the whole of Sualkuchi. It is high up in the hills. The Ashokstambh festival is held here every year on the banks of the river.

Sualkuchi is a developed village. If you are searching a place to spend a weekend or on vacation for the purpose of buying silk at affordable prices, Sualkuchi is a must visit. That night, my father (who earlier thought it would be a boring trip) told me about the legend of the name of Sualkuchi of ancient Kamrup, where the best quality of Patoms



Do you know a place in Assam where the people weave magic with silk? Yes, it is Sualkuchi, famous for its textile industry. I have read about Sualkuchi in books. Due to my repeated requests, I convinced my parents, took a trip down there. It is about 75 kms from our home, so we took our own car.

The first thing that welcomed us to Sualkuchi was the main gate. It is a massive one. On each side of the gate are carved two lionesses, and on the top is a statue of someone. At the top there is Mahatma Gandhi with his *chakras*. The rest of the gate is made in the design of a

garmocha. Situated some 30 kms. from Brahmaputra, this picturesquely offers a haven for silk fabric-lovers, with silk ranging from the golden *muga* to the yellow white and the light beige etc.

There are many small roadside stalls where people make their living.

On opening the chapters of history, we find that Sualkuchi established as a silk weaving village in the 17th century by King Rudra Kishore Barua. The king invited weavers from Bengal to settle here. The Pala Dynasty sponsored the craft by bringing silk weavers from Sanktosh. The king even made a decree that no one should leave Sualkuchi; we did not know anyone there. Fortunately, however, our driver had some of his relatives there.

While we were on the subject of cats, here is a list of other "cat idioms".

The cat's pajamas = something that is great. Look at the cat dragged in = an insulting way of saying that someone has just arrived and looks like a mess. Like a cat on hot oil roof = to be nervous or unable to keep still. Cat get your tongue = someone who is very quiet and annoyed with someone who won't talk. Grin like a Cheshire cat = a very wide smile. Curiosity killed the cat = if you ask too many questions, someone asks too many questions. There's more than one way to skin a cat = there's more than one way to achieve something. Let the cat out of the bag = to tell people secret information, sometimes without intending to.

New My Viewpoint

Dear Bhaitiy, Bhonti,

Quite often, mummies and daddies give children some household chores to complete. While some children obey, others kick up a lot of fuss. Our New My Viewpoint topic is – "Why children should carry out household chores." Write a 100-word paragraph, enclose your name, class, school/ college, village/ town/ city and a passport-size coloured photograph and post to – My Viewpoint, Planet Young, The Assam Tribune, M.R.D. Road – 781003, Guwahati. You can also e-mail us at – planet_young@assamtribune.com. The last date of receiving your entries is September 14.

With love, as always,

Lakshmi

The guiding force



Teacher's Day is year day.
And we would like to thank you.
We will neither misbehave,
Nor play a prank.
We are very grateful
For all the things that you do.
We appreciate and acknowledge,
As we have done in these.
Sometimes, we don't listen to you.
While you repeatedly ask us to,
We wait for our turn.
And for causing you so much pain.
You have shown us the importance
Of education and knowledge.
To strive for knowledge and success,
And not just survive.

Richika Salkia, Class-VII,
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati.



Gaurav Gunjan Kalita, Class-IV,
Assam Academy, Goalpara



Shounak Barman, Class-V,
Delhi Public School, Guwahati

Anushika Dutta, Class-V,
Kendriya Vidyalaya, C.R.P.F., Guwahati

The world looks new when you take us along
Telling to you enriches us.
We learn to look up at the sky,
Dignified and upright, we stand up enough.
They are more to some of our quirks,
But you carry a bunch of keys.
With a smile, you open the door.
That's why they call you 'torch-bearers'.
You teach us how to comprehend ourselves,
How to be a better person.
The manner is to never give up.
While fighting back the odds.
Determination is strength.
I salute you for giving us a bright world to live in.

Anuradha Iahani, Class-VIII,
St. Joseph's High School, Morhat.

Who is a teacher? Who is a teacher? Well, the answers vary from one person to another. Is it a doctor or a 'ideal teacher' would be the one who doesn't 'burden' his students? Is it a teacher on weekends for even on weekdays? For another, an 'ideal teacher' is someone who would give him a period or two off. But, for a parent, an 'ideal teacher' is the one who would make their children attain 'great heights'. That's what makes a teacher standard or general definition of an ideal teacher.

Is it a matter of hard work to become a doctor or an engineer, or a CA or an IAS/IPS officer. But, once you have achieved it, the



Pragyotika Tamu Samrah, Class-III,
G.U. Model School, Guwahati

road seems easier than it was before. However, he encounters varying levels of difficulty every successive year. Is it a teacher who is always a teacher who puts an ordinary student to an extraordinary one? Or is it a teacher who creates a doctor, a CA or an engineer? It is a special and extraordinary talent to consider a class of amateurs and turn them into extraordinary individuals.

So, would you still think that IAS/IPS officers are more extraordinarily talented than a teacher? What does it create them? Think about it?

Swarnadipika Saha, Class-XI,
South Point School, Guwahati.

Sketch of the week



Neha Bhattacharya, Class-X,
St. Joseph's Convent H.S. School, Tezpur



Antabikhya Gogoi,
Kendriya Vidyalaya, Golaghat

Random thoughts

You are an inspiration
For all your students,
The more we learn through these years
The more we grow, today our fears.
We gain confidence,
And begin to soar,
And spread our wings
Into our cores.
For all these, I thank you.
Without whom like you are only a few!
Thank you for all the wonderful things
You put inside our heads.
They always help us in our
Future lives ahead.

Astha Priyam Baruah, Class-VIII,
Holy Name School, Swargpur.

The summer months come,
Soon vacation ends.
And then the seasons.
Long chats with my old friends,
And tasty tiffin starts, as we can presume.
But how can we forget the rains again?
About the freedom and the rain,
The ice-cream and Grandpa's cot,
I usually dream them.
But on some boring evenings,
Sitting beside the many callings,
I would say, "What is life?"
I met my hands on my knees.
Well, at times, I wish for more education
And again, I wish for them to end.
That is what I am suffering from, 'real confusion'.
But for now, let me enjoy the moon.

Jyotsishma Gogoi, Class-XI,
Model Degree College, Behail



Jahi Anushka Baruah, Class-XI,
Model Degree College, Behail

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Poem of the Week

Antariksha Majumdar, Class-VIII,
Self Brook School, Dibrugarh.

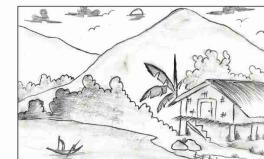
The rivulet of tears...

From afar, she watches
The dam burst, the walls falling,
Attacking the dam with brutal force...
From afar, all watch,
The dam bursts, the water and soil...
Which one will win?
Who should win?
No one wins, but only one prayer on every lip,
"Let the earth rise,
Conquering the waters."
Let the earth rise forever...
How long would the struggle last?
Not for long...
And then comes the expectant eyes and praying lips,
The soil falls here,
The dam bows down,
The soil flows over,
Tumbling on the green grass that soon dies
The trees, too, are helpless,
They are forced to rise,
The homeless birds cry,
The mothers shed their tears,
The fathers lament, loud and pitiful,
But the waters, so ruthless,
Move on,
With merciless destruction...

Floods

Floods! Floods! Floods!
You come every year,
You are a terror!
Dams burst, too,
Many people suffer,
They lose their shelter, food,
And their loved ones.
You have no heart,
You don't have any kindness,
No feelings, why?
But now,

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