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## NEWS CAPSULE

### Govt admission

NEW DELHI, July 26: With the escalation of tension between India and China, the Centre today admitted that a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh to review the border issues with the chief ministers of the Sino-Indian border states on May 20 at Gangtok. — SpL Correspondent

### Telecom signals

NEW DELHI, July 26: After wading security threats, India has taken up spillage of Bangladesh telecom signals across the international border at bilateral and multilateral forums. This was stated by Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju in a Rajya Sabha reply here today. — SpL Correspondent

### Paul bail plea

NEW DELHI, July 26: The Supreme Court hearing on the bail plea of former APSC chairman Rakesh Paul will continue though no fresh date has been given. Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi represented Paul, while the Assam government has engaged former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi. — SpL Correspondent

### Poachers held

MANGALDAL, July 26: A joint team from Dhula and Shyampur police stations today arrested three poachers from different locations of Nagaon and Darrang districts. The arrested — Nor Hussin, Abdul Haesun and Eddie Ali had killed a rhino in Orang National Park on June 22. — Correspondent

### Linkman nabbed

JORHAT, July 26: Police arrested one Anil Saikia, a charges officer of Assam ILEAD linkman from a rented house at Bahona on the outskirts of this district headquarters town late last night. The 38-year-old Saikia hails from Jengraimukhi in Majuli. — Staff Correspondent

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## Centre releases Rs 200 cr for State NH repair

Rs 400 cr sanctioned for dredging of Brahmaputra

### SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 26: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari today agreed to release Rs 200 crore initially for repairing the national highways in Assam which are in bad shape after Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal rushed to the Union ministry with an SOS call.

Accompanied by Union Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain, Lok Sabha MP RPR Sharma, Ramen Deka, Rameswar Teli, Pradan Baruah, Biswajit Daimari and Inland Waterways Authority of India member (technical) SK Gangwar, the Chief Minister met Gadkari at Transport Bhawan here this afternoon.

The Sonowal government, which has been under attack

for the pathetic condition of the NHs in the State, called for releasing more funds to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Gadkari also hinted at releasing more funds to the State once a high-level NHAI team, which is in Assam, submits its report within a week to repair stretches of the NHs that are in bad shape. Sonowal also requested Gadkari to set up a permanent office of the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) in Guwahati.

Sonowal sought Gadkari's intervention for immediate sanctioning of balance amount for repairing a 62-km stretch of the NH-44 in Barak valley, which is in dismal condition. He also pleaded for sanctioning of six-laning of Guwahati bypass on the NH-37, which is



pending with the NHAI.

Moreover, the Chief Minister drew the attention of the Union minister for restoring the Gai bridge on the NH-32

near Dhemaji. Sonowal also requested Gadkari to take measures for immediate repair of the NH-37 from Nagaon

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### Crack in Grand Alliance Nitish Kumar resigns as Bihar CM



to Governor Keshri Nath Tripathi. He did not rule out taking BJP's support for forming a new government.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Kumar for "joining the fight against corruption." "1.25 crore people are welcoming and supporting his honesty," he said in a series of tweets.

"For the bright future of the country, and especially Bihar, it is the need of the hour to rise above political differences and join the fight against corruption," Modi said.

Kumar, when asked about the chances of his forming a government with BJP's support, said, "Whatever will be in the interest of Bihar will be done. Wait for the future to

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### Agarwood smuggling racket busted in State

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, July 26: Sleuths of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Sub Regional Office, Guwahati, have busted a thriving international racket of agarwood smuggling and seized 28 kg of agarwood chips at the LGBI Airport last night.

The smuggled agarwood has been finding its way to metros like New Delhi and Mumbai, and from there to the Gulf countries.

Agarwood being listed in Appendix-II of CITES (Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora), it can be exported or re-exported only with a valid CITES export/re-export

permit issued by the CITES management authority.

Subsequent investigations have revealed that the smugglers also forged transit permits (TPs) for transporting the

agarwood consignment.

"It is a major seizure, coming close on the heels of two such smuggled transports involving the same firm at Hojai in Nagaon district. Investigation is on and apparently a big racket is at work," WCCB sources told

The seizure was made from the luggage of Mohammed Jamir Uddin, a resident of Hojai, during a joint operation by WCCB, Customs, Forest Department and CISF.

WCCB sources said that a Hojai-based firm, M/s Assam Perfumery Supply, had sold 35 kg agarwood at the rate of Rs 4,000 per kg to Jamir Uddin on July 24. The person was travelling from Guwahati to New Delhi by Jet Airways flight (9W 0722) and he also had the flight ticket from New Delhi to Bahrain (Gulf Air) and Bahrain to Kuwait (Gulf Air).

"Jamir Uddin, the buyer, was

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Garbage.

### Transfer of land to outsiders Politicians, bureaucrats involved: Panel

R DUTTA CHAUDHURY

GUWAHATI, July 26: A section of politicians and "corrupt bureaucrats" are involved in facilitating transfer of land of indigenous people to outsiders. This was one of the observations made by the Committee for Protection of Land Rights of Indigenous People of Assam. The Committee is also of the view that the State Government should improve the mechanism to secure its boundaries from being encroached by the people from the neighbouring states.

The Committee, headed by former Chief Election Commissioner of India, HS Bhattacharya, in its interim report, pointed out that there has been large scale transfer of agricultural land to non-agri-

cultural classes, especially to the trading class. The trading and industrial magnets from Assam and outside had chosen to invest their surplus money by procuring land. These people have started purchasing huge amount of agricultural land from the poor peasants either by offering high price or through direct settlement of allotment from the Government.

"There have been instances where the State Government, in tandem with certain corrupt bureaucrats and political leaders, often by taking advantage of the loopholes in various laws, rules, circulars, etc., managed to facilitate transfer of huge tracts of land contravening the existing laws of the State much to the adverse effect on the indigenous people of Assam," the report said. The report said

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### Floods damage 504 km of highways in State

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, July 26: "How much work have you done during the day, send details with photographic evidence daily" — this directive has been sent by the under-fire Public Works Department (National Highway) to all its field engineers, as flood waters have begun to recede making it conducive for the repair and maintenance works to commence.

The field engineers will have to report after the daily progress of work in a WhatsApp group of the department, which has been facing flak from people over the poor condition of several highway stretches. The engineers have been also asked to send photographic evidence to substantiate their daily report.

"In case of any lapses, explanations will be called from the engineers. We will also conduct random surprise inspections to verify if the daily progress reports are being sent correctly. In fact, we have already started sending our officers to inspect the works," a senior PWD official told *The Assam Tribune*.

The recent wave of floods and heavy rains has affected around 504 km of highways, according to a report prepared by the PWD(NH). The nature of damages are formation of

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Doklam impasse  
Withdrawal of Indian troops must for talks: China

BEIJING, July 26: China today reiterated that no meaningful dialogue can be held with India until "unconditionally" withdraws troops from the disputed Doklam area and said Foreign Minister Wang Yi has authoritatively made Beijing's position clear on the issue.

Wang, who is the first top Chinese leader to have commented so far on the Doklam impasse, yesterday claimed that India "admitted" to entering Chinese territory. He said India should "consciously withdraw" its troops from the area.

"The remarks of Foreign Minister Wang Yi are authoritative and have made our position clear. I don't have anything to explain," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a media briefing. He, however, declined to read to reports that both sides have deployed over 3,000 troops each at Doklam, saying the question should be referred to the Chinese Defence Ministry. — PTI

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### SC terms Assam law 'unconstitutional'

NEW DELHI, July 26: The Supreme Court today held that "unconstitutional" a 2004 legislation in Assam on parliamentary secretaries, saying the then Congress-led government lacked the competence to enact it.

A bench headed by Justice J Chelameswar allowed the plea challenging validity of the Assam Parliamentary Secretaries (Appointment, Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004 on the ground that it violated the mandate under Article 164(1A) which stipulates an upper limit of 15 per cent as the strength of the council of ministers.

### Parliamentary secretaries

On January 1, 2004, the Constitution 91st Amendment Bill, 2003 was passed by both the Houses of the Parliament and after the President's assent, it became an act with modifications made to articles 75 and 164 of the Constitution. Article 164(1A) of the Act stipulated that the size of the council of ministers in the state should not exceed 15 per cent of the total strength of the assembly.

"We are of the opinion that the Legislature

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## ED arrests separatist leader Shabir Shah

NEW DELHI, July 26: Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Shah was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate last night in connection with over a decade-old money laundering case against him for alleged terror financing.

Officials said Shah was arrested in Sri-nagar and is expected to be brought to Delhi. Shah would be produced before a court here.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had issued multiple summons to Shah, but he never deposited before the Central investigating agency.

A Delhi court had earlier this month issued a non-bailable warrant against the

separatist leader. "The warrant has been executed," a senior official said.

The agency had issued several summons to Shah over the last few years in pursuance of the August 2005 case, wherein the Delhi Police's Special Cell had arrested Mohammed Aslam Wani (35), an alleged hawala dealer, who had claimed that he passed on Rs 2.25 crore to Shah.

Shah in the past had told PTI that the ED case against him was "politically motivated".

The ED had registered a criminal case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act against Shah and Wani.

Wani was arrested allegedly with Rs 63 lakh, received through "hawala" channels from the Middle East, and a large cache of ammunition, on August 26, 2005.

During questioning, he had told the police that Rs 50 lakh was to be delivered to Shah and Rs 10 lakh to Jaish-e-Mohammed area commander in Srinagar, Abu Bakar, and that the rest was his commission.

Wani, who hails from Srinagar, had also claimed that he delivered around Rs 2.25 crore to Shah and his kin in multiple installments over the past year.

The ED, sources said, wants to probe the "proceeds of crime" of alleged terror financing in this case. - PTI

## 33 UP ministers yet to give income, asset details

LUCKNOW, July 26: Thirty-three ministers and over 350 Uttar Pradesh legislators have not yet provided their income and assets despite a clear directive from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, according to a State Assembly notification.

Soon after taking over as the State Chief Minister in March, Adityanath had asked his min-

isters to declare their income as well as movable and immovable properties within 15 days.

Several lawmakers, including ministers, failed to comply with the directive despite a reminder on April 13.

Among those yet to give the details of their assets are 18 Cabinet Ministers, 11 Ministers of State and four Ministers of State (Independent Charge). - PTI

### HC imposes cost on Kejriwal in second suit by Jaitley

NEW DELHI, July 26: The Delhi High Court today imposed a cost of Rs 10,000 on Arvind Kejriwal after he failed to file his response to a fresh Rs 10-crore defamation suit filed by Union Minister Arun Jaitley over use of an objectionable word allegedly by the CM's lawyer.

Joint Registrar Pankaj Gupta directed the Chief Minister to deposit the cost while granting him two more weeks to file his response.

The high court had on May 23 sought the response of Kejriwal on why defamation proceedings should not be initiated against him.

However, Kejriwal's counsel Rishikesh Kumar had sought more time to file the response which was opposed by advocate Manik Daga, counsel for the Union Minister.

Jaitley, who holds twin portfolios of Finance and Defence, had filed the second defamation suit after Kejriwal's lawyer Ram Jethmalani allegedly "abused" him in an open court during proceedings in another defamation suit he had filed against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief and five other party functionaries.

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## Stone pelting incidents down by half in Kashmir Valley: CRPF DG

NEW DELHI, July 26: Incidents of stone pelting in the Kashmir Valley have reduced drastically and come down to half this year due to the "effactive" action of security forces and probe agencies against separatists and others, said the CRPF DG today.

According to RR Bhatnagar, while a total of 1,590 incidents of stone pelting were registered last year, this year the latest figures are 424, which is "half of what was last year".

"Why or how has this happened? I would say it is a complex phenomenon... It is a mix of everything."

"It is a mix of what the NIA is doing, it is a mix of State police and security forces doing the kind of control and hence the efforts of the law breakers, stone pelters and violent mobs is effectively blocked and hence pelting has gone down," the DG said

while talking to reporters on the eve of the 78th raising day of the paramilitary.

"Our assessment is that situation in the Kashmir Valley has improved," he said, adding the CRPF was coordinating with the NIA (National Investigating Agency) in its crackdown against separatists and others.

Bhatnagar said with the use of less lethal ammunition, the force which has deployed 60 battalions (about 60,000 personnel) in Jammu and Kashmir, has "effectively been able to control" mobs.

"We have not allowed violent mobs to interfere in the conduct of anti-militancy operations. There is a very close coordination between the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the CRPF and the army," the DG said. He added good intelligence was coming from the State police and other agencies. - PTI

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## Right to privacy 'vague, amorphous': Centre

NEW DELHI, July 26: The Centre, which conceded in the Supreme Court that the right to privacy may be held as a fundamental right with certain rights, today termed it as "a vague and amorphous" right which cannot be granted primacy to deprive poor people of their rights to life, food and shelter.

Attorney General KK Venugopal, presenting the stand of the Centre before a nine-judge bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar, sought to distinguish the right to privacy from the Constitution to the context of developing and developed nations.

"In a developing country, where millions of people are devoid of the basic necessities of life and do not even have shelter, food, clothing or jobs, and are forced to sleep on

pavement even in the height of winter and, perhaps, to die, no claim to a right to privacy of the nature claimed in this case, as a fundamental right, would lie," he said.

Venugopal said that the right to privacy could not take precedence over the right to life. "When the State undertakes welfare measures and schemes traceable not only to the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution, but also to the guarantees in the Preamble to the Constitution, like social justice, economic justice... And protecting the dignity of the individual, a claim to privacy, which would destroy or erode basic foundation of the Constitution, can never be elevated to a status of fundamental right," he said. - PTI

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## Centre releases Rs 200 cr for State ...

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to Kalaboir and Numaligarh to Dibrugarh, besides the NH-37A from Kalaboir to Dolphari, the NH-52A from Golpur to Holongi and the NH-52 from Jamuor to Golpur.

The meeting also decided to start the proposed dredging of the 600-km stretch of the river in the State.

Gadkari expressed confi-

Brahmaputra river from Sadiya to Dhubri from September; once the monsoon is over. Six dredgers will be pressed into service in the exercise and a minimum 45-metre depth would be maintained throughout the entire stretch of the river in the State.

The dredging would greatly help in desilting the riverbed, thereby enhancing the water carrying capacity of the Brahmaputra, which would act as a deterrent against perennial floods in Assam. Moreover, the sand thus collected from dredging could be used to construct two express highways

along both sides of the river. Sonowal agreed that the detailed project report (DPR) along with the technical report would be submitted by the State Government to the Centre soon. The meeting also saw sanctioning of additional funds to the tune of Rs 400 crore for the purpose.

In the meeting, Gadkari said

the Ministry of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping was at an advanced stage of starting the works of two more bridges on the Brahmaputra, one being the 30-km Dhubri-Phulbari bridge. Moreover, the DPR for the Golpur-Numaligarh and Majuli-Jorhat links over the river are at advanced stages of implementation.

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## Politicians, bureaucrats ...

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illegal transfer of land is also going on in the Sixth Schedule areas and Tribal Belts and Blocks. The illegal occupation of Tribal Belt land in Sonapur circle is a shining example of this practice.

The Committee is of the view that the State Government should take immediate steps to stop such transfer of

land and the Government should immediately intervene to safeguard land interests of the indigenous people by adopting strong and effective legal measures.

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## Agarwood smuggling ...

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smuggling the agarwood chips from Guwahati to New Delhi and further from New Delhi to Bahrain without CITES permit," sources added.

For carrying forest produce from one place to another within the country, a transit permit (TP) is required from the forest department. "The racket is using fake TP's, and in latest instance it was shown to be signed by S Barua, ACE, Golaghat Forest Division on July 24. But verification of records showed that there was no forest officer by the name of S Barua currently posted in

## Nitish ...

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unfold. Whatever had to happen has happened. Now see what happens next," Kumar said his resignation was accepted by the Governor who asked him to continue as CM till an alternative arrangement has been made.

"I tried to work it out... I did not ask for anybody's resignation... just asked Tejaswi to explain the charges of corruption," he said.

The sudden development has thrown the politics of Bihar into turmoil with no party having a majority in the 243-member Assembly. Kumar's JD(U) has 71 seats, while RJD led by Tejaswi Yadav's father Lalu Prasad has 80. The BJP has 53.

If JD(U) and BJP come together, the coalition would have a majority in the Assembly. State BJP president Nitayanand Rai had recently spoken about the possibility of his party extending outside support to JD(U) but clarified the decision would be taken by its central leadership. - PTI

## Floods ...

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potholes, sub-grade failure, submergence, landslides, damage to culverts and bridge approaches etc.

The State PWD's NH division looks after 2541.9 km of the total 3662.4 km of highways in the State. The remaining are under NHAI (696.3 km), NHDCL (399.3 km), MORTH&TECH (25.8 km), BRO (31 km) and Railways (13.6 km).

The official said repair and restoration works have started on 17 highways, while work has been completed in around 65 km stretch of roads on seven highways. Though the cost of restoration, including both temporary and permanent measures would require an estimated Rs 36 crore, the government has released Rs 11 crore so far for the works and that has been distributed among the divisions taking into account the extent of damage in their areas.

## SC terms ...

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of Assam lacks the competence to make the impugned Act. In view of the above conclusion, we do not see it necessary to examine the various other issues identified by us earlier in this judgment... The writ petition is allowed. The impugned Act is declared unconstitutional," the bench also comprising justices RK Agrawal and AM Sapre, said.

The bench noted in its judgement that at the time of the coming into force of the 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003, the strength of the council of ministers in Assam was at 36 out of a total 126 members which amounted to 28.57 per cent of the strength of the Legislative Assembly.

It further noted that in view of the mandate contained in Article 16(1A), the strength of the council of ministers was to be brought down to 19 as per the 15 per cent ceiling.

The Assam Parliamentary Secretaries (Appointment, Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, 2004 was promulgated on November 3, 2004 and on December 29, 2004, the Act was passed and published in Assam's official gazette. - PTI

By an affidavit duly sworn before the Notary Public Kamrup (M), Guwahati on 26 July, 2017 I declare that Mosammat Nurjahan Begum, Nurjahan Begum and Nurjahan Begum are the names of some person which are recorded in different records/documents and all the names imply single identity.

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Arogya Provide Home Care Nursing for oldaged, Bedridden, Stroke, Babycare. Contact: Guwahati- 9706 10 8998. Nursing/P/14971/1

## DONATION

Donate Plot/land for Mother Old Age Home, Jyotiangan, 9846048360, 9864854487. Donation/P/13042/30

## ACCOMMODATION

Seats available for boys Hostel/ P.G. near Guwahati College. Contact: 9706070030, 8638030147. Acc/P/14975/1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified by affidavit in the Court of Judicial Magistrate Kamrup (Metro) at Guwahati, that "Manav Khandelia" and "Manav Khandelia" is the one and same person.

PNP/P/14952/1

I have changed my name from Moussuni Dekha Phukan to Moussuni Deka by an affidavit before Notary, Kamrup (Metro), Guwahati.

PNP/P/14953/1

I Raju Moni Nath, S/o Puham Nath Vill/P.O. Jamuguri, Mouza Hatingach, PS-Jajori, Nagaon (Assam) declare by an affidavit before Notary, Nagaon, that my daughter's actual name is Lucky Devi but in my Service Book at 5 Assam Regiment, Shillong, her name was wrongly inserted as Laki Devi, Lucky Devi and Laki Devi is same and single person.

PN/P/1872/1

The Executive Engineer, Amarpur Division, PWD (B&B), Amarpur, Gomati District, Tripura invites e-tender against press fit No. 10/NE/PWD/AM/2017-18/14200.

For proposed construction of Court Building at Amarpur, Gomati District, Tripura/SH. Building portion including internal water supply and sanitary facilities. Estimated cost: Rs. 39,47,517.00. Earnest Money: Rs. 3,97,465.00. Time of Completion: 24 month. Last Date of bidding for bids: 16.08.2017 upto 15.00 Hrs. For details kindly visit: [https://triputenders.gov.in](http://triputenders.gov.in)

\* NO NEGOTIATION WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER\*

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WEATHER  
GUWAHATI

**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
Partly cloudy sky becoming generally cloudy sky. Rain/thundershower is very likely to occur. Maximum temperature is most likely to be 35°C on Thursday.

**TEMPERATURE:**  
Max 34.2°C  
Min 26.0°C

## Drama workshop for children

GUWAHATI, July 26: Sishu Natya Vidyalaya organised a children's drama workshop at Maharsi Vidya Mandir, Silpukhuri, from July 5 to 24.

The workshop concluded with a drama festival at the Rabindra Bhawan, stated a press release. — Staff Reporter

# Union Minister, Governor discuss health care issues

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 26: Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel today called on Assam Governor Banwarilal Purohit and discussed with him issues related to health care and other allied matters at Raj Bhavan here.

The duo discussed issues to inspire and sustain positive actions in the health sector of the State. The Union minister appreciated the State's intervention in making the health care delivery system advanced, accountable and affordable and assured to help the State Government in its endeavour.

Union minister Patel also hailed the overall performance

towards making quality health care affordable to everybody. Referring to the Atal-Amrit Abhiyan which is a unique health assurance scheme launched by the Government of Assam for the benefit of poor people of the State, Purohit said through this an effort has been made to provide a quality health care system to even the poor. He added that though the State has shown impressive results in containing infant mortality and maternal mortality, the Health Department is working unrelentingly to bring down the IMR and MMR drastically.

Union minister Patel also

assured that the problem would be solved within a couple of years. The duo also reiterated the significance of a synergistic approach between the Centre and the State to make everybody healthy through behavioural change and institutional interventions.



Girls shielding themselves from the rain with umbrellas in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos

## Pathetic condition of VIP Road

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned the pathetic condition of the VIP Road. Due to the ongoing construction of new drains and installation of water supply pipes, the condition of the road has deteriorated to a great extent. For the movement of traffic on this road, many diversions have been created because of the ongoing construction and installation works. These diversions create confusion in the minds of drivers, leading to the slow movement of traffic on both sides of the road.

The problem for drivers on this road aggravates, especially during night hours as the diversions are not clearly visible due to non-functioning of streetlights, which were installed during the 2016 poll campaign. Bulbs can be seen hanging from the posts, but they do not glow. Complaints about dysfunction-

al streetlights leading to fatal road accidents are often received from the residents of the area.

The authorities concerned must take immediate corrective steps in this regard and complete the ongoing construction works as soon as possible.

— Ankita Das,  
Narenji Timali

### Poor online system

Despite the Government of India's full stress on making the Digital India campaign a big success, existing online operations in the country's different sectors are not free from loopholes. A few days back, a woman voiced her frustration with the online system currently available at the office of the DTO here.

Although the VAHAAN online registration system run by the GoI is giving people a smooth online experience, the online payment portal operated by the Assam Government is not working, thereby hampering the online service which is ex-

pected to be as smooth as that in the Passport Seva Kendras.

The online payment system

in the Guwahati Municipal Corporation is also no better than the DTO office. After making online payment of my

property tax, no receipts of payment were generated despite several attempts. As I have found so far, only the ASEB has a safe online payment system, which mails the receipts after receiving payments online.

How can Assam become a digitally advanced State in such a scenario?

— D Kakati, Guwahati

### Citizens' voice

Citizens are requested to express their Guwahati-specific views within 100 words and mail the same to citizensvoice365@gmail.com

### Parking problem

Being a gateway to the North-east, tourists in large numbers visit Guwahati from different parts of the country. But the tourists often complain that finding a place to park their vehicles is also illegal as per standards laid down under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

The concept that slower vehicles should keep to the left and give way to faster vehicles is also not known to our drivers. The result is a mindless cacophony of noise that is disturbing. The urban noise level is high mostly because of the use of the horn.

The owners of vehicles are requested not to modify or customize silencers of their vehicles. Instead of spending money on such modifications, people can use it for some fruitful purposes.

All these alterations/modifications in vehicles are not good for the environment.

— Haron Kumar Ray,  
Gauhati Commerce College

ception, we appear to follow the opposite rule. Drivers in the city have developed a habit of using the horn whether needed or not, creating sound pollution. Unnecessary use of horns is also illegal as per standards laid down under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

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## APCC slams Modi for not visiting flood-ravaged Assam

STAFF REPORTER

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Union Government and the State's BJP-led Government's first anniversary, the Prime Minister took out time to visit Assam, it said.

During the last Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, the Prime Minister and other leaders of the BJP said India

would start reading "A for Assam" if the BJP was voted to power. But it has now become "A for Apathy" as far as Assam is concerned, quipped the APCC.

It also mocked at the cow vigilantes for their failure to save the cows of Assam, which have been affected severely by the present deluge. None of the members of the cow vigilante groups has come forward to provide fodder to the cows affected by the

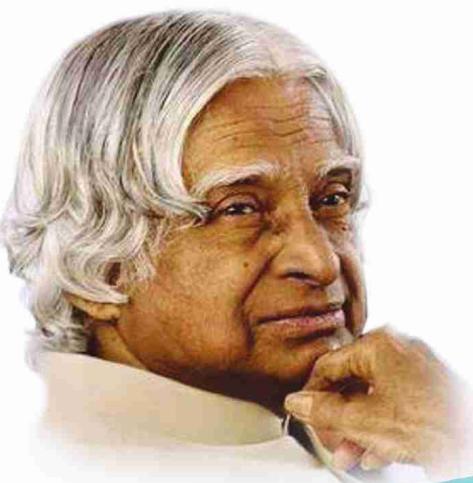
floods, said the APCC.

Pointing at the case of suicide committed by an inmate of a relief camp, the APCC said the suicide exposes the quality of relief provided by the State Government to the flood victims.

It has come to light that in Udalguri district, only one packet of 'Cereala' was distributed, while in Golaghat district, 45 packets of 'Amul Taza' (each packet contains 50 ml of milk), in Dibrugarh district, 20 packets of baby food, in Bongaigaon district, 70 packets of ORS were distributed among the flood victims. In Morigaon district, which is one of the worst flood-affected districts, no baby food was distributed, alleged the APCC.



অসম চৰকাৰ



১৫ অক্টোবৰ, ১৯৩১ - ২৭ জুন, ২০১৫

এক মূল্যবোধৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়াৰে  
ভাৰতবৰ্ষক এখন উন্নত,  
সমৃদ্ধিশালী আৰু স্বাস্থ্যৱান  
জাতিলৈ ৰূপান্তৰিত  
কৰিব লাগিব।

- ড° এ.পি.জে. আব্দুল কালাম

ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ মহান আত্মা ভূতপূৰ্ব ৰাষ্ট্ৰপতি  
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সৰ্বানন্দ সোগোৱাল  
মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী, অসম





## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

The reward for conformity was that everyone liked you except yourself.

— RITA MAE BROWN



## Great opportunity

The NSAs meeting of BRICS countries scheduled to be held in Beijing on July 27-28 will provide a great opportunity to India and China to discuss bones of contention and thrash out peaceful solutions. India's NSA Ajit Doval is set to hold talks with his Chinese counterpart Yang Jichi. It may be noted that both Doval and Jichi are Special Representatives of the two nations in the boundary talks, a fact which has assumed particular importance given the present stand-off between them at the Doka La area in the India-Bhutan-China tri-junction, which poses a serious threat to their relationships. True to form the Chinese propaganda machinery has been blowing both hot and cold; while one segment has welcomed Doval's visit and hopes that it will lead to positive outcomes, others have denigrated the Indian NSA as the devil incarnate who is the actual architect of the Doka La stand-off. True to form China's Defence Ministry has asserted that it would boost the deployment of its forces at the spot and warned India that it must harbour no illusions of holding its ground for much longer. The Chinese Defence Ministry has stated that, considering it had no intention of allowing any assault on its sovereignty to go unanswered, India needs to take "practical steps to correct its mistake, cease provocations, and meet China halfway" in resolving the issue.

At the precise moment the protracted stand-off at Doka La is preying on everyone's mind, containing as it does potentials for escalation. It has been the result of a Chinese attempt to build a road through an area which Bhutan claims as its, forcing India to intervene to stop the construction. Tensions are running high and the situation is grave enough for the NDA Government even to brief the Opposition on it! However, the key phrase in the Chinese Defence Ministry statement is "meet China halfway in jointly safeguarding the border region's peace," implying as it does a desire on her part to prevent escalation. In the current global situation, where both China and India are jostling for economic space, neither would gain by engaging in a conflict over a border dispute. China, in fact, would be the greater loser, attempting as it has been to take up global leadership on issues like free trade and environment now that a vacuum has been created by the US's recusiveness. The NSAs meeting will give Doval and Jichi an opportunity to discuss the Doka La situation and work out a solution acceptable to both. However, the meeting must go beyond such a limited objective and the two sides must initiate steps to create a roadmap for a permanent settlement of the entire border issue. If they do succeed in forging a framework, the essay can be continued by Modi when he attends the BRICS summit.

## Highway maintenance

Nothing would be more telling comment on the status of governance than the deplorable road conditions across the State. The NH-37 in particular has been in a state of perennial disrepair even as the State Government continues to look the other way. Running through the State's entire length from Sadiya to Dibrugarh, NH-37 is a lifeline not just for Assam but has a bearing on the development process of the whole of the North-east. While the pathetic condition of the highway along the stretch from Nagaon to Dibrugarh has evoked a lot of criticism in the past couple of years, the thick-skinned Government and its agencies seem little perturbed. Shockingly, the firms engaged in the ongoing conversion of the stretch into four-lane have displayed utter lack of professionalism, with the result that negligible progress has been achieved since 2015. Now, at long last, the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd has cracked the whip on the erring firms, terminating the contract of a Spanish company and slapping notices on four others. Once these firms were awarded the contract of four-laning, keeping the highway traffic-worthy through repair and maintenance was their responsibility but they merely chose to abdicate it. The State Government, on its part, hardly put any pressure on the firms even as the road conditions kept worsening.

Bad road conditions stemming largely from lack of periodical maintenance and compromise in quality during construction are nothing new in the State. Highways apart, many potholed PWD roads across the State would corroborate this. Indeed, this has turned out to be a perennial bane, effectively negating the utility of our roads. Every road project, when sanctioned, usually have a component concerning periodical maintenance but this crucial provision is generally ignored, making it a complicated process involving time and cost overruns when taken up later. If a lifeline like NH-37 is allowed to languish in a state of perennial disrepair for want of Government attention, the less said the better about the condition of other roads. Road projects in the State have also earned notoriety for large-scale corruption – something that explains to a great extent the poor quality of roads. If the Government is serious about putting the State on the fast-track growth path, it needs to be firm in checking malpractices during road construction. For this, a stringent monitoring mechanism is a must so that transparency and accountability is ensured. Contractors and officials found guilty of violating norms in road quality should be booked and punished. In a region like the North-east dominated by remote and rugged landscapes, the need for road expansion hardly needs any reiteration. Even today, thousands of villages continue to languish for want of all-weather surface linkage, with the situation proving detrimental to agricultural and industrial growth. It is also imperative that for achieving all-round progress, the process of development go beyond being city-centric. Expediting rural road connectivity under the PMGSY will be critical in this context.

## Politics and morality: an adolescent idealism?

**ROUGH & Tumble**  
Patricia Mukhim

**G**n July 20, I read an editorial in a leading national daily which said that Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Urban Development, had resigned in order to contest the Vice-Presidential poll. Prime Minister Narendra Modi should immediately freshen young blood to his Cabinet. The editorial cited Himanta Biswa Sarma as one of the potential candidates to fill the void left by Naidu and before that by Anil Madhav Dave who was the Environment Minister. I put up this post on my Facebook page and what followed were discordant notes of protests. Some suggested that the editorial must have been a 'paid' piece of write-ups. Others chose the worst epithets for Biswa Sarma, alleging that his sordid past as an ally of the ULFA and other unsavoury criminal cases should have disqualified him from being a people's representative. Some even suggested that the BJP which speaks unendingly of political ethics and morality should not have touched Biswa Sarma with a barge pole. But there were others who lauded Biswa Sarma as someone who delivers governance, despite these personal failings and so were willing to ignore and even forgive his personal pereccidacies.

This made me read up a whole lot of literature on political integrity and whether that is possible or if we have to settle for lesser values. In her book, *Hypocrisy and Integrity: Machiavelli, Rousseau and the Ethics of Politics*, Ruth W Grant says the word hypocrisy is itself an epithet and never a

term of praise. She points to the classic examples of hypocrisy such as a lecherous priest, the smarmy, flattering sociopath, the 'reform' politician with his hand in the till. What the above share is a pretence of virtue, idealism or sympathetic concern used to further their selfish ends. Grant terms those who are at the receiving end of their appalling acts as victims who must be pitied because of the painful betrayal of trust involved in their victimization. In that sense, are all those who voted for Biswa Sarma victims? I am not so sure!

While it's a fairly straightforward matter to condemn hypocrisy, but Grant wonders if hypocrisy is always such a bad thing. To consider the anti-hypocrite as the alternative is naive because this character too is a classic type; inflexible in his righteous conduct and unwilling to forgive any moral lapse (as if humans are perfect) and therefore does not recognize the necessity to compromise. Too often the cost of his effort to sustain his own purity is borne by others hence he ought not to be trusted either. Ultimately, therefore, the anti-hypocrite has more in common with the hypocrite than would seem at first glance.

To vote a 'good' politician as

conceived in our minds requires that we the voters ourselves be principled for if we cut corners to make a quick buck ourselves and extract personal favours from politicians but expect them to be otherwise, then we are both hypocrites and anti-hypocrites in the same breath. Psychologists see this obsession for moral rigidity as a

cynicism or are there other forms of mature idealism whose characteristics can be identified? Hence between hypocrisy and anti-hypocrisy, cynicism and sanctimonious righteousness, we need an alternative and this is integrity. But integrity can take many forms. Commonly speaking, a person of integrity is someone that can be trusted to do the right thing even at some cost to himself, but not unbendingly so. And that I suppose is where we humans are. We expect the highest moral principles to be demonstrated by our politicians even as we play around with those principles when it suits us. Grant, after years of study on politics and principles, concludes that even doing the

right thing may require compromise but that some compromises are possible without compromising oneself.

While on the issue of political morality, I read up Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind*. This book prizes open the human mind and its moral proclivities. Haidt quotes a Chicago humanist who, as far back as 1895, had said: "Politics ain't a beanbag; it's not a game for children." Since then this phrase is used to justify the rough and tumble and the nastiness of American politics and by our own politicians in the 21st century. From craving for the VIP status to innumerable perks, politicians will grab them all and more. They will justify their cravings and find every rule book in the system to endorse this silly craving for power and power.

It's the frailty of human nature to believe that politicians come from a rare planet. They don't. Only rationalists dream of a utopian state where politicians can be made for the greater good of the voters. Haidt says in the real world there is no alternative to the political process and in that political process politicians are always gearing themselves up to win votes and power.

That competition involves trickery and demagoguery. Politicians then and now are economical with the truth. Today, politicians use their propaganda machine to dress up all their actions as being altruistic and morally justifiable. India is today completely polarized and embattled to the point of dysfunction. But we are made to believe that there is rainbow somewhere and we are all head-

ed towards that elusive goal and are told that we should support everything the government does, for if we don't, we could get into worse hands.

Sadly, politics is not a profession that encourages moral reflection or insight. "The ends justify the means" is the code of most practitioners. So we prod along expecting things to improve under different political dispensations but are disillusioned. Democracy itself promises much but delivers little. It sounds good to say that in a democracy power flows from the people to the government. But are we really empowered to change things? Do all of us have the time to do a "halla bol" and blow the whistle on the poor civic management and come out to the streets to protest the poor drainage in Guwahati city or the electrocution that happens with every flash flood and which kills real human beings? No we don't for we are all burdened with our own need to earn a livelihood. Politicians realize this and don't take our writings or our one-off protests seriously. It takes a lot of rage for the public to come out to the streets and take on the government.

Hence when someone points a finger at Himanta Biswa Sarma, the man does not care because he has used every loophole in the system to come out clean, leaving those who take him on red faces. So far Akhil Gogoi is the only person who has dared to corner HBS but look at the cases he has to face. Talking about defamation, why do courts entertain defamation cases from politicians with poor moral conduct? Doesn't the Judiciary owe it to the people to protect their interests rather than that of politicians? These are thorny issues and require serious reflection.

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## Flagship schemes and rural uplift: a reality check

■ Sheetal Sharma

**W**e have progressed as individuals. We have progressed as a society. But this progress is not spatial in nature. It has not touched the untouched arenas of our society. Are shopping malls, good road connectivity, influx of investors and multi-crore rupees spent in festivals the only indicators to measure growth of a country? It can't be so. Since our childhood, we have always read that the heart of India lies in her villages. And the very notion is still valid. There cannot be resurgence of 'New India' if villages are not developed in the true sense. Although government schemes and programmes are targeted towards benefits of rural people and areas, the change seems to come at snail's pace.

There are 22 flagship programmes under the Government of India, which is heartening but to be questioned when it comes to their implementation. These programmes have been well designed but short of touching the root of the problem. Poverty or socio-economic condition is not the sole reason gripping the lives of people in the rural areas. Marginalized popula-

tions, especially the women, the aged and the disabled are facing much more than economic deprivation – prejudices, and biases. The stigma attached to these constructs is manifold. Under the National Social Assistance Programmes (NSAP), old age pension, widow pension and disability pension are provided. The amount provided is meager and therefore no uplift in the social status of widows and the disabled in our society. Can the pension amount, provided by the Government, facilitate refuge to the elderly woman who has been thrown out of her house by her children? Such critical question needs to be answered if we really want a change in our society. A 2015 study done by the North East Network, a women's organization, revealed that economic abuse, sexual abuse, verbal and emotional abuse on elderly women, women with disabilities, single women and widows are very high in rural Assam. Single women especially widows are considered a stigma in many societies and so targeting and killing a woman by them as *daiin* or witch are very high. Cash assistance cannot single-handedly improve the condition of

the marginalized groups until and unless parallel steps are taken to upgrade the social status and security duly ensured.

The MGNREGA is indeed a very effective programme with a rights-based framework and decentralized planning process. But the performance under the programme cannot be laudable given the number of cases in context of delayed payments and corruption relating to job cards. A woman activist of Dhemaji narrated that the women in her village were asked to give their job cards to the contractor who was allotted the contract for road construction in her village. These women were not given any work but some money was paid to them on monthly basis. Despite their enthusiasm to do the work, many of these women failed to track the contractors for getting back their job cards. Now, the activist is helping these women to reapply for their job cards.

An innovative feature of the MGNREGA programme is that it has been institutionalized and it started the process of 'Social Audit' by Gram Sabha as means of continuous public vigilance. But the bitter truth is that in most villages of Assam, Gram Sabhas are not organized or aware

of this wonderful opportunity. Even though meetings are held, people are not informed about the date and venue thereby letting the public grievances remain under the carpet. Recently, in one VCDC of Udalguri district, the Gram Sabha meeting got cancelled and held at a later date because it had attendance of only 50 people from 10 villages of that VCDC. A social worker of that area was aware that few households were informed about the Gram Sabha the night before it was organized. Due to the meagre attendance, the activist and few others demanded the rescheduling of the same to a later date. Accordingly the meeting took place a few days later with an attendance of nearly 300 people. This clearly shows the people's eagerness for discourse on the one hand but poses the question as to how seriously such initiatives are taken by the Government, on the other. Has the Government in Assam been able to underscore the importance of Gram Sabhas to the grassroots population?

The failure of the programmes

is a fallout of lack of accountability and transparency of the system.

The real issue is not with the design of the programmes but there

lacks a monitoring mechanism.

This gives inroads to corruption

**Letters to the EDITOR**

Sir – The ongoing crisis in the State arising out of the unprecedented flood situation does not seem to bother the Centre and the Prime Minister as much as it should have. In fact, our Chief Minister had to request for relief funds to help the affected people when it was expected that such relief should have been a spontaneous reaction from the Centre in view of the immense suffering the people of Assam have been undergoing. However, the Prime Minister lost no time in rushing to Gujarat to console the citizens of that State when floods ravaged parts of the State in a manner starkly similar to that of Assam. He was also extremely quick in announcing a relief package and compensation for the affected people of Gujarat. The reaction of the Prime Minister in both the cases has been different. He did not care to visit Assam even once, nor did he care to announce any relief or compensation for those killed or affected. It is a great disappointment for the people of

## Assam floods and PM's role

Assam who put their trust on Narendra Modi and voted his party to power in the State. It is a clear case of neglect. Yours etc., DEBOJIT BARTHAKUR, RG Baruah Road, Guwahati.

**APSC answer keys**

Sir – Through your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the APSC and all concerned regarding the former's publication of answer keys of the General Studies paper of CC (Prelims) Exam 2016 held on July 2017 and its subsequent appeal to the candidates for submission of objection(s) to any of the answer keys with 'specific' supporting documents before July 27, 2017. Since the APSC does not prescribe any book for its examinations, the question arises here is that what kind of documents or books it recognizes as 'specific' in support of the claim(s) of the candidates for making necessary correction of the answer key(s). Since all the candidates appeared in the said examination are graduates with different backgrounds, who passed from different colleges/universities having knowledge gathered from the books and

documents or papers recommended for studies by the respective universities, there might be some differences of information or knowledge among all the candidates. Therefore, it is the duty of the APSC to consider carefully, the claims of each of the candidates to avoid any further confusion. Yours etc., ANIMESH BORAH, Guwahati.

**Open varities**

Sir – The distance learning universities give a chance to people who, due to some reasons, are not able to continue their regular studies. The introduction of the state open universities is a boon for people to get their education and degrees in their respective fields.

However, there is a section of

people which do not give due recognition and respect to those who study or had studied in an open university. Even in some occupational sectors, it is seen that the students are not considered 'qualified' for a certain post just because they do not have a degree from a recognized State or Central university. One must understand that open universities and regular universities are more or less the same, as they follow the same syllabus. The only difference lies with the fact that the state universities are a formal place of education and follow fixed rules and regulations, while the open universities are a non-formal place of education and do not generally follow strict rules. The students of both the universities have equal qualification and merit. Yours etc., KABITA BAYAN, Sarbari.

**Load-shedding**

Sir – Through your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the authority concerned to the frequent load-shedding in our Harsipura (Pathasala) locality. Our locality is a vast and thickly populated area in the Bajali subdivision. Almost all the families of our locality are regular consumers of electricity. But frequent load-shedding has become a common feature here for the last few months. The people have to use lamps, lanterns and candles in the evening in absence of electricity. Basically the students and farm owners of our locality have to suffer much due to the irregular supply of electricity. It has also become unbearable to remain indoors in

summer without electricity. The minister concerned should take immediate and necessary steps in this regard. Yours etc., DHANJIT KALITA, Harsipura, Pathasala.

## ST scholarship

Sir – I would like to bring the authorities' attention towards a burning issue regarding the distribution of ST scholarship by the Department of Welfare of Pahani Tribes and Backward Classes (WPT&BC), Dispur. There are huge irregularities in the system of distributing scholarship, because of which the students from poor families across Assam are suffering financial hardships. Appropriate and urgent action should be taken in this regard. There is a huge gap in the process of distributing ST scholarship among the students from year to year. The State Government should take steps so that the ST scholarships are distributed on a regular and timely basis to the students concerned. Yours etc., BHABEN GAYARY, Samapeta.

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Local people protesting against erratic power supply since the last few days at Kamalabari, in Majuli district on Tuesday. — UB Photos

## Proper implementation of Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 urged

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, July 26: The chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and also the District & Sessions Judge P Buragohain has emphasised the need for proper implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 or the JJ Act, 2000 in the district so that it becomes socially beneficial for the minors caught on the wrong side of the law and puts them through reformative programmes to deter them further from committing such acts.

Addressing the refresher training of members of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Probation Officer and Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) at the conference hall of the District & Sessions Judge's court building organised by the DLSA here on Tuesday, P Buragohain said that there is a need to sensitise the stake-

holders on the provisions of the Act and also devise a mechanism of coordination so that the Act is effectively implemented purely on a modern basis for child protection.

Further, the DLSA chairman directed all the SJPU to work in close coordination with the CWC and share all the necessary information as and when required.

It may be mentioned here that the purpose of these Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) is to enable police to be better equipped with knowledge and procedures while dealing with juveniles in conflict with law and children in need for care and protection.

The second officer of each police station is designated as the child welfare officer who is assisted by two social workers as the first line of intervention in all the cases related to juveniles in each of the police stations in the district.

Expressing concerns over the rise of juvenile cases, especially of child abuses

in the district, the DLSA chairman said that there is a need for using the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act in relevant cases against the criminals.

Attending as a resource person, Assistant Sessions judge Sanjay Hazarika presented in details the various aspects of the JJ Act, 2000 and suggested ways for smooth coordination between all the stakeholders.

Earlier, Anil Kr Basfore, the secretary, DLSA while explaining the objective of the training session also said that the training will equip all the stakeholders with better knowledge and procedures in dealing effectively with juvenile cases in the district. Among others, who also participated and spoke on the occasion were Principal Magistrate, JJB, Pranab Sarma, chairman, CWC Sofikul Ahmed and the District Child Protection Officer Dipi Phukan.

## Raising Day of CRPF today

Act constituted CRPF as an armed force of the Union.

The North-Eastern Sector of the CRPF is one of the oldest sectors of the Force. At present, nine battalions are deployed in 14 districts of lower and central Assam and two battalions are deployed in Meghalaya to counter insurgency in the states and also to maintain law & order. The IGP, NES, CRPF congratulated all the officers and men deployed in Assam and Meghalaya for their

good work, dedication and exceptional efforts, due to which graph of insurmountable activities has rapidly declined and the general law-and-order situation in the States is also under control. In 2016 and 2017, units of this sector have made spectacular achievements.

On the occasion of the Raising Day various activities have been proposed in all the units of this sector. This was stated in a press release.

## Ajit Kr Kalita: a tribute

Ajit Kr Kalita, our friend, a highly-acclaimed teacher, breathed his last on July 15 at Dispur Hospitals leaving his family members and admirers shocked and sad. He was 52.

Born in 1965, in Kaminali village of Bajali subdivision to Late Mahendra Kalita and Late Apati Kalita of a noble family, Ajit took his primary education with scholarship and passed the HSLC examination from Tihu High School in 1980. BA from Tihu College in 1988 and took his Master degree in Philosophy in 1992 from Gauhati University.

He joined Sarbojanin College in 1992 and had been working there with great devotion till his demise.

Apart from his prowess as lecturer he had a keen interest in writing. He wrote several books and even wrote a few books under the pseudonym of Alok Kr Dutta.

We had always marvelled at his suave dealings, human approach and the desire to impart the best of others, the rare qualities he possessed which surely made him popular and well-sought

among all the people of the society. A soft spoken and thorough gentleman, Kalita was loved by all sections of the society for his amiable and helping nature. His sudden and untimely demise was widely mourned in the greater Tihu area.

He leaves behind his wife, two brothers and a host of friends and relatives.

Today, on his adyashraddha, we pray for the eternal peace of his departed soul.

—Hitesh Kalita,  
Kumud Deka

## Flood relief

GUWAHATI, July 26: A flood-relief distribution programme was organised on July 22 by the Amoni Jeevan Sewa Trust, Guwahati.

Two hundred and ten packets of food items consisting of chira, muri, gur, milk, biscuits, mineral water bottles

## Probe ordered

JORHAT, July 26: Jorhat DC Virendra Mittal ordered a magisterial inquiry on Monday evening into the death of a patient Jonali Das, wife of Raju Das, a resident of Sunga area of the district. Jonali died on July 22 after giving birth to a stillborn baby on July 19, allegedly due to negligence by doctors at the Jorhat Medical College and Hospital. — Staff Correspondent

## Gauripur Sub Post Office in a sorry state

CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, July 26: Gauripur Sub Post Office located in the heart of Gauripur town is running without permanent staff resulting in chaos in every section of the post office. The post office covers the entire Gauripur town comprising four wards and a population of more than a lakh.

The computers supplied are said to be of low standard and fail to operate frequently. There is also frequent breakdown of linkage and as a result many people have to return without getting their work done. The senior citizens are the worst sufferers.

Moreover, there is regular shortage of

postal orders. Shortage of funds is said to be the main reason behind these lacunae. It is shocking that the entrance of the post office is slippery and has no steps to go down. The building of the post office is located in a low land and it stands four-five feet below the NH-31 and no steps have been taken to renovate the Assam-type house of the post office. The agents are also suffering as they fail to deposit instalments and encash the matured postal orders etc., in time and consequently lose interest. People of the greater Gauripur area have urged the higher authority to look into the sorry state of affairs and provide all facilities to the consumers.

## Despite problems, Haflong Civil Hospital successful in providing healthcare facilities

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, July 26: Despite numerous problems, Haflong civil hospital, the only referral hospital of the district of Dima Hasao has been successful to some extent in providing health care services to the masses with the active co-operation of the doctors, staff and others, claimed the Superintendent of the Haflong Civil Hospital, Dr Kalpana Kempai recently.

In an exclusive interview, Dr Kempai said, "though the present capacity of the hospital was only 100 beds but we have managed to provide 136 beds right now, but the lack of rooms some time causes us inconvenience. A building has been constructed, but has not been handed over to us. Once that is done, there would be no problem for accommodation at least. As new medical services are being introduced,

there should have been more staff, doctors, technicians and others which we are also lacking", she said.

"Lack of proper communication is also a big problem. As the district is hilly and the condition of roads is not good, we people very often face difficulties to reach far-flung villages at the time of need. There have been other routine services covering the whole of the district but due to the lack of communication, sometimes our people face untold inconveniences. The HCH has only one ambulance right now, causing immense problems. More ambulances could help the people to a great extent", she added.

"I feel lucky to have a dedicated team of doctors and the staffs though short in number, is trying its best to serve the patients as a team with a very good understanding. About overcrowding by attendants of

patients, she said, "we have requested them not to make a crowd and also there is specific time for the attendants to meet their patients since overcrowding in the wards causes inconvenience to other patients also."

## Health care service hit by shortage of manpower

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, July 26: Assam's health service appears to be a farce, at least in the State's highly industrialised district here. No matter how many health schemes are launched each year for the needy people through gorgeous ceremonies, adequate medical staff and holistic health care service still remains to be achieved.

Even when much has been hyped about mother and child care services by the National Health Mission (NHM) and UNICEF, a pregnant woman still requires travelling more than a 70 km bumpy road to the city here for medical needs because of lack of proper medical facilities and absence of concerned doctors in the nearby health centres. A case of miscarriage was once reported when a woman delivered inside the ambulance near Lekhota while being rushed to Assam Medical College and Hospital from Tingkhong.

The 100-bed Naharkata Model Health Centre (CHC) caters to a huge population of over two lakh of both Tingkhong and Naharkata LACs. Given the vast area and rush of patients in the health centre, there is a requirement of additional 12 doctors including a gynaecologist and a medicine specialist besides other medical staff, according to Dr Biswajit Baruah, Sub-divisional Medical and Health Officer, Naharkata, BHPC.

Similarly, several health centres are hit by shortage of manpower; both doctors and paramedical staff in the district. Some of the proposed health centres including a 100-

bed civil hospital at Naharkata in the district are non-functional due to shortage of medical personnel.

Dr Udayan Baruah, the Joint Director, Health Services when asked, admitted that there is a shortage of manpower in the Health Department. When asked how many sanctioned posts were lying vacant, the Joint Director said that it would be difficult to reveal the exact number of vacant posts immediately.

He further said that some of the newly-constructed health centres have not been handed over to the Health Department yet. However, it is interesting to note that the pharmacists were recently appointed under NNMH in those newly-built health centres despite the fact that no doctors and other medical staff are appointed there. These pharmacists are now engaged either in PHCs or CHCs by the local Health Department. "The pharmacists will be asked to go to their assigned centres as soon as doctors are appointed there," the Joint Director told this newspaper.

It must be mentioned here that pharmacists were appointed under NNMH recently in 16 different health centres in the district. The health centres include Dhaman Halmari PHC, Diphu, Rongswang PHC, Lengeri Model Hospital, Pantoli BPHC, Mohor Merib PHC, Rolumoria PHC, Jokai Model Hospital, Sepon Chakoria PHC, Teplana Chashoriota PHC, Tengakhat Model Hospital, Tipom Fakial PHC, 2 No. Gurugras PHC, Tengakhat BPHC, Lezo Kalakhowa Model Hospital, Chahua Model Hospital and Bhaido Paanchali PHC.

However, majority of these health centres are non-functional as no doctors or other medical staff have been appointed.

Further, the so called 100-bed civil hospital at Naharkata built in 2012 is already under ruins and is turning out to be a shelter for straying cattle. The wooden doors and windows have also begun to rot. The construction of this proposed hospital and five other model hospitals in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts were announced in 2010 when Congress leader-turned BJP strongman Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma was the Health Minister during the Congress-led State Government. Several structures built for the purpose of health centres in the district are in an abandoned state. The concerned health officials here say that those structures have not been handed over to the Health Department and posts have not been created for those health centres.

"We have asked the Government to create posts and have intimated our requirement," said Dr Udayan Baruah, the Joint Director of Health Services.

On several occasions, the Health Department attempted to post medical personnel under NNMH to meet their requirement in some of the health centres but it is gathered that doctors are not interested to serve under NNMH. The PG aspiring MBBS doctors on compulsory rural posting also leave after short service in the government health sector for their higher medical studies. If the present state of affairs continues, the desired proper health care facilities will remain a distant dream for the people of the region.

## Dibrugarh NGO approaches PM, CM to solve waterlogging problem

GUWAHATI, July 26: Ten successive years of suffering from severe waterlogging in Dibrugarh town resulting in violation of the citizens' rights to life and dignity as per Article 21 of the Constitution of India has again prompted the Group for People's Rights (PGPR), Dibrugarh, Assam, a leading NGO of Upper Assam to approach both the Chief Minister of Assam and the Prime Minister of India yet again this month.

Expressing grave concern about the deteriorating waterlogging problem that has been plaguing Dibrugarh town, the president of PGPR, Dr Aradhana Kataki pointed out in a press release that in spite of repeated appeals from the public, no effective action appears to have been taken to address the problem in a comprehensive manner, which has been continuing since 2008. Even the various orders and directions given by the Gauhati High Court in response to a PIL filed by PGPR in 2010 have not been heeded by the concerned authorities. Short-term steps agreed to by the Government in response to court orders have been seen

to be inadequate and more often than not measures like using pumps were done only on public insistence.

The manner of implementation of Dibrugarh Drainage Project funded by DoNER Ministry under NLCPR which seems to be the only project being undertaken to address the problem of severe and prolonged waterlogging in the worst-affected areas like Jibon Phukan Nagar, Khonia Gaon and East Milan Nagar has raised serious apprehensions among the public about the quality and effectiveness of the project. Therefore, the PGPR has written to the Chief Minister of Assam to institute an immediate high-level independent enquiry to pinpoint lapses if any so that those responsible may be held accountable and loopholes plugged, to rule out the possibility of waste of the tax payer's money and also to determine whether the considerable amount of money spent since 2008 in the name of long and short-term remedial measures for waterlogging has not been wasteful expenditure. In addition, the

PGPR has proposed that a qualified, accredited drainage expert be appointed immediately to look into the matter and also to design a scientific drainage system based on accurate data to solve the problem of waterlogging permanently in Dibrugarh. The PGPR has also appealed to the Prime Minister for directions and advice in this regard to the concerned authorities and has also informed the DoNER minister about these apprehensions.

Although rainfall has been normal this year, residents of Jibon Phukan Nagar, East Milan Nagar and Khonia Gaon have had to live in inundated houses surrounded by stagnant water for over a week and exposed to the threat of water-borne diseases.

These naturally causes fear in this season of water-borne diseases. There is also great financial loss, physical discomfort and mental trauma. The PGPR expressed anguish that even such misery has failed to move the Government to treat the problem at Dibrugarh with the required urgency.



Arms, ammunition recovered: In a major breakthrough, one AK-47 rifle, two magazines, 100 AK-47 live

ammunition and one Chinese hand grenade were recovered from a *jhumi* hut near Geroso-V village by the Dima Hasao Police on Sunday, disclosed the Superintendent of Police, Vivek Raj Singh at a press meet held at the office of the SP on Monday.

He said that based on specific information regarding illegal possession of one AK-47 along with ammunition for carrying out extortion activities and to create terror among the general public in Langting PS area by one Babul Parbo, s/o Phamoni Parbo of village Geroso-IV, PS Langting on July 23 at about 11 am, a team of Langting Police viz., SI (UB) Narayan Saikia, 2nd Officer Langting Police Station, ASI L Bishuk Singh, Langting PS along with armed force personnel conducted a search operation under the leadership of Jayant Singh, SDPO

by the Sp. Vivek Raj Singh, CO, 43 Assam Rifles, Col Gagan Pandey, ADC, Vikram Dev Sarma, Deepak Jidong Addl SP Bhamawarlal, Asstt Commissioner, Rahul Doley etc., officials from the NC Hills Autonomous Council along with the heads of department based at Haflong and was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Dima Hasao Ranjit Hazarika.

The meeting discussed about the preparations along with security arrangements while distributing the responsibilities like security arrangements, stage preparation, refreshment, award etc., among the different Government departments and the NCHAC authority. Deputy Commissioner also suggested a friendly football match between the CEM's 11 and rest of Haflong wherein media persons were requested to participate in the match.

The meeting was attended



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Pensioner's Name	Letter Number	Date	Pensioner's Name	Letter Number	Date
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JAGAT NATH	AGRI/ESSTT/103/UNV/2016-17/20	15-05-17	JEWEL AHMED	AGRI/ESSTT/103/JA/2016-18/4	11-05-17
DEB KANTA BRAHMA	AGRI/GRU/KGB/TCESS/17/PS/9	15-05-17	SARATCH. KALITA	AGRI/ESSTT/103/SK/2016-17/12	19-05-17
RAJENDRA NATH GOGOI	AGRI/ESSTT/103/UNV/2016-17/15	30-05-17	DIMBESWAR BORAH	SDA/0/MJLPENSION/48(DB)/2017-	18/05
ABDUL MATIN	AGRI/ESSTT/103 (AM) 2016-17/11	22-05-17	ASWINI KR BHUYAN	AGA/4702/2014/25	10-04-17
LAHIRAM NATH	AGR/IMG/PEN/LRM/2016-17/3509	15-03-17	ABDUS SATTAR MANDAL	DABTC/ESSTT-25/ASM/2016-	17/71
ROBIN CH. LOING	AGRI/ESSTT/103(CLJ)/2016-17/16	04-05-17	ATAUR RAHMAN	AGRI/ESSTT/103/AR/2016-17/22	04-05-17
UTSHAB DUTTA	AGRI/GRH/GYES/17	22-01-18	ABUL KASHEM PRADHANI	AGA/1722/2016/70	19-05-17
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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY DEPARTMENT_AHV					
MANGIRANU ROY	PI-7648/2017-18/306	18-04-17	GUNIN SONOWAL	PI-7734/2016-17/4856	28-03-17
TARUN CHANDRA THAKURIA	PI-7444/322	05-04-18	HEMI BORAH	PI-7526/2017/18/319	21-04-17
JAMES B. TARIANG	PI-7739/2017-18/312	18-04-17	CHANDMONI ROY	PI-7733/2017/18/668	04-05-17
DAHJEN CH. DUTTA	PI-283/2017/57	24-04-17	SACHIN SARMA	PI-7786/2017/18/328	21-04-17
PARBATI PRASAD BARBATRABO	PI-7661/2017-537	25-04-17	KARTIK CHANDRA	PI-4227/10687	19-03-16
PURNABAHADUR CHETRY	PI-7387/4151	04-05-18	DOMARI	VVF/1701/57	17-08-15
GULUK CHANDRA DAS	PI-7776/2017-18/563	16-05-17	DIPALI SAKIA		
CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT_COP					
JYOTI PRASAD DAS	CE/26/78/214	06-05-17			
CULTURE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT_CUL					
CHANDAN CHUTIA	CAG/56/2016/PT/1-272-4	20-04-17	DINA NATH SAWRA	CAD/66/2004/PT/IV/238	14-08-14
KANTESWAR MAHILARY	CAG/56/2016/PT/1-274-1	20-04-17			
EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) DEPARTMENT_EDN					
DHARINIDHAR KALITA	TE/E/P/1/2013/1213	14-03-17	BIPIN CHANDRA BORAH	ATE/94/2017/35	02-06-17
EDUCATION/GENERAL DEPARTMENT_EDN					
HARA KANTA PEgü	DH/EPEN/9/2017/6	31-05-17	TIWESWAR DAS	AAP/EPEN/5/2016/49	16-06-17
HRIDAY CHANDRA KALITA	DH/EPEN/9/2001/21479	06-05-17	RATUL CH. RAJKHOWA	AHE-368/2016/79	05-05-17
MAYARANI BARUAH	GHGBHS/2017/23	22-06-17	ABANU DUTTA	DHE/EPEN/23/2017/178	11-05-17
NARENDRAB CHANDRA DAS	DHE/EPEN/1/16244	11-05-17	ARINDABAN SKIKER	DHE/EPEN/305/2016/5	06-02-17
ROBIN CH. DUTTA	DHE/EPEN/20/2073	24-04-17	SHOBHANUPRADEGU	DESD/EPEN/305/2016/264	07-05-17
ABDUL JAHIR	DHE/EPEN/2016/2077	24-04-17	SOGEN BORDOLI	DSP/EPEN/2016/265	17-03-17
RINA DEVI BORAH	DHE/EPEN/27/1768	24-04-17	SARATH CHANDRA PATRIGURI	CPB/EPEN/27/1602/06	29-04-17
MUSICIF ARATAY BORAH	DHE/EPEN/6/2017/58	05-05-17	KUMUD CHANDRA GOGOI	DHE/EPEN/78/2017/4746	04-05-17
RUPJMONI BARUAH GOGOI	AAPP/EPEN/8/2016/48	29-05-17	ABDUL BATEN SUNA	AEE/42/2016/87	03-05-17
DULIPKUMAR GOGOI	AEE/24/2016/8	10-08-16	BHARATI BORTOKHUR	DHE/EPEN/2013/0648	29-05-17
TARUN CH. SARAHAZARICA	AHE-451/2013/194	22-08-19	JUGAL CHANDRA	SCERT/ACT/PEP/2013/205/129	16-04-17
KAHARU BORAH, PABONGSHI	DHE/EPEN/2016/2037	18-01-17	DEBEN CH. DUTTA	DHE/EPEN/19/2016/108	27-10-16
RAMEN TALKIAR	DHE/EPEN/24/2016/40	18-01-17	BAJARAMBANDAL	KDC/EPEN/03/2017/254	12-04-17
PARESH CH. DEB BAGHABADI	DHE/EPEN/13/2016/28	02-05-17	LAKSHMINARAYANA	DHE/EPEN/109/2016/75	19-05-17
AMALENDRA CHAKRABORTY	DHE/EPEN/4/2017/46	18-05-17	PRAFULLA KR. SARMA	AAP/EPEN/52/2013/	01-04-17
DEBUT KAR. SRM SARMA	DHE/EPEN/24/2017/82	04-05-17	PRAMOD SARMA	DHE/EPEN/33/2016/38	08-05-17
GHABANG KHAN	DHE/EPEN/20/2016/337	05-10-13	ROBIN CH. DUTTA	DHE/EPEN/44/2017/58	09-05-17
ABDU. HUSSAIN KHAN	DHE/EPEN/20/2017/40	05-05-17	SHIBHARU PARUAH	DHE/EPEN/10/2016/53	09-05-17
DINA/NATH LATHA	DHE/EPEN/20/2017/59	03-05-17	SRALI SIDHOMONI	AHE/602/2015/195	02-06-17
LEELAWATI ADITAMAJUMARD	DHE/EPEN/4/2017/36	03-05-17	DAIBARMABHAR BORDOROLI	DHE/EPEN/31/2016/62	24-04-17
URMILA DEVI	DHE/EPEN/28/2016/57	15-05-17	SACHANA GOSWAMI	AHE/346/2017/36	17-05-17
SATYEN DUTTAMADEHI	DHE/EPEN/8/2017/120	16-05-18	SUSHIL GOGOI	DINIJUPEN/6125	04-01-17
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ANWAR HUSSAN	AEE/184/2008/350	24-04-17	RAMENDRA KR. CHUDHOURY	DG/EPEN/69/2001/02/1058	19-05-17
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SANTANU CHETIA	EX/27/59/PT/33	28-10-15	MINHAZUDDIN AHMED	EX/37/86/189	04-05-17
ROSHESWAR BORA	EX/36/14/2015/3	15-03-17	GORNAL SINGH	XIV/01/01/2002/2003/612	23-02-17
FINANCE DEPARTMENT_FIN					
RABIN SARMAH	FTX/24/89/114	18-05-17	SAMIR BORDOLOI	FTX/50/2015/50	02-06-17
LOHIT CHANDRA SAUKIA	NT/266/2016/PT/17/01	15-05-17	DHANESWAR MALAKAR	FTX/1729/41/87	30-05-17
TARUN CH. DUTTA	JE-49A/2005/652	15-05-17	TENGINS INGTI	FTX/1209/4/119	01-06-17
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT_FSF					
AMYACHAKRABORTY	FISH/2/17/2017	18-05-17	DEBANKAR DAS	FISH/182/2016/41	17-01-17
FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT_F					
ATUL CHANDRA BARMAN	FSB/38/2017/29	12-04-17	MADAN BARMAN	FSB/125/2016/45	25-04-17
FOREST DEPARTMENT_FOR					
BUJOY KUMAR NATH	B/ESSTT/5/2015/171	07-02-17	BUDHESWAR BHUYAN	FRE/3-2017/91	17-05-17
B/W LIEG. LAHAN FGD/250/2011	FR/11/2011/103	03-04-17	TIWARA BORAH	B/W/JL/ B/376-77	17-01-17
ANANDA RAM PEGU	FR/17/2008/204	25-04-17	SONENDRA SAUKIA	KPNP/GP/32	08-03-17
RAJANI HAZARICA	FR/16/2009/51	15-11-16	ANIL KAMPAL	FR/16/2009/51/10	10-03-17
DULIP CH. BADDYA	FR/16/2009/51	15-11-16	FULKUMAR ROY	B/31/01/EPN/1423/33	10-03-17
GHANA KANTA DURAH	FR/17/2017/73-37	04-03-17	KAHENDRA KOCH	FNGT/EPEN/2017/2095-96	09-03-17
DHIREN CH. DUTTA	G/PLD/CO/TESTT/2/5/PF/15-19/261-42	22-05-17	TRALOKYA SAKIA	B/S/B/PNS/TEST/CTFR-IRTD/147-48A	23-03-17
SHEKHAR CHAKRABORTY	FRE/18/2009/654	24-04-17	SHYAMANTO GOGOI	FR/16/2009/665	25-04-17
RIPUNJOY KUMAR BARUA	FR/18/2017/819-20	14-02-17	PRAFULLA CH. HAZARICA	FR/16/2009/592	13-04-17
BIBEKANANDA DEBA	FSET/EPB/2017/1672	21-03-17	TRIDIBR. DUTTA	FKT/B/ESSTT/17/PEN/17/DUTAF R/17/2017/202	02-05-17
LOKATHAIKAEN	B/TWL/6-7/2016/1476-78	07-11-16	SEKHAR SARMA	FRE/51/2017/PT/1452	29-04-17
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PUNI RAM GOGOI	JPF/32/1987/40	03-06-17	PABUDRANATH SARMA	NPF-93/3/43	16-09-16
FINAL BASUMATARY	JPF/EPEN/7/2015/25	06-06-18	SANDHYA RANI MAJINDER	JPE/59/4	19-05-17
JATINDRA NATH BORA	UPE/3/PI/2016/10059/105	26-11-18	DEBOKHAR BORTOKHUR	DRK/28/2016/216	27-03-17
JITENDRAMULI	SPE/58/202/1/ITEN/3207	04-01-17	ANIL BORAH	GPE/20/2016/4	02-06-17
NIRMAL DAS	SPE/62/2017/352	26-04-17	SARATH CHANDRA KALITA	KPT-530/49	08-09-16
HANDLOOM, TEXTILE & SERICULTURE DEPARTMENTHTS					
CHANDRA SINGHOKA	ADDL DSDC/23/22/15/16	26-10-18	MOLAN CHANDRA NATH	DHTE/525/87/71	06-05-17
TUNIK RASHA	HTS/19/2016/40	17-05-18	BUDU GOUR	HTS/73/2017/31	31-03-17
SONESWAR BORA	DHTE/12/2016/52	18-04-17			
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT_HFW					
PROTIMA LASKAR	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	25-05-17	ABEDUR RAHMAN LASKAR	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	23-05-17
LASKAR/AMN/9436	LASKAR/PHR/629	03-05-17	BIPIN CHANDRA BORAH	DHE/EPEN/2/16/2016/2	23-05-17
SUKUMAR GOSWAMI	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	25-05-17	BANDANA SINHA	DHE/EPEN/6/2016/26	23-05-17
DILIP KUMAR SINHA	FIVE/397/16/474	31-05-17	GOPIKRISHNA DAS	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	03-05-17
NIRANJANA CHANDRA DAS	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	29-05-17	TRALOKYA SAKIA	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	12-05-17
DAS/6531	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	29-05-17	LALIMOHINI COLNEY	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	12-05-17
MANKALI CHAKRABORTY	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	01-06-17	SALEH JUBEDA KHANAM	FWLGE/1/16/2016/1	03-04-17
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SANDHYARANI DAS	FIVE/495/346/946	15-06-17	AMILYABARUHAR	NVBD/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
ARUK KUMAR GOGO	HLA/28/2014/598	15-06-17	DEBOKHAR BORTOKHUR	NVBD/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
DIPENDRA BARMA	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	29-05-17	IPRABENDRA NATH DAS	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
RAJAN CHANDRA KALITA	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	29-05-17	ARIPENDRA NATH DAS	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
PROTAP CHAKRABORTY	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	29-05-17	BDHANU CHANDRA NATH	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
RAJAN CHAKRABORTY	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	29-05-17	BDHARAKAR GOGON	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
NAIMUL ISLAM	DHE/EPEN/16/38/504/5	06-05-17	RAJENDRA CH. NATH	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
BARBULIYA	DHE/EPEN/16/38/504/5	22-05-17	SURENDRA NATH KALITA	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
TARANATH CHETIA	DHE/BCP/16/37/16/404/5	13-04-17	NABA KR. SINHA	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
INDRAN SINHA	DHE/EPEN/17/38/473/1	17-05-17	DEBOKHAR BORTOKHUR	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
GITAN	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	17-05-17	AYMAL HOQUE	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
FIVE/394/28/257	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	17-05-17	RAJENDRA PRASAD BORA	DHE/EPEN/1/16/2016/1	05-06-17
HOME DEPARTMENT_HOME					
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LAKH CHETIA	EII/EPEN/17/38/635/814	24-05-17	DHRUBALI Deka	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
DIMESWAR SAKIA	CG/10/17/2016/2	30-12-16	UPEN CH. NATH	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
DEBASISH BHATTACARJEE	EII/EPEN/16/38/2716	09-05-17	BIDHAN CHANDRA NATH	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
SUKUMAR PAUL	EII/EPEN/16/38/343/514	26-04-17	SURENDRA CH. GOHAIN	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
BHAGYARAJA/RAJUJNAYA	EII/EPEN/16/38/504/5	06-05-17	BDHARAKAR GOGON	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
BOBIN CH. DUTTA	EII/EPEN/17/38/473/1	24-05-17	KENDRA CH. NATH	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
RAJENDRA CH. NATH	EII/EPEN/16/38/473/1	24-05-17	HEMENDRA CH. NATH	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
CHUNDUR	EII/EPEN/16/37/517/1	24-05-17	RAMESH SARKAR	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
SK CHAND MAHAMMAD	EII/EPEN/16/38/415/14/4	06-05-17	SUSHIL CH. BHUYAN	EII/EPEN/1/16/2016/458/A/54	17-05-17
ALAKESH CH. KARMAKAR	EII/EPEN/16/38/242/514				



WEATHER  
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Forecast for North Eastern States:

Moderate rain / thunder shower is very likely to occur at many places over Nagaland, Manipur, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam/Meghalaya.

Warning : Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on July 29 and 30.

Temperature : Min (°C) Max (°C)

Dibrugarh 32.2 25.0

Tezpur 34.5 26.8

Silchar 34.0 24.3

Dibrugarh 30.3 25.3

Jorhat 33.6 24.5

N Lakhimpur 36.8 24.2

Sivasagar 32.1 24.4

Imphal 30.3 22.4

Itanagar 35.3 24.5

Aizawl 23.1 19.4

Agartala 30.3 24.8

Kohima 27.0 17.0

Pasighat 32.4 24.7

Cherrapunji 22.4 17.9

# Rijiju for new legal provisions to deal with racial attacks

SPL CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI**, July 26: Faced with irate members over the Delhi Golf Club incident, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju has underscored the need to draft new legal provisions to deal with racial attacks.

The Minister was replying to Bhupenwar Kalita's charge that the Delhi Police did not take cognizance of the incident and refused to file an FIR. Rijiju said that nobody supports discrimination, which is a serious offence.

**PTI adds:** Referring to the incident at the Delhi Golf Club where a lady from the North-east was killed as her attire was different, Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju said it was a serious incident but action has been hampered by the fact

there has been no formal complaint.

He also denied the Opposition charges that mass lynchings had become increasingly frequent under the present regime which did not seem to be taking steps to curb such attacks.

During the Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha, the Minister said a proposal to insert two new provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) - sections 153 C and 509 A - to deal with offences of promoting enmity on the grounds of religion, race, residence or language, was under examination.

These provisions, which are part of the recommendations of the Bezbazar Committee, would help in dealing effectively with the offences involving racial matters and words, gestures or acts intended to insult a member of a particular racial

group or race.

Observing that the opinion of the states have been sought on these provisions, Rijiju said seven states and the Union Territories have given a positive response on the proposal and a majority opinion was needed to carry out these changes.

He said the amendments proposed in the IPC would enable the police to deal with such situations better.

Earlier, Opposition members, including Hissain Dalwai of the Congress raised the issue of lynchings, racial attacks and incidents of discrimination.

Dalwai claimed that such attacks have increased in the last three years.

The Opposition members also sought to know what the government was doing to implement the suggestions of the Bezbazar committee on this regard.

## Man kills parents in Tripura

**AGARTALA**, July 26: A 32-year-old man allegedly killed his parents and his cousin sister at Arundhatinagar area here, the police said today.

"The incident took place at 5 pm yesterday. One Sajib Halder killed his parents and his cousin sister at his residence," officer-in-charge of Arundhatinagar police station, Rohul Alam told reporters.

The police visited the crime scene after neighbours informed them and found the man sitting beside the bodies.

"We are yet to ascertain the motive behind the killing," he said. The man, who was reportedly mentally unsound, was arrested. Alami said, "The deceased were identified as Babul Halder (59), his wife Sabiti (52) and Shibu (32)."

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## Declare NE flood as national calamity: MP

### CORRESPONDENT

**IMPHAL**, July 26: Major Lok Singh of the Lok Sabha MP Thokchom Meinya Singh has urged the Centre to declare the flood problem in the North-east as a "national calamity."

While highlighting the problems faced by the people on the floor of the Parliament on Tuesday, he revealed that the perennial flood has severely affected the people in the region. "This year, several parts of the region, including Arunachal, Manipur, Assam and Mizoram have also witnessed a series of floods and landslides, and, therefore, we demand a permanent solution to the problem," the MP said.

"The National Highways- 2 and 37 remained cut off for about 15 days causing hardships for the common man, so considering the gravity of the situation, the Government of India should take prompt action in this regard."

The MP urged the Union Government and Ministry of Home Affairs to declare the flood problem in the regions as a national calamity that will help procure adequate relief and funds from the Centre. He also advocated the installation of a proper flood management system to contain the perennial problem.

On July 21 the MP had also appealed to the Centre to announce a special package to overcome the flood problem in the North-east.

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16	AGR / 12590	162	CW / 41087	308	FIS / 6837	454	MED / 26509	580	PED / 106125	746	PED / 147868	892	PED / 186635	1038	PED / 228314	1184	PED / 291792	1324	POL / 65064
17	AGR / 13427	163	CW / 41103	309	FIS / 7038	455	MED / 26763	581	PED / 107022	747	PED / 147948	893	PED / 186744	1039	PED / 228486	1185	PED / 292486	1325	POL / 66947
18	AGR / 13428	164	CW / 41104	310	FIS / 7039	456	MED / 26764	582	PED / 107023	748	PED / 147949	894	PED / 186745	1040	PED / 228487	1186	PED / 292487	1326	POL / 66948
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21	AGR / 14296	167	CW / 41416	313	FIS / 8222	459	MED / 27199	585	PED / 107723	751	PED / 148314	897	PED / 187053	1043	PED / 230017	1189	POL / 67014		
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24	CD / 4023	170	CW / 43015	316	FIS / 9047	462	MED / 29070	588	PED / 107895	754	PED / 148354	900	PED / 188001	1046	PED / 231593	1192	POL / 71064		
25	CD / 4031	171	CW / 43015	317	FIS / 9747	463	MED / 29070	589	PED / 107896	755	PED / 148355	901	PED / 188002	1047	PED / 231597	1193	POL / 71065		
26	CD / 4031	172	CW / 43216	318	FIS / 10133	464	MED / 30271	590	PED / 107943	756	PED / 150476	902	PED / 188003	1048	PED / 232053	1194	POL / 71066		
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## CAPSULE

## FSSAI bans staple pins on tea bags

NEW DELHI, July 26: Food regulator FSSAI has banned use of staple pins in tea bags from January next year as it can cause serious health hazards, its CEO Pawan Agarwal said today. "We were getting complaints about the use of staple pins in tea bags. If these pins are consumed inadvertently with tea, it may cause serious health hazards," he said on the sidelines of a CII conference. - PTI

## Nissan launches Datsun redi-Go

NEW DELHI, July 26: Japanese auto major Nissan today launched Datsun redi-Go with one litre petrol engine, with price starting at Rs 3.57 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). This new variant delivers a fuel efficiency of 22.5 km per litre. The top-end variant of the model is priced at Rs 3.72 lakh (ex-showroom). - PTI

## First NEXA service centre opened

NEW DELHI, July 26: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) today opened its first service centre under premium retail chain NEXA and plans to have around 300 such outlets in the country by 2020. The car market leader has opened the first NEXA service workshop at Gurugram, NCR. - PTI

## Nestle Q2 net profit up 9.6%

NEW DELHI, July 26: FMCG major Nestle India today reported an increase of 9.6 per cent in net profit to Rs 263.43 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 led by volume increase and rebuild of Maggi noodles. The company, which follows January-December period as financial year, had posted a net profit of Rs 242.22 crore for the April-June quarter of previous fiscal. - PTI

## PVR Ltd Q1 net rises

NEW DELHI, July 26: Multiplex chain operator PVR Ltd today reported 3.8 per cent increase in consolidated net profit at Rs 44.46 crore for the quarter ended June 30. The company had reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 42.81 crore for the April-June quarter of last fiscal. - PTI

## CANCELLATION NOTICE NO. 17 OF 2017-18

This is for information of all concerned that the quotations invited vide letter No. RE/PWD/1/2017-18 dated 17/06/2017 for the supply of Service of Car Service for Mission Directorate, Swarni Bharati Mission (Gramin), Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati - 786 - is hereby cancelled due to some technical reasons.

The Bidders who submitted bids against the earlier notice may collect their bids from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation, Assam  
Hengrabari, Guwahati-36

## No. ASAC/NAC P-IV/Proc/REAG ENT/2014/74/7/PI/40/1386

Date: 26/07/2017  
Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed quotation in two-fold system affixing non-refundable court fees Stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are invited from the reputed manufacturers /Authorized Dealers /authorized distributors, for supply of Medical Regagents in Assam State AIDS Control Society, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 under rate contract. The quotation must reach the undersigned on or before 17/08/2017 up to 1:30 P.M. after which no quotation will be accepted. Relevant details may be obtained from [www.asassnacs.org.in](http://www.asassnacs.org.in) or the office of the undersigned at any working day between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Sd/- Project Director  
Assam State AIDS Control Society  
Khanapara, Guwahati-22

## WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT OF ASSTT. ENGINEER

Online CV should be submitted from suitable persons for contractual engagement against following post:

1. Name of Post: Asstt. Engineer (Building) (Retd.)
2. Site Engineer for construction site at Guwahati
3. Monthly consolidated Remuneration: Rs. 35,000/- (p.m. fixed)
4. Essential Qualification:
  - i. Civil Engineering Graduate or Equivalent
  - ii. Or any Asstt. Engineer (Building) or equivalent preferably having minimum 20 years experience of working with building works
5. Candidates should note that:
  - i. Age limit is 60 years
  - ii. Candidates must be in good health
  - iii. Eligible candidate must upload their CV having clear mention of their contact details (Mobile number, email address etc) latest by 5:00 PM, of 08/07/2017 along with the application form.
6. CVs received after the last date and/or not having contact details shall not be entertained. Only online CV will be accepted. CV delivered by hand, by post or fax will not be accepted.
7. Any shortlisted candidate shall be called for interview, date of which will be communicated as per the contact details furnished with their CV.

Mr. Amit Saha, IFS  
Addl. PCPF & A.V  
O/o PCPF & HOF  
Aruny Bhawan, Parbatibari,  
Guwahati-781001

Janasanyog/857/17

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Sealed tender on plain papers affixing non refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and Twenty Five paise) only in two fold System are invited from reputed firm dealing with the items for supply and installation of Air Conditioners & Accessories as per list of items with Technical specification and conditions mentioned in Tender Paper. The estimated work value is Rs. 11,00,000/-

The tender must reach the undersigned up to 1:00 PM on 16th August, 2017. Tender received thereafter will not be accepted and the undersigned shall not be responsible for any delay in submission of tender. All tenders received after the due date and time will be rejected. The respective bidder can submit the same. Intending bidder(s) shall send tenders into the Tender Box as per the office of DIPR, Assam, Dispur.

The Tender Box will be opened on the same day or on subsequent working day if it falls on Govt. holiday at 1:30 P.M. in presence of bidders or their authorized representatives at that time only for Technical Bid. The opening & time of award of Financial bids will be informed later on to the technically qualified bidder.

Intending bidder(s) may collect Tender Paper / Documents on payment of non refundable Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only by cash along with written application in letter head with name & signature of the concern authority firm in any working day from the office of DIPR, Assam, Dispur, on or before 14th August, 2017. Tender Paper / Document are non transferable.

Sd/- Director of Information and Public Relations  
Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6

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The State has divided into 5 (five) zones for technical convenience and the applicant residing from the concerned zone will be given special preference.

Sd/- Managing Director,  
Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd.

# Logistics cost to fall by 20% under GST: Gadkari

NEW DELHI, July 26: India's logistics sector would gain the most from the goods and services tax (GST) as costs would fall by almost 20 per cent, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said today.

Logistics parks being set up across the country will enable long-haul freight movement which would reduce freight transportation costs and throw open many employment opportunities, a ministry statement said quoting Gadkari.

"India currently has very high logistics cost – about 14 per cent of the total value of goods as against 6-8 per cent in other major countries," the statement said.

"GST will serve to bring down the logistics cost to about 10-12 per cent by facilitating efficient inter-State flow of goods and accelerating the demand for logistics services," it said.

The ministry also released a booklet on the benefits of GST for the transport sector.

According to the booklet, an average Indian truck covers only about 50,000-60,000 kilometres a year as against three lakh kilometres by a truck in the United States.

It attributed this to traffic congestion at inter-State check posts resulting in slow movement of freight and passenger, and consequently higher costs and pollution.

"The unified tax regime has obviated the need for inter-State check posts. This will result in reducing the travel time of long-haul trucks and other cargo vehicles by at least one-fifth."

"This, coupled with the proposed e-way bill that will require online registration for movement of goods worth more than Rs 50,000, will ease the movement of freight further, and bring in more transparency in the whole process," it said.

The booklet added that a single GST also means an optimised warehousing structure with companies no longer needing to have a separate warehouse for every State due to different taxation slabs. - IANS



Job-seekers submit their documents at a desk on the first of the two-day Job Mela, organised by the Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department of Assam, at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre in Guwahati on Wednesday. - UB Photos

Nifty will continue to symbolise India's growth story: Limaye

NEW DELHI, July 26: With the NSE benchmark index closing above the 10,000 mark for the first time in history, its chief Vikram Limaye today said Nifty 50 will continue to symbolise India's growth story across the world.

After hitting a fresh intra-day high of 10,025.95, the 50-share NSE index ended at a new peak of 10,206.05, up 56.10 points, or 0.56 per cent, surpassing its last closing record of 9,966.40 hit on July 24.

## Index breaches 10,000 mark for first time

Speaking at the bell-ringing ceremony in Mumbai to celebrate Nifty 50 closing beyond 10,000 points, Vikram Limaye, MD and CEO of NSE, said, "Over the years, Nifty 50 has become a coveted global brand. I am confident that with the support of all the stakeholders, Nifty 50 will continue to symbolise India's growth story across the world."

"I am optimistic about the country's medium- to long-term growth prospects. Political and macroeconomic stability are two important ingredients for any investor and both these counts, India is doing exceedingly well," he said.

He said, "There is no reason why India should not attract investment from across the world and domestically, he said, adding that in the near term, however, fundamentals need to catch up. - PTI

## NOTICE

The National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi has opened entries for its 3rd Annual Competition for Short Films on human rights. The films may be in any Indian Language with subtitles in English or in English. Duration of the short film should be between 3 to 10 minutes. Last date for receiving the entries is 15th September, 2017.

Interested participants may download the terms and conditions and application form from its the NHRC website : [www.nhrc.nic.in](http://www.nhrc.nic.in)

Sd/- Secretary,

Janasanyog/57/2517  
Assam Human Rights Commission

## Short e- Procurement Notice / REOI No. 16 of 2017-18 (Re-Tender)

Mission Directorate, Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin re-invites bids online through e-procurement system from eligible intending bidders in two parts Part I: Technical Bid and Part II: Financial Bid for "DEVELOPMENT OF COFFEE TABLE BOOK ON SWACHH ASSAM AND SANITATION CHAMPION IN THE STATE". The detail bid document will be available on e-procurement portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) from 16-07-2017 to 27-07-2017 upto 1600 hrs of 07-08-2017 and interested bidders can submit their proposals online through the e-procurement portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in). Bid submitted manually shall not be accepted.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation

Janasanyog/1956/17  
Hengrabari, Ghg-36, Assam.

## No.BPM/6/2019/3

## PRESS NOTICE

The Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam, invites fresh bids with Bid Price of Rs.75,00,000.00 (approx.) for the work "Construction of 50 Bedded Girls Hostel (Assam Type) with Boundary Wall at Chilai College, Golaghat under 12th Five year plan" with a validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the date of opening of the tender from registered Bidders and Contractors of the Limited Category of Class-I, A, B and C of Schedule I of the bids and Date Notice inviting bidders to submit their proposals online through the e-procurement portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).

The Bidders must be registered with the E-tendering system (ETS) of the Govt. of Assam. (Website: <http://assamtenders.gov.in>)

All terms and conditions will be as per the Bidding Documents.

The Press Notice will be a part of the Bidding Documents.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD (Bldg.)

Janasanyog/1962/17  
Assam, Guwahati-3.

## Govt to sell up to 25% stake via IPOs

NEW DELHI, July 26: The government is planning to sell up to 25 per cent stake in each of the two firms, according to an advertisement from DIPAM.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has invited bids by August 16 from merchant bankers to sell 25 per cent stake in each of the two firms, according to an advertisement from DIPAM.

The government currently has 89.85 per cent stake in Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) and the balance 10.15 per cent is held by the members of the Steel Furnace Association of India and Ispat Industries Ltd.

MSTC is a PSU trading firm mainly in MMTC and STC.

The government will appoint up to four merchant bankers for NEEPCO and two for MSTC. It is looking

to sell up to 25 per cent stake in each of the two firms, according to an advertisement from DIPAM.

The authorised share capital of MSTC is Rs 50 crore, while paid-up equity is Rs 17.60 crore as on January 31, 2017. The profit after tax for the fiscal 2016-17 was Rs 61 crore. As on March 31, 2017, it has a net worth of Rs 528.60 crore.

The authorised share capital of NEEPCO is Rs 5,000 crore and paid-up equity capital is Rs 3,452.81 crore as on March 31, 2017. The profit after tax for 2015-16 was Rs 372.55 crore and it has a net worth of Rs 5,988.28 crore. - PTI

## E-Procurement Notice /Invitations For Bids (IFB)

## National Competitive Bidding

Bid No. GSP/CE/2017/07/0017

1. The Government of Assam (GoA), through the Government of India for implementation of the proposed Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART), which is in advanced stage of preparation. The Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society now intends to apply a portion of the loan for eligible payments under the contracts for Construction & Renovation works of the existing ARIAS Society office building as detailed in Table below.

2. The concerned contractor will be selected on the basis of the lowest bid price.

3. The tenderer must have to furnish an up-to-date ITCC/STCC/AGST/VAT registration certificate and AGST clearance certificate.

4. Attested copy of PAN/GST No. issued by the income tax department.

5. Any alteration or modification of rates will not be allowed after the tender has once been submitted.

6. All works to be carried out in accordance with the current APWD/Road specification and also the Indian Standard Code shall be followed unless otherwise as per APWD/Road schedule both in figures and words.

7. The NT will form a part of the contract agreement in addition to APWD/F-2 form.

8. The payment will be made after receipt of progress report accompanying the photograph of the project, completion certificate from the concerned department and due approval of the S.D.O. @ Bajali.

The Re-Tender notice is submitted to the Office of the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer, Bajali during the Office hours of any working day. The last date of receipt of the Re-Tender shall be 01/08/2017 and the same will be opened on the same date at 3:00 PM in presence of the tenderers who like to present. The Sub-Divisional Level Tender Bidders from Assam shall be required to accept or reject any quoted rates without assigning any reason thereof and not to bound to accept any rate which is considered unreasonable.

Sd/- Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer, Bajali

## Declining telco revenue may hit govt collections: Sinha

"The revenue decline in the second half of financial year 2016-17 was mainly concentrated in the last quarter of the year. The declining tariff in the sector led to an adverse impact on revenue. The licence fee was Rs 16.00 crore as on Q3 (October-December) and Q4 (January-March) of financial year 2016-17," Sinha said.

The telecom industry, including state-owned firms, and major banks have apprised the government about the financial stress, the Telecom Minister informed the Lok Sabha today.

The telecom sector witnessed a sharp decline in revenue in the second half of 2016-17, he said.

"If this trend continues, the

Liability Fee and the Spectrum Usage Charges are likely to be impacted adversely during the current financial year," Sinha said.

Operators pay 8 per cent of their telecom services revenue as licence fee to the government.

The minister said that an inter-ministerial group (IMG) has been set up by the government in this regard. The role of the IMG is to examine systemic issues affecting viability and repayment capacity in the telecom sector and furnish recommendations for resolution of stressed assets. - PTI

## Govt raises gold bond investment limit to 4 kg a year

NEW DELHI, July 26: The Cabinet today raised the annual investment limit in Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) to 4 kg per individual, compared to 500 gm and relaxed other norms to make them more attractive to buyers.

The ceiling will be counted on financial year basis and will include the SGBs purchased during trading in the secondary market, an official statement said after the Cabinet meeting here.

According to the statement, the investment limit per fiscal year has been increased to 4 kg for individuals, 4 kg for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and 20 kg for trusts and similar entities notified by the government from time to time.

"SGBs will be available 'on tap'. Based on the consultation with NSE, BSE, banks and the Department of Posts, features of product to emulate 'on tap' sale would be finalised by the Finance Ministry," the statement said. - PTI

The proposed scheme will provide credit guarantee up to Rs 50 lakh per case irrespective of term loan, working capital or any other instrument of assistance extended by Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) to finance their applications complete in all respects to the extent possible within 10 (ten) days from the date of its publication.

The State has divided into 5 (five) zones for technical convenience and the applicant residing from the concerned zone will be given special preference.

Sd/- Managing Director,  
Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd.

## Rs 2,000-cr scheme for start-ups under process: Nirmala

NEW DELHI, July 26: The government is in the process of formulating a Rs 2,000-crore credit guarantee scheme to enable start-ups to raise loans without any collateral for their business purposes, Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told the Rajya Sabha today in a written reply.

"Government is formulating a Credit Guarantee Scheme for Start-ups (CGSS) with a corpus contribution of Rs 2,000 crore that will enable start-ups to raise loans without any collateral for their business purposes," Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told the Rajya Sabha today in a written reply.

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Venue : Pei Karumbu, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu



**“** Dr Kalam saw the future and showed us the way. His vision for the nation was anchored in freedom, development & strength. We should learn to look at our world through his eyes, and with the same missionary zeal. **”**

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# Citizen science

Technology bringing students closer to nature, writes **Vishal Gulati**

at natural and cultural connections.

For mammalogist Stephanie Schuttler, given the current decline of many species, "citizen science" is important for ecological monitoring to collect long-term and large-scale animal population data while engaging the public.

Reaching out to the youth is especially important as connections formed with nature during this time can last into adulthood, creating lifelong concerned citizens, Schuttler, who is associated with North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, said. She was speaking at the Society for Conservation Biology's five-day 28th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB 2017).

With more than 2,000 conservation professionals and students coming together, the ICCB is a forum for addressing conservation challenges.

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## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 27, 2017:

This year you open up to new opportunities that result from your strong goals and caring temperament. Others respond to you. You develop an unusual meticulousness when it comes to handling money. You also have expansive views. If you are single, you will have many potential suitors. Make sure you are clear about what you want in a partner and what you desire. If you are attached, your interactions with your sweetie deepen with greater trust and more understanding. Your relationship seems to flourish. LIBRA always adds some positive energy to your day.

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

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

You can't believe Leo's share of the work today. You will complete much more than you thought possible. Others clearly appreciate what you are doing and will let you know. A friend's words might inspire you to recognize the importance of this feedback. Tonight: Defer to others.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Use the meeting at the max. Others respond well to your ideas. You need to start into a pattern of accomplishing key tasks by the afternoon. You cannot let details and other matters slip by. Tonight: Demonstrate how efficient you can be, and squeeze in some exercise.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your creativity and ability to understand others' issues could encourage you to be more forthright and expressive. Your drive to communicate is strong. You may feel compelled to do more. Don't hesitate to express yourself and elicit strong reactions. Tonight: Out and about with friends.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to the news, and understand how it will affect you. Consider a new possibility more openly. Although this option could cost you money, it might create the stability you seek. Seek a new way to approach a recurring problem. Tonight: Happiest of home.

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

★★★★ Your energy will carry past others' resistance. You might be surrounded by people who are conservative thinkers and not risk-takers. You are the one who is pushing boundaries. Be more direct in how you handle those who try to hold you back. Tonight: Just be yourself.

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

★★★★ You might feel at your best in the morning. You'll notice that others can't seem to say "no" to you. However, know that this abundance of energy will fade by the afternoon. Understand the moodiness of the moment. Tonight: More accessible to loved ones.

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

★★★★ You might be amazed by how day can have such highs and lows. The good news is that your day will be mostly positive, especially if you take time to reflect on a decision. You know what is happening beyond the obvious. Tonight: Go for what you want — you deserve it.

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

★★★★ Use the morning for any task in which you are vested in the moment. You are sailing with a sail wind that point in the day. Unfortunately, winds will reverse in the afternoon. You might have second thoughts and will decide to head in a new direction. Tonight: All smiles.

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

★★★★ Others clearly trust your perspective and are willing to move forward with the day. You could be touched and pleased by this acknowledgement. Your positive light and high energy allow others to feel good about you. Tonight: Time to have some fun.

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

★★★★ Observe what is happening behind the scenes. You might want to move a personal matter forward. Someone else could be pushing you to follow him or her lead. You need to make your own choice. Your confidence determines our actions. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

★★★★ Your high energy will encourage you to have a long-overdue conversation with someone you care a lot about. Your perspective will make a difference, as will his or hers. Together, you make a great team. Relax and detach before making a strong decision. Tonight: Take the lead.

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

★★★★ You might want to understand where someone else is coming from, but you could feel put off by his or her words. Know that this person's intention is well-meaning. Ask questions, if need be. Maintain your high visibility with an important project. Tonight: Paint the town red.

Thought for the day

*This is the second time in our history that there has come back from Downing Street peace with honour. I believe it is peace for our time.*

— NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

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## Kids

CN

13:00 Roli No. 21  
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16:00 Chota Bheem  
17:00 Ben 10  
17:30 Teen Titans Go  
18:00 Ben 10  
18:30 Hornet Henry  
19:00 Ben 10  
20:00 Dragon Ball Z  
23:30 Teleshipping

Phoggo

13:00 The Tom And Jerry Show  
13:30 Chhota Bheem  
21:00 The Tom And Jerry Show  
22:00 Chhota Bheem  
22:30 Tom And Jerry Tales  
23:00 Chhota Bheem  
23:30 Teleshipping

Shake

13:00 Crime Patrol - Dholai  
17:00 Yeh Mere Mon Ke Daag  
19:00 Sakshi Mehan Mahabali...  
20:30 Pehchaan Pyaari Ki  
21:00 Crime Patrol - Dholai  
21:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Ase Bh  
22:00 Crime Patrol - Dholai

## Entertainment

SONY

13:00 Crime Patrol - Dholai  
17:00 Liyaan  
19:00 Shakti - Ashveesh Ke Ehsaas Ki  
21:00 Top Drift  
22:00 Ek Shringar - Swabhimaan

colors

13:00 Ali Dewangi - Delhi...  
14:00 Zindagi Ki Mahak  
14:30 Kumkum Bhagya  
15:00 Kundali Bhagya  
15:30 Aashiqui 2  
16:00 Ali Dewangi - Delhi...  
17:00 Aashiqui 2  
18:00 Ben 10  
18:30 Ben 10

StarPlus

13:00 Tu Seene Main Saanjh Pyaj  
13:30 Ek Asla Aisa Beech  
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15:00 Is Pyar Ko Kya Naam...  
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16:00 Ek Asla Aisa Beech  
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## Movies

HBO

17:00 Class  
19:00 Just for Laughs  
21:00 The Catch  
22:00 SQ-B

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12:52 King Fu Panda  
14:32 Iron Man  
15:15 The Hangover Part II  
16:15 Transformers: Dark of the Moon  
21:30 3D Blue Sea

Zee Cinema

21:00 Chennai Express  
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India: The Tiger  
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16:00 Star Trek  
16:51 Staker  
21:00 Avatar

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12:32 Zero Tolerance  
21:32 Zero Tolerance

WB

13:36 The Descent: Part 2  
15:05 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance  
16:41 Clash: High Voltage  
17:20 The Animal  
18:00 The Dark Knight Rises  
23:52 zero tolerance

Star Gold

16:05 Doodh Ka Karz  
18:55 Jaani Dushman: Ek Raat Kehne Singhare

Star Gold

16:05 Doodh Ka Karz

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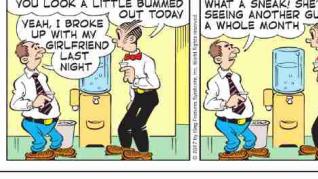
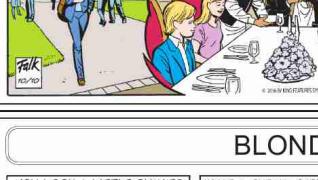
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Opinion or view (4)

Basic monetary unit of Ghana (4)

Deceive (6)

Legal thing (3)

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A relation by marriage (2-3)

Covered in greenery, in a way? (7)

Casual worker (4)

Comedienne Madeline (4)

Annoys constantly (4)

Naive person (4)

Another word for family (3)

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Pursue stealthily (5)

Hired killer (6)

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# Iran will respond in kind: Rouhani

TEHRAN, July 26: President Hassan Rouhani said today that Iran would respond in kind to any breach by the United States of the 2015 nuclear deal after the House of Representatives passed a new sanctions Bill.

"If the enemy steps over part of the agreement, we will do the same, and if they step over the entire deal, we will do the same," Rouhani said at a Cabinet meeting aired by state broadcaster IRIB.

The Iranian parliament's national security and foreign affairs committee said it would hold an extraordinary session on Saturday to discuss its response.

The parliament voted earlier this month to fast-track a Bill introduced in June that would increase funds for Iran's missile programme and Revolutionary Guards.

"We must always develop our defence capability and we will strengthen our defensive weapons regardless of the opinion of others," Rouhani said.

## US breach of nuke deal



Rouhani

The US House passed a new sanctions Bill on Tuesday targeting Iran's Revolutionary Guards, as well as Russia and North Korea.

Iran's deputy foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said the Bill was "very clearly a hostile measure" even if it was only "a compilation of previous US sanctions in the non-nuclear fields".

Araghchi led the negotiating team that reached the deal with world powers in 2015 known as the JCPOA, under which Iran agreed to strict limits on its nuclear programme in exchange for an easing of sanctions.

The new sanctions Bill "can influence the successful implementation of the JCPOA and reduce Iran's benefits under the JCPOA," Araghchi said.

"That's why it is incompatible with various sections of the JCPOA which the US has committed to implement with good intention and in a constructive atmosphere," the ISNA news agency quoted him as saying.

The UN and other signatories to the nuclear deal have agreed that Iran has stuck to its commitments, which has been reluctantly accepted by the administration of Donald Trump.

"The new US administration has been forced to confirm Iran's loyalty to the deal twice within the past six months and it has had no other option as the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) in various reports has clearly expressed Iran's compliance with its commitments," Araghchi said. — AFP

## Trump bans transgenders from US military

WASHINGTON, July 26: US President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday that the US military will no longer allow transgender individuals to serve in "any capacity" in the military.

Trump said in a series of tweets that the military needs to be focused on "decisive and overwhelming" victory.

"After consultation with my Generals and military experts, please be advised that the US government will not accept or allow...Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the US military," Trump tweeted.

Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming... victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender in the military would entail.

Thank you." — IANS

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## SPORTS

Pique believes if it's a matter of sporting goals,  
Neymar remains better off in Barcelona



Pique and Neymar have been teammates for the last four seasons.

## 'Intuition' tells Pique Neymar will stay with Barca

WASHINGTON, July 26: Barcelona defender Pique remains convinced that Neymar will stay at Camp Nou, but said on Tuesday his opinion was based on "intuition" rather than inside knowledge.

"It's a personal opinion from the conversation that I had with him and my intuition," Pique said at a press conference on the eve of Barcelona's International Champions Cup friendly against Manchester United in the US capital.

"But it's not official," he added. "And it's not for me to say if he's going to stay or not."

On Sunday, Pique had tweeted a picture of Barcelona teammate Neymar with the caption "He's staying" adding another twist to the ongoing saga of the Argentine striker's possible world record

222 million euro (\$256.8 million) transfer to Paris Saint-Germain.

Pique said his post hadn't ruffled Neymar.

"I was with Neymar and his friends in his room last night and he's not angry at all," Pique said. "On the contrary, he's happy."

"We've been speaking to him. We have a close relationship, not only as teammates but also as friends," added Pique, who said he didn't believe Neymar's contemplation of a move was a matter of money.

But he believes if it's a matter of sporting goals, Neymar remains better off in Barcelona.

"In Paris, if he doesn't win the Champions League then he's not going to get the recognition that he deserves," Pique said. Argen-

tian defender Javier Mascherano said he had advised "Ney" to weigh all the pros and cons.

"He has to put things in the balance," Mascherano said. "What Pique says is the feeling of all of us, we want him to stay. We all want him to stay."

Meanwhile in Miami, Paris Saint-Germain coach Unai Emery sidestepped questions about the possible acquisition of Neymar.

"We have an obligation to talk about the present, about the players who currently make up the team, our next match," Emery said at a press conference to promote PSG's International Champions Cup friendly against Juventus on Wednesday.

"If a new player arrives, we will talk about it then." — AFP

## Germany, Sweden advance to quarterfinals

UTRECHT, July 26: Holders Germany beat Russia 2-0 to set up a women's Euro quarterfinal clash with Denmark while Sweden also advanced to the knockout phase despite losing 3-2 to Italy on Tuesday.

In Utrecht, Babett Peter scored from the spot on 10 minutes and captain Dzsenifer Marozsan converted another penalty in the 56th minute to hand a dominant Germany victory.

Peter converted her second penalty in two games after Daria Makarenko brought down Manly Isla in the box, while Marozsan punished Margarita Chernomyrda's foul on Sara Dabritz.

In Doetinchem, Daniela Sabatino put Italy ahead on four minutes after Sweden defender Linda Sembrant knocked down a cross for her inside the box.

Lotta Schelin equalised from a penalty following a foul on Stina Blackstenius by Federica Di Criscio, but Sabatino gave Italy the lead again before half-time when she volleyed home a cross from Linda Tucceri Cimini.

Blackstenius equalised for Sweden two minutes after the break,



Anna Blasse of Germany shoots during the Group B match of the UEFA Women's Euro against Russia in Utrecht, on Tuesday. Germany won 2-0.

firing in a cross from half-time substitute Fridolina Rolfo, but Cristiana Girelli forced in a cross from Barbara Bonansea five minutes from the end.

Sweden still progressed as runners-up despite the defeat and will face hosts Netherlands for a place in the semifinals.

Germany will play under heavy pressure early on as newcomer Sara Dorsouris-Khajeh tested Russian goalkeeper Tatjana Schcherbak with a long-

range blast in the build-up to the penalty.

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## Peaty targets 50m breaststroke record yet again

BUDAPEST, July 26: Britain's Adam Peaty warned that the men's 50m breaststroke world record could fall again in a fierce battle over the sprint distance in Wednesday's final.

The British ace broke his own world record from 2015 by clocking 26.10 seconds in Tuesday's heats, then lowered it again to 25.95sec in the evening's semifinals.

The record is under threat for a third time at the 17th FINA World Aquatics Championships in Budapest with two-time gold medalist Cameron van der Burgh and 2015 bronze medalist Kevin Cordes also in the mix.

Despite shattering the world record twice on Tuesday, the 22-year-old Peaty says he can go faster in the final.

"There's always more to come, everyone says you work 10 out of 10, but it's really a nine to take it a step further," said Peaty.

Having failed in his bid to complete "project 56" over 100m — he swam 57.47sec in Monday's breaststroke final — Peaty succeeded in breaking the 26-second barrier over the shorter distance.

"After the Rio Olympics, everyone was talk-

ing about 'project 56', I thought 'go on then,' he said.

"Then this morning it was 'project 26', I just dived in tonight and it felt good, but it's nothing without the gold."

Gold medal machine Katie Ledecky of the

USA can win her fourth title at these Budapest championships in the women's 200m freestyle final.

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## Dhawan, Pujara power India to 399/3 on Day 1

GALLE, July 26: Opener Shikhar Dhawan made the most of his lucky Test comeback to slam a career-best 190-run knock, while Cheteshwar Pujara continued his golden run as India posted a formidable 399/3 on day one of the first Test against Sri Lanka here.

Brought into the squad only after first-choice opener Murali Vijay was ruled out due to an injury, Dhawan made full use of the opportunity and played an entertaining 168-



Shikhar Dhawan

Run : 190  
Balls : 168  
4s : 31

ball innings that was studded with 31 fours. This was his fifth Test hundred.

Equally impressive was the in-form Pujara, who notched up his 12th Test hundred, remaining unbeaten at 144 of 247 balls. The duo powered India to their highest total on day one of an away Test and also the best by a visiting team in Sri Lanka, bettering the West Indies.

They also shared a 253-run second-wicket stand, which can well be described as the defining partnership for India.

It was a case of two contrasting hundreds but both served India's purpose quite well against a home team, which was down to 10 men after middle-order batsman Asela Gunaratne was ruled out of the series with a fractured left thumb. Gunaratne was injured while fielding at second slip, trying to grab a catch of Dhawan. The visiting batsmen were in marauding form and amassed the highest number of runs on the opening day of a Test by a visiting team in Sri Lanka.

In the process, India improved on their previous record of most runs scored on the opening day of an overseas Test, which stood at 375/3 versus New Zealand in Wellington.

Earlier, Virat Kohli (3) was caught behind shortly after the tea break as he tried to pull a short delivery and only managed to edge to the keeper. Sri Lanka opted for a DRS review after the initial not-out decision, and got it overturned.

But Ajinkya Rahane (39) batting, 94 balls, 1 four) put on 113 runs with Pujara for the fourth wicket and saw out the remainder of the session without any trouble.

They crossed the 50-mark off 96 balls and

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Data: Shikhar Dhawan v Maheshwari N Pradeep 160, Abhishek Mukund v Divakarla B N Pradeep 12, Cheteshwar Pujara batting 144, Virat Kohli v Divakarla B N Pradeep 3, Ajinkya Rahane batting 39, Extras: (W-4, NB-3, LB-4) 11. Total: (For 3 wkt in 90 overs) 399. Fall of Wickets: 27-1-280-2, 286-2. Bowler: Nuwan Pradeep 18-1-64-3, Lahiru Kumara 16-0-95-0, Dilruwan Perera 25-1-103-0, Rangana Herath 24-4-92-0, Darunika Gunathilaka 7-4-10.



Cheteshwar Pujara

Run : 144 n.o.  
Balls : 247  
4s : 12

then the 100-mark off 182 balls. India crossed 300 in the 63rd over, and then 350 in the 77th over, with the run-rate slowing down a tad as compared to the first two sessions when Dhawan was at the crease.

In the process, Pujara brought up his 12th Test hundred off 172 balls, inclusive of eight fours. Sri Lanka took the second new ball in the 81st over, but were unable to get a breakthrough even as play was extended to complete the day's quota of overs.

Earlier, Dhawan scored his highest Test score as India reached 282/2 at tea. After lunch, Dhawan and Pujara brought up their 100-partnership off 120 balls. The left-handed opener reached his fifth Test hundred off 110 balls, inclusive of 16 fours. He had scored at an awe-inspiring strike rate of 91.81 until then, and accelerated once he crossed this landmark. In the end, he scored at 113.09 during his stay at the crease. -PTI

Medal winners of the 6th All Assam Open Ranking Badminton Championship pose for a photograph at Don Bosco School Guwahati.  
— UB Photos

## Sangram wins men's title

GUWAHATI, July 26: Sangram Chutia of Charaideo lifted the men's singles title in the 6th All Assam Ranking Badminton Championship which was organised by the Don Bosco Alumni, Guwahati unit under the guidance of the Assam Badminton Association.

The organisers also conducted the All Assam Major Ranking TT Championship along with the badminton meet.

In the final played at the Don Bosco School, Guwahati last evening, Sangram defeated Rajshakti Das of Nagpuron.

**Final results:** (Boys U-9) Ananya Bora (Jorhat) bt Monarch Borgohain (Silvassa); (Girls U-9) Liyana Dutta (Jorhat) bt Sudashini Goga (Jorhat); (Boys U-11) Rohit Gogoi (Dibrugarh) bt Chetia (Silvassa); (Boys U-13) Dhruba Deka (Dibrugarh) bt Saloni Menj (Silvassa); (Boys U-13) N Anurag Talukdar (Guwahati) bt Tezheeb Rahul Taufique (Silvassa);

(Girls U-15) Krishika Chaitra (Guwahati) bt Disha Samanta (Gauhati); (Boys U-15) Hemanshu Sarker (Silvassa) bt Tammy Bilkash Boroush (Nazrani); (Girls U-17) Ishan Baruah (Dibrugarh) bt Suzen Burapraghan (Guwahati); (Boys U-17) Suraj Gosai (Silchar) bt Angshuman Deka (Dibrugarh); (Boys U-17) Ishan Baruah (Dibrugarh) bt Disha Bora (Silchar); (Boys U-19) Onrit Chaitra (Guwahati) bt Rupornora Bora (Guwahati); (Boys U-19) Suzen Burapraghan (Guwahati) bt Diya Boruah (Silvassa); (Men) Sangram Chutia (Charaideo) bt Rajshakti Das (Nagpuron).

**Final results of TT meet:** (Cadet girls) Bidushi Kashyap (Guwahati) bt Prachi Mazumder (Guwahati); (Cadet boys) Shreyas Das (Guwahati) bt Adinava Hozirzika (Silvassa); (Sr girls) Trisha Gogoi (Guwahati) bt Zubeen Baruah (Dibrugarh); (Sr boys) Zubeen Baruah (Guwahati) bt Agnive Bhawar Gehain (Dibrugarh); (Junior girls) Trisha Gogoi (Guwahati) bt Garjeet Goswami (Guwahati); (Junior boys) Zubeen Baruah (Dibrugarh) bt Arka Kr Goswami (Silvassa); (Priming Player) Disha Bhattacharya (Guwahati); (Boys) Kiron Gogoi (Dibrugarh); Player of the tournament: Trisha Gogoi.

## Somdev set to head Centre of Excellence

NEW DELHI, July 26: A Centre of Excellence, under the guidance of Somdev Devvarman, will soon be established at the DLTA to provide coaching to budding players but the development has cast a doubt over the future of the grassroots level programme, which has been running there for four decades.

Scouting has begun for coaches, sports psychologists and physios, who will work in tandem at the upcoming National Academy, which will have involvement of the Sports Ministry. Under the supervision of India's former number one singles player Somdev, who is also a government observer for the

sport, a comprehensive plan has been submitted by the All India Tennis Association (AITA) to the Sports Ministry for approval. It has been learnt that coaching in various age groups has been planned and a foreign coach will also be roped in.

A sports science centre is also being planned at the Academy and qualified physios and sports psychologists will be hired for all round development of the players.

The Academy will accommodate about 300 kids for coaching and at least 100 of them will be able to stay after relocating from their respective States. -PTI

## SPORTS

### Udit, Ishika, Kristi enter semifinals

GUWAHATI, July 26: Udit Gogoi, Ishika Chakma and Kristi Boro stormed into the semifinals of the OIL-AITA Super Series Tennis Tournament for U-14 and 16 boys and girls at the All Assam Tennis Association Complex in Chachar here today.

Ishika Chakma reached the semifinals in both the age groups by defeating her rivals in straight sets while her State mate Kristi Boro lost her quarterfinal match to Sanjana Srimalla of Telengana in straight sets in the girls U-16 quarterfinals today. All the semi-finalists will start from 8am tomorrow.

**Tournament:** (Girls U-14, QF) Top seed Sanjana Srimalla (TS) bt Kristi Boro (AS) 6-1, 6-2 (Upset); Ishika Chakma (AS) 2nd seed Sanjana Srimalla (TS) 6-1, 6-2; Kristi Boro (AS) 3rd seed Arjun Kundu (GU) bt Monali Roli Lekhier (KA) 6-2, 6-3; 4th seed Arjun Kundu (GU) bt Monali Roli Lekhier (KA) 6-2, 6-3; 2nd seed Nalin Nambiar (KA) 6-1, 6-2; Amritajit Singh (AS) 3rd seed Nalin Nambiar (KA) 6-1, 6-2; 4th seed Kristi Boro (AS) bt Sanjana Srimalla (TS) 6-1, 6-2; 3rd seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt 5th seed Damini Hoon (DL) 6-2, 6-3; 2nd seed Kristi Boro (AS) 4th seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt 5th seed Damini Hoon (DL) 6-2, 6-3; 3rd seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt Kristi Boro (AS) 6-1, 6-2; Girls doubles U-14, QF) Justina Borgohain (AS) 2nd seed Sanjana Srimalla (TS) bt Rithi Chaudhuri (KA) 6-2, 6-3; 3rd seed Nalin Nambiar (KA) 6-1, 6-2; Kristi Boro (AS) 4th seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt Kristi Boro (AS) 6-1, 6-2; Girls doubles U-16, QF) Top seed Komal M Prajapati (GU) bt Akash Deo (AS) 6-1, 6-0; Girls doubles U-16, QF) Justina Borgohain (AS)/Niamrata Das (AS) bt Rithi Chaudhuri (KA) 6-2, 6-3; 3rd seed Nalin Nambiar (KA) 6-1, 6-2; Kristi Boro (AS) 4th seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt Komal M Prajapati (GU) 6-1, 6-2; Boys U-14, QF) Top seed Komal M Prajapati (GU) bt Akash Deo (AS) 6-1, 6-0; Boys doubles U-14, QF) Justina Borgohain (AS)/Niamrata Das (AS) bt Rithi Chaudhuri (KA) 6-2, 6-3; 3rd seed Nalin Nambiar (KA) 6-1, 6-2; Kristi Boro (AS) 4th seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt Komal M Prajapati (GU) 6-1, 6-2; Boys U-16, QF) Top seed Komal M Prajapati (GU) bt Akash Deo (AS) 6-1, 6-0; Boys doubles U-16, QF) Justina Borgohain (AS)/Niamrata Das (AS) bt Rithi Chaudhuri (KA) 6-2, 6-3; 3rd seed Nalin Nambiar (KA) 6-1, 6-2; Kristi Boro (AS) 4th seed Samyam Singh (MH) bt Komal M Prajapati (GU) 6-1, 6-2.



Young cagers honing their skills under the watchful eyes of coach Prasanna Jayasankar during the State level camp organised by the Basketball Association of Assam at the RG Baruah Sports Complex court in Guwahati. — AT photo

## Guwahati City FC camp comes to an end

GUWAHATI, July 26: The 10-day summer camp, organised by the Guwahati City FC in association with the Shillong Lajong FC came to an end at the Gaubati University playground on Tuesday.

Around 150 aspiring footballers from different parts of the country and the region took part in the camp.

A friendly match was also organised on the closing day between popular musician Zubeen Garg XI and Guwahati City FC XI.

On the final day, the trainees

who successfully completed the

camp were provided certificates. "We are grateful to the aspiring football players who took part in the camp besides the coaches from Shillong Lajong FC and of course the local coaches who extended their helping hand. And especially we would like to thank managing director of Shillong Lajong FC and vice president of AIFL Laversing Mar for his immense support through out the camp," said Guwahati City FC director Kaustav Chakrabarty.

The coaches who attended the camp are Shillong Lajong's



Basantara Baruah (L) of Little Flower School (Class-X), Dibrugarh and Rudraksh Baruah of Don Bosco School (Class-IV), Dibrugarh won gold medals in the individual and demonstration events in the recently concluded 15th National Kung Fu Championship in Guwahati. They are trainees of the AMC Kung Fu Club.

## We may just be closer to women's IPL: Mitali

MUMBAI, July 26: It wasn't much of a possibility a couple of years back but India captain Mitali Raj today said a women's Indian Premier League is closer to reality after her team's brilliant World Cup success.

Asked if she expects a women's IPL, Mitali said: "If you had asked me this question a couple of years back, probably I would not support the idea to have women's IPL, but (may be) now since after going to the World Cup and the way they have responded and improved the standard of women's cricket,

taking it to a different level."

For a women's IPL, the general

standard of the game needs to be good and Mitali feels that it has happened as the statistics of this Cup campaign.

"Scoring more than 300 plus, every team has got a centurion and a five wicket haul bowler; so it is probably because of the leagues in Australia and England and may be a couple of players have improved their standard and they have performed very well for the country,"

she said. Mitali feels that an IPL will also help the domestic players

improve their standard.

"We now have a base, it will help even the domestic players in terms of exposure, but again it is up to the BCCI to organise the league. As a player, I feel how the domestic players are exposed to good cricketing environment and interact with foreign players, they will benefit,"

Mitali stated. She is proud that her team has now got global acceptance.

"This was a moment when a

team sport apart from men's cricket garnered so much attention because it's individual sports always which gets that mileage." — PTI

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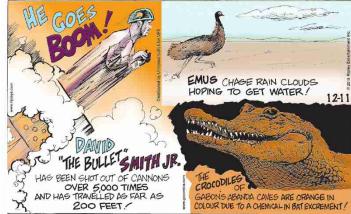
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**I**t was on October 22, 1962, that the Cuban Missile Crisis reached its high point. In a televised speech of extraordinary clarity and conviction, President Kennedy announced that US spy planes have discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba. These missile sites – under construction but nearly finished – were capable of striking a number of major cities in the United States, including Washington, D.C. Kennedy announced that he was ordering a naval blockade of Cuba and that the US would not accept any more offensive weapons to the island and explained that the United States would not tolerate the existence of the missile sites currently in place.

At the request of more than 40 non-aligned nations, U.N. Secretary-General U Thant sent private appeals to Kennedy and Khrushchev, urging that they should not allow any action that may aggravate the situation and bring with it the risk of war. Kennedy accepted the advice and instead, all U.S. military forces went to DEFCON 2, the highest military alert ever reached in the postwar era, as military commanders prepared for full-scale war against the Soviet Union.

The Cuban Missile Crisis was a turning point in history. The United States, in collaboration with the Soviet Union, emerged from the episode with a much greater sense of security. A succession of US administrations have honoured Kennedy's pledge not to invade Cuba, and the communist island nation situated just 90 miles from Florida remains a thorn in the side of US foreign policy.



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“ Why should we study Moral Science in school? ”



Moral Science has many meaningful stories. We must read Moral Science books because they help our minds to develop. We should study Moral Science to make learning fun and enjoyable. Moral Science helps us learn the values of life and to become better human beings. Moral Science makes us skillful, kind, honest, intelligent and mentally strong. That is why Moral Science must be studied in school.



Moral Science is for today's generation. Through the study of Moral Science, we learn about our behaviour. It is necessary in schools and in our society, too. It takes us along the right path. The study of Moral Science helps a person becomes disciplined. It also teaches us to maintain punctuality. We mainly get moral values from Moral Science from our teachers and from our parents. I think, in the long run, the study of Moral Science will help citizens maintain peace and order in society.



A man without values is seen as a man without proper conduct. Moral Science not only teaches us moral values, but also the lessons of life. It helps us develop good manners and good habits. It teaches us, to love the young ones and to be kind to all animals are the other lessons taught to us by Moral Science. We should follow these. So, to be a good citizen of India, we should apply it in life.

Character is true wealth. From the very beginning of our childhood, it is a must to teach our good values and behaviour. That is why we study the subject of Moral Science, which gives us moral values to live our life in the best form, treat everyone with compassion, be loyal and gentle to everyone, etc. These are the great stories of Moral Science are related to some great personalities so that we can imbibe their good principles and ideals. So, it is exceedingly essential to study Moral Science.

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# PLANET YOUNG

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### New Harry Potter books

Two new books from the Harry Potter series are set to be released as part of a British exhibition to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the launch of the first Harry Potter: A History of Magic – The Book of the Exhibit. It promises to take readers through subjects studied at Potter's wizarding school, Hogwarts. Harry Potter – A Journey Through A History of Magic will touch on mystical things such as alchemy, unicorns and ancient witchcraft. Both books will be published in October.

## Gardening builds healthier, happier kids



**S**cientific research suggests

getting up close and personal with dirt can improve children's mental and physical health. Gardening can help kids burn off extra energy and connect them to nature. It develops strong immune systems and willingly consume more healthy fruits and vegetables. A study of 160 families in low-income housing development in Chicago found that girls who had greener views from their apartments did better on tests that measured self-discipline.

These benefits may be even greater for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Active involvement in a garden can also make kids more willing consumers of vegetables, including unfamiliar varieties.

**T**he bridge connecting the other village is going to break down,” said an uncle.

“We are staying in the school. I have also been staying there for the last ten days. My name is Rongi and I am nine years old.

I had a home, a hut made of mud, huts and thatch. I live with my parents. Though it was a simple hut, it was a home for us, as we lived peacefully, not blaming God for our poor condition. My parents work as labourers. My father is a rickshaw-puller and my mother worked as a maid in the Sanyasi's house. Though they both work hard, earnings are not enough. But we had always been satisfied

with what we had, for these were honest earnings of labour.

I studied in a local L.P. School. I could understand that I would not be able to

and I will work hard to ensure a better future. So, I was always determined to work hard and never missed school to go to work.

Days after the flood, Bad weather that took place in our area left us devastated. I could clearly remember that it was a Monday morning when the flood started. My mother who was yet to get home from work. The

rain turned black. Within a few minutes, big droplets of rain began to fall. Then we generally used to say that the rain will not stop as it has been a nightmare for us during the period of the year. We hoped that it would pass soon. But it didn't. It poured like a bucket. Due to the continuous rains, there was heavy flooding, bringing misery to the people. Acres and acres of land were washed away, leaving the farmers in turmoil. Cattle and livestock were also washed away.

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They have provided us with shelter and food.

The animals are also in trouble due

to lack of food and shelter. Also, I have

seen many animals drowning in the water.

We all confused about our future. The rains

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Again another day...

Life is good here, though it is a day

In their own houses made of hay.

Angela secured a seat to peace her

medical studies.

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Hiren Chandra Nath, an IPS

officer of the 1986 batch, is  
the Police Commissioner of  
Guwahati.

Inspirations in my life...

In my childhood, I was entranced by reading the book ‘The Story of My Life’ by Helen Keller. They helped me to aspire for a life free of materialism and aim for high goals. This book also inspired me to strive for focus and face life's challenges.

Turning point of my life...

Coming when I was transferred to the Central Reserve Police Force at Hailakandi College, I then started to prepare for the Civil Services in earnest.

Happiest moment of my life...

Was it the day when my daughter Angara secured a seat to peace her medical studies.

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