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APSC results

GUWAHATI, June 29: The Assam Public Service Commission today declared the results of the combined competitive examinations, 2015 and recommended 124 candidates for ACS and allied services.

Prez candidates

NEW DELHI, June 29: The nominations for all presidential candidates, barring those of NDA, won by Ran Nath Kovind and Opposition-backed Meira Kumar, were rejected today. About 95 persons had filed their nominations, including Kumar and Kovind. — PTI

GSAT-17

BENGALURU, June 29: India's latest communication satellite GSAT-17 was successfully launched by a heavy-duty rocket of ArianeSpace from Kourou in French Guiana, adding teeth to the current fleet of 17 working communication satellites. The GSAT-17 is a geosynchronous satellite is a system developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation aiming to make India self-reliant in broadcasting services. — PTI

Black money

ZURICH / NEW DELHI, June 29: Money parked by Indians in Switzerland's banks nearly halved to 676 Swiss francs (about Rs 4,500 crore) in 2016 to hit a record low amid a continuing clampdown on the suspected black money stashed behind their fanned seafoam. In comparison, the total funds held by all foreign clients of Swiss banks rose to CHF 89.6 billion (from CHF 14.1 trillion a year ago). — PTI

Judicial custody

GUWAHATI, June 29: The Court of Special Judge, Assam (Guwahati) today remanded former Additional Deputy Commissioner Anjanan Chalhia to judicial custody. Chalhia was arrested by the anti-corruption and vigilance wing of the Assam Police for allegedly siphoning off public money. — Staff Reporter

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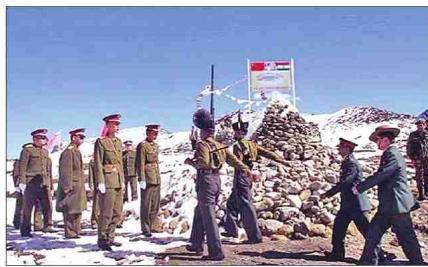
BEIJING, June 29: China today asked India to withdraw its troops from the Donglong area in the Sikkim sector as a precondition for a "meaningful dialogue" to settle the current stand-off, warning that the Indian Army should learn "historical lessons", in an oblique reference to the 1962 war.

Launching a media blitzkrieg on the Sikkim stand-off, both Chinese Foreign and Defence Ministries directed their attacks on India and maintained that the Indian Army had "illegally trespassed" into the Chinese territory.

The People's Liberation Army spokesman, Col Wu Qian also rejected as "extremely irresponsible" Army Chief General Bipin Rawat's remarks that India is ready for a "two-and-a-half front war", asking him to "stop clamouring for war".

Rawat had said that India is prepared for security threats posed by China, Pakistan as well as internal threats.

When asked to respond to Rawat's remarks, Col Wu (See page 4)



File photo of Chinese and Indian troops during a face-to-face exchange along the border.

Gen Rawat visits Sikkim

GANGTOK/NEW DELHI, June 29: Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat today visited formation headquarters of the force in North Sikkim and was briefed by top commanders about the entire security situation in the wake of the face-off between Indian troops and Chinese military over a disputed area.

Rawat, on a two-day visit, was apprised about the tense situation on the border at the Army's 17 Mountain Division even as China has hardened its position on the stand-off.

The Army Chief also visited areas under the 17 Mountain Division, tasked to guard the Sino-India border in the Sikkim sector, and took stock of various operational aspects.

The genesis of the flashpoint was China's attempts to build a road at the key area of Donglong, the linking of which to the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet trijunction could give China a major military advantage over India. — PTI

Israel upbeat over Modi visit

JERUSALEM, June 29: Israel is going all out to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the country, the first ever by an Indian premier, a memorable one with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu in a rare gesture planning to accompany "his friend" to major events.

Netanyahu would be present at the Ben-Gurion airport along with the protocol team on July 4 to welcome Modi where national anthems of both the countries would be played during a ceremony.

Indian-origin Israeli singer Liora Itzhak, who learnt Indian classical music in Mumbai

and Pune as a teenager and later also sang songs for Bollywood movies, has been chosen to sing both the national anthems.

The Israeli premier would

No Indian PM has ever visited Israel in the last 70 years

be hosting Modi the same evening over dinner at his official residence where they will have their first one-to-one interaction.

The two leaders would be

meeting on July 5 again over a working session following which the Israeli premier would host Modi for lunch.

Netanyahu, in a rare show

of warmth, would also take Modi personally to the Israel museum in Jerusalem to show some of the rare exhibits related to the Indian-Jewish heritage. The museum has a replica of the Jewish synagogue in Cochin on display.

On top of all this, Netanyahu would also be accompanying "his friend" during his much-awaited address to the Indian community at the Exhibition Grounds in Tel Aviv (See page 4)

Vice Presidential poll on Aug 5

NEW DELHI, June 29: The members of Parliament will elect the next Vice President of India on August 5, the Election Commission announced today.

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Inspector of Taxes held accepting bribe at Kokrajhar

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, June 29:

The Inspector of Taxes, Kokrajhar, Bipunjoy Dev Sharma, was today caught by a team of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Guwahati, while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh from a businessman at the office of the Superintendent of Sales Tax Department, Kokrajhar.

Acting on a tip-off by the businessman, the team led by DSP K Bordoloi caught Dev Sharma red-handed and also seized Rs one lakh cash from his possession in his office chamber. He is now being interrogated (See page 4)

Change in crime patterns in State

R DUTTA CHOURHURY

GUWAHATI, June 29: There have been significant changes in the pattern of crimes in Assam in the last four decades and the most disturbing fact is that in more than 90 per cent of the rape cases, the accused are known to the victims. Another disturbing fact is that majority of the murder case victims are people of the age group of 18 to 35 years, which are the most productive period of a person's life.

Special Director General of Police (Law and Order) Kula Saikia, who conducted a detailed study on the changing pattern of crime in the State since 1974, told *The Assam Tribune* that some significant factors came to light during the study and there have been major shifts in the pattern of crimes in the State over

the years. He said that crimes involving public order and economic have become more prominent in recent times. He pointed out that growth of agitational programmes may be one of the reasons for disturbance of public order, while, the

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high in cases of violence due to kidnapping and crimes against women. The number of homicide cases in the State has come down since 2000, but majority of the murder cases were committed due to property clashes and not because of any personal vendetta as is the case in some other states of the country. The disturbing fact is that the number of dowry related cases are also increasing since the 1990s. He said that apart from property clashes, the other prime reasons for murders in the State include dowry, love affairs, etc. Majority of the murder victims are of the age group of 18 to 35 years.

The Special DG said that as in more than 90 per cent of the cases, the accused of the rape cases are known to the victims, there is need for creating gender (See page 4)

Cong to boycott GST rollout ceremony

NEW DELHI, June 29: The Congress today decided to boycott the government's special midnight June 30 meeting on the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax, calling it a "grand self-promoting tamasha (gimmick)".

The party also accused the government of "insulting" India's freedom struggle, as the previous three midnight functions held in the central hall of Parliament were related to the country's independence.

"The Congress party will not participate in the special midnight meeting on the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax," senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi

Azad said.

He said while the Congress "accords a lot of importance" to the independence movement, the struggle may not be as significant for the BJP since "they had no role" in it. Azad said midnight events in Parliament had always been linked to India's Freedom — the first was in 1947 to mark India's independence, then in 1972 to commemorate its silver jubilee and in 1997 for 50 years of independence.

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GST session is an insult to the independence movement. We cannot support it," Congress leader Anand Sharma said.

Another reason for the party's decision to skip the meeting, Azad said, was "the continued silence" of the Prime Minister; the BJP and its Chief Ministers over recent incidents of violence in the country.

"Cases of violence, lynching, atrocities on the poor, Dalits, farmers and women were on the rise," he said.

The Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha congratulated "thousands of writers, (See page 4)

NE govts should create scope for investment: US envoy

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, June 29: US Consul General in Kolkata Craig L Hall today said that the region's proximity with the South Asian nations was another big plus that could open up exciting vistas if some thought was given to it.

"The North-east's strategic location accruing from its proximity to several South Asian countries is replete with possibilities. It can well emerge as the gateway to South Asia if the governments can get their act together. The US can also do its bit here, as it wants to extend its influence to South East Asia through the North-east," Hall told *The Assam Tribune*.

The US envoy felt connectivity in terms of road, rail and air in the North-east was not up to the level of rest of India and said that it warranted government intervention. (See page 4)

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NE DGPs' conference

Sonowal lays stress on modern technology

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal urged the heads of the police forces of all the North Eastern States to work as

"Team North East" for effective synergy in dealing with common law and order issues. Sonowal while inaugurating the two-day 24th Conference of Directors Generals of Police, Inspector Generals of Police and heads of Central police

organizations of North Eastern States being organized by the Intelligence Bureau held here, stressed on the concept of smart policing.

"As we all know that the insurgent groups are using technology to create trouble and therefore special stress has to be laid on the use of modern technology to counter such evil designs effectively," the Chief Minister asserted.

"Our prime duty is to instill

common people and protect them from all possible threats," he said.

Earlier, Director General of Assam Police Mukesh Sahay too put his weight behind formation of an umbrella police set up comprising forces of all the North Eastern States, besides setting up a common cyber forensic laboratory at Guwahati. Sahay while addressing the gathering also vouched for the concept of North East Police (See page 4)

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Human chain against artificial flood



Human chain formed by AGSU members on RG Baruah Road on Thursday – UB Photos

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: Despite of hollow promises to solve the recurrent artificial flood problem in the city, members of the All Guwahati Students' Union (AGSU), several civil society organisations (CSOs) and conscious citizens formed a human chain on the RG Baruah Road here today.

Protesting against the government's inaction to solve the city's perennial artificial flood problem that claimed six lives recently, the students'

bodily joined by the family members of Pushan Kalita, a student who lost his life on the waterlogged RG Baruah Road due to electrocution on June 13 last. In the same incident, a mason Anwar Hussain was also electrocuted while trying to save Pushan.

In another unfortunate incident, one Dulal Mukar lost his life on June 22 after coming into contact with a live wire on Suman Path of RG Baruah Road.

The human chain was formed from the AIDC bus stoppage to the Zoro-Narengi Timali on the footpath of one

side of the road from 10.45 am to 11.45 am. Apart from students of different educational institutions, local traders, members of traders' bodies, members of local women's committees, members of Umayan Samity and a number of eminent citizens of Guwahati also took part in the programme.

"The artificial flood affects all sections of people alike and the problem is getting severe with every passing year. The government cannot shrug-off its responsibility merely by giving compensation to the family members of the de-

ceased," a protestor said.

Grandmother of Pushan Kalita, who participated in the protest with a photograph of her grandson, broke into tears, demanding permanent measures to solve the problem.

"Although there is a change in the regime, we do not see a change in the lackadaisical attitude of the authorities concerned towards the problems faced by common people. Floods still claim human lives and the condition of roads is yet to be improved in Guwahati," another protestor said.

AGSU president Rajnil Ali and general secretary Raftullah Ahmed said people of the capital city are tired of hollow promises made by the authorities after every flash flood in the city.

People in the city are looking for a permanent solution to this problem.

"Today's protest was staged to make the authorities realize the severity of the issue. If no result-oriented scientific measures are announced in the days to come, we will launch a strong movement to ensure the safety of the citizens," AGSU said.

Suicide bid foiled

JALUKBARA, June 29: One Jahnabi Pathak aged about 28 who tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Brahmaputra from the old Saraihat bridge around 11 am today, was prevented from doing so by a passerby identified as Rakesh Sarkar. Police sources said the reason for the suicide bid could not be ascertained. – Correspondent

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Arrangements for APSC, Treasury exams discussed

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: The arrangements for examinations to various posts under the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) and the Treasury Office of Kamrup (Metre) was held on Wednesday at the Guwahati Circuit House under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner Barnali Sarma. For the posts of junior accountants assistant under District Treasury Office of Kamrup (Metre) a total of 8,324 candidates will appear in the examination at 13 centres across the city.

For the APSC exams, there were 43 centres in Guwahati.

Issues related to security arrangement, provision of drinking water for the candi-

dates, frisking of candidates, deployment of supervisors and invigilators in the venues, were among the main points discussed during the meeting.

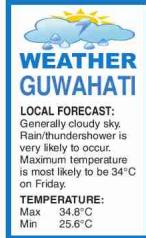
The APSC exams and the

exams for posts under District Treasury Office will be held on July 2 and July 9 respectively.

Senior officials of the district administration were

present at the meeting, said

an official statement.



LOCAL FORECAST:

Generally cloudy sky. Rain/thundershower is very likely to occur. Maximum temperature is most likely to be 34°C on Friday.

TEMPERATURE:

Max 34.9°C

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Self-defence camp from tomorrow

GUWAHATI, June 29:

Pratishruti, an NGO working in the field of welfare of women and children, in association with Students and Youth Welfare Committee, Assam, is organising a month-long free self-defence training camp from July 1 on the Ganagar High School field here. The camp is being supported by Assam Police.

Assamese magazine Priya Sakhi is sponsoring the camp, which will begin at 6.30 am on July 1, said a press release.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
INDIAN OILAO STATE OFFICE, GUWAHATI
NIT NO. : IBP/KKH/Bio-toilet
Name of the Work : Construction of one Nos. 50 user's capacity Bio-Digester tank along with the bio-toilet facility in the license area and for 2 Nos. 100 user's capacity bio-digester tank along with incinerator and fixed Best at TT parking area & driver rest room respectively through open E-tendering at Indian Bottling Park, Bokakhat.

Tender ID : 2017-NEISO_5677
Download Period : 10.00 hrs. of 06.07.2017 to 14.00 hrs.

Contact Person : Ch. Mgr (Plant), Indian Bottling Plant, Bokakhat, Ph: 9659193823
e-mail : ibp@indianoilao.in

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BP/17-18/PT-04
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Download Period : 11.00 hrs. of 06.06.2017 to 11.00 hrs. of 17.07.2017

Contact Person : Ch. Mgr. (LPG-E)
Tel : 03617759180
e-mail : pdhar@indianoilao.in

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Taxpayers with annual turnover up to ₹50 lakh can opt for composition levy of nominal tax at following rates:

- Traders 1% (0.5% SGST & 0.5% CGST)
- Manufacturers 2% (1% SGST & 1% CGST)
- Restaurants 5% (2.5% SGST & 2.5% CGST)

Eligibility criteria for Composition options

- Prior Registration under GST
- A Supplier of taxable goods only

Exclusion from Composition

- A Supplier of services except restaurant
- An inter-state supplier
- An E-Commerce Operator
- A manufacturer of such goods as may be notified

Online Application Forms to opt for Composition levy

- GST CMP-01 for taxpayers migrating to GST
- GST CMP-02 for new taxpayers

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Practice with Prestige

Every Tax Practitioner is required to get enrolled as a "GST Practitioner"

Enrolment shall authorize the Tax Practitioner to perform the following tasks on behalf of a Registered Taxpayer :

- Submission of the statements of Outward and Inward supplies
- Submission of Monthly, Quarterly, Annual or Final Return
- Making deposit into the Electronic Cash Ledger
- Filing of Refund claim
- Filing of application for Amendment or Cancellation or Revocation of Registration

Enrolment of Goods and Services Tax Practitioners

- A Tax Practitioner is required to file an online application for enrolment in Form GST PCT-1 through GST portal www.gst.gov.in
- An Enrolment Certificate is provided in Form GST PCT-02
- Submission of an Online Consent letter in Form GST PCT-05 from the Registered Taxpayer is pre-requisite for performing the tasks on behalf of that Tax Payer

GST

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam

REGISTRATION OF NEW TAX PAYERS

A Simple Paperless procedure

Who is liable for Registration under GST

- A supplier with an aggregate turnover above ₹10 lakh in a financial year
- A supplier of taxable goods or services to outside the State
- A part time Casual Supplier of taxable goods or services
- A Non-Resident supplier of taxable goods or services
- A supplier liable to pay Reverse Charge Tax
- A DDO liable to deduct tax at source (TDS)
- An Input Service Distributor
- An E-Commerce Operator
- An Agent supplying taxable goods or services for others
- A supplier of Online Information and Database Access or Retrieval Services (OIDAR) from a place outside India
- Any other person or class of persons as may be notified

Online Application Forms for Registration

- GST REG-01 for New Taxpayers
- GST REG-07 for Tax Deductor (DDO) / Tax Collector at Source
- GST REG-09 for Non Resident Taxable Persons
- GST REG-10 for OIDAR

TAX DEDUCTORS (DDOs)

Deduction simplified

Liability of a DDO to deduct TDS under GST

- A DDO is liable to deduct tax (TDS) from every payment disbursed to a supplier, if the total payable value of that single contract of goods or services or both exceeds ₹2.5 lakh

Rate of TDS

- For supply inside the state : 1% SGST & 1% CGST
- For supply from outside the state : 2% IGST

Duties & Responsibilities of a DDO

- Registration : A DDO is required to file an online application for registration in Form GST REG-07 through GST portal www.gst.gov.in
- Returns : Every registered DDO is required to file an online monthly return in Form GSTR-7 within 10th day of every succeeding month
- Payment : Every DDO deducting TDS is liable to make online deposit of such deduction within 10th day of every succeeding month
- TDS Certificate : Every DDO is required to issue an Online TDS certificate in Form GSTR-7A to the Deductee against every deduction of tax at source.

For any clarification, contact Help Desk in your jurisdictional tax office.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.

— SANDRA CAREY

The Assam Tribune**Ecology of hatred**

Those who live in a more liberal environment such as that prevailing in the North-east are apt to be bewildered by the ecology of hatred that is being sought to be created in India, especially in the BJP-ruled States. Dalits and Muslims have become repeated targets of attacks on spurious grounds, the dominant motif being cow slaughter and beef eating. The emergence of criminals styling themselves as *Gau-rakshaks* has become an Indian reality only after the BJP was voted to power. Attacks on minorities have become the order of the day – if a dairy farmer named Pehlu Khan was waylaid by a bunch of thugs while transporting legally bought cows and beaten to death, it was not an isolated incident but part of a deliberate pattern. The string of such happenings began with the lynching of a Muslim in UP for storing beef (which turned out to be mutton), followed by other heinous incidents such as the thrashing of Dalits while they were engaged in their profession of skinning dead cows. Such has been the endemic violence perpetrated by self-styled protectors of cows that the Supreme Court of India had to issue notices to the Centre and six States to inform it about the steps being taken to rein in the vigilantes. The craftily orchestrated cow protection and anti-beef campaign has created a fear psychosis amongst the Dalits and minorities while vitiating communal harmony.

The tragic killing of 15-year-old Junaid Khan when he was returning on a train from Delhi after having made his purchases for the Idd festival is particularly heart-rending. Despite condemnation from enlightened opinion in India, such attempts to create an ecology of hatred have not stopped – for instance, in the latest incident, a mischievous monger in Jharkhand slit the throat of a dead cow to show that it had been ‘killed’, almost leading to yet another lynching of its owner had not police rescued him. In any civilized nation, particularly one which boasts of being a ‘secular democracy’, preferences of one community should not be forcibly imposed on others, especially if this leads to violence and killings. Thus, while it is very well to enact cow protection laws, it is equally imperative that legislations against self-styled *Gau-rakshaks* are put in place. Not only has the NDA Government not made sincere efforts to rein in the nefarious elements, its leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has shocked liberal opinion in the nation by his resounding silence on the issue. By refusing to publicly condemn incidents such as the murder of Junaid, the PM is merely emboldening those who are bent on creating this ecology of violence. More than anyone else, Modi should appreciate that, with the foreign media focusing on this negative aspect, the positives his Government has achieved might be lost on the world!

Doomdooma incident

In a country like India beset with all-pervasive corruption, the fight against the scourge often comes with associated hazards. Such a trend involving targeted fatal attacks on whistleblowers has been conspicuous across the country including Assam. And the absence of a stringent law has hindered accordance of adequate protection to whistleblowers in their fight against the corrupt. The murder of an upright, conscientious high school teacher of Doomdooma in Tinsukia district on June 25 last can be seen in this light. Police investigations have revealed that the deceased teacher, Lachit Bajing, had been opposing the misappropriation of funds meant for developing a science laboratory in the school by a few of his colleagues including the headmaster. As it eventually turned out, this act of honesty and fearlessness cost him dearly at the end. The arrested teachers have reportedly confessed to the murder during police interrogation, with one of them committing suicide. This case is having several implications, not the least being the grave threat that whistleblowers face in their fight against corruption. Of equal concern should be the fact that such corrupt practices are commonplace in the State even as the Government pledges to act tough on corruption. Apparently, there is a lack of adequate monitoring and a mechanism that can ensure transparency and accountability in the utilization of public fund for various welfare projects. This trend is likely to be far more insidious in interior areas that do not come under the required focus of the Government. No less shocking is the revelation that schoolteachers should be held-upent over usurping funds meant for the development of their own school. The developments call for a strict monitoring mechanism that can also ensure transparency and accountability on the part of the governing bodies of schools and colleges.

In the recent past, the State has witnessed a number of attacks on whistleblowers, including journalists and RTI activists. A few whistleblowers were even killed for daring to expose corruption. Regrettably, not much was done to nab the perpetrators of the murders. The audacity and impunity with which the corrupt and criminal elements are targeting activists also stands to jeopardize the success of the RTI Act in the State. The disturbing developments also put in poor light the role of the police and the administration in enforcing the law and protecting the vulnerable ones who dare to take on the corrupt and the mafia. The need to ensure adequate protection to the complainant reporting corruption has never been as urgent as it is today. Then, massive leakage of funds meant for developmental activities has been having a debilitating impact on the development process of this backward region. Large-scale anomalies in project implementation are unlikely to cease unless a matching anti-corruption mechanism is put in place. With several Centrally-funded projects worth thousands of crores of rupees on the anvil and a few already under implementation in the North-east, it is imperative that the projects are executed in a time-bound and transparent manner.

GST: India's tryst with history

■ M Venkaiah Naidu

At midnight today, India will be making her tryst with history by heralding the much-awaited Goods and Services Tax regime and turning a new leaf in the annals of the country's taxation system.

The ‘One Nation-One Market’ One Tax’ arrangement is the biggest taxation reform undertaken since Independence and will be a game changer. It is expected to benefit both the trader and consumer, while providing buoyancy to government revenues due to increased tax compliance. It is estimated that the GDP will increase by 1.5 to 2% with the implementation of GST.

From July 1 this year, the cascading effect of the taxes will be a thing of the past, providing a huge relief to both the consumer and trader. They will no longer be required to pay a string of central and state levies as several of them will be subsumed basically into the one-tax system, although there are GST, SGST and IGST. In all, the GST Council, the apex body for deciding the tax rates, has categorized 1,211 items into five slabs – 0, 3, 5, 18 and 28 per cent. However, the majority of items come under the 18% slab.

To pave the way for the implementation of this historic tax regime, the GST Council, which has Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley as chairman and the finance

ministers of all States as members, had to meet several times over the past few years to thrash out contentious issues and achieve a consensus. The entire political spectrum also has to be appreciative of rallying behind the GST proposal. But a few parties are adopting double standards for short-term gains; they supported the GST proposal then, and are opposing now.

While there might be some teething problems in the initial period, in the long-term, the GST regime will help the consumers and traders as it will cut down red tape – there will be no inspector *nigraha*, harassment by taxmen or check posts at borders. The officers will have no discretionary powers. It will ensure transparency, reduce inflation, bring down prices, improve ease of doing business, create a level-playing field, increase tax compliance and help achieve higher economic growth.

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressing on the mantra ‘Reform, Perform and Transform’, this fiscal reform can be described as the biggest transformation of the taxation system. With about 142 nations implementing GST, it is now estab-

lished that the one-tax system will improve efficiency, although the case of India is unique because of the vastness of the country and the huge population. The common man will be benefited because of zero tax on several daily consumption food items like fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, eggs, milk, bread, flour

pers, printed books and children's drawing or coloured books. Household items like soap, which were taxed 31% earlier due to the combination of central and state taxes, will be in the 18% tax bracket now.

Due to the availability of input tax credit and elimination of the tax-on-tax cascading effect, the cash flows for businesses are expected to improve vastly. In the absence of hidden or embedded tax, the final cost for many items is expected to come down benefiting the consumer when compared to the earlier tax system. The consumer would stand to gain in the long run because the overall tax burden on goods is expected to come down from the current level of 25-30%.

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Some other items like tea, coffee, rusk, skimmed milk powder, packaged foods, pizza bread, frozen vegetables and fruits have placed in the 5% category. Also health care, education, hotels and lodges with tariff below Rs 1,000 have been kept out of the purview of the GST. With the plethora of taxes such as central excise, VAT, CST and Octroi being replaced with a single tax, this destination-based taxation system will provide a win-win situation to all the major stakeholders.

ers – the consumers, traders, businesses and the Government.

The logistics sector is also expected to hugely benefit with introduction of GST as there will be no inter-State barrier. The free movement of goods will eliminate delays associated with check posts and improve the overall efficiency. The new tax regime will also give a major thrust to the NDA Government's flagship programme of ‘Make in India’ by ensuring that the goods manufactured are competitive in domestic as well as global markets. An important aspect that needs to be highlighted is that GST is expected to be non-inflationary in the long run with the consumer getting the benefit of input tax credit.

Experts have opined that GST will generate thousands of job opportunities, particularly in the areas of taxation, accounting and data analysis in the coming days. The Government has also been quite accommodative regarding the concerns expressed by trade and industry and has given a two-month relaxation for filing returns.

The resolve with which the NDA Government pursued the GST proposal and brought about its implementation from July 1 is one more example of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make India a major economic power, even while accomplishing the all-inclusive ‘*Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas*’. Except the tax evaders, nobody else need to worry.

(The author is the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting.)

Indian Railways and Assam

■ Bhaskar Phukan

Causal they were about this region and causal they still are. From the map of the great Indian Republic, one can make out the national leaders of post-Independence era who could but connect this area called Assam through a narrow strip of land with the mainland. The attitude naturally was causal and Assam lying at the extreme eastern end of the geopolitical entity called India naturally was not of a concern for these leaders, for many of whom no India existed beyond Bengal. Even Mahatma Gandhi despite all his eulogizing words about the area had little to extend as action which could make the future of the region more compatible to the rest of the region. What the national giants had to offer to the region was bottleneck connectivity with the centre as happened in the Aastha Express recently.

Coming to the core issue of service provided by the Indian Railways in this region, least said the better with its quality of service can be rated as the most depressing and deplorable. If one goes by numbers, there are additions to the number of trains with every passing year and with every year's railway budget but the service is what

cereals, pulses, chicken, fresh meat and natural honey. The other items in the zero tax category include handloom, bindi, sindoor, stamps, judicial papers, newspa-

per project Suresh Prabhu, the incumbent minister, as a super minister but the facts are on the contrary again. The rates of passenger freight and goods have increased but not the quality of service. Endless declaration of sops and making of promises do not make a ministry successful. One luxury train from Mumbai to Goa does not make good the inefficient handling of the department where passengers get killed from dehydration due to absence of water in the coaches as happened in the Aastha Express recently.

Coming now to the regional discrepancy, compare any train running between Mumbai and Delhi or Kolkata and Chennai with that of one running between Guwahati and Delhi or Guwahati to Tinsukia. The fares are same all over the country and also the class or rank of a train being the same, there should be no difference between the Paschim Express running between Mumbai and Amritsar and North-east Express running between Delhi and Guwahati. But more than anything to compare, one will find contrasting truths. Punctuality is a word alien to the authorities when it comes to the trains to and fro Assam. All the trains running through Bihar with the singular exception of the Rajdhani Express forgo their status of express trains and turn into passenger trains with innumerable authorized and unauthorized stops. These trains lose their national character and become tools of vested interests who gain financially or politically by engineering unauthorized stops. The result is harassment to passengers travelling by these trains passing through the State of Bihar.

Compare the Rajdhani Express running between New Delhi and Mumbai with the Rajdhani Express running between New Delhi and Dibrugarh. Compare the coaches, cleanliness, food and bedding, one will find discrepancy in all these aspects, especially food and bedding leave much to be desired. The lack of the service of double track itself stands as a main hindrance to improvement in service within the State. After the damage to the schedule caused by such irrational and forced stoppages within the State of Bihar, most trains due to absence of double track get stuck for signal at odd places and further delay is caused. It is noteworthy that the prized AC Superfast Express running from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Mumbai to Kamakhya Junction is regularly late by average six to eight hours. Similar is the case with most trains which are of lesser

importance, like the New Delhi-Guwahati North-east Express or the Sampark Kranti Express running from the same source and to the same destination.

The issue that is most troubling is the delay caused to the trains within the State of Bihar. It is surprising to note that the trains to Assam remain punctual from the point of origin till it enters Bihar; they lose speed and time while negotiating through Bihar. We have noticed that punctuality is maintained within the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and part of Uttar Pradesh (in case of the Mumbai-Kamakhya AC Superfast) but there is total lack of time maintenance within Bihar.

There were days when the VIPs travelled by trains running from and to Assam. It is a pleasant memory to have had Members of Parliament like Hem Baruah, Bijoy Chandra Bhagawati and Rajen Barua as the co-passenger in the Assam Mail during our student days. And perhaps due to this kind of people-friendly attitude of the leaders, the rail authorities cared about the services provided. But today's leaders are more infected by the ivory tower syndrome. Rail travel is something of a derogatory proposition even for the bosses of the Indian Railways.

Letters to the EDITOR

India's rise in world badminton

motivation than that. Yours etc., KAMAL BARUAH, Guwahati.

Impact of GST

Sir, – Growth and inflation are the two key factors to consider on a change in the tax laws. The actual quantifiable benefit on the economic growth and inflation of GST is hard to judge at this point. Once a system is in place, the actual GST benefit will show up only in the long run and not in the next year or two. It is because GST is a complete overall taxation system and it will definitely have a huge effect. The removal of entry tax and Octroi duty automatically will reduce the cost of the manufacturing companies. As a result, it will increase profitability. Therefore, this is a remarkable step taken by the Central Government and it will certainly show the outcome. What GST will certainly do is change the way Indian companies operate. And it is that which can have an eventful long-term impact on the country's growth. Yours etc., ANIRBAN CHAKRABORTY, Birurbari, Guwahati.

Modi-Trump meet

Sir, – Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump are sensitive leaders and both have visions to make their respective countries great from all

sides. While Modi has a vision for a ‘New India’, Trump has a target to make America great again. The talks between the two leaders covered a number of burning issues including enhancement of the bilateral trade and commerce between the two countries. Particularly, both the leaders were in agreement on the evils of terrorism and they have expressed their determination to destroy radical Islamic terrorism. As part of the anti-terrorism measures, the USA has already declared Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin as a global terrorist just hours before the meeting between Modi and Trump. As everyone knows, Pakistan is one of the countries in the world that supports terrorism and sponsors terrorist groups. As such, the USA must counsel Pakistan on refraining from supporting and sponsoring terror. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangia.

PR in health care

Sir, – Most of the health care centres in our region lack good relationships with the visitors. As a result, people prefer to travel to others States for quality treatment. Public relation in the health care industry is a must. Everything depends on the way of dealing and the services that are provided.

Hospitality plays a key role in every field including health care. Health care means dealing with life, so the relationship with the health care seekers must be strong. The public relation office at a health care centre plays an important role. But the job of the PRO, particularly in the field of health care, is not for all. It is the PRO who connects the patient with doctors, counsels regarding various problems, remains in contact with the patient even after the treatment and guides the health care seekers to their required destinations. There should be special courses to educate and train health care public relations officers to bring better health care to the people in both the private and public sectors. Yours etc., DR GITARTHA ROYMEDHI, Beltola, Guwahati.

A moral duty

Sir, – In his essay ‘Bengal Peasantry’, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay wrote about the plight of the farmers named Rama Kalierta (a Hindu Dalit) and Hashim Sheikh (a Muslim) in one breath. Again in his novel ‘Durgeshnandini’, Chattopadhyay portrayed the characters of the Muslim princess Ayesha in an extremely positive light. It is indeed a matter of great shame

that this supremely humanist author gets painted in a parochial colour either as a ‘proud Hindu’ or a ‘communal Hindu’ by the vested interests and dirty politics is played revolving around his creation *Vandemataram* – the immortal tribute to India. Can any ‘proud Hindu’ flexing his ‘religious muscles’ or ‘communal Hindu’ sowing hatred against Muslims afford to cry on the plight of Hashim Sheikh or gloryf Princess Ayesha? In this birth week of Chhattopadhyay, it remains our moral duty to engage in introspection and place the great author and humanitarian in the right perspective. Yours etc., KAJAL CHATTERJEE, Kolkata.

Cruelty to animals

Sir, – What will the Hindus do? During the Durga Puja, one of the most important festivals of the Hindus, the slaughter of buffaloes and livestock is done on a large scale to please the deity. Does not this tantamount to cruelty to animals? The nation wants to know the answer from the Government. Yours etc., SUSANTO KUMAR GHOSH, Silchar.

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Ensuring uninterrupted power supply in State CM for optimum solar power tapping

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has asked the power department to formulate a comprehensive policy for harnessing solar power in the State to ensure uninterrupted power supply to all villages and towns. He also asked the department to put in place a complaint box to address the grievances of the consumers on a priority basis, said an official press release here.

Chairing a meeting of the power department in the conference room of his office at Janata Bhawan here today, the Chief Minister asked the department to look for ways and means to address the shortfall of electricity requirement through generation of power. Informing that the State has been receiving proposals from prospective investors for

setting up solar power projects in the State, he said that in the absence of a well laid-out policy for solar power, the process has hit a roadblock.

Sonowal also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been laying emphasis on alternative sources of energy and to achieve success in harnessing non-conventional sources of energy, solar power has to be tapped to the fullest potential.

He also asked the authorities concerned to initiate a process for filling up the vacant posts to lend momentum to the department. Reviewing the different projects of the department which have hit a roadblock or could not be started yet, Sonowal asked the power department to carry out a survey to inspect the status of transformers, wires etc., in Guwahati as well as other areas to ensure recurrence of such incidents.

The Chief Minister also took stock of

the progress of the work relating to Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Scheme and asked the Additional Chief Secretary along with other higher officials to plug all loopholes including the slackness on the part of the contractors to illuminate all the un-electrified villages on a war footing.

Minister of State for Power Pabbal Lochan Das, Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, Additional Chief Secretary Akul Kumar and other senior officers of the power department were present at the meeting.

Guwahati distribution network: Expressing concern at the recent election-related deaths in the city following flash floods, Sonowal asked the power department to take steps to inspect the status of transformers, wires etc., in Guwahati as well as other areas to ensure recurrence of such incidents.

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Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal greeting the delegates at the inaugural session of the 24th conference of DGP/IGPs/Heads of PEOs of NE Region at Assam Administrative Staff College in Guwahati on Thursday. – UB Photos

Over 400 patients attend health camp

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: A team of doctors and paramedic staff of NDRF, Guwahati organised a medical camp at Katomor Prathama Vidyalaya, Changsari in Kamrup district today.

In the day-long camp, 401 patients were diagnosed. The

participants also got their blood group checked in the camp. School children of Katomor Prathama Vidyalaya, Changsari were given medical advice by the medical team.

Local people were given health tips for taking necessary precautions against seasonal diseases and also other diseases like Hepatitis B and C that sometimes take the shape of epidemic.

The main aim of organizing the medical camp is to ensure sound health of poor people who do not have access to good hospitals due to financial constraints. Most of the patients who visited the camp were schoolchildren, rickshaw pullers, vendors and labourers.

The incident is not an isolated one. People from the NE region have been facing insult, harassment, intimidation, assault etc., in different parts of mainland India, "which often prove to be fatal, resulting in death just because we dress, look, eat, talk differently," they said.

"People from mainland India should understand that India is not a homogenous country and should not expect us to ape the so-called majority. We are proud of our own distinct identity, our dress, our food habits, our way of life and we will not allow anyone to try and enforce otherwise."

"The people of North East are already feeling alienated due to the step-motherly treatment of the different governments at the Centre and this kind of incidents will only alienate the people of this region further if no corrective steps are taken," said the NESO leaders.

The incident also reflects the worst type of ignorance of the people of other areas about the NE people and their cultures.

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Sattriya dance contest

STAFF REPORTER

Mondal Jashbi on July 9 at Assam Gas Company Staff Recreation Centre at Dulijan and on July 16 at Srimanta Sankara Kristi Bikash Samiti auditorium, Paltan Barat, Guwahati.

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Training on scientific pig farming

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: The Directorate of Extension Education, Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Kharaspur organised three five-day skill development training programmes on scientific pig farming at its Kharaspur campus.

The training programmes were organised in collaboration with the North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), Shillong, Meghalaya. A total of 75 educated youths and progressive farmers of Manipur, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh attended the training programmes.

Dr Choudhury, Senior Extension Specialist (AN) of the Directorate of Extension Education designed and formulated the comprehensive course curriculum of the training.

The valedictory function of the series of training programmes was held recently under the chairmanship of Dr P Hazarika, Associate Director of Extension Education, AAU. The chief guest Dr RN Goswami, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science, emphasised skill development training for increased output of pig farms. The valedictory function

was also attended by Dr S

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Notice Inviting Tender

Pollution Control Board, Assam invites International Competitive Bids from Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or authorized representative of manufacturer for the Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance Services of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) in Guwahati City including Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Contract/Service for this CAAQMS Station.

The complete RFP/Tender Document containing Technical Details and other Terms & Conditions will be available in the Board's Website: www.pcbsam.org/Tender.html from 05-07-2017.

Member-Secretary (IIC)

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd, Assam Asset Services

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Seated percentage rate tender through E-Tender is hereby invited by CE(Omid), IIC, Tender Cell, ES, Sivasagar on behalf of ONGC, from reputed contractor as per instruction given in bid documents for the following works:

1) Project ID: 2016-0044217054 (Two Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GOKW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 1. Construction widening and extension of main foundation, construction of 2nos. new cell pit and ancillary foundation, dragging anchor, internal hardening, waste pit, ring bund, earth filling etc.; Estd cost: ₹.108.07.604.56; EMD: ₹.2,16,160/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job

2) Tender No. RCZK/C17055 (Two Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GKAW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 3: Construction of boundary wall, 2nos. guard gumti, pucca mortha with footpath, fencing and gate; Estd cost: ₹.36.95.993.80; EMD: ₹.7.3.920/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job completion time: 02 months or till completion of drilling.

3) Tender No. RCZK/C17056 (One Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site DGDJ in Dhemagpton area, SH 4: Miscellaneous civil works during drilling operation and cleaning of drill site area after drilling operation; Estd cost: ₹.7.29.993.87; EMD: ₹.14,600/-; Tender fee: ₹.200/-; Job completion time: 12 months or till completion of drilling.

4) Project ID: 2016-0044217057 (Single Bid): Name of work: Civil works at site STJD-2 in Lakwa area, SH 4: Miscellaneous civil works during drilling operation and cleaning of drill site area after drilling operation; Estd cost: ₹.7.29.843.67; EMD: ₹.14,600/-; Tender fee: ₹.200/-; Job completion time: 02 months.

5) Tender No. RCZK/C17058 (One Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GKAW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 4: Miscellaneous civil works during drilling operation and cleaning of drill site area after drilling operation; Estd cost: ₹.38.38.160.97; EMD: ₹.7.67.65/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job completion time: 02 months.

6) Project ID: 2016-0044217059 (Two Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GKAW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 3: Construction of boundary wall, 2nos. guard gumti, pucca mortha with footpath and fencing & steel gate; Estd cost: ₹.36.74.555.13; EMD: ₹.7.3.500/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job completion time: 02 months.

7) Project ID: 2016-0044217060 (One Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GKAW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 4: Construction of boundary wall, 2nos. guard gumti, pucca mortha with footpath and fencing & gate; Estd cost: ₹.30.67.200.00; EMD: ₹.7.3.600/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job completion time: 02 months.

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12) Project ID: 2016-0044217065 (One Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GKAW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 3: Construction of boundary wall, 2nos. guard gumti, pucca mortha with footpath and fencing & steel gate; Estd cost: ₹.38.38.160.97; EMD: ₹.7.67.65/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job completion time: 02 months.

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17) Project ID: 2016-0044217070 (One Bid): Name of work: Civil work at site GKAW & SHY in Geleky area, SH 4: Construction of boundary wall, 2nos. guard gumti, pucca mortha with footpath and fencing & gate; Estd cost: ₹.36.74.555.13; EMD: ₹.7.3.500/-; Tender fee: ₹.500/-; Job completion time: 02 months.

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Commuters having a harrowing time on a dilapidated road at Raha in Nagaon district, on Wednesday. — UB Photos

105 gelatin sticks recovered, 3 held

KALAGAON, June 29: Acting on a tip-off, Udaguri police recovered 105 gelatin sticks and apprehended three persons from Rowta in Udaguri district on Tuesday.

According to the sources, the trio has been identified as Najumullah, Moidul and Fajir Ali. Rajveer Singh, Superintendent of Police Udaguri told mediapersons that they were not directly involved with any organisation or outfit. Police suspect that they could have been working as vendors supplying gelatin sticks etc. Gelatin sticks and detonators are mostly used by PWD or other govt departments for construction purposes and the labourers somehow managed to steal some explosives to be sold to extremist organisations. — Correspondent

OBITUARY

Manab Raj Bora

GUWAHATI, June 29: Manab Raj Bora, a resident of Sixmilia here, passed away on June 24 following a heart attack. He was 48.

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

Khaliluddin Ahmed

GUWAHATI, June 29: Retired police officer Khaliluddin Ahmed, a resident of Hatigau near Hatigau Police Station, passed away due to old-age ailment on June 27. He was 89.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives.

Executive Committee of KAAC

Karbi youth body's demand over EM's post

CORRESPONDENT

DIPUH, June 29: The Karbi Youth Organisation (KYO), a Dipu-based students' organisation has issued a stern warning that if any non-schedule tribe Member of Autonomous Council (MAC), who has been newly-elected, is given the post of Executive Member in the Executive Committee of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), the organisation will resort to a strong agitation. The student body has particularly mentioned to the MACS belonging to the non-Sixth Schedule community, who have been elected from Kopili, Bokajan and Deopani MAC segments under the BJP banner.

The KYO press statement has mentioned that the Autonomous District Council was formed under the requirement of the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, where the term 'tribal' has been mentioned as 'Tribal Areas' and recognised for the safeguard of tribal people and their individuality.

The organisation has cautioned the authority concerned that they would be exclusively held accountable if any unpleasant state of affairs occurs concerning on the issue in the district.

Ultra linkman held

DHUBRI, June 29: Police in a joint operation with the 17th Battalion of Dogra Regiment apprehended a suspected linksman of a militant organisation from Naya Gaon area under Bisaspura Police Station and recovered a country-made revolver from his possession.

Police sources said that Muslimuddin Seikh (52), s/o Khowa Seikh, from Naya Gaon village under Bisaspura PS was apprehended based on a specific information regarding the presence of such a linkman. Talking to this correspondent, SDPO Bisaspura Nirupam Hazarika said, "Nothing is clear as of now. We are investigating into the matter." — Correspondent

N Lakhimpur students develop hybrid car

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, June 29: Two engineering students of North Lakhimpur — Ferzor Ali Ahmed and Arindam Hazarika — have developed a high speed hybrid 'GATAF' car which can turn and manoeuvre well even in cruising speed.

The two students, who are the final semester students of BTech in Mechanical Engineering of Jagannath University, developed the GATAF S-3 two-seater car, which has open wheels and an open cockpit with a 1,000 CC engine and horizontal suspension system.



The test drives conducted with the car has already been successful and it would be patented soon, the university authorities said.

Nirmala Buragohain: a tribute

Nirmala Buragohain, a leading social activist of Guwahati passed away on June 20 last after a brief ailment. She was 81.

Buragohain was the founder of several socio-cultural organisations of the city and was the president of the Jyotiashila Mahila Samanway Parishad for several years. She exercised a sobering and magical command over the members of her organisation with her endearing but commanding influence over the members.

It was in the late 50s and earlier 60s that I came in contact with Dr Sachin Nath Buragohain, Nirmala Buragohain's hus-

band, when he was serving as an Extension Officer, Veterinary department at Dooomdoo Development Block.

In course of my tour to Dooomdoo as a District Public Relations Officer, I took assistance from Dr Buragohain in organising public meetings in rural areas. Nirmala Buragohain also attended a couple of our meetings and delivered good speeches at the request of the local people. After I had settled permanently at Panjabbari in 1991, Buragohain were the first people with whom we had very close contact, and it was at the instance of Nirmala Buragohain that I became associated with the

public function of Panjabbari including the Durga Puja and the three-day programme of Ronbil Bihu. She got involved very intimately with the organisational works of both the Brijhattar Panjabbari Sahitya Sabha and the Panjabbari Senior Citizens' Association and was the vice president of the Sahitya Sabha for some time. During the initial years of the Panjabbari Sahitya Sabha, she took great interest in the functioning of the Sabha and tried her best to enlist the larger participation of women members in all the functions of the Sabha.

A great organiser herself, it was because of her leadership skills and her strict adherence

to the rules of public accounts that the Mahila Bihu of the Jyotiashila Mahila Samiti has already celebrated its silver jubilee and is on its way to celebrate the golden jubilee. A noble lady, Buragohain represented the best of the Ahom royalty and radiated the majesty of a 'Rajmata' of the centuries past. In her passing away, Panjabbari has lost a great social worker and the women of this area their undisputed leader. I have also lost a trusted friend of over five decades.

On her *adavashraddha* today, I pray to the Almighty to grant her eternal peace in her final abode.

— DN Chakravarthy

Half-done work of Panitola CHC

Health dept asked to furnish information on action taken

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 29: The Assam Information Commission has recently directed the Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare department to look into the matter of Panitola CHC and file an affidavit before the Commission about the action taken latest by July 31.

The Commission gave the order after hearing a second petition of appellant Anil Kr Baruah regarding apparent irregularities in the 'go-ahead' order of the Health and Family Welfare department for the completion of the half-done work of Panitola CHC without administrative approval and

sanction, and also delay of about 15 years in clearing the contractor's dues.

The Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department, vide a letter issued on April 7, 2001, had requested the Commissioner and Secretary, PWD, to complete the half-done work of CHC building of Panitola with an amount of Rs 30 lakh. But there was no mention of administrative approval or sanction, although there was an assurance that the work would be provided under PMGY. Accordingly, the PWD went ahead with the work.

On September 2, 2002, Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), wrote to the Secretary

of Health and Family Welfare department that 20 per cent work of the Panitola CHC was already completed, but the work was yet to be sanctioned. To avoid embarrassment, the Chief Engineer requested the Health and Family Welfare Department to communicate sanction of Rs 30 lakh and to release funds to avoid difficulties related to construction and contract. This was followed by several requests from the PWD to the Health and Family Welfare Department on this issue.

The RTI petitioner, who happened to be the contractor of the work, had stopped the execution of the work after achieving 40 per cent progress and finally filed a writ petition before the Gauhati High Court. The PWD moved the Health and Family Welfare department several times for administrative approval for clearing the contractor's dues in compliance with the High Court's order issued on September 29, 2008. But, till date, no post facto administrative approval has been accorded.

State Chief Information Commissioner HS Das has directed the SPIO and the Deputy Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department to furnish information sought by the petitioner within 30 days from the receipt of the order, an official release said on Wednesday.

Bajrang Dal expels 3 members

RANGIYA, June 29: The Bajrang Dal of Rangiya unit on Wednesday expelled three of its members on charge of anti-party activities. Joint organiser of the unit, Anjan Bhuyan in a press release condemned the anti-organisational activities of the members and claimed that the party has taken the issue seriously.

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2 hurt: Two persons, Dr. Jahanara Begum, faculty member of Botany at Nabijoy College, Kalagachia, and her 12-year-old son Anvar Ahmed were seriously injured when the Swift Car (AS-01-BP-5280) to be held in August, 2017.

A meeting was organised on Wednesday at Kokrajhar Girls' HS School auditorium to be held in August, 2017.

The injured were immediately shifted to GNRC Hospitals in Guwahati. They were travelling from Sixmilia in Guwahati to Kalagachia. — Correspondent

Minors detained

SILCHAR, June 29: Three minors have been detained by Cachar police on Wednesday for allegedly using abusive remarks on social media against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and PWD Minister Parimal Suklabaidya. According to sources, they will be produced in the juvenile court. — Correspondent

Preparation on to hold National Children's Science Congress

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, June 29: Brisk preparations are on for holding the 25th State-level National Children's Science Congress at Kokrajhar town to be held in August, 2017.

A meeting was organised on Wednesday at Kokrajhar Girls' HS School auditorium to be held in August, 2017.

The RTI petitioner, who happened to be the contractor of the work, had stopped the execution of the work after achieving 40 per cent progress

hall in this connection which was presided over by Jagadish Prasad Brahma, Inspector of Schools, Kokrajhar.

A reception committee was formed in the meeting with BTC Chief Hagrama Mohiyar as chief patron, Deputy Chief of BTC Kampa Borgoyari as president and Inspector of Schools, Kokrajhar, Jagadish

Prasad Brahma as convenor respectively. Several sub-committees have also been formed for smooth conduct of the programme.

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RD Burman's birth anniversary celebrated

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, June 29: The 162nd National Integration Day of Santals will be held at the Bishnu Rabha Hall in Udaguri district of BTAD on June 30, informed Simon Kisku, president of the All Santals Students' Union (ASSU) here.

Talking to mediapersons here, Kisku said that the All Santals Students' Union (ASSU) is going to observe the day with a day-long pro-

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Barak bandh passes off peacefully

Jet Airways to start new service from Silchar



Deserted Silchar town during the bandh. — UB Photos

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, June 29: The 12-hour Barak Bandh called by the All Cachar Karimganj Hailakandi Students Association (ACKHSA) in protest against the State Government's decision to curtail the number of Durga Puja holidays from the academic calendar for Barak Valley ended peacefully on Thursday.

In Silchar, shops, commercial establishments, schools, colleges and other institutions remained closed during the bandh. However, sporadic movement of private vehicles were seen during the day.

According to sources at Jet Airways in Silchar, the commencement of the Boeing with a capacity of 168 passengers shall bring an end to the ATR flights which began operating from the Kumbh-

gram Airport since 2011. "The flight which will operate on a daily basis shall take off from Delhi at 7 am. The same flight shall carry passengers from Silchar and reach Guwahati at 1:30pm. After a break of 40 minutes, the flight shall reach Silchar and will go to Kolkata to depart for Delhi at 6 pm on the same evening," the sources said.

"We are delighted that a long-awaited demand is going to be fulfilled and we can fly to Delhi from here without facing flights in Kolkata or at Guwahati. Also, the passengers from Delhi can reach

home on the same day. But the authorities should also look into improving the amenities and other services. We are still reaching the flights on foot from the terminal which has become a major problem for the passengers," said Saptarsi Paul, a local resident.

Meanwhile, even as there are no major plans to mark the beginning of the Boeing aircraft carrying passengers, functions of both Jet Airways and the Airport Authorities of India (AAI) have informed that the flight will be given a water cannon salute on its arrival.

OBITUARY

Naren Bhuyan

GUWAHATI, June 29: Naren Bhuyan, a retired teacher of Jamuguri HS School died at Jamuguri on Wednesday after a brief illness. He was 84. Late Bhuyan leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter. He was also closely associated with various social organisations in and around the area.

One arrested

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIA-LI, June 29: One Jitendra Sharma (35), owner of several wine bars and a wine mahal at Gohpur, was arrested from his residence last evening for his illegal wine trade at Gohpur sub-division. Earlier, Gohpur police had also recovered 91 boxes of wine from his possession. Various local organisations, including AASU claimed that the person had been running the wine business illegally throughout the sub-division for a long time.



Senior members of the AGP staging dharna in protest against non-fulfilment of their long-standing demands. — UB Photos

Flood situation remains grim in Karimganj

ANN Service

BADARPUR, June 29: The overall flood situation in several parts of Karimganj district has turned grim today as rising waters of Barak and Kushiyara rivers have submerged several new areas causing severe hardships for the people.

A senior official of the Karimganj district administration while sharing information with this correspondent said that 90

per cent of South Karinganj are now under water. Around five thousand fisheries have also been badly affected. The people of Nambarabar, Angura, Fatehabpur, Parampara, Janakalyan, Keotakna, Singara, Elashpur and Baragam panchayat areas have now taken shelter at schools."

Meanwhile, the Karimganj district administration has reviewed the situation, and has taken all the necessary ar-

rangements for tackling the flood situation.

The district SDRF forces have already been engaged in rescue operations in the flood hit areas. It is learnt that the district administration has directed the BSF and Assam Rifles, NGOs and social organisations to extend their support in carrying out rescue operations.

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In Silchar, shops, commercial establishments, schools, colleges and other institutions remained closed during the bandh. However, sporadic movement of private vehicles were seen during the day.

CINEMA PROGRAMME

SILVER SCREEN
Bijoy Cinema, ICICI Bank
(Digital Projection and Dolby Surround sound system and Luxurious path back seats with delectable food court & parking)

At 11:00 am & 2:00 pm
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

Stg. Salman Khan, Zhu Zhu etc;
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(Two Screens)

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At 10:00 am & 12:30 pm

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FUN CINEMA MANGALDAI
2nd Floor Sunnits Shopping Complex L.N.B Road, Mangaldai with Silver Screen, Multiplex Ambience, Luxurious Path Back Seats, 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, 7D

At 12:30, 6:00 & 8:30 pm

TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

Stg. Salman Khan, Zhu Zhu etc;

At 9:45 am & 3:10 pm

TRANSFORMERS : 3D

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Sunnits Shoppings Complex L.N.B Road, Mangaldai with Silver Screen, Multiplex Ambience, Luxurious Path Back Seats, 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, 7D

At 12:30, 6:00 & 8:30 pm

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At 9:45 am & 3:10 pm

TRANSFORMERS : 3D

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At 11:00 am & 2:00 pm

TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

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At 9:45 am & 3:10 pm

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GALLERIA CINEMA
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TRANSFORMERS : 3D (E)

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Digital Projection and Dolby Surround Sound System, Air Cool

At 11:00 am & 2:00 pm

TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

Stg. Salman Khan, Zhu Zhu etc;

At 9:45 am & 3:10 pm

TRANSFORMERS : 3D (E)

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GALLERIA CINEMAS
Dibrugarh, Junction Mall

30th June to 6th July 2017

TRANSFORMERS : THE LAST KNIGHT (3D Hindi)

Screen-2

At 10:00 am & 2:30, 5:00, 8:40 pm

TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

Tele Booking Timings 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Tele Booking No. 88785650017

(Terms & conditions apply)

Ticket Rates: Regular Show : Rs. 100/-, Senior Citizen : 70/-

Rs. 200/-, 3D Show : 120/-

Rs. 300/-

Morning shows : Rs. 80/-, Senior Citizen : 60/-

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Reserve: Rs. 40/-

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

Results of the Combined Competitive Examination, 2015 of the Assam Public Service Commission, declared vide letter no.75/SC/CON/Exam-165/2015-2016

Dte: Guwahati the 29th June, 2017

1. Assam Civil Service (Jr. Grade)

No. of posts: 30
OC 17
OC/MOBC 9
STP 3
STH 1
RFW=5 (Locomotor Disabled)
RFW=NIL

Sl. No.	Roll No.	Name	Community	Sex	PWD	Vacancy Relating to Reservation
1	0900864	DEBASHIS GOSWAMI	GENL	M	OC	
2	0402049	HRIDAY KUMAR DAS	OBC	M	Do	
3	0200676	KAUSTAV KALITA	GENL	M	Do	
4	1600014	DEEPMAY THAKUR	OBC	M	Do	
5	0100629	HEMANTA KARMAKAR	GENL	M	Do	
6	0300665	MOHIT KALITA	MOBC	M	Do	
7	1700701	SUJAHIT BHUYAN	STP	M	Do	
8	1101390	PARIKSHIT PHUITAN	STP	M	Do	
9	1101291	GAUTAM PRIMAY MAHANTHA	GENL	M	Do	
10	1101291	BIRUPA KALITA	GENL	F	Do	
11	0903313	BIPASHA KALITA	STP	F	Do	
12	1600005	GABRI PRUYA DEURI	GENL	F	Do	
13	1100478	RASHMI PRATAP	GENL	F	Do	
14	1101378	NUZHAT NASREEN	GENL	F	Do	
15	0101026	KUMAR GAURAB DAS	OBC	M	Do	
16	0906992	SNIGDHA MITTERPANGSA	STH	F	Do	
17	0907774	HEMASHRI KHANIKAR	MOBC	F	Do	
18	0300561	JITURAJ GOOGI	OBC	M	Do	
19	0907070	SHANTA KARKI CHHETRI	OBC	M	Do	
20	0907633	DHRUBAJAYANTI NATH	OBC	F	Do	
21	0908373	APRITA DAS	OBC	F	Do	
22	1602933	NITISHA BORA	OBC	F	Do	
23	0908284	DEBANKAR NATH	SC	M	Do	
24	0908093	SALUVIK KARAN	MOBC	M	Do	
25	1101404	PRABHAT PEGU	STP	M	Do	
26	0200067	PRITAM RAJA SHARMA	OBC	M	Do	
27	0500988	SRABANA SONOWAL	STP	F	Do	
28	1800563	CASIO KARAN PEGU	STP	M	Do	
29	0907258	AMIT PARBOSA	STH	M	Do	
30	1400177	SUNIL KUMAR DEKA	GENL	M	OH	Do

2. Assam Land & Revenue Service (Jr. Grade)

No. of posts: 60
OC 31
OC/MOBC 16
SC 4
STP 6
STH 3
RFW=NIL

Sl. No.	Roll No.	Name	Community	Sex	PWD	Vacancy Relating to Reservation
1	0201039	SAMEER CHOUDHURY	GENL	M	OC	
2	0900249	AKASHDEEP KAKATI	GENL	M	Do	
3	1400456	ABHAS MIRZA AHMED	GENL	M	Do	
4	0900210	RITURAJ BORDOLOI	GENL	M	Do	
5	0900935	KALAM JEET SARMA	GENL	M	Do	
6	0400619	PULAK BISWAS	SC	M	Do	
7	0907483	BISWAJIT DUTTA	GENL	F	Do	
8	1801046	SANGEETA SARMAH	GENL	M	Do	
9	1801046	JAIDEEP RAJAK	GENL	M	Do	
10	0903679	PRANJAL SARMAH BARUAH	GENL	M	Do	
11	0903679	NAYON JYOTI PATHAK	GENL	M	Do	
12	0900130	GAYATRI PATHAK	OBC	F	Do	
13	0900476	ANURIMA SARKAR	GENL	F	Do	
14	0907216	ADRIEN GOOGI	OBC	F	Do	
15	0902878	NANDAN NILOTPAL BHWAGATA	GENL	M	Do	
16	1600013	UTPAL KUMAR DEKA	GENL	M	Do	
17	1601009	MODIRA BEGUM	OBC	F	Do	
18	0900474	AMARJYOTI NATH	OBC	M	Do	
19	0904099	ARPANA SARMAH	GENL	F	Do	
20	0905037	DIPTI GOOGI	OBC	F	Do	
21	0907389	BANASHREE MALAKAR	SC	M	Do	
22	1901064	ARPITA DUTTA MAZUMDER	GENL	F	Do	
23	0400305	SHAHNAWAZ IKBAL	GENL	M	Do	
24	0501794	DORODI DEVROY	OBC	F	Do	
25	2208039	JUJI SAIIKA	OBC	F	Do	
26	0900760	MIRGAKSHI DAS	GENL	M	Do	
27	2200536	JAYANTA CHAKRABORTY	GENL	M	Do	
28	0912526	NITUL KHATANAI	OBC	M	Do	
29	1801015	GYANJYOTI DUTTA	GENL	F	Do	
30	0908106	MONIKA KARMAKAR	GENL	F	Do	
31	0902588	BHATTACHARYYA	OBC	F	Do	
32	0101122	RAJIB GOOGI	OBC	M	Do	
33	0201015	PRITOM DAS	OBC	M	Do	
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CAPSULE

BMW launches all-new 5 Series

MUMBAI, June 29: German luxury car-maker BMW today launched the all-new version of its best-selling model 5 Series in India, priced between Rs 49.9 lakh and Rs 61.3 lakh (ex-showroom Mumbai). The new model is available in both diesel and petrol engine options. "The all-new 5 series starts the product offensive by BMW in India for this year. The 5 series has been the best-selling model for the company in India," BMW India Group President Vikram Pawaal told reporters here. — PTI

Honda City sales milestone

NEW DELHI, June 29: Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) today said the fourth generation City has crossed sales milestone of 2.5 lakh units in the country just in 42 months after the launch of the model. "With its new-generation technologies, the 4th generation City meets our customers' aspirations for a premium product..." HCIL President and CEO Yoichiro Ueno said in a statement. — PTI

Thomas Cook acquisition

NEW DELHI, June 29: Travel services provider Thomas Cook India Group has completed acquisition of a significant part of Kuoni's global destination management specialists for an undisclosed amount. With the acquisition, Thomas Cook India Group's travel business network has added 17 new countries, increasing its footprint to cover 21 countries, the company said in a statement. — PTI

Tally Solutions software

GUWAHATI, June 29: India's premier business software provider Tally Solutions has launched its GST-ready accounting and compliance software, Tally ERP 9 Release 6, to facilitate businesses' smooth transition into the new indirect tax regime. The product boasts of being able to take the lives of business owners GST with minimum risk and enjoy it uniquely simple, blazing fast and accurate. The product will be free for existing customers provided they have a valid subscription, a press release said here today. — Business Reporter

15% cess on buses

NEW DELHI, June 29: The government has decided to levy a cess on vehicles over and above the GST rate of 20 per cent on buses, thus putting public transport vehicles in the same tax bracket as luxury cars and hybrid vehicles. As per the latest Finance Ministry notification, motor vehicles for the transport of 10 or more persons, including the driver, will attract a services tax compensation cess of 15 per cent. — PTI



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
NONGRIM HILLS, SHILLONG - 793003, MEGHALAYA

No. ADMN-12015(11)/7/2017-ADMN Dated: 20th June, 2017

The North Eastern Council is looking for the services of a suitable officer for filling up (one) post of Director (Plan Evaluation and Monitoring) on deputation (including short term contract basis). The pay scale, terms and conditions of deputation will be revised in accordance with D.O.R.M. Manual, file no.909-Est. (Pay) dated 17-06-2010 as amended from time to time. Cadre Authorities / Heads of Departments are requested to forward applications of eligible and willing candidates whose services can be spared on deputation immediately on selection so as to reach the undersigned within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News. The details of post, eligibility criteria, job requirement, age limit qualification and experience required for the post are available at NEC website. The Application Form/Curriculum Vitae proforma and other details, the candidate are advised to visit and download from the NEC website <http://necouncil.gov.in>.
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GOV. OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION
GENERAL RESERVE ENGINEER FORCE
CHIEF ENGINEER PROJECT VARTAK

1. The application form Project Vartak, C/O 99 APO invites Online bids on single stage two bid system from the eligible contractors for the following work with the given details:-
PARTICULARS OF WORK:
Name of Work: SUPPLY AND STACKING OF STONE CHIPS 22-40MM, STONES 100 TPS 12000 TPD, 1000 TPD AT KMC AT THAPSI SITE (UPA LOG 1000 TPD FOR RESIN PRODUCTION) IN NONGRIM HILLS, SHILLONG - 793003, MEGHALAYA
AND KM 287.156 ON ROAD BALIPARA-CHARDUAR-TAWANG IN 90 RCC SECTOR OF 42 BRFT IN TAWANG DISTRICT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
NTN/CEP/CTP VTK-09/07-2017-18
Other Details:
(a) Cost of work : Rs. 20.83 lakhs
(b) Period of completion : 120 days
(c) Earnest money : Rs. 42,000/-
(d) Cost of tender : Rs. 500/-

CRITICAL DATE SHEET

Published Date	: 24 June 2017 at 1800 hrs.
Bid Document Download Date	: 27 June 2017 at 1800 hrs.
Clarification Start Date	: 28 June 2017 at 1800 hrs.
Clarification End Date	: 29 June 2017 at 1200 hrs.
Pre-bid meeting	: 30 June 2017 at 1100 hrs.
Bid Submission Start Date	: 01 July 2017 at 1100 hrs.
Bid Submission End Date	: 13 July 2017 at 1200 hrs.
Bid Opening Date	: 14 July 2017 at 1200 hrs.
Opening Date	: To be notified later

Note - Full notice of tender, any change in above details, tender document (including eligibility criteria) and other details may be obtained from CPPP website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. For any queries please contact on telephone No. 03712-230501, 221513, FAX No. 03712-220706.
dcpv 37102/11/0115/718

No. DME/168/2017/7970

E-RFP Notice

Dated: 29-06-2017

e-RFP are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in from the intending firm/consultant for selection of project design consultant for assessing and enhancing the capacity of Medical Educational Institutes in Assam.

Important dates of the e-RFP

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e-RFP Publishing	30/06/2017	11:00 AM	—	—
2.	e-RFP documents Download	30/06/2017	11:00 AM	21-07-2017	12:00 Noon
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	10-07-2017	11:30 AM		
4.	Proposal Submission	11-07-2017	12:00 Noon	21-07-2017	12:00 Noon

2. The detailed information of RFP documents are available in online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in only. The bidders/Firms would be required to register themselves on the website. The bidder must be required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. Aspiring bidders/Firms who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement may obtain the same by registering in the www.assamtenders.gov.in. The requirements to register with the e-procurement portal are available on the website indicated above. The RFP documents fee is non refundable and payable in favour of the "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Siyam, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, at BSI-Dipu (Guwahati) Branch".

SD/- Director of Medical Education, Assam,

Jansanayog/1506/17

IndiGo showed interest in buying Air India stake: Gajapathi Raju

NEW DELHI, June 29: A day after the Union Cabinet gave its in-principle approval for Air India's divestment, Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju said that the budget passenger airline IndiGo has expressed its interest in participating in the stake sale of the flag-carrier.

"There has been interest shown for Air India, IndiGo has approached the ministry with a formal expression of interest proposal," Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju told IANS.

"Other airlines have also shown interest in Air India, but they have not submitted any for-

mal proposals as yet," he added.

When contacted, an official from IndiGo said that the airline was "observing a silent period."

According to Civil Aviation Ministry Secretary RN Choubey, a formal proposal from IndiGo was received after Wednesday's Cabinet decision on Air India's divestment.

The Union Cabinet's decision on Air India comes after NITI Aayog in a recent report to the Civil Aviation Ministry recommended strategic disinvestment in the loss-making Air India.

At present, the national passenger carrier has a debt burden of more than Rs 50,000 crore.

The airline in 2015-16 had posted an operating profit of Rs 105 crore. For the last fiscal 2016-17, the company is expected to report an improved operating profit margin.

The flag carrier had got a new lease of life on April 12, 2012, when the previous Central Government under the UPA had approved a Rs 30,000-crore turn-around (TAP) and financial restructuring plans (FRP) package spanning up to the year 2021.

Currently, Air India's portfolio of subsidiaries include Air India Engineering Services, Air India Transport Services, Alliance Air, Air India Express and the Hotel Corporation of India. It also has a ground han-

dling joint venture AISATS. Apart from its subsidiaries, the national carrier owns several properties in India and abroad, operational slots at international airport and priceless art work, besides a well-trained manpower.

According to the company's website, Air India operates 118 aircraft of various kind. Its international network consists of 41 destinations across the US, Europe, Australia, the Far East and South-east Asia and the Gulf.

The airline's domestic network covers 72 destinations, including flying areas of the North-East, Ladakh, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. — IANS



President of Asian Development Bank Takehiko Nakao meeting Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Arun Jaitley, in New Delhi on Thursday. — UNI

UBI aims at 12.8% business growth in 2017-18

KOLKATA, June 29: As United Bank of India (UBI) is looking at a 12.8 per cent growth in business to clock a figure of Rs 2.20 lakh crore in the current fiscal and the state-run lender is also planning to raise up to Rs 1,000 crore capital this year, an official said today.

"We are looking at a business of Rs 2.20 lakh crore from the current level of Rs 1.95 lakh crore in the current financial year. The bank is projecting a 10 per cent growth in advances and 8 per cent in deposits in 2017-18," United Bank of India MD and CEO Pawan Bajaj told shareholders here at the bank's 8th Annual General Meeting.

"With the growth projection in place, the bank needs to raise more capital in order to become self-sufficient in terms of capital by March 2019 when the Basel III norms become fully applicable," Bajaj said.

"We have decided to raise up to Rs 1,000 crore capital this year but in which modes it would be raised has not been decided," he said.

The lender sought shareholders' approval to raise up to Rs 1,000 crore in tranches through different modes.

The bank received Rs 1,026 crore of capital support from the Centre in two tranches in the last financial year and it raised Rs 127.49 crore via its maiden QIP issue. The bank also had raised additional Tier-I or AT-1 bonds to the tune of Rs 200 crore to augment its Tier-I capital. — IANS

This is the largest asset resolution in the country so far and I hope that this landmark transaction will pave the way for more such resolutions," Chanda Kochhar, ICICI Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive, said in a statement.

She said the sale process of the cement business of Jaiprakash Associates and Jaypee Cement will complete by the end of the year and its subsidiary ICICI Securities was appointed to manage the sale process. — PTI

Rs 189-cr UltraTech-Jaypee Cement deal

MUMBAI, June 29: ICICI Bank today said that a lenders consortium led by it has concluded the biggest asset resolution in the country with con-

sidered closure.

Even though the exact gain to the lenders is not mentioned in the statement, a March 2016 media report had pegged banks would receive about Rs 4,000 crore from sale.

ICICI Bank

was the lead bank in the lenders' consortium and played a significant role" in the sale process, Kochhar said.

She said a decision to reduce Jaiprakash Associates and Jaypee Cement's debt was taken more than a year ago and its subsidiary ICICI Securities was appointed to manage the sale process. — PTI

ICICI Bank launches 'Eazypay' mobile app

to the Birla Group's UltraTech Cement," has been concluded today.

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Explaining the use of the mobile application through video-conferencing here today, a technical team of the bank said,

"Any current account holder of

ICICI Bank can instantly down-

load the 'Eazypay' app and start

using it. A non-customer of

ICICI Bank can also use the app after opening a current account with the bank. The app is avail-

able on smartphones with An-

droid operating systems. It will

be shortly available for smart-

phones using the iOS operat-

ing system as well."

The app also makes it possi-

ble to collect money in situations like home delivery of goods/servi-

cies, teleales and payment-on-

delivery options by e-commerce

companies where the buyer and

the seller are not physically

present in the same location, the technical said.

In order to make Eazypay even more comprehensive, the

bank has recently integrated a

new functionality called 'Aad-

haar Pay' into the application.

This new feature will enable

merchants to collect payments

through the customer's Aad-

haar number and biometric au-

thentication, they added.

Continuation of Special Train

It has been decided to continue the service of presently running Special Train No. 07525/07526 (DEMU) between New Jalpaiguri - New Bongaigaon to clear extra rush for a period of another 03 months as per existing timings, stoppages and composition as under:

Train No. 07525 from New Jalpaiguri from 01-07-2017 to 30-09-2017

Train No. 07526 from New Bongaigaon from 02-07-2017 to 01-10-2017

ARR DEP STATIONS ARR DEP

21.00 — New Jalpaiguri 12.45 —

05.40 — New Bongaigaon

COMPOSITION: DPC (two) & DTC/TC (eight) = 10 coaches.

General Manager (Operations)

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Please use Railway Helpline Nos.

138 (Complaint), 139 (Train Information) & 162 (Security)

ATTACHMENT OF ADDITIONAL COACH

It has been decided to attached of the load of following trains on permanent basis as under:

Train No. & Name Type of Coach Period

55894 Rangpara North - Rangpara Passenger (Tr Weekly) General Second

From Rangpara North-03-07-2017

55893 Rangiya - Rangpara North Passenger (Tr Weekly) Class (one)

From Rangiy - 04-07-2017

55895 Rangiya - Murkongselek Passenger (Tr Weekly) General Second

From Rangong - 03-07-2017

55896 Murkongselek - Rangiya Passenger (Tr Weekly) Class (one)

From Murkongselek - 04-07-2017

General Manager (Operations)

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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138 (Complaint), 139 (Train Information) & 162 (Security)

ATTACHMENT OF ADDITIONAL COACH

It has been decided to attached one additional coach in the following trains on permanent basis as under:

Train No. & Name Type of Coach Period

159615/19958 Dibrugarh - 01-07-2017 Kamrup Express 3-tier (one)

From Dibrugarh - 03-07-2017

15620/15619 Kamakhya - Gaya Express AC 2-tier (one)

From Kamakhya - 04-07-2017

15621/15622 Kamakhya - Anand Vihar Express AC 2-tier (one)

From Anand Vihar - 04-08-2017

12042/12041 New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Shatabdi Express AC Chair Car (one)

From New Jalpaiguri - 14-08-2017

From Howrah - 14-08-2017

General Manager (Operations)

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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CORRIGENDUM TO RAILWAY NOTIFICATION Revised TERMS AND CONDITIONS for engagement of contract Medical Practitioner WALK-IN INTERVIEW to be held on 04-07-2017

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The appointment will be on Full Time Contract basis for a period not exceeding one year or till replaced by UPSC selected doctors, whichever is earlier for the post of STW/STW.

2. The Contract shall be terminated by giving 15 days notice by either side, without assigning any reason or if the Contract Medical Practitioner is mentally/physically incapacitated.

3. The Contract appointment shall not confer any right for regularization or promotion in the post.

4. The term of appointment for engagement of CMFs is enhanced from the 10 terms to 12 terms on year to year basis or till attaining the age of 60 years whichever is earlier and each terms of engagement shall not exceed more than one year.

5. A candidate should not exceed 60 years of age as on 01-01-2017.

6. The Contract Medical Practitioner shall produce certificates of qualification and experience from two gazetted officers of the Central/State Government.

7. Educational/Technical qualification: (a) Dental Surgeon : The candidate should possess BDS Degree & registered with Dental Council of India. (b) Dental Surgeon must have 3 years working experience in a Post Graduate. (c) General Duty: The candidate should possess MBBS Degree and be registered with Indian Medical Council.

8. Monthly fee: For General Duty & Dental Surgeon (Full time): ₹ 60,000/- (PM). The fee indicated against each is subject to the condition that no Govt accommodation is provided. If Govt. accommodation is provided, the monthly fee will be equivalent to the sum of HRA & license fee of the accommodation so provided will be deducted from the monthly remuneration.

9. Those doctors who have already been engaged for 12 terms in Indian Railway need not apply.

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General Manager (Personnel)

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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Congress, NCP ask Centre to clarify stand on Land Bill

NEW DELHI, June 29: Opposition Congress and NCP today asked the government to clarify its stand on the proposed amendments to the contentious Land Acquisition Bill in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise to withdraw the changes.

At a meeting of the Joint Committee of Parliament here, the members of the Congress and the NCP also staged a walkout, saying there was no point in continuing with the proceedings unless there is clarity on withdrawal of amendments to the Bill, according to committee member and Congress leader KV Thomas.

The Opposition members said Modi had in his "Mann Ki Baat" radio programme of August 30, 2015 categorically stated that the amendments

would be withdrawn.

While seeking to know the government stand, the Opposition MPs made it clear to the committee Chairman Ganesh Singh that the Prime Minister or Rural Development Minister should give a clarification on this matter in Parliament.

The Bill seeks, among other things, removal of the consent clause for acquiring land for five areas – industrial corridors, public-private projects, rural infrastructure, affordable housing and defence.

Since there was no clarity, the Opposition members did not attend the last meeting of the committee, under the new chairman.

"But we decided to attend this time and explained our views before staging a walkout," the Congress member said. — PTI

AHMEDABAD, June 29: In a tough message against cow vigilantes and mob lynching, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said killing people on pretext of protecting cows is not acceptable and warned that no one has the right to take law into his hands.

Addressing a public meeting to mark the centenary of the Mahatma Gandhi's Sarvashanti Ashram here, Modi said indulging in violence in the name of "gau bhakti" goes fully against the ideals of Father of the Nation.

Voiceless his concern on the spate of incidents of lynching and violence over cows' protection, the Prime Minister said nothing would be achieved from such acts.

"Today, I want to express my sadness and my pain, when I am here at the Sabarmati Ashram," he said.

"This is a country which is the tradition of giving food to ants, street dogs, fish, the country where Mahatma Gandhi taught us lessons of non-violence. What has happened to us?" Modi asked.

"If a patient dies due to an unsuccessful operation, relatives burn down hospitals and beat up doctors. Accident is an accident. When people die or are injured in the accidents, a group of people come together and burn vehicles." He added, pointing out the prevalent trend among the people of taking law into their hands, and the mob violence.

"Nobody would have practised cow protection and cow worship more than Mahatma Gandhi and (his follower) Vinoba Bhave. They showed us the way how to protect cow. The country will have to adopt their way," the Prime Minister said.

"The Indian Constitution also teaches us about cow protection. But does this (cow protection) give us any right to kill a person. Is this 'gau bhakti' (cow worship)? Is this cow protection?" Modi asked.

"Killing people in the name of 'gau bhakti' is not acceptable," he asserted, saying "this is not something Mahatma Gandhi would have approved." — PTI

Power to act against parties for baseless charges best way: EC

NEW DELHI, June 29: The Election Commission today defended its decision to seek powers to initiate contempt proceedings against political parties which level allegations against it without evidence, saying it was the best way to defend itself against unfounded claims.

"It is not a question of seeking power to punish somebody under the Contempt of Court Act. It is a question of levelling unfounded allegations."

"We can go for defamation which we do not want. We do not want to move court as a complainant," Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi told reporters here. He said having contempt of court powers was the best way out.

Zaidi was asked why the Commission wrote to the government seeing powers to initiate contempt proceedings against those who have questioned the neutrality of the body.

Responding to a question on the office of profit case against 20 AAP MLAs, he said the Commission will decide on the next date of hearing soon. — PTI

urging it to amend the election laws so that it can use the Contempt of Court Act against such parties.

Earlier, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal had questioned the independence of Election Commissioners AK Joti and Commissioners AK Joti and OP Rawat.

Rawat had subsequently recused himself from cases the EC is adjudicating against AAP MLAs, including the one relating to 20 of them allegedly holding office of profit.

"Some even accuse the Commission of working in favour of the winning political parties... In order to address the emerging situation, there is a rationale and a strong need that the Election Commission may also be given power to punish for its own contempt," the poll watchdog said.

Responding to a question on the office of profit case against 20 AAP MLAs, he said the Commission will decide on the next date of hearing soon. — PTI

Israel PM may visit India by year-end

NEW DELHI, June 29: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is likely to pay a reciprocal visit to India by the year-end, a senior External Affairs Ministry official said today. Netanyahu's India visit will follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day tour of the Jewish state from July 4. Modi's visit will be the first by an Indian premier to Israel. "We are hoping that we will see the Israeli Prime Minister in India by end of the year," Amar Singh, Secretary (Economic Affairs), said. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and President Ezer Weizman visited India in 2003 and 1997 respectively. Israeli President Reuven Rivlin had also paid a visit to India in November last year. Shashi was speaking at an event on '25 Years of India-Israel Relations' organised at the Vivekananda International Foundation. — PTI

TENDER NOTICE

The Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam invites sealed tender notice affixing non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 9.00 (Rupees nine) only of tenders from outside the state of Assam from the reputed manufacturers, dealers or authorised firms or any other suppliers for supply of the following group of items.

Group "A" - Analytical Laboratory Items.

Group "B" - Geological Survey Items.

Group "C" - Computer Accessories.

Group "D" - Drilling Equipments.

Tender specification alongwith general terms & conditions can be collected from the office on any working day from 04.07.2017 to 12.07.2017 against payment of a token amount IPO/Rs. 30.00 (Rupees thirty) only as cost of tender papers for each group in favour of the Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam, Kalihipara, Guwahati-19 and also the technical bid and financial bid may be enclosed separately every group.

The last date of submission of tender is 17-07-2017 up to 2.00 P.M.

The tenders will be opened on the same days after 3.00 P.M.

Sd/- Director

Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam

Kalihipara, Guwahati-19

AUCTION NOTICE

It is hereby noticed for general information that the following condemned properties are sold in public auction on tender basis at Police Reserve Tower on 07/07/2017 at 1100 hrs. Thereby sealed tender affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are invited from the intending firms/enterprise etc. The tenderer must furnish earnest money of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred) only in the call deposit with receipt duly pledged in favour of the Superintendent of Police, Sonitpur, Tezpur and the same will be accepted. The bidders may be inspect the condemned Tower on any working day from the date of floating the auction notice. The undersigned has the right to reject any or all the tenders.

The successful tenderer will have to remove the Tower within 3/three days at his own cost and will have to pay the auction value on the spot and to deposit in the Govt. exchequer through treasury challan, otherwise the earnest money will be forfeited and his tender will be treated as cancelled and the next higher bidder may be given the preference.

Name of article Height Quantity
S.S. Tower 150 feet 1 No.
Sd/- Superintendent of Police Sonitpur, Tezpur.

form. However when the candidate reports at the venue on the date and time for Physical Standard Test and Physical Efficiency Test, Hesha must bring all essential documents in original along with copies of the same if any information or document is incomplete which is not genuine may result in cancellation of candidate may be to check at any later stage of the recruitment process also.

(d) The application fee is Rs.25/- for General Candidates, Rs.15/- for SC/ST/BC/SC/BC candidates and NL/BN/BNP candidates (IPR Card holders only, Ration Cards not acceptable). The fee is to be paid online during form submission.

(e) Incomplete/defective/invalid application will be summarily rejected.

(f) Testimonials/documents to be uploaded submitted when appearing in Tests: The candidate should upload online and also bring a set of attested photocopies along with the originals of the following documents materials for verification by the Selection Committee on the date of their Test:

i) Permanent Residence Certificate

ii) Certificate of age (HSLC or equivalent recognized Board Admin Card/Certificate)

iii) Birth certificate or HSC or relevant examination issued by the Recognized Board only

iv) Mark sheet of HSC or relevant examination issued by the Recognized Board only

v) Certificate of sports, game etc. (if any)

vi) Experience certificate of serving in Home guards/Casual worker in Forest Dept and of NCC certificate (if any).

g) Certificate of caste from the competent authority in respect of the candidates belonging to ST/PH, ST, SH, SC, BC & MBC.

h) Upload recent Passport size photo online and bring 2 (two) copies of passport size recent photograph.

i) Payment of application fees in the manner of online payment mode.

j) BPL Card with BPL Number (only for BPL Candidates seeking application fee exemption/Reduced fee) not acceptable issued by Circle Officer/BOO. The BPL Number should tally with the BPL date of PARD Department

SELECTION PROCEDURES: Candidates whose applications are found correct in all respect will have to undergo the Physical Standards Tests (PST) and Physical Efficiency Tests (PET). If any candidate is found to have any physical deformity to be detected by the Medical Officer present at the venue, he/she will be debarred from participating in the other tests. Marks for PET will be awarded for the PETs in the manner shown below:

MALE	FEMALE	MAXIMUM	QUALIFYING
CANDIDATES	CANDIDATES	MARKS	MARKS
i. Height (Minimum)	Male Female		
Gen/BC/M/BC/SC	162.56 cm 149.4 cm		
STH(STIP)	160.02 cm 150.40 cm		
ii. Chest (Only for men)	Normal Expanded		
Gen/BC/M/BC/SC etc.	80 cm 85 cm		
STH(STIP)	78 cm 83 cm		
Final results will be based on the marks obtained as follows:			
a) Marks awarded in PET		Maximum marks	60
b) Multiple choice objective type Written test:		Maximum marks	25
c) Extra-curricular activities and special skills:		Maximum marks	15
Total		100 marks	

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Prolonged exposure to noises of a busy street or even an air conditioner – particularly at night – may up infertility in men, a study warns.

The scientists, from Seoul National University in the Republic of Korea, say it is im-

Noise exposure

Noisy streets may up male infertility, says a study

portant to consider noise when assessing environmental conditions that contribute to infertility.

They found that exposure above the WHO night noise level (55 dB – equivalent to the noise of a suburban street) is linked to a significant increase in infertility. Noise has been linked to health problems, such as heart disease and mental illness, and has been shown to change social behaviour and interfere with the performance of complex tasks.

Previous research focused on fertility in women has shown a link between exposure to noise and birth-related problems, such as premature birth, spontaneous abortion and congenital malformations.

The new study reveals that long-term exposure to relatively low levels of noise, particularly at night, may contribute to the development of infertility in men.

"Infertility is becoming a significant public health issue because of unexpected adverse effects on the health and quality of life and heavy expenditures on the health system," said Jin-Young Min, from

Seoul National University.

"We know noise exposure has an effect on male fertility in animals, but our study is the first to show the risk of exposure to environmental noise on male infertility in humans," said Min.

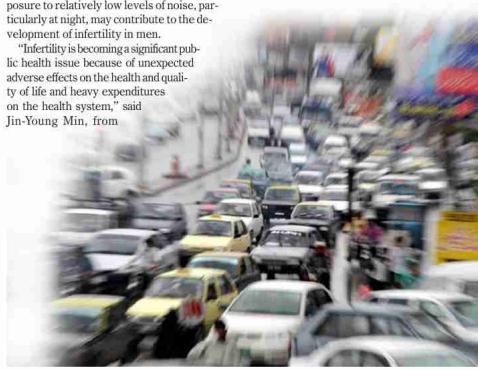
Worldwide infertility problems affect one in six couples at least once in their lifetime, either temporarily or permanently. This may be down to a variety of causes, such as genetic abnormalities, infectious disease, environmental agents or certain behaviours. Min wanted to find out whether environmental exposure to noise, for example at work, has an impact on male infertility.

The researchers analysed a health insurance dataset, focusing on 206,492 men aged 20-59. They calculated the levels of noise exposure using information from the National Noise Information System combined with the postal codes.

In the 8 years covered by the study (2006-2013), 3,293 had an infertility diagnosis.

After adjusting the data for variables like age, income, BMI and smoking, they found the chances of being diagnosed infertile were significantly higher in men exposed to noise over 55 dB at night – about as noisy as a suburban street or an air conditioner.

(Source: PTT)



Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 30, 2017:

This year you open up to more possibilities. Don't worry – your priorities and your involvement with your home and family will not change. If you are single, you might long for someone to share your life with. Fortunately, you will have positive feelings and wait until you meet the right person. If you are married, this year you will focus on the quality of your private life. You might opt to purchase a new home or remodel your current one. LIBRA expresses a certain type of sensitivity.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might be focused on your responsibilities, whereas a friend is seeking fun for the coming weekend. Do not criticize this person; instead, try to observe as much as you can in order to join him or her! You'll be much more as a result. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might have the best intentions for how to spend the next few days. You might feel yourself and refuse to accept any more responsibilities or interests that could come your way. Free up some time as soon as you can; as you have a lot you would like to do. Tonight: Invite loved ones over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could be into your social and romantic life, at the expense of your head. You might have difficulty being present in the moment. The best solution is to call it a day early. Return a friend's call before formalizing your plans. Tonight: By all means, let your hair down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Follow through on your priorities, and don't allow others to distract you. All the recent talk about your weekend plans might be on your mind, so stop distracting you from certain tasks. Clear out as much as you need to. Tonight: Meet a friend out, but home early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You seem to be in sync with others right now. An emotional connection is causing a problem for you, whether you choose to discuss this issue or not. Keep communication flowing, and make no intense commitments just yet. Give your time. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Take a hard look at your budget before heading out the door. You might be having company over or want to fess up an area in your home that needs attention. Knowing your limits will be necessary. Others seek you out on mass. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ The Moon in your sign adds to your radiance and appeal. A friend's visit has stopped you on your tracks when you meet him or her for the first time. Recognize how different this person might be from you. Tonight: Go for what you really want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You have a reputation for being discrete, which is probably why many people like you. You'll hear news that you know to not be true because it's a continuation of one of the people involved. Figure out what you need to do in this situation. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Emphasize the positives of being as busy as you are. You are the star of the day and at work, you not only have support of those who can give you feedback, but also have company for anything you might decide to do. Let others know they are appreciated. Tonight: Great the weekend well!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ A responsible person is likely to request your presence at a gathering. You won't be able to say no, but you might wish to be free to do other things. Let go of concerns, as you can't change what is happening. Tonight: Stay on top of what is happening wherever you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might be on top of a situation, but someone in your immediate environment wants to test your ideas to see whether they are workable. Be open to constructive criticism, and you'll have a better outcome. Demonstrate that you are not always right. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

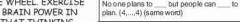
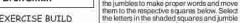
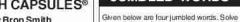
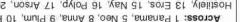
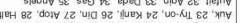
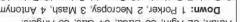
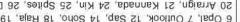
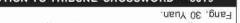
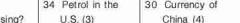
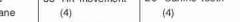
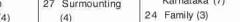
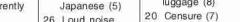
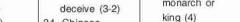
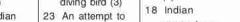
★★★ A friend comes through for you and makes your day. You can't seem to thank him or her enough. You have several people in your life who prove to be very supportive. A child or new friend might steal your attention from more boring tasks. Tonight: Welcome more romance.

Thought for the day
I have striven not to laugh at human actions, not to weep at them, nor to hate them, but to understand them.

— BARUCH SPINOZA

Seoul National University.
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Worldwide infertility problems affect one in six couples at least once in their lifetime, either temporarily or permanently. This may be down to a variety of causes, such as genetic abnormalities, infectious disease, environmental agents or certain behaviours. Min wanted to find out whether environmental exposure to noise, for example at work,





Paddington Bear
author Michael
Bond dies

LONDON, June 29: Michael Bond, one of the world's best children's authors and the creator of the beloved character Paddington Bear, has died. He was 91.

He died at his home on Tuesday after a short illness.

"It is with great sadness that we announce that Michael Bond, CBE, the creator of one of Britain's best-loved children's characters, Paddington, died at home yesterday aged 91 following a short illness," HarperCollins said in a statement on Wednesday, according to Guardian online.

Michael's first book was published in 1959 and was titled *A Bear Called Paddington*, about the marmalade-loving bear from Peru.

He went on to release more than 200 other children's books, featuring a range of other characters from *Olga da Polga* and *A Mouse Called Thursday*.

Paddington remains his biggest legacy, and something that lives on in movies, TV programmes and merchandise.

The story was transformed into CGI for the 2014 live-action film *Paddington*. Its sequel, *Paddington 2*, featuring the voice of Ben Whishaw, Brendan Gleeson, Hugh Grant, Peter Capaldi and Hugh Bonneville, is set to be released later this year.

The last Paddington novel was *Paddington's Finest Hour* which Michael published just three months ago. — PTI

No NATO combat role in Afghanistan: Stoltenberg

BRUSSELS, June 29: NATO allies will increase troop numbers in Afghanistan to help the government battle a resurgent Taliban but there is no question of returning to a combat role, the alliance's chief Jens Stoltenberg said today.

NATO ended its longest-ever military operation in 2014 when it handed over frontline duties to the Afghan military and took on an advice and training mission, but recent Taliban gains have denied hopes of a quick end to the war.

As he arrived for a defence ministers meeting in Brussels to discuss the issue, Stoltenberg said the 29 NATO allies were considering an increase of several thousand soldiers.

"I can confirm we will increase our presence in Afghanistan," he said.

"We have to understand this is about training, assistance, advice... It is not to conduct combat operations but to help the Afghans fight."

Additional troops now could help bolster Afghan special forces, improve Kabul's air force to provide ground support and evacuations, and step up officer training, he added.

Stoltenberg did not give exact fig-



Stoltenberg

ures but diplomatic sources say an increase of up to 3,000 troops is under consideration.

The alliance currently has about 13,500 soldiers in what is known as the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan, of which half are from the US.

US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis is due to brief the allies later Thursday but Stoltenberg said he did not expect him to give specific troop numbers.

"We will look into how we together can... Have enough troops to help the government and break the stalemate

and so lay the ground for a political solution," Stoltenberg said.

Separately, British Defence Minister Michael Fallon said London would provide just under 100 troops, on top of 500 already in Afghanistan.

Like Stoltenberg, Fallon emphasised that the troops would have no combat role and that the deployment was needed to help Afghanistan combat terrorism which threatened regions across the globe, including Europe.

"There is every incentive to stay the course," he said. — AFP

Ice-free areas of Antarctica to increase

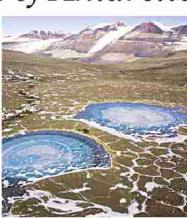
MELBOURNE, June 29: Ice free areas may increase in Antarctica by 25 per cent due to climate change, leading to drastic changes in the continent's biodiversity, a study warns.

Researchers, including those from University of Queensland (UQ) in Australia, investigated how ice-free areas in Antarctica may be affected by climate change.

"Ice-free areas make for small patches of suitable habitat for plants and animals - like islands in a sea of ice," Jasmine Lee, PhD student at University of Queensland.

They found the melting ice could create up to 17,000 square kilometre of new ice-free area across Antarctica - a 25 per cent increase on current levels.

The majority of this melting would



warm conditions will also encourage invasive species to establish," Lee said.

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Amitabh, Aamir, Priyanka invited to join the Oscar Academy

LOS ANGELES, June 29: Indian stars Amitabh Bachchan, Aamir Khan, Priyanka Chopra, Aishwarya Rai, filmmakers Goutam Ghose and Buddhadeb Dasgupta are among the 774 people, who have been invited to join the Academy and vote in the Oscars.

According to The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences website, the 2017 invitees come from 57 countries, with the list comprising 39 per cent female and 30 per cent people of colour.

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, Irrfan Khan, Deepika Padukone, *Monsoon Wedding* costume designer Arjun Bhansali, writer Sooni Taraporevala and documentary filmmaker Anand Patwardhan are among other invitees from India.

"We're proud to invite our newest class to the Academy. The entire motion picture community is what we make of it," Cheryl Boone Isaacs, Academy President, said in a statement.

"It's up to all of us to ensure that new faces and voices are seen and heard, and to take a shot on the next generation the way someone took a shot on each of us."

Indian-origin visual effects director Mohit Kallianpur, behind animated films like *Frozen* and *Tangled*, is also on the list.

Elle Fanning is the youngest invitee at 19, while Betty White at 95 is the oldest.

The list of actors also includes Israeli actress and *Wonder Woman* star Gal Gadot, comedian Amy Poehler, *Robot* actor Rami Malek, *Rogue One* actor Riz Ahmed, Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth and Dwayne The Rock Johnson.

The directors on the list are Barry Jenkins, Jordan Peele, Kim Ki-Duk, Theodore Melfi, David Ayer, Emmanuelle Bercot, Fatih Akin, Derek Cianfrance, Patricia Cardoso, Garth Davis, Lav Diaz, Tom Ford, Anna Hui, Takashi Miike, and Guy Ritchie, among others. — PTI

Tibetan Refugee Act reintroduced in US Congress

WASHINGTON, June 29: A bipartisan legislation to provide visas to Tibetans was reintroduced in US Congress by two lawmakers, saying it will help the overburdened Tibetan settlements in India and Nepal.

The Tibetan Refugee Assistance Act addresses provides 3,000 immigrant visas to qualified displaced Tibetans over a three-year period.

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Chile crush Portugal on penalties to reach Confederations Cup final

KAZAN (Russia), June 29: Claudio Bravo made three penalty saves as Chile crushed Portugal 3-0 in a penalty shootout to reach the Confederations Cup final here.

Bravo, who missed the first two games because of injury, stopped penalties by Ricardo Quaresma, Joao Moutinho and Nani, sending Chile to its third straight international final after winning consecutive Copa America titles.

Arturo Vidal, Charles Aranguiz and Alexis Sanchez all scored for Chile in the shootout.

The teams had drawn 0-0 after normal and extra time.

The result was justice for Chile, which had a strong penalty appeal turned down in extra time and then saw the ball hit the woodwork twice in the same move a few minutes later.

Chile and Portugal both came close in the first 10 minutes but there were few chances after that in a lacklustre game between two of the main title favour-

ites. Ronaldo was off-form for Portugal and Chile gradually took control.

Chile will play Germany or Mexico in Sunday's final in St Petersburg. They will be seeking their first title outside of South America after winning the Copa America in 2015 and 2016.

Portugal were looking for their second consecutive title after winning the European Championship last year.

In the shoot-out, Bravido drove to his right to stop weak penalty kicks by both Quaresma and Joao Moutinho, then switched sides to save Nani's timorous shot.

The Manchester City goalkeeper had

made his debut at the eight-nation World Cup warm-up event in the match against Australia in Chile's final group-stage game.

Chile had their chances to win it in extra time when Vidal's powerful right-footed shot struck the far post. Off the rebound, substitute Martin Rodriguez hit the crossbar with Portugal goalkeeper

Rui Patricio already beaten.

Sanchez had already had a chance to break the deadlock six minutes into extra time, but his header from near the penalty spot missed just wide after a well-placed right-flank cross by Mauricio Isla.

Chile waited a late penalty when Francisco Silva was stepped on by a defender inside the area with only a few minutes left, but the referee let the play continue and it was not reviewed by video.

Ronaldo had some chances in regulation time but couldn't capitalise on them, including an 85th-minute header that went wide.

It was the first time in a major international tournament that extra time was played and teams were allowed to make a fourth substitution. Portugal coach Fernando Santos made the fourth change in the final minutes, replacing Andre Gomes by Gelson Martins. Chile only made three substitutions. - AP



Chile custodian Claudio Bravo is congratulated by teammate Gary Medel after the penalty shootout following the FIFA Confederations Cup semifinal match against Portugal at the Kazan Arena, on Wednesday.

Australia warn players as pay row deadline looms

SYDNEY, June 29: Cricket Australia has sent a formal letter to warning players officially informing them that they will be unemployed if a deal is not reached this week in their protracted pay dispute.

Amid reports that Australia's cricketers will decide this weekend whether their image rights are sold offshore, CA high performance manager Pat Howard has warned that they must seek permission to play other Twenty20 leagues.

The current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) expires on Friday with players to be unemployed if there is no resolution. Coming tours to Bangladesh and India are also at risk along with England's showpiece Ashes tour to Australia later in the year. With the increasing likely-

hood of no agreement, media

are reporting that some players will seek employment in foreign T20 leagues if they are



Pat Howard

left without a contract.

CA has warned players that if they sign with competing sponsors they will not be offered new contracts. *The Australian* newspaper said.

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dig in if players do not agree to its proposal to modify the revenue-share arrangement from previous agreements.

The Australian Cricketers' Association has been staunchly opposing the CA's plan to modify the existing MoU that provides a flat share of revenue for the players.

CA has offered international men's and women's players a share of surpluses up to Aus\$20 million (US\$15 million), while increases in domestic players' payments would be capped at 18 per cent (men) and 15 per cent (women).

In the latest CA correspondence, Howard told the players: "If your contract expires on June 30, you will not be an employee of CA, a State Association or a W/BBL Team from July 1." - AFP

If Indian Prez can be over 70, why can't we be in BCCI: Shah

NEW DELHI, June 29: If the Indian president can be well over 70 years of age, why can't the BCCI administrators work beyond that age limit," argued the "disqualified" board veteran Niranjan Shah after being controversially included in the panel formed to study Lodha recommendations.

Shah will be a "special invitee" along with the seven members, providing his "inputs and suggestions" to help the other committee members.

"I don't understand this hue and cry over the age limit of the BCCI office-bearers. If our president (Pranab Mukherjee, who is 81) can work beyond 70, what is so wrong about BCCI officials working beyond that age limit."

"As long as you are fit, you can work even till the time you are alive. I call this age discrimi-

nation (what is being proposed) by the Lodha panel," Shah told PTI today. Saurashtra strongman Shah

is in the Rajeev Shukla-led Special Panel even though the Lodha recommendations render him ineligible to be a State or BCCI administrator on all counts.

"I think my experience will come handy in the panel as we have discussed the recommendations at length during the BCCI SGM. Though all members will have a say," he said further with the panel's first meeting to study Lodha reforms scheduled in New Delhi on Saturday.

Shah not only has objection to the proposed 70-year age-cap, his biggest issue is with one-State one vote which directly impacts his State body, the Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA). - PTI

Ramkumar goes down fighting to Baghdati

ANTALYA (Turkey), June 29: Ramkumar Ramanathan of India fought gallantly before losing a grueling three-setter against veteran Marcos Baghdati in the quarterfinal of the ATP 250 Antalya Open here today.

It was another great show from the Indian tennis player after his shock win over World No. 8 Dominik Hrbek. He, though, eventually went down 7-6 (7-0), 3-6, 6-7 (6-8) in a match that lasted two hour and 43 minutes.

It was the experience of Baghdati, a former World No. 8 and Australian Open finalist, which helped him prevail over the World No. 222.

Till the final couple of points, the lanky Indian matched Baghdati stroke for stroke, hitting as many as 10 aces compared to the Cy-pron's nine.

However, he had 11 double faults along with only 42 per cent successful first serve, which possibly was the only difference between the two players.

That was one aspect that troubled Ramkumar, who could only convert a single break point. Baghdati successfully converted three break points. - PTI

Srikanth climbs up three spots to enter top-10

NEW DELHI, June 29: Reaching on his back-to-back Super Series triumphs, India's ace shuttler Kidambi Srikanth broke into the top-10 at 8th in the latest world rankings released today.



The 24-year-old from Gurur who clinched successive titles at Indonesian Open and Australian Open, now has 58,563 points in his kitty.

He is the lone Indian shuttler to figure in the top-10 of men's singles ranking after climbing up three places. Among other Indian male shuttlers, SAI Praneeth has moved up a position to be 15th, while Ajay Jayaram lost a spot to be 23rd. In women's, PV Sindhu dropped a place to be World No. 5, while Saina Nehwal has gained a spot to be at 15th. - PTI

Karun Nair, Pandey to lead India A teams in South Africa

NEW DELHI, June 29: Senior team players Karun Nair and Manish Pandey were today named skipper of India A's unofficial Test and one-day team respectively, for the upcoming tour of South Africa.

India A will play a one-day tri-series involving Australia and South Africa A followed by four-day-matches against the hosts. The tour starts with the first one-day of the triangular series in Groenloof on July 26 between India A

and Australia A.

Karun and Jayant Yadav are two current India players who are in both the squads, while Pandey needed to be checked after coming from an injury.

The squad for the one-day series is packed with IPL and domestic limited-overs (Vijay Hazare Trophy) performers such as Krunal Pandya, Rishabh Pant, Basil Thampi, Mohammad Siraj and Sridhar Kaul.

On the other hand, the team for the

four-day (first class) matches is full of Ranji Trophy performers such as Pravinkumar Panchal, the top scorer in the senior group; Ishaan Kishan, Sardeep Chatterjee, Ankit Bawne and Shabbaz Naqdeem. Also part of the first class squad is senior India fringe player Abhinav Mukund.

Since India's tour of Sri Lanka also starts on July 26, it is sure that Nair won't be a part of the senior squad for the Test series.

Nair who had started his Test career with a triple century on debut in the last home season, has since been going through a bad run of form, including the Indian Premier League where he led Delhi Daredevils in some of the matches in the absence of regular skipper Zaheer Khan.

One-day squad: Mandeep Singh, Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson, Manish Pandey (captain), Deepak Hooda, Karun Nair, Krunal Pandya, Rishabh Pant, (wk), Sudip Chatterjee, Ishan Kishan (wk), Hanuma Vihari, Jayant Yadav, Shabbaz Nadeem, Navdeep Saini, Mohammad Siraj, Sharad Thakur, Ankur Choudhary, Ankit Raoport. - PTI

Ministry rejects conflict of interest charge against Sushil

NEW DELHI, June 29: Rejecting allegations of conflict of interest against Sushil Kumar, the Sports Ministry today defended the star grappler's appointment as a national observer for wrestling.

A week after the suspended Narasingh Yadav wrote to the Ministry, alleging conflict of interest, Sports Minister Vijay Goel termed as "baseless," the apprehensions raised by the grappler, who was embroiled in a pre-Olympic doping scandal last year.

Narsingh had questioned how Sushil could become a national observer, given his

involvement in grooming of young wrestlers at the Chhatrasal Stadium's *akhada*, which is run by his father-in-law Satpal.

Sushil, India's lone double Olympic medallist, was among 14 Olympians appointed by the Sports Minister as national observers for their respective disciplines earlier this year.

Goel redefined the role of those eminent sportspersons, who were appointed by the Ministry as national observers for the first time for the development of sports.

"All these national observers have been performing

their duties as per the guidelines and role assigned to them by the Ministry," Goel stated in a release.

The Minister also pointed out that as per the responsibilities assigned to the national observers, their job is to observe selection of national teams and to suggest measures for further strengthening free and transparent selection.

"Assessing the existing sports infrastructure/equipment, quality of scientific back-up and medical facilities at the venues of the national coaching camps and report the critical gaps," - PTI

Focusing on fitness to win big games consistently: Sai Praneeth



HYDERABAD, June 29: B Sai Praneeth, who emerged as one of the promising young shuttlers in the country with his title wins at Singapore Open and Thailand Open, is focused on improving his fitness to win big games consistently.

"I have been focusing on my fitness. I think that is the most important part of my game or the way I play, fitness is the important thing. Playing stroke-wise, I have no problem. I feel I can achieve my goals if I focus on fitness," he told PTI here today.

Praneeth, along with Indonesia Open and Australia Open Super Series winner Kidambi

Srikanth, was felicitated at the Gopichand Academy here this week for their splendid performances in recent months.

Praneeth, who stunned top shuttlers like Taufik Hidayat and Lee Chong Wei during his career,

said he needs to be more consistent and win big titles.

"I have already defeated top players. Defeating top players and continuing with that win is most important (for me)," he said. - PTI

Kudaravalli, Verma lose in Taipei

TAIPEI, June 29: Young Indian shuttlers Srishti Verma and Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli went down fighting in the pre-quarterfinals of the Chinese Taipei Grand Prix Gold here today.

Kudaravalli lost to local player Shu Sun Yung 20-22, 13-21 in the women's singles sec-

ond round.

It was a minor upset in the men's singles when 16th seed Verma went down against Malaysian Lee Zii Jia 12-21, 16-21 in a match lasting 28 minutes. - PTI

Football, showbiz stars set for Messi's wedding

ROSARIO, June 29: Football and showbiz stars gather in northern Argentina tomorrow for Latin America's celebrity wedding bash of the decade when Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi marries his childhood sweetheart Antonella Roccuzzo.

Pop star Shakira and her husband, Messi's teammate Gerard Pique, are expected among the 260 guests, according to media and locals close to the event.

They will join old friends of the couple and footballers such as his Barcelona strike partners Luis Suarez and Neymar.

The party at a casino in his hometown Rosario will be a respite for the player from his legal woes. A Spanish court last month rejected his appeal against a conviction for tax fraud.

Brunette bride Roccuzzo, 29, will wear a dress by Spanish designer Rosa Clara, which has been flown over from Barcelona.

The designer has dressed stars

such as actresses Eva Longoria and Sofia Vergara as well as Spain's Queen Letizia.

From 2200 GMT the guests will pack into the Hotel City-Center Casino, which stands right next to a crime-ridden slum run by drug gangs.

"Messi's wedding accentuates the sense of inequality that is symbolised by the casino in that neighborhood," said Carlos del Frade, author of several books on the drug trade in Santa Fe.

This city of 1.2 million people is also a cradle of footballing talent, however.

"Rosario lives and breathes football. That is another reason Lionel feels so comfortable here," the city's mayor,

The civil wedding ceremony and par-

ty will all take place inside the venue, and the guests will be lodged there too.

Messi, 30 – considered a man of few words – has reportedly asked chefs to cook local delicacies such as "locro" stew and "empanadas" pasties for the feast.

The star dish is a typical Argentine cuisine.

beef roast including chitterlings, gizzards and kidneys.

Uruguayan pop bands Rombai and

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It is not known whether the guests will also get a song from Shakira, the Colombian diva famous for "Wheeee-ere."

Some 155 journalists have been accredited to cover the bash, but have been warned that they will have no access to the guests.

"In Lionel Messi's case, he's widely accepted by the people at all levels," said Diego Manso, a local private security consultant.

"All the same, the security systems will never overlook the probability of a lot of people wanting to approach him, wanting to touch him, take photos with him, from their risk analysis."

Messi and Roccuzzo live in Barcelo-

na where he plays, but still return regu-

larly to Rosario on holiday. - AFP

Solution of last problem

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India eye unassailable lead in third ODI

NORTH SOUND (Antigua), June 29: A formidable India will fancy their chances of taking an unassassable 2-0 lead against a weakened West Indies when the two sides lock horns in the third game of the ongoing five-match ODI series, here tomorrow.

India lead the rubber 1-0 after winning the second One-Day International in Port of Spain by 105 runs. The opening match of the series was abandoned due to rain after only 39 overs of play at the Queen's Park Oval.

World number three India showed their might in the second game with a 105-run drubbing of the hosts, which highlighted the gulf between the two teams.

In the second match, the bowlers stifled the home team with their impeccable line and length after India's top three

batsmen — Ajinkya Rahane, Shikhar Dhawan and Virat Kohli — delivered the goods as they recorded their biggest ever victory in the West Indies.

Rahane smashed his third ODI hundred, while Kohli and Dhawan notched up fluent half centuries, as India produced a splendid batting display to win 310 for five.

The trio would look to continue in same vein even as veterans like Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Yuvraj Singh would hope for some good measure in the middle.

The presence of young all-rounders Hardik Pandya and Kedar Jadhav gives the visiting side's batting solidity, and off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's ability with the ball is well-documented.

In the bowling department, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Umesh Yadav will again lead

the attack with Pandya coming in as first change, while the spin responsibility is likely to be shouldered by Ashwin and Kuldeep Yadav.

Yadav, a chinaman bowler, was impressive in the second ODI, returning with figures of three for 50 in nine overs and earning accolades from skipper Kohli.

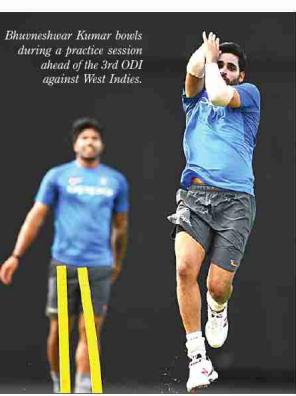
For a change, Yuvraj too rolled his arms over after a while, and it remains to be seen whether the team management opts for an extra slow bowler in Rovinda Jadeja.

Senior Bhuvneshwar Kumar was miserly, claiming two wickets while giving away just nine runs in his 10 overs.

Besides the usual practice sessions, the likes of Kohli, Yuvraj, Dhawan and Pandya looked happy with swishing it out in the gym ahead of the match. PTI

Match starts at 6.30 pm

Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowls during a practice session ahead of the 3rd ODI against West Indies.



Arvind, Anup, Chetan and Jwala in BAI's coaches panel

NEW DELHI, June 29: Former players, including Jwala Gutta, Arvind Bhat, and Chetan Anand, have been included in the coaches panel prepared by the Badminton Association of India (BAI).

While Pala is the chief national coach, BAI selected 19 others to coach men's singles players across the country in different zones. There are 12 others for men's doubles and four coaches for women's doubles.

The list of men's singles coaches include former German Open Grand Prix Gold champion Arvind, 2008 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Chetan Anand and Dipankar Bhattacharjee, who represented India at the Barcelona and Atlanta Olympics.

COACHES PANEL FOR SENIORS
Men's Singles: Arvind Bhat (Chairman), Sudhir Joshi, Sharath Kamal, Shinde, Utsav Mishra, Sahil Namjoshi, Amit Kumar, Sachin Rana, Hosen, Surender Mahajan, Chetan Anand, Utkal Kumar, Umendra Deo, Dipankar Bhattacharjee, Ranvir

Singh, Arind Bhat, Anup Sridhar, Shrikant Balach, George Thomas, Marcos Bristow and Mitesh Hazarika. Women's doubles: Apurva Devi, Arun Vishwanathan, Suranjan Bhattacharya, Anand Khare, Akash Davelkar, Sameve Thomas, Rohit Jayaram, Manish Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Vineeth.

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Have you ever wondered what else can set the market into fire other than golds and diamonds? Well the answer is ideas and ideologies. People are always fond of something new, something that excites them. Something that ignites their desire to be free. Free from exploitation and injustice, deprivation and inequality.

Feminism is one such ideology which is winning hearts across the globe for its idea of gender equality. Thereby, feminism is the advocacy of women's rights on the ground of equality of sexes. Popular novelist Chetan Bhagat has defined the term feminism in his recent novel *One Indian Girl*. He wrote, "Feminism is a movement that seeks to define, establish and achieve equal political, economic, cultural, personal and social rights for women. A feminist is someone who believes in this movement." This is a pretty handbook for everyone who has a subtle feminist inside them. The feminist advocacy of gender equality in all spheres of life sounds good. In fact, it is brilliant. Equality of Right that's what our constitution upholds - "equality of all irrespective of their gender".

But the question that arises here is - do women enjoy equality on the basis of gender? Usually what we witness is that women are respected only because they are physically inferior or due to their role of dependency as a wife as a daughter or as a mother, when in reality equality and respect should be based on the fact that they are humans. There is no shame in admitting that women are better than men in acts of caring and nursing. In spite of this, if we go through the results of UPSC, APSC, HSSLC, CBSE, we will witness that girls are outnumbering boys. Subsequently, feminism has also been misinterpreted as a race of establishing supremacy of gender. The point is that if you are a feminist than you ought to put feminism under the sword of questioning. You should question what exactly is feminism - is it against men or is it a means of striving for equality of sexes in all spheres of life?

To be precise, feminism is an interdisciplinary academic field that explores politics, society, media and history from women's perspective. And by now, feminism is taking the world by storm. Feminism is sweeping people of their feet at a crucial juncture of history where there is neither any great war nor any great depression. The air of stability provides a perfect environment for the flower of feminism to bloom.

Feminism as a movement began with the publication of Mary Wollstonecraft's first feminist treatise *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, and has earned endurance till date. It began as a movement focussed primarily on the equal legal rights of the women,

particularly the right to vote, which later encompassed a wide array of topics, ranging from social issues to women's liberation in every sphere of life.

Just like any other ideology, feminism too is on sale. There is a huge craze for feminism among the youth too. The Indian film industry is sacrificing its age-old stereotypes like action, romance and tragedy at the altar of feminism. Films like *Pink*, *Dangal*, *Mary Kom*, *Neerja* steered the course of feminism among the Indian masses. Such films with a strong female protagonist can serve as the perfect role model for the youth. Why look elsewhere for inspiration when we have achieved some unmatched and look up to the glorious feats of our own. People must idolise feats of Kalpana Chawla, Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu, Sania Mirza, Juwala Gutta, Mary Kom, Geeta Phogat, Babita Kumari, Sanjukta Parashar.

The massive fan following of feminism has often led to market schemes with feminist ideas, targeted especially to attract the youth. From the film industry to the advertising industry, every hotshot director is now opting for it. All of them are trying to sell their products in the name of feminism, be it a writer or a business tycoon. The marketing minds, however, are often wrong in creating an exciting bonanza of feminism and manipulating by showing men as inferior to women. Such films are basically market-oriented and they employ feminism as a marketing strategy to promote their films.

Feminism is basically a western concept and was specifically designed to solve the problems of western women. But their problems are quite different from the problems faced by the Indian women. Moreover, if we analyse its relevance in the context of our very own Assamese society, we can conclude that the problems of Assamese women are invariably different from the problems of other Indian women. In Assam, the birth of a girl child is celebrated and there are lesser number of female infanticides. Irrespective of their gender, education is equally provided to a girl child, along with their other socio-economic and political rights. However, the security of women still remains as an acute problem of Assam, as it is in the other States.

The Assamese society also has an age-old reputation of ill treating women in the name of witch-hunting, dowry, wife beating, and physical or sexual assault of women.

Feminism is not a race of establishing supremacy. It is all about figuring out the injustices done to women. It is about redeeming the love between males and females; of having mutual respect and shared responsibility. My friend once told me, "Dude, if you believe in gender equality, then you are a feminist."

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Relationship is one of the most complex mechanisms of sustenance in a couple. "My spouse does not spend as much time with me as before. He is often WhatsApp, Facebook and other social media sites. He is very wary and suddenly becomes cagey, secretive if someone touches the phone and remains irritable." - Don't we often hear this nowadays? Here the question that arises is - is there an undercut of an emotional affair? An emotional relationship is a relationship with someone other than (their) spouse (or lover) that which affects the level of intimacy or closeness, emotional distance and overall dynamic balance in one's marriage. These affairs create emotional distance in marriage.

People who are often seen involved in emotional affairs refer to feeling a vacuum at home. There is something lacking between the couple. An emotional affair makes them feel good, feel understood, or desired. It's like a "chocolate treat" and home is like a "regular course of meal". Some studies mention that an emotional affair can be worse than sexual infidelity. As a relationship can be of varied equations, commitment in a sexual act may be minimal. Sexual act may not necessarily contain love, intimacy or affection. It may just be an activity or a performance. Whereas emotional affairs are seen as intensely connected and strongly bonded. Close friendships often turn into emotional dependency, emotional involvement and extra dyadic relationships.

In emotional infidelity, the partner or spouse spends a lot of emotional energy on one person for a considerable amount of time

and tend to share stuff that is often not shared with the spouse, because it is seen that post-marriage communication amongst a couple is often judgmental, and is based on inflated hopes and dreams that get fused and murky. You can identify the signs of such a relationship developing if the spouse grows more than usual, and spends on personal belongings. If there are more instances of spending time together, higher coincidences of meeting with the emotional partner and the craving seems obvious. There could be a feeling of guilt or irritation if seen with spouse in front of the partner in a social gathering, followed by behaving in an unusual manner, and in certain situations, violence is also noticed. One indulged in an emotional affair spends more time in mobiles and tabs, checking e-mails, texting and calling.

The critical aspect of a relationship is that it stands on 'silk strands' that could be easily loosened or broken in the way communications are handled. If one needs to survive emotional infidelity, both partners need to sense early and explore on the roots. One need not be critical, but handle the situation with subtlety. It is always better to speak up and not to ignore thinking it to be trivial to complain about the spouse. There is high likelihood of blaming and rationalising how it must have contributed to a conflict marriage. The earlier the intervention, the better it is. Marriage is not the ultimate bliss; rather it is a new beginning of adjustment, building on trust, and competence to make it work. If the trust is broken due to an emotional affair, healing the pain and rebuilding the trust with the spouse is challenging. While facing these challenges, one may consult a marital and family counsellor as well.

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Emotional infidelity



Impact of religion on human belief

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cent being Millennials, 70 per cent of respondents felt that religion was not the primary driver of terrorism and felt that socioeconomic factors and lack of education contributed to terrorism. However, in regard to those instances where religion was viewed as the primary driver of terror, the majority (45 per cent) felt that teachings by religious leaders were responsible for people resorting to terrorist activity. Here, only 20 per cent felt it was due to an individual's inaccurate interpretation of religious texts. Over 87 per cent of respondents felt that Islam does not promote violence, and the majority of people felt that this association is because of religious affiliation of people involved in recent events of violence and the media exacerbating these stories. When it came to the question of tolerance, Buddhism and Hinduism were perceived as being the most tolerant of all religions. The majority of people felt that no specific religion advocated violence and intolerance; however, for those who thought it did, noted that the primary reason was inaccurate interpretation of religious texts.

All of the religious leaders polled stated that they felt that the best way of increasing religious tolerance is through active teaching of the same by leaders of all religions. They stated that most religious texts could possess some extreme views, but this needed to be communicated in a balanced manner to people to prevent radical interpretation. It was interesting to note that of the law enforcement personnel polled, none of them felt that religion was a factor when they considered whether an individual is a potential threat to society. However, over 75 per cent felt that based on recent events, Islam would be a religion that would be most likely to cause them concern. All of the respondents felt that extremist behaviour was caused by certain radical elements in religion teaching others a more fundamentalist interpretation of religious texts.

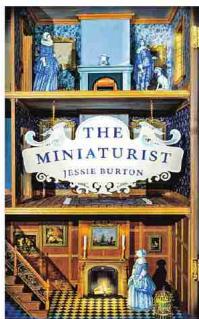
Finally, in regard to how to control the propagation of religiously motivated terror attacks, over 70 per cent felt that educating people and teaching tolerance, combined with government intervention with regulation and legislation, was the single most effective means of control. This was followed by about 12 per cent proposing that simplification of religious texts and having a uniform interpretation of them would be effective. Other suggestions ranged from socioeconomic programmes to even some as radical as abolishing religious funding.

Ultimately, the majority of people felt that religion itself was not a dominant factor in the formation of terrorist thought, and instead felt that the majority of events were propagated by inaccurate interpretations of religious texts. All religions promote peace, forgiveness, and tranquillity. This was best summed up by one respondent who wrote, "We all need to live in a world free of fear where that promotes peace and inclusion of all, no matter your colour or religion, so that we can work towards building a society that we can be proud of for generations to come!" I couldn't have said it better myself.

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Coming from the small Dutch town of Assendelft to the nation's capital Amsterdam, 18-year old Petronella Oortman cannot quite figure the course her life is going to take, especially when the man she comes home to is one whose moves beyond the house are steeped in mystery. This man, Johannes Brandt, in spite of being her husband is one whose mercurial ways not only open her to new worlds of discovery, but also place her under pressure to anticipate the unexpected. As she struggles to find her feet in her new home, Nella – as she is referred to in short – realises that the different layers of existence operate in simultaneous fashion, often shifting fast to dissipate and move out of grasp. The time is late 17th century, a time when trade and commerce mark the increasing colonial interests in market expansion, something in which Johannes is directly involved.



LOVING LITERATURE

Bibhash Choudhury

For Nella, life's difficult, and more intriguing than she can imagine. Marin, Johannes' sister, oversees much more than the family ledger, and hers is a sphere of influence. Nella has to negotiate and come to terms with as fast as possible. Her husband is elusive, and although present in her vicinity, he is out of reach. She is at home, but then, not quite, and this recognition strikes her hard: "It is not a man she has married, but a world. Silversmiths, a sister, people her cabinet keep her on tenterhooks. It is as if this mysterious person is imparting her knowledge of things that are beginning to unfold. She, however, is unable to read the signs, and gradually feels that the sand in the hourglass is dripping faster than the blink of her eye. Nella looks for clues in the figurines that arrive at her doorstep, but they remain cryptic and almost inaccessible: "If the miniaturist is a strange teacher who will not stop, Nella feels like the most reluctant pupil. She has failed to catch the meaning of these lessons. She yearns for just one piece that will explain what the miniaturist wants from her." What is it that eludes her? How far is she from the world she occupies? These are questions that taunt and test her as she tries to unravel the truths that surround her. When she unexpectedly stumbles upon her husband's secret, it numbs her, and she feels blinded by a reality she is unable to face. It is then that Johannes' own words about human understanding ring ironically relevant: "When you have truly come to know a person – when you see beneath the sweeter gestures, the smiles – when you see the rage and the pitiful strength which each of us hide – then forgiveness is everything."

Jessie Burton's *The Miniaturist* (Picador, 2014) brings much more than the Dutch mercantilist world of the 17th century to life; she sketches worlds within the ones that have been historically etched, in fine detail, and with the passion of a seasoned hand. The surprises in the plot are quite awe-inspiring, but even more than the twists and turns, it is the profundity of thought, quarried at the most nondescript of situations, which arrests the readers' attention. One of Marin's dictums – "Love is best a phantom than reality, better in the chase than caught" – encapsulates the pursuit each of these characters are engaged in, a reminder that although centuries have passed, the chasm between human yearning and realisation remains as unbridged as it ever was.

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Feluda is a fictional character starring in a series of Bengali novels and short stories written by the famous Indian film director and writer Satyajit Ray. Feluda is a private detective living at Rajar Sen Road, Ballygunge, Kolkata. Feluda first made his appearance in a Bengali children's magazine called *Sardesh* in 1965. Feluda was always accompanied by his cousin Topshe and in later stories by a popular thriller writer Jayatby (Lalmohan Ganguly).

Feluda's real name is Pradip Chandra Mitter (although Feluda prefers to spell his name as Felu). The suffix 'da' is short for *da* or elder brother in the Bengali language. He is around 27 years old, with a tall, athletic figure and enormous physical strength. However, he uses his physical power only when it becomes absolutely necessary. He usually uses his brain to solve problems instead of muscle power. Feluda likes to smoke cigarettes and chew betel leaves. Chomming is his favourite brand. He gets up early in the morning and starts his day with yoga. He is also a connoisseur of delicious foods, popular movies and books. He is also a voracious reader with an interest in a varied range of topics. His general knowledge is of excellent quality.

Today's Master's Choice section has been compiled by one of our regular contributors, Adish Agarwalla from Moranbari. Meanwhile, keep writing to us with quiz reports, questions (with answers and full postal address) and interesting bits of information at: Quizone, Horizon, C/o The Assam Tribune, Maniram Dewan Road, Guwahati. SMS at: 9864026322 and email at: tosafer@gmail.com or quizoneseallen@gmail.com. To read Quizone online, you can log on to epaper.assamtribune.com.

MASTER'S CHOICE

- In 1953, which invention in the field of medical science history was Danish anaesthetist Bjorn Ibsen credited for?
- Name the agreement signed in April, 1950 by India and Pakistan to deal with the refugee situation.
- Abraham Ortelius's book, *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, which means 'epitome of the theatre of the world', is generally believed to be the first modern example of which type of book?
- Swadharne nidhanam shreyasah* is the motto of which famous regiment?
- Which set of 78 cards, used for fortune telling is divided into two groups called Major Arcana and Minor Arcana?
- In 1865, the first edition of which book by an English mathematician was withdrawn because of bad printing?
- This planet was discovered by a Frenchman called Le Verrier and an Englishman named John Adams. The French wanted to name the Planet 'Le Verrier' in his honour. Which planet

The voice

The voice that roared,
"Don't step out at night!"
Is no more;
The voice that asked
"What do you want?"
Is gone forever;
The voice that encouraged me
"Do whatever you like,"
Is lost;
The voice that rolled tears down my cheeks,
"You are my identity!"
Is whispering somewhere.
The voice that gave me strength,
"You are capable of doing anything
By yourself."
Is still standing by me;
The voice of my father
Still finds me;
My ears, my mind,
Still listens to his voice.

Bhabajit Das,
Barpeta

My beloved krishnasura

Istand still and look upward,
Until kissed by the falling flowers,
Soaked in the monsoon rain,
The previous night.
Sprinkling droplets on my face,
With the fresh red petals,
Refreshing my mind and soul.
My beloved *krishnasura*,
Blooming so selflessly,
Without any tender care.
Its portrayal of inspiring essence,
Gives me a magical strength,
To cross the barriers on my way,
And to share the joy and charm selflessly,
With soothing words and a smile.

Bandana Bargoyari,
Baksa

SCIENCE ZONE

Dr Mridu Prabhan
Barora

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Cow's milk

when to introduce it to your infant?

The notion that milk is a natural food and the perfect food is deeply ingrained into our psyche right from our childhood days. Yes, cow's milk is a part and parcel of our life. It is a major component of infant complementary food, at least in India. But on the contrary, present age says that cow's milk may not be suitable for infants. In fact, for a newborn baby, it is a big no. Babies who are fed only breastmilk right from birth and throughout their first six months of life, get the right start. Exclusive breast feeding provides the perfect nutrition and everything they need for their healthy physical and mental development. Unmodified cow's milk is not at all recommended in the early months of life because its composition is inadequate to serve the needs of a newborn baby. Cow's milk does not contain the

right amount of protein, minerals and vitamin C for an infant. Its iron content is also very poor, so much so that an infant who is fed cow's milk can suffer from iron deficiency anaemia. On the other hand, cow's milk contains high amounts of protein. This protein is not well tolerated in infants and can lead to a condition commonly known as cow's milk protein allergy. This can lead to gastrointestinal loss of blood which aggravates the chances of anaemia to a greater extent. There are scientifically proven facts that cow's milk in infancy has unfortunate effects on growth, especially weight acceleration and future obesity. Another important fact is that cow's milk increases renal solute load which is detrimental to the child's developing kidneys.

All things considered, there still remains a difference of opinion as at what age should cow's milk be introduced into the infant's diet. Evidence shows that by proper nutritional

The half-drowned nobility

One shower from the heavens,
Turned the earth into hell;
The gateway of the Northeast,
Has now become the Venice of the East!

Others love the smell of soil,
Drenched in rain;
But we can't; how can we?
For no sign of soil remains after the rain.

The dirty water suspiciously mocks,
The nobility of this grand city;
It's not the city's fault, O' dear!
It's ours, only ours.

This beautiful city gave us livelihood,
And in return we gave her garbage;
Karma is a boomerang, sweetheart!
It comes back for sure.

Innocent lives are lost every year,
And we weep before the idiot box;
But our minds fail to remember them,
Alas! Our folly cost them their lives.

It's high time to get to work, comrades!
Let's join our hands and swear,
Not to make this city dirty again,
And break the curse of the half-drowned nobility.

Shahil Ahmed,

Via email

Love

The ivory smile making its way,
To my heart.
Never felt that beat,
Never sang that song.
The intoxicating eyes,
Of a cherished love,
The addictive nature,
Of its soul.
Maybe not for the end,
But for an untold story.

Manash Sarmah,
Guwahati



QUIZ ZONE

Sailen Baishya

Picture clue:

19. Identify this famous personality of Assamese cinema and culture in his childhood.
(Subhrangshu Pratim Sarmah, New Delhi)



ANSWERS

- Intensive Care Unit, 2. Delhi Pact, 3. Atlas, 4. The Madras Regiment, 5. The Tarot, 6. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, 7. Neptune, 8. Bal Gangadhar Tilak, 9. They are strains of Basmati rice which was patented by a US company named RiceTec, 10. Helmet, 11. Germany in 1968, 12. Angkor Wat, Cambodia, 13. Madhya Pradesh, 14. Ralph Waldo Emerson, 15. State of Andorra, 16. Klaus Schwab, 17. Lord Dalhousie, 18. Vijay Shekhar Sharma (the founder of Paytm), 19. Pabitra Margherita, 20. Nutan Samarth Bahl, who is better known as Nutan and her niece Kajol.

is it?

8. Which Indian leader-cum-freedom fighter wrote the *Bhagawadgita Rahasya*, while he was jailed in Myanmar?

9. Some years ago, there was a lot of controversy over something called *Kashnati* and *Texmati*, which led to the Indian Government to launch a legal battle overseas. What are these products?

10. Australian cricketer Graham Yallop was the first to wear this on a cricket field during a Test Match. Name it.

READERS' CHOICE

11. When and in which country was the GST first introduced? (Manash Jyoti Borah, Guwahati)

12. Derived from the Sanskrit word *nagara*, this is the world's largest Hindu temple and single religious monument. Just name it. (Sangeeta Roy, Sonari)

13. Name the first Indian State to change the financial year to January-December starting from 2018. (Pranjali Pran Saksik, Moranbari)

14. Which American philosopher, and often quoted advocate of individualism, published essays on self-reliance, love, heroism, character and manners in his collections of 1841 and 1844? (Bandana Das, Guwahati)

15. Which European Principality has the French President and the Spanish Bishop of Urgel as the joint heads? (Jayanta Topadar, Dhemaji)

16. Who was the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum? (Amrita Nath, via SMS)

17. Name the British Governor General who, indicating the imminent intention of the British East India Company of occupying the native state Awadh, made this following statement: "A cherry that will drop into our mouth one day?" (Subrata Dutta, Tengnara)

18. There are only two Indians to make it to the *Time's* list of 100 most influential people in the world this year. One is PM Narendra Modi. Who is the other one? (Sneha Dey, Guwahati)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- She was an Indian actress, who appeared in more than 70 Hindi films in a career spanning over four decades. She was noted for playing unconventional parts, and her performances often received praise. She holds the record of winning the Best Actress award at Filmfare five times, a position held only by her for over 30 years until it was matched by her in 2011. The former is overall the most awarded actress in the female acting categories at Filmfare, with six awards alongside Jaya Bachchan. Identify the actress and her niece. (Varishith Dihingia, Chabua)

Unmama Dutta

As a psychological consultant, I often hear complaints from parents who say that their children are too busy with their phones, TV, video games, etc., and do not go outside to play, do not study, cannot concentrate, etc. The solution to these problems is to make a few changes in the lifestyle of the parents and guardians, to see significant changes in their child. To deal with all these issues, Nature is the best answer.

Researches have proved that interaction with the natural environment boosts physical, intellectual, emotional and social functioning of the children. Studies show that active involvement with the natural environment improves concentration and helps to deal better with stressors. Spending time in the natural environment often boosts metabolism, creativity and problem-solving skills of children. It helps to improve empathy and care for the natural habitat, making them feel responsible for each and every life on Earth.

It is really important to give the children the same fun that the parents had at some point in life, like getting drenched in the rain, catching butterflies, planting trees, eating fruits straight from trees, etc. This can still be enjoyed by your children, with a little change in the outlook towards these activities and by giving them enough time to let them explore the environment by using you as a secure base.

1. Plant fruit-bearing trees:

Small plants of lemons, chillies, tomatoes, etc., are always easy to grow in your kitchen garden. Involve your children in the nurturing of these plants. Set time for watering. Give duties to each child. Talk to them about the growth and development process of these plants. The children will start becoming a parent to these plants and will experience the love towards these plants. And, when these plants bear fruits, let your child pluck them. By this, their happiness would know no bounds.

2. Plan trips to a park:

Take your child to a park where he can just be his own self. Let him explore. Help him know the things around the park; make him see small

plants, flowers, etc. This can be done on a daily basis, in order to make the child feel more connected to the greenery around.

3. Plan a weekend:

Spend a day out in a natural environment – the entire family together. You can cook outside, and play with your children. Let them look for wood for cooking and also involve them in cook-



Raising a nature-friendly child

ing. Have the prepared food together, and tell them your stories.

4. Allocate days:

Allocate days for different activities in the natural environment. One day could be called as a 'bird watching' day, the other could be called as a 'nesting nest in the park' day, another could be 'studying insects in the park' day, etc. This can make the children more thrilled and can also make children also forward for more such days.

5. Paint it, together:

Few days in the park could be allotted to painting.

Ask your child to focus on some particular aspect of the park and draw it, while you choose another aspect. Do not criticise your child. Let it be natural.

6. Plant big trees:

Planting big trees in parks or at home can help children develop love and nurturance towards the tree. It also helps the child to develop patience and appreciate the long term benefits of love and perseverance.

7. Collect things to create:

Teach them innovation by collecting twigs, sticks, dried leaves, roots and bring them home to create something innovative out of it. This would not only help to make them more creative but would also make them appreciate the usefulness of recycling things from Nature.

8. Take indoor activities outdoor:

Activities like reading a book, listening to music, playing a card game, etc., could be done sitting outside in a natural environment. This would not only make them feel better, but also change the overall experience of the task.

9. Allow some silent times:

Always leave room for silent times, where you and your child can hear sounds of birds chirping, wind blowing, and watch the clouds float by. Give them some time to hear and observe nature.

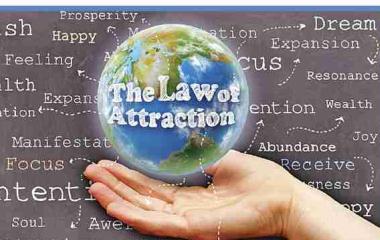
10. Let them get dirty:

Spending time with Nature involves touching and feeling those things which may involve risks and can even sometimes be unhygienic as well. However, let your child be as s/he is. Let him/her play in mud, run in the rain, jump in the water, climb trees and other activities that involve sensory input. In fact, re-

search says that one kind of bacteria found in the soil, Mycobacterium Vaccae, has been found to increase the release of serotonin and thus alleviate mood and decrease anxiety. This bacterium also improves emotional health, vitality and cognitive functioning.

To make the most of binding with Nature, it is essential that the whole family is involved in all the activities, as a group. Enjoy and experience joy with your children and see your child grow up to be a compassionate and caring individual.

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**Radhika Borah**

The universe does, everything it does with zero effort," says Rhonda Byrne in her much celebrated self-help book, *The Secret* (2006), which has sold over more than 19 million copies worldwide and has been translated into 46 languages. The book records the age old, highly coveted and hidden secret that has changed the lives of masses in different ends of the world. It chronicles the journeys of learned people who have understood, and very appropriately applied the Law of Attraction in their lives to reach where they stand today, and where they have the power to inspire a million others.

This Law of Attraction is the greatest secret revealed to the world which is said to work by attracting into a person's life the experiences, situations, events and people that match the frequency of the person's thoughts and feelings. From this, the book argues that thinking positively can create life-changing results, such as increased wealth, health and happiness. *The Secret* posits that the Law of Attraction is a natural law which determines the complete order of the universe and of our personal lives through the process of "like attracts like". As we think and feel a corresponding frequency is sent out into the universe which attracts back to us events and circumstances on that same frequency.

But amidst all the lucky masses who have had the opportunity to read the renowned novel and watch the hit movie with the same title, there exists a section group of people who have not even heard of self-help books, and let alone *The Secret*. My point here is – now that we know we can attract and achieve whatever we want in our lives with positive thoughts and by obeying the Law of Attraction, why not spread this secret and bring joy to the lives of our down trodden friends and family who are in inherent need of a helping hand? It just strikes me how happy this world will be to know that the universe is in abundance and it can fulfil everybody's wishes. The genie (here the universe) is always out to turn even the deepest of desires into reality.

Why not help the world in our own small way, by encouraging one another to apply the three magic words in life: it will happen! Why not spare a little good thought, some effort and a love for humanity and spread this secret? Why not reach out to those who have always believed that the unsuspicious will find its way to them? Let us apply the Law of Attraction in our lives and also spread the message to those who are in no state to discover the secret.

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The paleoburrows

Across northern South America, there are hundreds of colossal tunnels large enough for humans to walk through, but they weren't dug by men. Nor were they formed by any known geological process. But their creators have left evidence all around the walls and ceilings – giant claw marks. Geologists call these tunnels 'paleoburrows', and they are believed to have been dug by an extinct species of giant ground sloth (*Megatherium americanum*). The term was coined by Heinrich Frank, a professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, who coincided upon one at a construction site in the town of Novo Hamburgo, in the early 2000s. Up until then, little was known or written about these tunnels in scientific literature. But since he came upon his first, Heinrich Frank and other researchers have discovered more than 1,500 tunnels, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul alone. Some of these burrows measure hundreds of feet long and branches off into several direction.

The largest one measured 2,000 feet long, six feet tall and three to five feet wide. It was evidently the work of not one or two individuals but several generations. Frank believes the burrows were dug by a genus of giant ground sloths, as large as modern elephants, that once lived in South America until about 10,000 years ago. They were some of the biggest land mammals on earth exceeded in size only by the mammoth. Others believe that extinct armadillos, which were smaller than the giant sloths, were responsible for the burrows.

There are still a lot of unanswered questions surrounding the paleoburrows and its creators.

THE ODD WORLD

Partha Pratim Hazarika



As almost all accounts you may own on the Internet are prone to being hacked, it has become important that your password is well protected. It is rather easy to do that and the easiest way is to add an extra layer of security by enabling a two-factor authentication. Also known as two-step verification or 2FA, the process gives web services a secondary access to the account owner in order to verify a login attempt. Typically, this involves a phone number and/or an email address.

The 2FA is currently offered to Apple users on iOS 9 or Mac OS X El Capitan or later. The steps differ depending on how updated your iOS software is. For those using iOS 10.3 or later, you can enable 2FA on your Apple ID by going to 'Settings' > [Your Name] > "Password & Security". You can turn on 2FA to receive a text message with a code each time you log in. Those using iOS 10.2 or earlier, the settings are under "Cloud" > "Apple ID" > "Password and Security".

For Mac OS, click the Apple icon on the upper left corner of your screen then click "System Preferences" > "Cloud" > "Account Details". You can shorten this step a bit by typing in iCloud on Spot-

light.) Click on "Security" and you'll see the option to turn 2FA on. You can opt for Apple to send you a six-digit verification code by text message, or a phone call.

In the case of the most popular social media site Facebook, click "Settings" > "Security and Login," or go to <http://www.facebook.com/settings?tab=security>. Under the section "Use two-factor authentication" you will have the option of registering your phone number to receive a code each time you log in, or have Facebook send a push notification to your phone to authorize or deny the login attempt.

And if you prefer not to use 2FA each time you log in from the same device (say, your personal laptop or phone) you can also set up your trusted devices under the "Authorized Logins" menu. This will allow you to grant access to bypass 2FA for devices currently logged in to your Facebook account.

For WhatsApp, enable "Two-step verification" under "Account". You can enter your phone number just like everything else on this list, or choose to input your email as an alternative to receive the verification code.

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TECH TRENDS

Devol Kumar Nath



Where were you last week?" "I went to Kolkata to attend the marriage of my cousin sister." "Wedding of your cousin, not cousin sister?" "Not cousin sister?" "No. Only 'cousin' is good enough. You can best say 'female cousin', but not 'cousin sister'."

"But we mostly say 'cousin brother' or 'cousin sister', don't we?"

"Yes, these are typical expressions used by Indian speakers. And your use of

'married' and not 'They are married'?"

"Good question. You see, marriage establishes a kind of legal relationship between two persons – so to refer to this state of relationship we say 'They are married' or 'He wants to marry her' or 'marriage certificate'." 'Wed' in the sense of 'marriage' is old-fashioned, so now 'marriage' is more often used: 'happily married' and not 'happily wedded'. Only in journalists' writing 'wed' is widely used, as in 'Rock star to wed model'."

"But why do we see signs like 'Sheetal weds Shivam' and not 'Sheetal marries Shivam'?"

"Good observation. You see, such display signs are very common and they are an exception."

"I see."

"Then again, we also have phrases like 'wedding ring', 'wedding feast', 'wedding reception' etc."

"Well, good to know all these about wedding and marriage... But now I've got to go, office time!"

"I know you are wedded to your profession and how much you love your work..."

"Yes, I do. I also have to buy a gift on the way... There's a wedding reception in the evening – of my wife's cousin brother, oh, I mean cousin."

From Jayanta Topadar, VKV Dhemaji: The word 'doubtless' was coined by George Orwell in his novel 1984, which means 'acceptance of two contradictory ideas at the same time'.

MIND YOUR ENGLISH

Protim Sharma

'marriage' ... It should be 'wedding'." "So it is 'wedding of my cousin'?" "Right." "Why not 'marriage'? And what's the difference between 'marriage' and 'wedding', by the way?" "Well, 'marriage' is normally used with 'ceremony'.'Wedding' is more an inclusive term than 'marriage' – a wedding is not only the ceremony but the festivities that follow it. So maybe we have a 'wedding invitation' or 'wedding card'." "Okay... Then tell me, why do we say 'They are

(This column will carry everything odd around the world. Readers' contributions will be appreciated at partha.hazarika@assamtribune.com.)



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GRAPHIC PICK

Deborshee Gogoi

Just Rescued it from the 'Jungles'



Shift work could be deadly!

Working night shifts thwarts the body's self repair system – raising the risk of life-threatening diseases, according to new research. A study found staff doing unsociable hours, get rid of five times less disease-causing chemicals in their urine. This means damage to DNA accumulates because the natural mending process – fuelled by the 'sleep hormone' melatonin – malfunctions.

Melatonin is produced by the brain when we are asleep but amounts drop in the presence of light compared to the dark. Previous studies have shown working night shifts increases the risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and neurological disorders. Shift work has been classified as a probable carcinogen by the World Health Organisation for a decade. The study published in *Occupational and Environmental Medicine* followed previous research by the same authors of 223 night shift workers. It showed sleeping during the day was associated with lower levels of 8-OH-dG – the chemical by-product of active DNA tissue repair. This suggested a reduced capacity to repair cellular damage, leading to accumulation of damage in cells across various tissues. Over time, this accumulation would likely increase the risk of cancer across multiple sites as has been observed among shift workers. — Agencies

Jackets for women-I

Here are a few tips to keep in mind the next time you go jacket shopping or wear one for a day out with your friends or for business work.

• **Sleeves:** Ideally you should have most of the back of your hand and your entire thumb visible from your jacket sleeve when your arms are by your sides. Any less and your sleeves are too long. Not only will this give you 'monkey arms', as a friend so quaintly puts it, but it will visually drag you to the floor and make you appear shorter. Short sleeve jackets are a big no-no. Unless you are in a tropical environment, I would not advise short sleeve jackets for any woman under 50. If you choose to wear a shirt with flowing cuffs underneath your jackets, the cuffs can spill out of the end of your jacket sleeves.

• **Don't wear a creased jacket:** If you travel in a car, hang your jacket in the back to prevent you from crushing it while you are travelling from one venue to another.

FASHIONABLY YOURS

Prasant Ghosh

• **Button up:** Make sure you can button up your jacket because even if it seems to fit your shoulders, but you can't do up at least one button, then you shouldn't be wearing it.

• **Jackets that flatter:** A shorter cropped jacket will sit better on the hips of a woman with a sway back and a small waist. If your waist is more solid, a jacket done up can often camouflage this more effectively. If you have a long torso, you will look best in jackets that give your legs an illusion of more length. In this case, I would suggest wearing a jacket that does not reach below your waist, unless you are wearing a dress. If you have a short torso and long legs, you can wear cropped jackets. Be mindful that cropped jackets are not always

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WEST SIDE STORY**Beyonce, Jay Z's house hunt**

BEYONCE and Jay Z have been searching for their perfect family home for several years, but have failed to find a pad that meets their needs for their \$75million budget, according to *TMZ*.

The couple recently moved into a \$400,000-a-month Malibu mansion, where they will nurse their newborn twins, but only until September, as their daughter Blue Ivy is enrolled in a school elsewhere.

The couple have rented mansions in LA previously, but never bought in the city; being outbid in previous attempts by fashion designer Tom Ford and Minecraft creator Markus Persson.

Celine's quirky style

CELINE Dion's sartorial excellence doesn't come without a few hefty price tags, as it's been revealed the leather dungaree ensemble she sported in Paris recently totalled a huge £85,000.

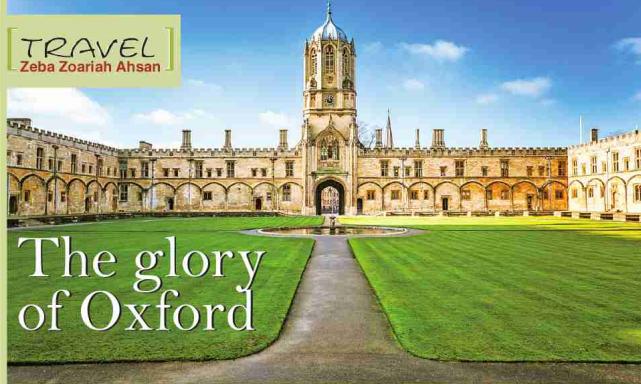
Topping the bill had been her Hermès handbag as it retails at £79,000. Next in line were her pearl-studded heels costing £3,895. The singer, 49, layered a chiffon white shirt beneath trendy Givenchy leather dungarees. They retail at £1,250, while her chunky goggle-like sunglasses boast a price tag of £800.

Brad, Sienna 'secretly dating'

BRAD Pitt, 53, and Sienna Miller, 35, are said to be 'exploring a casual summer romance', marking his first romance since splitting with Angelina Jolie, 42.

The pair were previously linked two months ago but actress Sienna gave a staunch denial about their trust, calling the rumours 'silly' and 'predictable'. A friend revealed to *The Sun*, "They're both absolutely determined to keep everything under wraps. Their goal is to explore things without any massive publicity. It could all fizz out, so they're waiting to see."

AGENCIES

TRAVEL
Zeba Zoariah Ahsan**The glory of Oxford**

It was exactly a decade ago, but the lingering moments of Christ Church College are still fresh in my mind. The year was 2007, and it is a summer trip with my family to Scotland and England.

Of all the numerous attractions in the tour, the Oxford University was out of the world! Situated far away from the monbund city life of London, the Oxford University is one of the best universities in the world. Oxford is a small town with 39 colleges, out of which Christ Church College attracted me the most. Built in the 14th century Gothic architectural style, this college is known to have produced world leaders, great authors, great orators and rulers ranging from Tony Blair, to Lewis Carroll. Our tour guide Patricia claimed with pride, "In Oxford we breed world leaders, while in Cambridge we produce Noble laureates."

For all those who suffer from Potter Mania, Christ Church College has been a signature spot for shooting the Harry Potter series. The Great Banquet Hall is actually the prestigious dining hall of Christ Church. It is said that if a student gets a chance to have a glass of champagne with his professor in this dining hall, it signifies that

the professor is truly honoured to have him/her as his student and also that he respects the student.

Our tour guide pointed out to us the window of the building from where once Lewis Carroll was watching Alice, the daughter of the dean of Christ Church, Henry George Liddell, play

watch a game of croquet being played by the university students as I had heard of this game only in stories earlier. The Boat Race, which is held every year in Oxford, is also a must see. One would find many things happening inside the university campus – one can see students engrossed in books in one hand, with a cup of tea or coffee in the other; cars and bikes are driving at a speed of 40 km per hour, obeying the stringent traffic rules inside the campus; book stalls; people buying souvenirs for family and friends; the graves of Lewis Carroll and other professors – the list is endless. And there are as many bicycles as there are students and bicycles in the campus.

Please respect the quiet of those who live and study in Christ Church – said one of the banners in the college premises and indeed, there is so much of silence inside the college that one would fall in love with the quietude.

The visit to this temple of learning is something that would never fade from my memory because I had explored and enjoyed every bit of the tour. With sheer goodness, I would suggest all who love to travel as I do, to please make sure that you do not forget to step into Oxford whenever you are in England.

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**TUBELIGHT**

Made against the backdrop of the 1962 Indo-China war, Kabir Khan's *Tubelight* centres on the Bish brothers, Laxman and Bharat (Salman Khan and Sohail Khan), and the separation they had to endure after Bharat joins the Army to take part in the war. The complexities of situations that unfold when Laxman, who takes longer to grasp things and is built as a 'tubelight' by his peers, tries to effect his brother's return from the war zone, is what *Tubelight* tries to shed light on.

Hitting the silver screen with sky-high expectations, Kabir Khan's directorial venture takes a steady start and remains so throughout. The successful actor-director duo with hits like *Ek Tha Tiger* and *Bajrangi Bhaijaan* under their belts, comes out with a script, which despite being a promising one (although inspired by Hollywood movie *Little Boy*), fails to take off and instead forces the audience to confront almost indistinguishable scenes which they had encountered not too long ago.

In fact, the makers of *Tubelight* struggle to emerge out of the shadow of their previous blockbuster *Bajrangi Bhaijan*, as evidenced by shot sequences, costumes, and even picturisation, which look so uncomfortably identical.

The director's dig at issues ranging from na-

DIRECTOR: KABIR KHAN
CAST: SALMAN KHAN, SOHAIL KHAN, OM PURI, MATIN REY TANGU

tionality to the relevance of Gandhiji's ideals, does not find an impressive representation either.

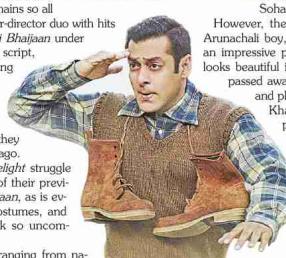
Salman Khan, as an actor, falters on most occasions with his expressions and even more unconvincing mannerisms, especially in emotional scenes which demanded much more from the superstar. In fact, while watching the movie, one constantly gets the feeling the actor tries to be too cute and innocent this time around.

His elder sibling, Sohail, however, puts up a much more polished show and left the audience yearning for more from him in the movie. This is undoubtedly one of Sohail's best, if not the best, performance.

However, the highlight of the movie is the little Arunachal boy, Matin Rey Tangu (Guc) who packs an impressive punch. Chinese actress Zhu Zhu too looks beautiful in the movie. Actor Om Puri, who passed away recently, was seen in his usual self and played the role to perfection. Shahrukh Khan's cameo, however, looked completely misplaced.

Tubelight is certainly not the kind of *Eidi* die-hard fans of Salman Khan would have expected this festive season. The flickering nature of the movie might find it extremely difficult to light up the imagination of audience sitting in the dark theatres.

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AT THE THEATRES
Sanjoy Ray**Recruiting and retaining the right personnel**

Kaustov Kashyap

As we already know, it is the Human Resource department which is responsible for assuring quality when it comes to staffing. The HR department is entrusted with this vital role to make sure that right talent is hired to work for an organisation, keep them happy, address their concerns, and develop their potential.

Employees have a significant influence on operations at every level. Therefore, we can say that hiring right people matters a lot and the consistency of the human resource component plays a pivotal role towards the ultimate success of every organisation. Unlike most assets which depreciate, an employee has the potential to increase in value. The quality and consistency of an employee's output is directly linked to HR, making best practices in this area an essential and worthy investment for every organisation.

A few things that an HR Department can do to ensure that they are recruiting and retaining the right people:

1. Keep talent on standby

Whether you need them immediately or not, search for great talent. Interview them, get to know them, and keep nurturing the relationship so that when you have an opening, you can absorb the best talent. In this regard, systematic maintenance of a pool of talented database may help to a great extent.

2. Developing your people

Employee value should appreciate with time. Invest in your employees strategically to reap the harvest. Sending employees to platform-specific training, covering certification fees, and sponsoring them to go to industry events are all great ways to realise it.

3. Onboard in the right direction

You only get one chance to onboard a staff member and set the expectations, standards. Habits are created in the first 48 hours; get it right! Make sure newbies have the tools and knowledge they need to be successful.

**4. Retain top talent**

It is easier and far more cost effective to invest in the retention of your staff than it is to rehire, retrain, and realign a new staff member. You can accomplish retention by creating and promoting a positive culture, developing skills, and keeping employees happy. Offering constructive feedback, good benefits, career patching, and meaningful lifts are all desired ways to keep employees satisfied.

5. Clarity on performance expectation information

To have outstanding performance, you first need to set expectations, define goals, and empower a colleague to perform a role. High performance will only be achieved when this level of clarity is present, combined with key performance indicators (KPIs) that are attainable and agreed upon expectations, goals, and performances all need to be set and tracked. The data then needs to be used to identify human resource opportunities. Findings could indicate that an employee needs more training or that an employee should be rewarded. Either way the HR department needs to know, so they can act accordingly and continue to develop strong employee-retention programmes.

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