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An affidavit stating that sanction has been "refused" for prosecuting Adityanath in the case related to Gorakhpur riots of 2007, when he was the local MP, was filed before the court by Chief Secretary Rahul Bhattacharjee. The chief secretary had been asked to appear in person by an order dated May 7 by a division bench comprising

injustices Ramesh Sinha and Umesh Chandra Srivastava.

In his affidavit, Bhattacharjee also stated that the CB-CID,

which has been investigating the case registered in connection with the riots, has proposed to submit its closure report and it will be submitted before the trial court.

"We challenged the state government's stand and submitted before the court that the chief secretary happens to be a subordinate of the chief minister, who is himself accused. The refusal to grant sanction tantamount to an accusation declining to prosecute

himself, which has no parallel in the world," the petitioners' counsel SFA Naqvi said.

He said, "We also pointed out

that Yogi Adityanath himself

admitted to having made the incendiary speeches for which he

has been named in the FIR

lodged at Gorakhpur. We re-

quested that the court summon the video recording to get a first-hand impression."

The court responded to our submission by asking the state government to file an affidavit on the next day of hearing explaining why a recording of the said interview was not submitted," he said. - PTI

KANKER (Chhattisgarh), May 11: Two Border Security Forces (BSF) troopers were injured when Maoists attacked them on Thursday during a search operation in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh, police said.

The BSF men opened retaliatory fire, but the rebels

made good their escape owing

to the dense forest. The exchange of fire lasted for about half-an-hour.

The incident took place in Pa-

khanjore area of the district,

where blood stains and marks of bodies being dragged were later found.

The security personnel

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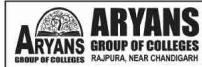


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SUMMON IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AT DIBRUGARH T.S. NO. 46 OF 2008

State Bank Of India
K.C.Gogoi Path
Dibrugarh Branch
Dist: Dibrugarh

.....Plaintiff
.....Versus-
Sri Dipak Roy Choudhury,
Resident Of Dibrugarh, Kaliur,
Nalaplop P.O., Dibrugarh,
Dist:Dibrugarh,
.....Defendant No. 2

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against you for recovery of Rs.24,44,955/- inclusive of interest upto 15/12/2008 on sum availed by Sri Nandul Daha You and stood as Guarantor.

You are hereby summoned to appear in the Court in person or by a pleader on the 16th day of May, 2017 at 10.30 A.M. to appear and answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed of.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 9th day of May, 2017.

Sd/-
CIVIL JUDGE
DIBRUGARH

CD/LN/607/1

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE NO. 1, KAMrup(PM)-GUWAHATI
Money Suit No. 129/2013

State Bank of India
(RACPC)
.....Plaintiff

Mr. Jyoti Preetlambir Das, Asar

Defendants

To,

1) Sri Jyoti Preetlambir Das,
S/o Sri Hitesh Chandra Das,
"Shree Bhumi", 5th Floor, E/5,
Panjabri, Namira Path,
Guwahati-781035.

2) Sri Hitesh Chandra Das,
S/o Sri Keshab Das,
"Shani Enclave", 5th Floor, E/5,
Panjabri, Namira Path,
Guwahati-781035.

.....Defendants

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted above suit for realization of a sum of Rs 24,278.00/- less expenses two thousand four hundred twenty eight (two hundred seventy eight) along with interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby directed to appear in person through lawyer in my office on 10/05/2017 and file written statement, if any. In the event of your failure to do so, the suit would be taken up for hearing and decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this the 3rd day of May, 2017.

Civil Judge No. 1
Kamrup, Guwahati

CD/LN/604/1

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Defendant No. 1, BOPP8743P is

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Given under my hand and seal

of this the 3rd day of May, 2017.

Civil Judge No. 1
Kamrup, Guwahati

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INTERNATIONAL
India, Sri Lanka sign pacts

COLOMBO, May 11: India and Sri Lanka may have signed agreements on economic cooperation before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's arrival in the country, the country's former President Mahinda Rajapaksa claimed today.

The two countries were set to sign an agreement to lease out oil tanks to India to jointly operate a strategic oil facility in the eastern port district of Trincomalee.

But Sri Lanka's Opposition party objected to the deal, saying the Government was selling State assets to India.

"The information I have is that all deals have already been signed. So the Indian Prime Minister's arrival or non-arrival would be immaterial," Rajapaksa told reporters in the central town of Kandy, hours before Modi touched down in Colombo.

Rajapaksa said he held no objection against Modi's visit. "The problem will be only if they sign agreements. I understand these have already been signed," he said.

Britain's Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge (C) poses for a portrait with Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Theresa of Luxembourg in Luxembourg on Thursday. — UNI

UN urges India to restore internet in J&K

Tea board's guidelines ...

(Contd from page 1) of Commerce and Industry, through a gazette notification dated January 3, 2017, had effected an amendment to the TMCO 2003 to insert a clause on mini tea factory.

According to this amendment, "Mini Tea Factory means a tea factory owned by a small grower, an association of small tea growers or a producer company and which sources all the required tea leaf from its own plantation for the purpose of manufacture of tea and having capacity to produce not more than 500 kgs of made tea per day."

Though small tea growers are not required to take 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Tea Board before setting up a mini tea factory, yet it is mandatory to apply for a certificate from the Tea Board by filling up 'Form K' before starting manufacturing activities.

"Establishing mini CTC tea factory with a capacity of one lakh kg made tea per year is economically very much viable. Small size machinery for manufacturing CTC, Orthodox and Green Tea etc are now days available in the market," said Bidyanshu Barkorty, president of Tea Vision, a registered NGO.

"We are ready to provide free project reports and guidance to prospective small tea growers interested in setting up mini tea factory," he said.

All Assam Small Tea Growers' Association (ASTGA) general secretary Rohit Borgham said his organisation has hailed the move of the Tea Board.

ASTGA executive body will discuss the issue tomorrow

at 10 am.

"We are taking up the matter with the Centre as we want tea should be taxed at a lower rate," he said.

Legislator and former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi while welcoming the GST Act, said that taxation should be progressive and in keeping with the country's federal structure.

"The GST should also have provision for safeguarding traditional industries such as Assam's indigenous silk industry, besides new industries. There is also apprehension that it would harm the small and medium industry sector," he said. Legislators Kamal Singh Narayan, Bluban Pegu, Rakibul Hussain, Aminul Islam and Hafiz Bashir Ahmed also participated in the discussion.

While the State-level committee is headed by Additional Chief Secretary T.D.Prasad, the district committees comprise the respective deputy commissioners and superintendents of police.

Sources, meanwhile, told this reporter that the prudence of some of the members of the ITIs located in 'sensitive' areas are seriously under the scanner.

The cultural programme on the occasion was presented by 'Kheleghar, Asar' a cultural troupe from Bangladesh. The office of the Assam High Commissioner of Bangladesh is presently functioning from Taj Vivianota Hotel in the city.

SC starts ...

(Contd from page 1) JS Kheher also made it clear that the issue of polygamy among the Muslims may not be deliberated upon as it is not connected with the triple talaq issue.

"There are 2-3 things in our minds and the first is whether this (triple talaq) is fundamental to the religion (Islam)."

"It is fundamental to religion, then possibly we may not be interfering. And the other aspect is whether triple talaq is sacramental and can be enforced as a Fundamental Right", the Bench, also comprising Justices Kurian Joseph, RF Nariman, UL Lalit and Abdul Nazeer, said while framing the issue to be deliberated upon.

It said it would "take a call" on the issue whether the Fundamental Right to practice religion covered triple talaq and the parties were free to argue in support or against it.

The apex court also said if it came to the conclusion that triple talaq was fundamental to religion, then it will not get into the question of its constitutional validity.

The Bench ruled it clear that it would deal with one of the three forms of granting divorce, that is 'triple talaq', and would not go into the practice of polygamy, prevalent among Muslims, as the issue is not related. — PTI

CORRIGENDUM

Price erratum - The Tender will be received by the office of the Superintendent, Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh w.e.f. 10.05.2017 to 29.05.2017 during office hours of any working days which was published on 10.05.2017 vide this office Tender Notice No. MCH/2017/9362 dt. 08.05.2017.

Sd/-Superintendent
Assam Medical College Hospital
Dibrugarh
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EXTENSION NOTICE

With reference to the Press Notice issued vide No. CER/2017/32 Dated: May 04, 2017: Equipments for DST-SERB Project under the Dept. of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Science & Technology, CSU. The last date of submission has been extended for a period of 5 days i.e. upto May 15, 2017.

Janasanyog296/17 Registrar

CORRIGENDUM-1

It is for general information of all concerned that only invalid bid were received against IFB No. 4 of 2017 submitted by the office Memo No. PHE-3/2017-18/7-669-72 dt. 2/5/2017. It is therefore decided for re-issuance of the Bid from the Manufacturer and their authorized dealer/distributor to scale up competition by cancelling the IFB No. 1 of 2017-18.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender allowing call of tenders in Rs. 825 in two bid system are invited from registered/firms/declarer supplier for supply of furniture at Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon. Modernization under UGC-Pearson II project. The estimated value of works is Rs. 1.0 Lakh.

The tender documents may be downloaded from the website www.moebs.gov.in collected from the office of the concerned authority during office hours. Estimated money Re. 2000/- and cost of tender papers Rs. 500/- to be paid in the form of DD drawn in favour of Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, payable at SBI, Morigaon.

The tenders in all respect must be submitted to the Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic or on or before 16.05.2017 (12:30 pm). Any corrigendum and addendum shall be published on our website regarding the work.

Sd/- Principal,
Bongaigaon Polytechnic,
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CORRIGENDUM

It is for general information to all concerned that the time for receiving tender for supply of elephant ration for the year 2017-18 may please be read as 3 pm. (IST) instead of 11 am of 15.5.2017 published in the Jarambhumi dated 30.4.2017. The other terms and condition will remain unchanged.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer
Eastern Assam Wildlife
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E- Procurement Tender Notice No.SFS-CS/EHRA/3/ 2013-2016/3(B)

On behalf of Hon'ble President of India, Ministry of Earth Sciences invites e-procurement Tender (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>) in two bid pattern (Technical and Financial) from qualified firms for procurement of work of Geotechnical and Geophysical Investigations under the project seismic microzonation of 30-cities in India under Project title "SEISMIC HAZARD MICROZONATION OF 30 CITIES OF INDIA" of National Centre for Seismology (NCS), Ministry of Earth Sciences. The tender document is available on www.moes.gov.in, www.moebs.gov.in & <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The tender has to be submitted online on <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> or via post office box number 145 days from the date of publication of tender notice in newspaper or date of publication in OCPortal which ever is later. All the tenders who participate in e-tendering and all the tenders should have a Digital Signature. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted. Rates entered into Financial Rate page(s) and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head, if attached by vendor, shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered.

Any corrigendum/ addendum regarding this tender will be available in the above said websites only.

PRESS NOTICE FOR BID

Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Cherrapunji, S. on behalf of Governor of Assam invites Tender for the following works:-

Tender Amount

Rs. 8174579.60 SDRF

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Rs. 16317000.40 SDRF

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Details may be seen on website <https://tendersassessors.gov.in> on 12th May 2017 onwards.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Assam, Cherrapunji, S.

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MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

1. Garrison Engineer (North) Tezpur on behalf of President of India, invites online item rate bids on

Single Stage Two Cover Bid System for the following works:-

Ser. No./Name of Work

Name of the Scheme

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Estimated cost in lakh

Period of Completion

Tender Id/Ref

(a) Survey of Roads from RP Gate to Office Mess & SATRA Mtn. and Provin

Chittagong to MT Gate to MT Park of black top road from MT Gate to MT Park of NAGA under GE (N) Tezpur.

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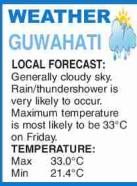
2. For further detail refer website <https://eprocurements.gov.in> on or after 04 May 2017.

Note: Notice Inviting Bid as published in newspapers shall not form part of Notice of Tender/Bid document.

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OBITUARY

Subrata Barua

GUWAHATI, May 11: Subrata Barua, Chairperson of Nemocra Hospitals, an eminent social worker, philanthropist, and scholar, passed away this afternoon at 12.50, due to old-age ailments.

She was the wife of late Kamalashwar Barua, ex-Chief Engineer, PWD.

Conclave on synergising CSR, sustainable development goals

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 11: A conclave on synergising corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainable development goals (SDGs) organised by the State planning and development department and Centre for SDGs, Assam Administrative Staff College, was held today at the Assam Administrative Staff College here.

The conclave also focused on ways to bring insights into how the various stakeholders can work together to take forward the SDGs within the context of CSR projects.

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understanding the scope of partnership between government, corporates, businesses and international organisations.

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CMSGUY) – a SDG-centric scheme for doubling the farm income of the farmers of Assam by 2021-22 – within the corporate framework through CSR projects.

In the inaugural session, KV Eapen, Additional Chief Secretary (Planning and Development Department) delivered the welcome address.

Anurag Goel, Advisor to Assam Administrative Staff College, delivered the welcome address.

Jaco Cilliers, Country Director of UNDP delivered the keynote address and the special address was delivered by M Ayudaurai, Executive Director and Basin Manager, ONGC.

22nd AIM convocation

GUWAHATI, May 11: The Assam Institute of Management (AIM) will hold its 22nd convocation tomorrow from 11.30 am to felicitate the students of 2015-17 batch with Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM). Governor Banwarilal Purohit will deliver the convocation address as the chief guest of the programme.

Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Minister Education, Finance etc., and also chairman of AIM, will preside over the convocation, said a press statement. The programme will be held on the AIM campus at Paschim Boragon here. - Staff Reporter

2 arrested in looting case

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 11: The police today arrested Premjit Singh and Nilmakam Singh after questioning them for several hours in connection with the MP Jewellery looting incident.

Premjit, the private security guard of the jewellery outlet on the GS Road, however, claimed innocence during the questioning, sources said.

Both of them were later produced before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kamrup (Metro) which remanded them to five-day police custody.

conducting search operations in different places although it has not yet succeeded in making any recovery of the looted items.

Meanwhile, the officer in charge of Bhangarh Police Station was transferred a day after the sensational looting took place on Tuesday.

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Eligibility: B. Pharm degree with minimum of 60% marks in aggregate. GPAT qualified candidates will be given preference.

Application form is available on payment of Rs500/- in cash at GIPS office or can be downloaded from www.gips-guwahati.ac.in. For more information please contact: 0361-2843405, 8011519395 (M).

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GUWAHATI, May 11: The Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development is organising a two-week research capacity building programme for interested faculty members working in colleges/universities and institutions in social sciences from July 4 to 17. Interested faculty members of colleges and universities may see the announcement in the link-<http://okid.in/> capacity_building.php and submit their applications online, said a press communiqué. - Staff Reporter

Blood donation

GUWAHATI, May 11: The All Assam Gorkha Students' Union along with its Kamarup district committee is organising a blood donation camp at the GMCH tomorrow to commemorate the 135th birth anniversary of eminent freedom fighter Babu Chilka Upadhyay.

The organisers have appealed to all sections of people to take part in the blood donation camp, said a statement. - Staff Reporter

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Marketing Division, Assam Region-Kolkata

R/C/ER/037/2017-18/PZ-24:

E-Tender ID : 2017_ER_53463_1
Category : Marketing Division, Assam Region-Kolkata, Haulage, clearing, carriage and miscellaneous works ex-Borjapong LPG Billing Point

Download Period : 12.05.2017 to 26.05.2017

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1)RC/ER/037/2017-18/PZ-20:

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should dance.

— ANONYMOUS

The Assam Tribune

Lalu's travails

Just a couple of decades ago, Lalu Prasad Yadav was literally the king of Bihar, so much so that when he was embroiled in corruption cases and disqualified, in what was deemed to be a reprehensible travesty of our democratic system, he could elevate his own wife to the Chief Ministership of the State. Though a stint in jail had clipped his wings, he rose like the proverbial Phoenix to another spell of power and despite having to play the second fiddle to Nitish Kumar, could successfully rejuvenate his RJD and make his sons ministers. But the past seems to have caught up with the irrepressible Lalu and dark clouds have once again appeared on his horizon. It may be remembered that Lalu was tried for corruption in the infamous 'fodder' scam where Rs 900 crore were fraudulently withdrawn by the Bihar Animal Husbandry Department from treasuries located in various districts. He and two other individuals were convicted by a special CBI trial court in Ranchi in 1994 for misappropriating funds from the Chaibasa treasury. The three accused were also facing trials in cases involving fraudulent withdrawal from other treasuries, but in November 2004 the Jharkhand High Court quashed the remaining conspiracy charges against them on the ground of double jeopardy, holding that the same people cannot be tried again and convicted for the same offence.

However now, in what has come as a blow to Lalu Yadav, the Supreme Court has struck down the High Court verdict and directed that he and his cohorts be tried for all the cases in the fodder scam since these involved fraudulent withdrawals of different amounts from different treasuries. In India one never knows the strings politicians in power pull, but there was more than meets the eye to the fact that the CBI took 222 days rather than the stipulated 90 days to file its appeal against the High Court judgement before the Apex Court, something which infuriated the learned judges. It is difficult to foresee Lalu wriggling out of his travails this time, yet his predicament has ramifications that transcend mere questions of trial, freedom or conviction of the RJD强人。In Bihar the RJD had in the last Assembly elections emerged as the single largest party though it had to make Nitish Kumar Chief Minister because of the latter's popularity and clean image. Whatever be the judgement on Lalu, it will not only weaken his hold on Bihar's political scenario but, at the same time, strengthen that of Nitish Kumar, enabling the latter as well as the BJP to gain ground at the expense of the RJD. In the broader national context, Lalu had been a dominant role in the attempt to shape an anti-BJP alliance but his travails now might entail that this essay comes a cropper.

Cracking the IAS

The abysmal representation of Assam and other States of the North-east in the Indian civil services, especially the elite Indian Administrative Service (IAS), has been a major concern for decades. As we have had very few people from the region in top-level civil services, the situation sometimes works against serving the best interests of the State in matters of administration and governance. On the other hand, it invariably works in favour of the State when persons from the State happen to occupy top bureaucratic positions in the Government. The factors behind the poor performance of students from the North-east vary from lack of access to quality coaching to general ignorance about the civil service exams to a sense of awe among our job aspirants to have a go at the civil services. Then, with the job market getting far more specialized and lucrative than ever before, many meritorious students are increasingly opting for career choices other than the civil services. Again, the fact that very few have cleared the civil services – especially the IAS – over the years, has also led to a sort of mental block among our youths who shy away from appearing in the civil service exams, regarding it as next to impossible. Be that as it may, the time has come for a serious rethink as to how best prepare our youths for the tough challenge and put an end to the Quest for the Holy Grail. We do have coaching institutes besides government-run pre-exam trainings but these have so far failed to make a visible impact, mainly due to their lack of professionalism. Indeed, many of those who had cleared the civil services in the past had their grooming in coaching institutes outside the region, especially in metropolises like Delhi. It's true that preparing for such exams by staying in a place like Delhi has its inherent advantages – not the least being the conducive academic environment. Creating that competitive academic ambience in State capital Guwahati is precisely the challenge.

It is against this backdrop that the initiative 'Mission-100' that seeks to produce a hundred IAS officers in a five-year period is a welcome beginning. The city-based initiative which also involves several retired IAS officers of the State is offering free professional training to civil service aspirants from across the North-east. The North-east is certainly not lacking in talented youths who can crack the IAS but it's the absence of proper guidance that is preventing their talents from fructifying. Things can change for the better when the civil servants aspirants will have better exposure through education, training and mentoring. For this, the Mission-100 needs to follow the mantra 'Catch them Young' and ensure that the best of counselling, coaching and mentoring with faculty support from reputed institutions of the country is delivered to the job aspirants in a comprehensive package.

APSC: worst is over, but miles to go

■ Brig Ranjit Borthakur (Retd)

This author was appointed the chairman in-charge of the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) when the Commission was going through one of its worst phases. While the arrest of the chairman and two members had given a very bad name to the constitutional body but, more importantly, the seizure of computers, servers and other paraphernalia by the police for investigation into the case for job scam had almost brought the functioning of the Commission to a standstill.

The most important and immediate requirement was to raise the morale of the APSC staff to form a well-knit cohesive team. The commitment and desire of the staff to respond to the difficult situation and to do something was motivational. We the Commission members and senior officers tried to set personnel examples and took initiatives and involved ourselves in all works of the Commission from the scrutiny of applications or giving a face-lift to the Commission. Punctuality, work ethics and inter-branch cooperation increased noticeably. To develop a healthy work culture and camaraderie amongst the employees, we organized number of events and competitions. We got substantial support from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for the computer-related works.

The results of the untiring efforts could be seen on the ground. While in the past the Commission took months to declare results of interviews, it now began to declare results on the same day itself in most of the cases. In the interviews conducted for direct recruitment selection system, the experts/advisers are now given same weightage as that of the

chairman of each board (members are the chairman). This was not so earlier. There was a genuine concern in the past that due weightage was not given to the assessment of experts. The Commission's meetings were held regularly and other two members of the Commission were consulted in the major decision-making processes. Their advice, suggestions and constructive criticism immensely helped.

In retrospect, one thing clearly emerges. The staff of the APSC is the same. They join the Commission and retire from the same organization, whereas the members/chairmen are appointed for a limited period. Therefore, it will not be wrong to say that the members/chairmen probably had failed to give the desired directions and support to the staff which led to inordinate delay in the recruitment process and encouraged corruptions, favouritism, etc. Under proper guidance and the freedom of work, they performed extremely well.

Though we are being credited for initiating a large number of reforms, in reality the implementation of significant reforms will take some time. What we achieved was to expedite the recruitment process, bring in transparency and improve the work culture, which in any case is the responsibility of any institution, be it UPSC, university, Railway Recruitment Board, etc.

One reform that has been implemented is the 'in-house' evaluation of answer scripts of the Combined Competitive Examination, 2015. The

commencement of the evaluation process was delayed due to police investigation in the cash-for-job scam. Another problem the Commission is facing is that of getting sufficient numbers of suitable examiners for the in-house evaluation process. The Commission's objective is to get qualified evaluators from across the State but is facing problems as teachers are not released by the colleges and universities. Unless they are given special leave

candidates by way of holding screening test as the number of applicants is increasing. (Approximately 21,000 candidates have applied for 11 posts of Assistant Manager, Industries.)

To efficiently carry out the in-house evaluation, a key recommendation of the MP Bezbarua Committee (the report is yet to be ratified by the Government), the Education

Department of the State and the academic institutions must help the APSC to formulate a panel of examiners, question setters, etc.

by the Government, it will be difficult to carry on with the in-house evaluation without hiccups. Moreover, accommodation, travelling allowances, etc., particularly for outstation teachers, have not yet been formalized. Most of the universities being autonomous institutions may not accede to requests from the APSC.

The available pool of retired officers/teachers is not sufficient. It is pertinent to note that the requirement of examiners, question setters, moderator, etc., for the APSC-related works will increase manifold in the future. Even for direct recruitment (where only interview marks and academic profiles are taken into account), the APSC has to short-list

candidates by way of holding screening test as the number of applicants is increasing. (Approximately 21,000 candidates have applied for 11 posts of Assistant Manager, Industries.)

Therefore, to efficiently carry out the in-house evaluation, a key recommendation of the MP Bezbarua Committee (the report is yet to be ratified by the Government), the Education Department of the State and the academic institutions must help the APSC to formulate a panel of examiners, question setters, etc.

These selected persons should be made available to the APSC as and when requested by the Commission. It will be the responsibility of the APSC to formulate a comprehensive calendar for the entire year in order to enable the academic institutions/Government to plan ahead so as to assist the Commission. The APSC also needs to update the pool of qualified professionals and should make maximum use of them.

The syllabi of most of our written examinations are outdated. We are still conducting CCA (Main) Examinations based on the 1989 syllabi. Similarly, the syllabi for departmental examinations have not been revised (the present syllabus is of 1963 vintage) for a long time.

The APSC is in the process of approaching the State Government for introduction of the UPSC pattern of examination (with suitable modifications) for the CCE with effect from 2017 scheduled for 2018. The Commission had received very useful suggestions from aspiring candidates which the Commission intends to forward to the Government. It has also been observed that in some cas-

es, advertisements are not made as per service rules. This leads to querries seeking clarifications from the department concerned which leads to further delay in the recruitment process. These at times also lead to litigations which can be best avoided.

The Computer-Based Test (CBT) has been introduced by many Commissions including the newly-formed Telangana Public Service Commission. This will significantly reduce time for all examinations. The APSC needs to create sufficient infrastructure to conduct written examinations for at least 2,000 candidates within the APSC complex, besides catering for accommodation, etc., for outstation evaluators/examiners, etc.

While the people of the State have appreciated the visible changes such as early declaration of results, transparency, etc., yet there are many other unnoticed and important changes that the Commission has been able to bring in. The most important is expediting the clearance of large number of backlog cases of regularization under 4(d) promotions. This process has been more or less streamlined. The APSC staff has worked hard to ensure that such retired people do not have to run around for their basic rights.

In the coming days, the Commission will hopefully carry forward the good works initiated. The APSC has been able to regain confidence of the people of the State to a large extent, particularly of the aspiring candidates. This can be seen from the fact that more than 55,000 candidates have applied for the 208 posts of various services for the CC (Preliminary) Examination 2016. A lot more has to be done to make the APSC a dynamic, vibrant and effective institution for which the support of stakeholders in general and the Government in particular will be essential.

Skill development in tourism industry

■ Prabahan Puzari

The tourism industry is one of the largest industries in the world in terms of revenue generation and foreign exchange earnings. The western countries are much more advanced in tourism and a large section of the people of those countries is associated with tourism-related industries directly or indirectly. The implementation of tourism trade in a proper and organized manner, skilled manpower is most necessary as it is totally a client-handling industry and a person requires adequate knowledge on tourist destinations and other tourism products.

If we talk about India, we lack in trained manpower and professional expertise as compared to the western countries. India is full of beautiful tourist destinations and tourists from different parts of the world visit the places to explore the beauty and diversity of the places. But the way of maintaining these tourist spots, providing infrastructure for the tourists and hospitality arrangements in most

of the tourist destinations are not up to mark to attract and satisfy the domestic and international tourists. This is only due to the lack of trained or skilled professionals in the tourism trade to manage the resources properly and providing satisfying hospitality to the visiting tourists. Like all other professional fields like medical, engineering, science and technology and other aspects of service industries, tourism management also requires skilled professionals having academic background in the Tourism and Hospitality sector. Most of the Central and State Tourism departments are not adequately manned with such management professionals, especially in the case of the Assam Tourism Department. But fortunately, nowadays, it is observed that the universities and other private institutions in India are introducing various professional courses in tourism management up to MBA level and the tourism industry has also started engaging such trained professionals in various fields like

planning, development and resource management strategies. Apart from those courses, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the Government of India is playing a major role in educating and training youths. While initiating the National Mission for Skill Development in 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "India is currently facing a severe shortage of well-trained, skilled workers. It is observed that only 2.3% of the total workforce in India has undergone formal skill trainings. To make progress in this direction, the skill development mission seeks to provide this underutilized manpower with skills enabling them to tackle the ever-emerging economic challenges." We are very happy to see that the NSDC has given importance on the travel and tourism sector of India and is imparting the skill development training to the lakhs of students across the country in the courses like travel consultant, skilled workers, tourism management and the authority concerned to take stern steps including framing of charge-sheets so that the culprits cannot go scot-free. Yours etc., AKALPITA DAS, Tezpur.

(II)

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Influential persons including

politicians, bureaucrats and so-called student leaders having involvement in the cash-for-job racket. It is welcome that Government has taken steps to find out the culprits. But, the influential persons as mentioned will surely put pressure on the investigating agency to slacken the probe. I would, therefore, like to request the Chief Minister and the authority concerned to take stern steps including framing of charge-sheets so that the culprits cannot go scot-free. Yours etc., AKALPITA DAS, Tezpur.

Sir, – I recently appeared for the exam conducted by the APSC for the recruitment to the post of Assistant Engineer (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical) for PHE Department. To my surprise, I saw many candidates adopting unfair means, viz., using internet facilities of mobile phones inside the examination hall. Such adoption of unfair means lead to unbelievably high cut-off marks and the genuinely talented and honest candidates miss out the selection process. So, I request the APSC authority to strictly ban the use of all kinds of electronic gadgets inside the examination hall for all the future examinations. Yours etc., AN ASPIRANT, Tezpur.

Jan Aushadhi stores

Sir, – It is appreciable that the common people will get all medicines at an affordable price (which is one-third of the market price) being made available through the Jan Aushadhi stores. But here, the efficient role of the pharmacists is a must to make this project successful. Moreover, it will also help the Government to engage the unemployed pharmacists. Most of such unemployed pharmacists are forced to lease out their registration to other businessmen to start pharmacies. Through these Jan

such skill development courses, etc. Even the APSC has also not included the subject Tourism Management in their examinations, where the posts in the Tourism Department are also filled up by the successful candidates from other subjects. On the other hand, the Government of Assam is also not giving any importance on conducting such skill development courses in the tourism sector through the NSDC-affiliated institutions. This training could have produced a large number of properly skilled personnel in the tourism sector to handle the various aspects of tourism-related activities in the State.

The tourism resources and the potential of our State is so vast that the economy of Assam could have been controlled by the tourism sector only like many advance States in India and the countries like Singapore and Thailand. The Assam Government must give importance on such professional courses amongst the youth fraternity of Assam, especially in the areas having important tourist destinations to make the tourism sector well-organized and productive.

Aushadhi stores, the State Government can provide space only to the qualified pharmacists inside all the urban and rural hospitals. Yours etc., RIAZUDDIN AHMED, Nagaon.

Crisis in AAP

Sir, – The allegation made against the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal that he had accepted a bribe of Rs 2 crore in cash at his official residence from the Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain is perturbing. Although such allegations against Indian politicians are a routine affair, but the allegation against Kejriwal is significant in the sense that Delhi's incumbent party – Aam Aadmi Party – was born out of an anti-corruption agitation and won a historic mandate in the 2015 Delhi Assembly election by promising a clean and transparent government. Just two years through its term, the AAP seems to be imploding from within as a few senior leaders of the party have recently revolted against the party leader Kejriwal. To save the AAP from a possible disaster, Kejriwal must clear the allegations made against him. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya.

Articles (within 1000-1100 words) and Letters to the Editor for publication in the editorial page may be sent to the email ID: editor@assamttribune.com.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, – The SEBA is a state-level authority, established in 1962, for conducting examinations and providing assurance for the quality of education imparted in schools within Assam. The High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) is the award given through the authority of this board to students who have passed the HSLC examination successfully. In the last few days, different politicians and persons have reacted after the controversial statement of our Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma. Dr Sarma on May 8 last stated that the results of the Class X exam under the SEBA have been manipulated since 2001 at the instance of the political dispensation. If so, it is realy harmful for the future of the students. Dr Sarma was a member of the Congress Cabinet from 2001 to 2015; he was entrusted with the additional charge of Education in 2011. He can speak out now about all those manipulations done in the SEBA in the last many years when he didn't address the issue when he was in charge? In fact, if his statement is true, he is equally

responsible for it. If this had been a practice since 2001 onwards to show a better picture of education, then how come Dr Sarma was unaware of all these things during 2011 to 2013? Amidst all these dirty political manipulations, can anyone even feel the students' state of mind, those who have passed or those who are eagerly waiting for their matriculation results? How badly will this impact on the students' mind is anybody's guess. This is dirty politics to say the least. Yours etc., AKALPITA DAS, Tezpur.

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Quality of medicine

Sir, – The quality of medicine is essential to be of the highest standard. With generics, everyone is concerned with the quality issue. Without testing the sample, it's unscientific to comment about the quality. So to assure the public and the prescriber, drug testing laboratories should be established around the State and they should declare the results quickly and accurately. The drug inspectors should periodically send the samples to these laboratories and the quality should not be compromised at any level anywhere. Yours etc., Dr P CHAKRAVARTY, Silchar.

Free diagnostic service programme launched

STAFF REPORTER

hospitals and regional diagnostic centres simultaneously throughout Assam.

GUWAHATI, May 11: : Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Service Programme ('CT scan and X-ray services') was ceremoniously inaugurated at the Mahendra Mohan Choudhury Hospital (MMCH) here today through video conferencing along with 16 districts.



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No NEZCC/Estt-8/2007-08 Dated 09 May 2017

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

The North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, hereby invites Expression of Interest from reputed and experienced Chartered Accountant Firms based in North Eastern States for audit and preparation of Accounts of NEZCC for the Financial Year 2016-17 comprising of Balance sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and Receipt and Payment Account as per the prescribed format of accounts for Central Government Autonomous bodies.

Interested Chartered Accountant Firms based in the North Eastern States have at least three (3) years experience in preparation of Financial Accounts as per the prescribed format of accounts for Central Government Autonomous bodies and collect the application form/Edu documents from the office of the undersigned during office hours and submit their bids on or before 25th May 2017 upto 13:00 hours. No bids received after the last date of submission i.e. on 25th May 2017 upto 13:00 hours will be accepted. EOI Document containing the details of qualification criteria, brief objective & scope of work etc. can also be downloaded from the NEZCC website www.nezccindia.in

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Plan to club 'niche tourism' with pilgrimage this Ambubachi

MAMATA MISHRA

GUWAHATI, May 11: This Ambubachi, the State government will set the ball rolling for niche tourism involving the Kamakhya shrine and other destinations of temple city Guwahati. Promoting the unique selling points around the temple, the festival of masses would have some premium choices of floated and luxury tent camping for those who want to add some opulence to their pilgrimage.

The five-day Ambubachi festival that starts from June 22 atop the Nilaachal Hill every year, witnesses congering of lakhs of devotees from all corners of the country and abroad. Arrangements for stay and other facilities for a majority of the pilgrims, is done by the district administration with the district administration executing the plan.

Cubing the idea of niche tourism along with the mass pilgrimage is a new concept with an idea to create a perfect existing infrastructure, MV Mahabhairavi cruise liner would be anchored at Panu Ghat as the floatel for the tourists.

"We have 25 star quality rooms in the cruise liner that would provide a perfect stay experience on the lap of the Brahmaputra," ATDC Managing Director Karanjit J Italiy told *The Assam Tribune*.

Moreover, inspired by the Rani Utsav in Kutch, Gujarat, ten feature-rich tents would be set up near the Chakreswar Temple, Boothath, where tourists can enjoy a unique camping experience in the picturesque landscape. Prashant Lodge-



als and visiting the other prominent destinations of Guwahati.

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of the ATDC would also cater to a section of Ambubachi tourists.

Legends of Kamakhya as the most authentic seat of tantric cult, Dasa Mahavidya (ten mother goddesses of wisdom) and Mekhela Uzawa Path – the path believed to be built by demon king Narakastra in a single night – would be a part of promotion of the festival.

"Kamakhya has many unique features that can be promoted worldwide. We are planning to convert those into the USP of the Kamakhya tour, and a high voltage media campaign has been planned for that. More than 200 major temples of the city have been chosen to promote Ambubachi through outdoor media campaigns," added the ATDC MD.

Workshop on traditional herbal therapy, modern drug from May 22

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, May 11: The Institutional Biotech Hub, Department of Biotechnology, Gauhati University in association with Biotech Park, Guwahati is organising a seven-day workshop titled 'Prospecting Traditional Herbal Therapy to Modern Drug Discovery' from May 22.

The programme is open to all the research scholars of science and technology disciplines affiliated to GU. The intake capacity for the programme is limited and candidates will be selected on first-come-first basis. The last date of application is May 15.

The programme will cover hands-on laboratory training in natural products chemistry and molecular biology and a few lectures by invited eminent speakers.

According to the organisers, interested candidates may contact Prof MC Kalita, Coordinator, Institutional Biotech Hub, Department of Biotechnology, GU.

AAMSU burns effigy of Education Minister

GUWAHATI, May 11: Members of the All Assam Minorities Students' Union (AAMSU) today burnt the effigy of Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma all over the State in protest against his earlier announcement disbanding the Madrasa Board and the Madrasa Directorate to merge them with the Department of Secondary Education. In the city, the AAMSU members burnt the Education Minister's effigy near the Dispur Rajdhani Masjid, said a press release. - Staff Reporter

Training for SC/ST job seekers from July 1

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 11: The National Career Service Centre for SC/ST, Rebari, Guwahati under the Union government's Ministry of Labour and Employment, will organise a number of free and stipendiary training programmes for Employment Exchange and National Career Service registered SC/ST job seekers along with providing books free of cost, from July 1.

As part of the programme, a special 11-month coaching scheme for stenography, typing, GK, English and computer will commence on July 1.

A computer training programme (NEILLIT 'O' level) will also start on the same date. Another computer training programme on hardware maintenance will start from August 1.

The last date for submission of admission forms for the training programmes for the first two courses is June 5 and for the third course July 5, said a press statement.

Brajanath Sarma drama festival from Sept 9

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 11: The 11th annual Brajanath Sarma Memorial Inter-State Drama Festival, organised under the aegis of the Samabhabna Maha Gosthie, will begin from September 9. Theatre groups from across Assam and outside the State will take part in the festival. The seven-day event, which has been supported by the Union Ministry of Culture and State government's cultural affairs department, will be held at the Rabindra Bhawan here.

At a meeting at its office, an organising committee was formed for the theatre extravaganza, which has become a landmark festival in hallowed memory of the Father of Assamese moving the late for receiving them is May 31. The last date for receiving them is May 31.

Like every year, different groups have been invited to perform at the festival depending upon the quality of the plays and standard of performance. The script of the play along with CD/DVD of its latest performance has been submitted from the groups willing to take part. The

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Agriculture Minister Atul Bora inaugurating the crop calendar during a function held at Krishnadeva, Directorate of Agriculture, in Guwahati on Thursday. - AT photo



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The Notice for e-Tender of Drawing and Analysis of Ambient Air, Effluent Water, Drinking Water, Noise Level Samples and Ground Water Monitoring by Environmental Laboratory has been published vide Tender ID 2017-NEC-69201-1. The details of the tender is available at the website: www.coalindiaenders.nic.in.

Sd/- General Manager, NEC, Margherita.

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AAEA Basin, ONGC, Jorhat invites e-bids as per details given below:

Tender No.:L26B8C17009 Brief description: Hiring of 02 nos. of Mobile ETPs on OEM basis for a period of three years; **Contract period:** 03 Years; **Tender Fee:** ₹.500/- (Rupees Five Hundreds Only); **Period of sale of tender documents:** From 12-05-17 at 10:00 hrs. to 06-05-17 at 14:00 hrs.; **Techno-commercial bid closing / opening date & time:** 06-05-17 at 14:00/15:00 hrs.

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For other details of this tender including corrigendum if any, please login to ONGC website <http://tenders.ongc.co.in> and click on tender document. Other terms and conditions detailed to extend tender sale/Techno-commercial bid closing/Opening date in future will be posted on the above referred website for information. Bidders should regularly visit ONGC tender website for the latest information in this regard.

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[Rule-8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(1)(d) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 22/02/2017 calling upon the undersigned to pay the amount due to the State Bank of India in the sum of Rs. 21,32,779.00 (Rupees Twenty One Lacs Thirty Two Thousand Seven hundred Seventy Nine only) and interest from 22/02/2017 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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(Authorised Officer)

Sd/- State Bank of India RACPC, Guwahati

Date : 08/05/2017

Place : Guwahati



Artisans preparing masks of various characters at Samaguri Satra, in Majuli on Thursday. — UB Photos

Thousands throng Naptipara Buddha Purnima festival

CORRESPONDENT

NALBARI, May 11: Thousands of people thronged the Naptipara Gop Gopalnath Mandir near Jagara in Nalbari district on the occasion of Buddha Purnima on Wednesday.

The devotees, the day of Buddha Purnima tied gamochas on the large *ghat* tree to fulfil their wishes. They also offered prayers to Lord Buddha under the tree. The devotees from various lower Assam districts rushed to the Gopalnath mandir on the day. On the occasion, a religious procession with the participation of dhuria, khulia and a nagan naam party was taken out in the locality.

A religious meeting was also held with Lakshmi Patowary, a social worker in the chair.

The Buddha Purnima festival was celebrated with a two-day programme.

Quiz, drawing contests held

OUR BUREAU

DIBRUGARH, May 11: On the occasion of the 104th birth anniversary of Janmanta Ramesh Chandra Baruah, a former Speaker of the Assam Assembly, a quiz and painting competition were organised by the RC Baruah Memorial Committee recently, informed its secretary, Dipendra Nath Kakaty.

The quiz meet was held on May 6, while the painting event was held earlier on January 22 this year. Prizes of both the events were given away on May 6.

The quiz contest was participated by different teams from Dibrugarh and Guwahati. The first prize went to the Gauhati University team.

Anomalies in Koirabari PHC alleged

CORRESPONDENT

KALAGAON, May 11: ASHA workers were engaged under the State government's scheme for distribution of medicated mosquito nets to people living in malaria-prone areas of the State. For the distribution of each mosquito net to a beneficiary, ASHA workers used to receive an amount of Rs 10 per net. ASHA workers of Koirabari PHC too have been paid the said amount. Rs 10 has been deposited to their SB accounts directly. Unfortunately, they were asked to return an amount of Rs 3 per net to the Malaria Inspector (MD) of Koirabari.

The ASHA workers of Koirabari PHC allege that 255 ASHA workers under Koirabari PHC distributed one lakh medicated mosquito nets to the beneficiaries. They also alleged that the concerned MD had misappropriated an amount of Rs 3 lakh in the process. According to them, some BPF workers and the account manager are involved in the scam.

Differently-abled must get equal opportunities: CM

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, May 11: Speaking as the chief guest while distributing aids among the physically-challenged persons at a function organised by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Anguri mini stadium yesterday, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that we can build a society based on social justice and equity only when the differently-abled get ample and equal opportunities.

Sonowal said we must all move together hand-in-hand and add that the Prime Minister addresses those differently-abled as *Dibyogya* and shows respect to that category of people, who can contribute substantially to the national life.

Sonowal urged the people to cooperate with the government in making Assam a completely corruption-free State in addressing the mammoth gathering. Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Krishan Pal Gurazar said that the Modi-led NDA government at the Centre has increased Central assistance to the North-east many fold and will continue to support the cause of development in the region. He said that the Central government will take all necessary measures to help the differently-abled in the region.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MP, Jorhat; Pradip Hazarika, MLA, Anguri; Jogen Mondal, MLA, Malmora; Tapen Gogoi, MLA, Sonari; Narayan Konwar, DC, Sivasagar; Birendra Mitral, DC, Jorhat and PK Dubey, General Manager, ALIMCO.

Basanta Utsav- 2017 held at Kamalabari

CORRESPONDENT

MAJULI, May 11: Basanta Utsav- 2017 was held with a two-day programme from May 8, at the initiative of Samannya Kendriya Rangali Bihu Sammilanit at the Rajiv Gandhi Complex, Kamalabari, Majuli.

The event began on May 8 am with a cleanliness programme. At 9 am, the flag of the celebration committee, at 10 am, the Mukoli Bihu and art com-

petition were held and at 11 am, the Bihu stage was inaugurated by Boobhab Nimblekar, the SP of Majuli. Hussori Bihu and Misuri Bihu were held from 11:30 am that day.

On May 9, several other Bihu-related competitions like Sari Bihuwal competition, Bor Bihuwal competition, Dhol Badan competitions etc., were held and prize distribution programme was held at 5:30 pm.

The first day's cultural programme in the evening was inaugurated by Majuli's DC as the chief guest.

Badan Saikia: a tribute

ANN Service

BADAN SAIKIA, son of late Kushman Saikia passed away on May 2 due to cardiac arrest. He was a son, a married daughter, a younger brother and a host of relatives.

A prominent social worker, progressive farmer and an established businessman of Bokhaguri, Jamugurah, Badan was always fond of his motherland and was an active member of Purbaanchal Loka Parishad. He took an active part in the formative days of the Ason Gana Parishad.

On the day of his *ashvadharsha* today, I pray to the Almighty for the eternal peace of his soul.

— Golap Kalita

Badan Saikia, son of late Kushman Saikia was the State general secretary. He was also the vice president of the Samaj. Badan Saikia was the advisor of the Jamuguri Bayabasayi Sangstha till his death and was also the president of Jamuguri Marketing Society, Dakshin Jamuguri ME School, secretary of the Gaon Umanya Samity and executive member of the Bapuji Bhawan Nitya Samaj and Barchahariya Bhaona Mahotsav. Outspoken and fearless, Badan was like my younger brother.

On the day of his *ashvadharsha* today, I pray to the Almighty for the eternal peace of his soul.

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Rabindra Jayanti observed across State

CORRESPONDENTS

HAILAKANDI, May 11: Great tributes were paid to Kabi Guru Rabindranath Tagore in Hailakandi district on the occasion of his birth anniversary. A discussion was held on the different aspects of Tagore's life and contributions at Haricharan Mahamaya Girls' School under the presidency of Sammitilo Sanskritik Vikash Mancha. It was conducted by the president of the mancha, Hirakiyoti Chakraborty and was addressed by eminent poets Ashutosh Das, Rita Chanda, Sushanta Mohan Chatrapadhyay, Shripari Molanta, Santanu Bhattacharjee, Sudipta Biswas, Tirthankar Chakraborty, among others.

The performance of Rabindra sangeet, nritya, recitation of Tagore's songs and dances were held on the occasion. The local ar-

were the main attractions of the day. The programme was anchored by Barak Upayata Banga Sahitya O' Sanskruti Sammilan and Rabindra Bhawan Authorities at Rabindra Bhawan here. The meeting on Tagore's literature was addressed by the additional deputy commissioner of Hailakandi, FR Laskar, educationists Bijoy Kumar Dhar, Nitish Bhattacharjee, Manik Chakraborty, Hirakiyoti Chakraborty, Amulya Kumar Paul, Sali Purkayasha, Surajit Deb, Haranath Chakraborty, Sudipta Biswas, Tirthankar Chakraborty, among others.

Various competitions on Tagore's songs and dances were held on the occasion. The local ar-

tistes performed in the cultural programme and also performed Tagore's short drama. The theme of the programme was *Chiro natar das dilo dand panchi baishakhi*.

MANGALDAHAI: The birth anniversary celebration of Kabi Guru Rabindra Nath Tagore has been organised by the All Mangaldoi Rabindra Jayanti Celebration Committee under the aegis of the local socio-cultural organisation Xuhrid Sangha here at Natya Niketan premises with a three-day-long programme in two phases, on May 9 and May 19-20 next.

The opening day of the celebration began with *prabhat pheriy*, followed by hoisting of the flag of the organising committee by its president Janardan Das. This was followed by floral garlanding of the statue of the Kabi Guru by Bipul

Ranjan Dey, president of Xuhrid Sangha and lighting of the lamp by office bearers of the organising committee, Kiriti Bora and Subratra Roy respectively.

The celebration on the day finally ended in the evening with the ceremonial lighting of 157 lamps initiated by two other office bearers of the organisers, Narayan Chakraborty and Shambhu Nath Debnath respectively.

Second phase of the celebration on May 19 and 20 next, will feature many events including student-level contests on recitation, singing and dancing on the creations of the 'Biswa Kabi' besides contests on drawing and go-as-you-like. It will also feature a programme called 'Kabi Pranam' in the afternoon of the concluding day, where several leading personalities of the State

including Guruyoyti Das, MLA, Mangaldoi, Idris Ali, known litterateur and Jagadish Sarkar, EM, BTC are likely to participate as distinguished guests.

Moreover, as informed by Akhil Chandra Choudhury, secretary of the organising committee, there will be cultural evenings on each day, where apart from local artists invited guest artists like Jibendra Mohan Deb Sarma, Sangjukta Ghosh, Debojani Sarma and child artiste Anwesha Goswami are going to perform.

LUMDING: The birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was observed at Railway Recreation Club, Lumding on May 9 in a befitting manner.

Programme started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by NK Sutradhar, Divisional Personnel

Officer (DPO) in-charge, NF Railways, Lumding Division.

This was followed by a colourful cultural programme. Inaugural dance was performed by the students of Jibon Jyoti Music School. The dance was directed by Purna Dey. Solo songs were performed by Amit Kumar Acharjee and Banta Bhattacharjee. Students of Railways HS School performed a group dance, directed by Kakali Dass.

This was followed by recitations by Tapash Chakraborty while instrumental music was performed by Aruna Dass. The highlight of the programme was the dance drama by Jibon Jyoti Music School directed by eminent dance director Purnima Dey.

The entire programme was conducted by Tapash Chakraborty and assisted by Madhumita Dey Paul.

Handling of bodies of persons dying unnatural deaths

State Police fumble while answering fund-related query

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 11: The State Police, which is always at the receiving end, is found fumbling around while faced with the question as to whether there is a provision for funding the activities like carrying the bodies, carrying out the post-mortem examinations on the bodies etc., of those whose death is not natural.

According to a rough estimate in a year around 100 cases of unnatural death occur in a district of the State on an average.

While some of the Superintendents of Police (SPs) and police stations say that there is no specific funds allocated to them for the disposal of the bodies of those persons dying unnaturally and either the officers-in-charge of the police stations, or the investigating officers are made to bear the expenses for the disposal of such bodies, some SPs and police stations maintain that the State Police headquarters are to the body from the place of occurrence and to do all the formalities for post-mortem."

All these information have come to the light with the revelations made by the SPs of some districts and several of the police stations in reply to an RTI query made by Gohanta High Court advocate Nayan Moni Hazarika.

Advocate Hazarika asked the Public Information Officer (PIO) of the Office of the State's Director General of Police (DGP) as to whether there are any specific funds allocated in the name of the police stations/sub-divisional po-

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lice headquarters for carrying the bodies of such persons to carry out all the formalities like post-mortem examinations and cremation of the unclaimed bodies, among others.

In case of absence of such a provision, who is responsible to bear the expenditure for such works, Hazarika asked.

The PIO of the DGP Office sent the queries of Hazarika to the SPs of the districts, some of whom, in their turn, sent the queries to the police stations, while some of the SPs answered the questions themselves.

Offices of some of the SPs, like that of the Sivasagar SP, said "No specific fund has been allotted (allocated) in the name of this Police Station/Sub-Divisional Police HQs/District Police HQs to take away the body from the place of occurrence and to do all the formalities for post-mortem."

"Also, The Departmental vehicle is used for carrying the body from the place of occurrence to Medical hospital for holding PM (post-mortem) examination," said the Sivasagar SP's office.

The Offices of the SPs of Karimganj, South Salmara, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Nalbari, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Dima Hasao, Biswanath Chariali, Goalpara, Golaghat, Charadeo, Baksa, Udalguri and Cachar have maintained that there is no specific fund allotted in the name of their respective districts for the above purposes.

However, the Hojai SP's office has maintained, "Where there is municipal corporation, the local police disposed of the dead body with the help of local people (sic)," added the officer of the Hojai SP.

On the other hand, the Karbi Anglong SP said, "The specific funds allotted by the Assam Police hrs time to time for the purpose take steps to take away the dead bodies of unidentified bodies to do all the formalities for post-mortem."

Green Hub Festival at Tezpur varsity from tomorrow

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, May 11: The frontline NGO Green Hub is organising a three-day-long festival from May 13 at Tezpur University's KBR auditorium christened as 'Green Hub Festival'. The festival is organised every year in a bid to create an opinion towards wildlife, environment and bio-diversity.

It is to be stated here that 'Green Hub' festival is an integral part of the larger Green Hub programme, which engages youth and the community for conservation action through the digital medium and not a stand-alone festival. The festival aims to support for youth and community of the North-east and also connect all the stakeholders.

Meanwhile, addressing a press meet at office of the Green Hub here at Kumar Gaon, Banti Saikia, Administrative Officer of the frontline NGO said that



A dance being performed on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti celebrations organised by Rabindra Chetana Manch, at Bongaigaon on Wednesday. — UB Photos

Road mishap

RAHA, May 11: The Additional Chief Engineer of the State PWD had a narrow escape when his hatchback (AS 01 DF 9185) turned turtle after hitting the divider on NH37 near Raha Chariali this noon. The locals immediately reached the spot and the victim was taken out of the car safely. According to police, the PWD Engineer, on his way to Nagaon from Guwahati, lost control of his car and hit the divider, before turning turtle. – Correspondent



NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No. NHM/HRD/Bid Cell HR/2651/26512 Date 11/05/2017

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Applications are invited through proper channel from willing in-service Medical Officers working in State Health Services (Health A & B) having the requisite qualification to work on deputation for the position of **State Programme Officer, State Blood Cell** under National Health Mission (NHM) Assam.

No. of vacant Position : 1 no

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NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No. NHM-CW/Upgrad. of BHPC/CDC to SDCH/3229/164251 Dated Guwahati the 11th May 2017

EXTECTION NOTICE

The Bid process for the work **Upgradation existing Jorai BHPC to SDCH in Ohemaj District** under NHM on Turn Key Basis, issued vide the officer letter No NHM-CW/ Upgrad. of BHPC/CDC to SDCH/3229/164251 dt 18th April' 2017 and No NHM-CW/ Upgrad. of BHPC/ OJ to SDCH/3229/164251 dt 9th May' 2017 is further extended as follows:

- (i) Submission of Bid **22/05/2017** (end date at **14:00 hrs.** (end time)
- (ii) Opening of Bid **23/05/2017** at **15:30 hrs.**
- (iii) All other terms and conditions will remain same.

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CAPSULE**Canvas 2 offer**

NEW DELHI, May 11: Telecom major Bharti Airtel will offer free unlimited data service for one year to buyers of Micromax Canvas 2 smartphone that has been launched today. "Micromax Canvas 2 will come with one year of unlimited Airtel-to-Airtel calling, unlimited data of no extra cost for existing and new Airtel customers," Shubhajit Sen, Chief Marketing Officer, Micromax, told reporters here. - PTI

Award for Kochhar

NEW DELHI, May 11: IFCI Bank chief Chandra Kochhar becomes the first Indian woman to be conferred with the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Award for Global Corporate Citizenship. She has joined the league of former Indian recipients – former Prime Minister S P Somasekhar Aiyar, Abdul Kalam and IT honcho Narayana Murthy. The award was conferred by the Woodrow Wilson Centre in Washington DC yesterday. - PTI

Max India

NEW DELHI, May 11: Max India founder Anil Singh will infuse Rs 300 crore into the company in lieu of warrants at Rs 154.76 a share. The company will use a significant part of the money raised to buy 3.75 per cent stake in its flagship Max Healthcare (MHC) from World Bank arm International Finance Corporation (IFC). - PTI

E-krishtisamvad

NEW DELHI, May 11: Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh today launched e-krishtisamvad, an e-governance interface, that will provide direct and effective solutions to the problems faced by farmers and stakeholders in agri sector. People can directly connect to the ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) website <http://icar.org.in> and get appropriate solutions from the subject matter specialists and institutes through web or SMS, the minister said in a statement. - PTI

HCL Tech net up

NEW DELHI, May 11: IT firm HCL Technologies' net profit rose over 27 per cent to Rs 2,475 crore for the March quarter of last fiscal, showing a stronger growth than larger rivals like TCS and Infosys. - PTI

TVS Motor pact

GUWAHATI, May 11: TVS Motor Company, a leading two and three-wheeler manufacturer, today announced today its alliance with MASESA (Mayo Services Sociedad Anonima), a Guatemalan-based company that is a leader in commercialisation of motorcycles and tuk-tuks in the Central American region. Under the alliance, MASESA will develop exclusive TVS Motor Company concessions in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, a press release said.

Havells net down

NEW DELHI, May 11: Havells India today reported a decline of 74.70 per cent in its standalone net profit at Rs 94.70 crore for the March quarter due to impairment following exit from global markets. The company had reported a net profit of Rs 365.74 crore for the January-March period a year ago. Havells said in a BSE filing. - PTI

CCI orders probe against major telcos

NEW DELHI, May 11: The Competition Commission has ordered a detailed probe against major telecom players for allegedly trying to block the entry of newcomer Reliance Jio, according to sources.

The fair trade regulator's decision comes on a complaint filed against leading incumbent players – Bharti Airtel, Vodafone and Idea Cellular – and industry body COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India).

A senior official said the regulator has decided to investigate allegations of unfair business practices made against the telecom company players.

Sources said the regulator would also examine the overall conduct of the COAI, especially since the allega-

tions of anti-competitive practices have been made against three of its key members.

The probe by the Director General (DG) has been ordered for allegedly trying to restrict the entry of Reliance Jio, the official added.

DG is the investigation arm of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). Cases where

the watchdog finds prima facie evidence of competition norms violations are referred to the DG for detailed probe.

When contacted for comments on the CCI ordering the probe, an Airtel spokesperson said, "We have not received any such communication from

the CCI and would, therefore, not be able to comment."

"We have already stated that we have always responded with alacrity and provided a staggering quantum of PoPs (Point of Interconnections) to Reliance Jio in record time," the spokesperson added. Emails sent to Vodafone, Idea Cellular and Reliance Jio did not elicit any response.

"Though we have not seen the order as it has not been published yet, we are disappointed at the apparent news (if confirmed), that the CCI has decided to go forward with an investigation into the complaint filed by Reliance Jio," COAI Director General Rajan Mathews said.

"We believe the COAI and its members will be fully vindicated in the matter and truth will prevail," he said.

Reliance Jio had accused incumbent players of not providing sufficient network connectivity (leading to call failures on its network) while the latter countered the claims saying the newcomer was unleashing "tsunami" of free traffic from its mobile network.

The two sides have also clashed on other contentious issues like free voice and data offers, and customised retention plans. Sources said the watchdog has concluded that dominant telecom players allegedly colluded and used the platform of COAI to deny point of interconnection to Reliance Jio. - PTI



Hiroshi Nakagawa(R), Director of Board, Isuzu Motors Ltd, Japan and Chairman , Isuzu Motors India, and Naotaro Yamaguchi, MD, Isuzu Motors India, Hiroshi Kono, DMD, Isuzu Motors India and Hiroyasu Miura, Director, IEBCI, during the launch of Isuzu MU-X SUV in New Delhi on Thursday. - UNI

GST registration process to reopen on June 1

NEW DELHI, May 11: The Revenue department today said that 60.5 lakh entities have enrolled themselves with the GSTN system and for the remaining taxpayers it will reopen from 15 days from June 1.

The process to enrol tax payers on the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) portal was suspended on April 30. The government intends to roll out the Goods and Services Tax from July 1.

"As on April 30, 2017, when Phase-1 of enrolment was closed, 60.5 lakh taxpayers out of 84 lakh had enrolled. The enrolment window will be reopened for 15 days from June 1, 2017 to give another opportunity to taxpayers to enrol," an official statement said.

At a review meeting of IT Preparedness for GST System, GSTN office yesterday, Revenue Secretary Harshmith Adhia expressed satisfaction over the GST roll-out preparation. He reviewed the progress on existing taxpayers' enrolment.

Adhia was also briefed about the software system being developed for GST, training of tax officials and outreach programme being undertaken by Tax Department across the nation.

Out of 62,937 tax officials, 24,668 tax officials have been given hands-on-training in the application software on live system while the remaining officials will be trained by June 15, it said.

The training is being conducted on Registration, Returns and Payment Modules developed by GSTN, it said, adding, GSTN is also conducting a pilot of GST System Software from May 2 to May, 16 where 3,200 taxpayers drawn from each State/UT and Central Secretariat and other senior officials. - PTI

Anti-dumping duty on Chinese ceramic products likely

NEW DELHI, May 11: India is likely to levy anti-dumping duty of \$1.04 per kg on import of Chinese ceramic table and kitchenware in an attempt to check cheap imports from flooding the domestic market.

The Commerce Ministry's investigation arm – the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) – in its preliminary findings has concluded that the products were exported to India by Chinese firms below their normal value.

The domestic industry has suffered material injury due to the dumping of "ceramic

table and kitchenware excluding knives and toilet items" from China, the DGAD has said in a notification.

"The authority considers it necessary and recommends imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of these goods," it added.

The All India Pottery Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA) and the Indian Ceramic Society had filed the application for the anti-dumping probe.

Total import of the products from China has spiked to 10,160 tonnes

during 2015-16, from 5,519 tonnes in 2013-12.

While the DGAD recommends the duty, the Finance Ministry imposes it.

India finds itself at the receiving end of dumping as it is one of the most attractive markets for global producers because of its large middle-class population.

Countries initiate anti-dumping probes to determine if the domestic industry has been hurt by a surge in below-cost import. As a counter-measure, they impose duties under the multi-lateral WTO framework. - PTI

Aon Hewitt lists best employers in India

NEW DELHI, May 11: HR consultancy firm Aon Hewitt has come out with a list of 19 organisations as 'Best Employers India 2017' that lead the way with talent practices and are creating competitive advantages through their employees.

Those recognised as the 2017 Aon Best Employers in India, in alphabetical order, are: Aegis Ltd, Bajaj Finance, Bayer, Bharti Airtel, Bharti Infratel, DHL Express (India), Godrej Agrovet, Godrej Consumer Products, IndiGo and InterGlobe Enterprises (Con-

glomerate Winner).

Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services, Marriott Hotel India, Schneider Electric India, Sony Pictures Networks, Tata ALA Life Insurance, Tata Communications, the Oberoi Group, Whirlpool of India and WNS Global Services also featured in the list.

Tarandeep Singh, Partner, Aon Hewitt India Consulting, said there is a strong correlation in the 2017 Aon Best Employers India study. Global MNC Google did not participate.

won the Best Employers title at least two times in the last five years have delivered on an average 2.8 times stock appreciation during this period (data restricted to scrip performance over Indian bourses for like-to-like macroeconomic comparison)," Singh said.

A total of 119 companies representing 14 key industries, cumulatively employing some 52,00,000 employees, participated in the 2017 Aon Best Employers India study. Global MNC Google did not participate.

"Organisations that have

Gadkari woos investment in India's infra sector

LONDON, May 11: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari today invited global investors to participate in the development of India's infrastructure sector.

The minister highlighted the development of national highways, ports and inland waterways for passengers and cargo usage under these initiatives.

Besides, the National Highways Authority of India listed its rupee-denominated masala bonds at the London Stock Exchange (LSE) after "opening the market" for trading.

In his address to the world's largest Sovereign Wealth Funds, Global Macro Funds and International Asset Managers, Gadkari pointed out the government's various developmental initiatives in the infrastructure sector.

Until recently, the ability of Indian companies and other issuers to raise funds from the overseas markets was predominantly limited by foreign currencies. - IANS

Interactive meet on start-ups

STAFF REPORTER

representatives from Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), institutions like IIT-Guwahati, Assam Don Bosco University, Assam Institute of Management, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, officials from MSME, FICCI, etc., were present in today's meeting.

The meeting discussed the opportunities, challenges of access to technology and infrastructure of start-up initiatives in Assam with a focus on agriculture sector and the state-owned incubation centres.

Dr Dwivedi informed that an MoU would be signed very soon to set up a Start-up Innovation Centre, a centre of excellence in the State, which would provide training, mentoring, handholding support to the start-up companies.

All ATM withdrawals not chargeable: SBI

MUMBAI/THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, May 11: Denying reports that all withdrawals from State Bank of India (SBI) ATMs will be chargeable from June 1, the largest public lender today clarified that the charge of Rs 25 is only for withdrawals from State Bank Buddy through ATMs.

"Rs 25 per transaction charge is applicable only for mobile wallet app SBI Buddy using ATM. This is applicable only for State Bank Buddy customers," the bank said in a statement.

The clarification comes after SBI in a notice indicated that all ATM withdrawals will be charged a fee of Rs 25. - IANS

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender affixing non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are invited from the intending Govt. Registered dealers/firms/suppliers for supplying the received GR. items to the Office of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Parbatjhora, Kaziganj for the year 2017-18 will be received by the undersigned on or before 15/05/17 up to 3:00 P.M. and the same will be opened on the same day at 3:00 P.M. in presence of the quotinators or their authorized representatives. The quotation must be accompanied with a copy of firm Registration Certificate, VAT registration certificate and PAN card & Bank Draft/P.D. for Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only as Security Deposit in favour of S.D.O.(C) Parbatjhora, Kaziganj tender sample will not be accepted.

The tender shall be submitted in sealed envelope super-scripted on the cover as "SUPPLY OF GR. ITEMS (FLOOD) FOR THE YEAR 2017-18". The rate should be quoted in figure and word and correction/alteration made if any should be initiated with date, in absence of which the quotation will be rejected. The rate should be quoted separately for different typed of article excluding VAT. The face marks if any may be indicated in the tender against each item of GR.

The tenderer must be in a position to supply the articles immediately on emergency basis to flood affected families from the date of received supply order, failing of which the security deposit amount will be forfeited and the approved rate of that firm will be treated as cancel.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the quotation without assigning any reason thereof.

SL No.	Name of Items	Unit	Rate
1	Rice (Common/Fine)	Kg.	
2	Dal Musur (Big/Small)	Kg.	
3	M. Oil (Standard Brand)	Ltr.	
4	Chira	Kg.	
5	Gu	Kg.	
6	Salt (Tata)- Packet	Kg.	
7	Baby Food (Cerealc/Lactogen)	Per Pkt.	
8	Biscuit (Goodday/Marigold/Thin arrowroot/Parle-G)	Per Dozen/Pkt.	
9	Water Bottle (500 ml)	Per Pkt.	
10	Saree (Cotton)- Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
11	Lungi (Cotton)-Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
12	Gani - Standard Size & Quality	Per Dozen	
13	Chadar (Cotton)- Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
14	Dokona (Coton)- Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
15	Gamocha - Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
16	Bed Sheet- Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
17	Dhuti- Standard Size & Quality	Per Pc.	
18	Mosquito Net (190 cm x 180cm x 150 cm double)	Per Pc.	
19	Polythene sheet (tarpaulin) 14 ft x 18 ft	Per Pc.	
20	Black Polythene sheet	Per mt.	
21	Candle (Medium & Big)	Per Pkt.	
22	Match Box	Per Box	
23	Hair Oil (50ml)	Per Bottle	
24	Soap (Bathing medium)	Per Pc.	
25	Cleaning Soap (50gms)	Per Pc.	
26	Tooth Paste (50 gms)	Per Pc.	
27	Bleaching Powder (500 gms)	Per Pkt.	
28	Milk Powder (Everyday 200 gms)	Per Pkt.	
29	Harpic (Small/Big)	Per Bottle	
30	Phenyl (Liquid- Black / White)	Per Ltr.	
31	Torch light (2 Cell- Eveready)	Per Pc.	
32	Charge light 70-120 MA	Per Pc.	
33	Plastic Bucket (Good quality)	Per Pc.	
34	Water filter	Per Pc.	
35	Petromax	Per Pc.	
36	Emergency light	Per Pc.	
37	Utensils (Packet containing of 2 (two) nos. Steel Rice plates, 2 (two) nos. Steel glasses, 2 (two) nos. cooking spoon, 1 (one) nos. aluminum Deepchi, 1 (one) nos. Aluminum Saucerman, 1 (one) nos. Aluminum Kadai & 1 (one) nos. Aluminum lid (Dhakna)	Per set	
38	Firewood	Per Qd	
39	Hiring charge of Generator set	Per Unit	
40	Cattle feeders (wheel brand/ Rice brand)	Per Qd.	

No representation for the enhancement of rates will be entertained during the period.

Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil)
Parbatjhora, Kaziganj

AAP asks EC to form all-party panel over EVM tampering

NEW DELHI, May 11: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today demanded that an all-party committee under the Election Commission be formed to look into allegations of EVM manipulation.

The party will approach the commission tomorrow seeking access to electronic voting machines (EVMs) that were used in the recently held assembly polls.

AAP MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj, who had showed a live demonstration of how an EVM look-alike could be tampered with in the Delhi Assembly on May 9, told a press conference that the committee must have representatives of all the political parties.

The Election Commission has called an all party meeting

on the raging issue tomorrow at its headquarters here.

AAP has vociferously raised the issue after its disappointing performance in Punjab and Goa Assembly elections and the recent MCD polls.

Hundreds of its workers today demonstrated outside the Election Commission headquarters demanding that voter-verifiable paper audit trial (VVPAT)-equipped EVMs be used in future elections.

"Why is it that all the technical defects in EVMs that have come to light recently, say in Blidh or Dholpur, favoured only the BJP?" Bhardwaj asked.

The AAP is deputing Bhardwaj along with two technical experts at the meeting called by the EC tomorrow. - PTI



Bihar Home Guards staging a protest demanding same pay for same work like police and para-military forces, in Patna on Thursday. - UNI

Using red beacon is my right: Imam of Tipu Sultan Masjid

KOLKATA, May 11: Defying the Centre's ban on use of red beacons, the Shahi Imam of Tipu Sultan Masjid, Maulana Noor-ul-Rehman Barkati today said he is not bound by the order and as a religious leader, using it was his "right."

"I am religious leader and I have been using the red beacon for past several decades. I don't follow the orders of the Centre. Who are they to order me? In Bengal, only the orders of the state government are effective. We will red beacon. In Bengal, no one has removed red beacon," Barkati said.

Seeking to end the VIP culture, the Union cabinet had decided that red beacons

would be removed from all vehicles, including that of the prime minister, from May 1. The state BJP came down heavily on the Imam for defying the Union cabinet's order.

"From where does he get the authority to decide the decision of the Union government? The state government should immediately take action against him.

Only being from the minority community does not give him the right to do whatever he wants to," said state BJP secretary Locket Chatterjee.

The Kolkata police denied to comment on the matter of Barkati using the red beacon and said it was "not aware" of it. - PTI

NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW,

May 11: The triple talaq debate in the Muslim community intensified today as the Supreme Court began hearing petitions on the issue saying it would examine whether the practice was an enforceable fundamental right.

Several organisations voiced their opinion on matter that has polarised the community between the orthodoxy and the reformists.

While some termed it a religious matter that the community should resolve, others expressed faith that the judiciary would deliver justice to Muslim women.

All India Shia Personal Law Board (AISPLB) spokesman Maulana Yasobh Abbas said he welcomed the Supreme Court's observation. "Time has now come to decide whether Prophet's Islam will definitely benefit Muslim women and uphold their dignity."

"Today is a day of hope for betterment and justice for Muslim women. At least we now feel that the betterment of Muslims has started," he said.

Taking a counter view, some clerics reiterated their stance that the petitions challenging the validity of triple talaq were politically motivated and that the practice was part of Muslim personal law but "misusing it is a sin".

His colleague, Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahal, executive member of the AISPLB, was of the view that only 0.1 per cent of men were misusing it.

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riage and then break it if she wants to go back to her first husband.

A five-judge constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar, however, clarified that polygamy among Muslims may not be deliberated upon as it is not connected with the triple talaq issue.

The bench dealing with the issue also comprises Justices Kurian Joseph, RF Nariman, UU Lalit and Abdul Nazeer, all from different religious backgrounds. The apex court also said it came to the conclusion that triple talaq was fundamental to religion, it would not go into the question of its constitutional validity.

The bench said it would deal with the aspect of whether triple talaq formed part of the enforceable fundamental right to practice religion under the Constitution and would like to perceive the prevalent laws in various Islamic countries on the issue. - PTI

idet Naval Hamid said, "It is a religious issue. The Supreme Court should give the Muslim community more time to evolve a strategy and resolve this contentious issue."

Sharing his view, All India Muslim Women Personal Law Board (AIMWPLB) President Shaista Ambre said the Supreme Court's comment was historic and "the decision of the Supreme Court will definitely benefit Muslim women and uphold their dignity."

"The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) clearly says that triple talaq is a part of Islam. These petitions are politically motivated," added Maulana Kazmi, a cleric.

AIMPLB member and senior advocate Zafaryab Jilani said triple talaq is part of Muslim personal law but "misusing it is a sin".

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Dated 11.05.2017

PRESS NOTICE

It is for general information to all concerned that due to unavoidable technical reason the bid invited earlier vide Press Notice No. SE/TBT/EN/2016-17/4558 Dt. 30.03.2017 is hereby cancelled and fresh Bid is invited for the construction of Veterinary Hospital Complex at Bokakhat under RID-F-XVIII (Package No. 05). Details of the bid document will be available on the website of the concerned authority on the date of opening of the tender from registered PWD Contract Firm/Pvt. Limited Co. Class-I (A, B & C) category and Class-II category (Registered under Tezpur Building Circle). Details of the bids and Detail Notice will be available on the website <http://assamgovt.gov.in>

The Bidders must be registered with the E-tendering system (ETIS) 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 Document.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, S.W.D.,

Tezpur Building Circle, Tezpur

ASSAM STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

HOUSED COMPLEX, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006,

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No. SEC/53/2016/P/39

PRESS RELEASE

The State Election Commission vide its notification No. SEC/53/2016/P/39 dt. 11.05.2017 calls upon the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Constituencies to be elected Member of the Legislative Assembly of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council as per schedule given below.

No. & Name of Constituencies in 1. Karbi Anglong, 2. Chirang, 3. Dhemaji, 4. Sophera, 5. Rupnagar, 6. Dibrugarh, 7. Kamrup, 8. Hailakandi, 9. Darrang, 10. Hojai, 11. Jorhat, 12. Diphu, 13. Lakhimpur, 14. Karbi Anglong, 15. Maheswar, 16. Na-Mukh, 17. Lumbra, 18. Dhemaji, 19. Darrang, 20. Singrauli, 21. Sivasagar, 22. Barpeta, 23. Bokajan, 24. Deopara, 25. Niltip, 26. Duar Bagan.

Schedule of Election

Sl. No.	Event	Date & Hours
1.	Last date of filing of nominations*	19.05.2017 (Between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm)
2.	Souvenir of nomination papers	20.05.2017 (Between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm)
3.	Publication of list of validly nominated candidates	20.05.2017
4.	Publication of draw of constituency	22.05.2017 (Between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm)
5.	Publication of list of contesting candidates	22.05.2017
6.	Date and time of Poll	12.06.2017 (8.00 am to 4.00 pm)
7.	Date of Re-Poll (if any)	15.06.2017 (8.00 am to 4.00 pm)
8.	Date of Counting	17.06.2017 (From 8.00 am till completion of the counting process)

*Excluding public holidays notified under NI Act.

Sd/- (H.N. Bora, IAS (Retd.)
State Election Commissioner,
Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

NO ALDC/1269/2013/224/19/008 SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed quotation in plain paper containing a minimum cash outlay of Rs. 5.25 (Please eight and pause three) only are hereby invited by the undersigned from experienced supplier/technicians registered under competent authority, Govt. of Assam for supplying & installation of the following Machines (Sewing machine) and tools including supplying, fitting, fitting complete at Handicraft Training Centre, Garmar, Majuli.

Quantity: Particulars Unit Quantity

SL. NO.	Particulars	Unit	Quantity
1	Sewing Machine Straight Stitch (Tailor Foot with cast iron stand)	Nos	1
2	Sewing Machine Straight Stitch (Craftman/Leather stitch 1/4")	Nos	2
3	Zig Zag Sewing Machine (Stitch Master (Gear) Foot 130K-Stitch Queen Foot)	Nos	2
4	Sissor	Nos	25
5	Hand Needle (10PCS pkt)	Pkt	25pdt
6	Measuring Tap	Nos	25
7	Cotton Thread	Meter	200
8	Cotton Thread	Nos	100pc
9	Button (10PCs pkt)	Pkt	50pdt
10	Elastic (32 Meter Pkt)	Pkt	20pdt
11	Hook for pant (Trousers)	Pkt	100pdt
12	Chain (Zip)	Pieces	100pc
13	Chisel	Nos	20

The quotations will be received in the office of the undersigned up to 2.00PM on 25.05.2017

and will be opened at 2.30 P.M. in the same date and place in presence of the intending quorums and their authorized representatives. The details of the works and Terms and Conditions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned at any working days. The Quotation will also be available in the Office Website www.assamgovt.in from 12.05.2017 to 23.05.2017.

Earliest money: @ 2% of the quoted rate

Time of completion: 30days time from the date of issue of work order

Place of delivery, Installation: Handicraft Training Centre, Garmar, Majuli

Jamisanyog/401/17 Sd/- Managing Director, AIIDC

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ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

The Assam Public Service Commission hereby announces the results

today (09.05.2017) of the viva-voce test conducted by it for selection to the posts of Lecturers.

A. Resulting to the posts of Lecturers, D.I.E.T.s in the Directorate of SCERT, Assam under Elementary Education Department

(I) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in Foundation of Education

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000012	Dr Sudipto Chowdhury
2	0000060	Gouranga Mukherjee
3	0000144	Githika Suharia
4	0000046	Diprimalita Das
5	0000122	Monjusee Boruah
6	0000054	Barnali Rabha

(II) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in Assam

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000012	Papen Masmadras
2	0000060	Syed Nasifa Islam
3	0000081	Hramani Haloi
4	0000085	Madhumita Chetia
5	0000097	Utpal Kataky
6	0000100	Sunita Bhattacharya

(III) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in Bengali

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000009	Dipanwita Paul

(IV) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in English

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000015	Abin Sultana Ahmed
2	0000102	Anupama Neog
3	0000034	Rewita Sarma
4	0000044	Purnima Choudhury
5	0000100	Nupur Boruah
6	0000111	Swapani Baruah
7	0000119	Paromita Talukdar

(V) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in Mathematics

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000082	Simanta Kumar Debrah
2	0000093	Tulunima Pathak
3	0000098	Rekha Baruah
4	0000099	Mukesh Sharma
5	0000093	Mridul Das
6	0000032	Dipanwita Phukan
7	0000021	Kakoli Pegu

(VI) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in Physical Education

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000036	Merline Gogoi
2	0000047	Deny Bohra
3	0000101	Rakesh Hazarika
4	0000044	Roshan Limbu
5	0000050	Binita Basumatary

(VII) Lecturer, D.I.E.T.s in Art Education

Position	Roll No.	Names of candidates
1	0000031	Nayakmoni Pan
2	0000035	Harkiran Talukdar
3	0000040	Pabitra Kumar Das
4	0000035	Puspita Paul
5	0000054	Sankar Baruah
6	0000050	Miss Samiksha Rani Boruah
7	0000032	Bhakti Pran Gogoi

NB: For details of the results, all concerned may log on to the APSCL's website: www.apsc.nic.in

Sd/- Under Secretary

Assam Public Service Commission

Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Janasanyog/1536/17

Increased yogurt consumption may significantly reduce the risk of osteoporosis in elderly by improving bone health, a new study claims.

"Yogurt is a rich source of different bone promoting nutrients and thus our findings in some ways are not surprising," said Eamonn Laird from Trinity College Dublin in Ireland.

The largest observational study to date of dairy intakes and bone and frailty measurements in older adults found that increased yogurt consumption was associated with a higher hip bone density and a significantly reduced risk of osteoporosis in older women and men.

Osteoporosis is a chronic condition associated with a reduction in bone strength and an increased risk of bone fracture.

Researchers studied about 1,057 women and 763 men who underwent a bone-mineral-density (BMD) assessment and 2,624 women and 1,290 men who had their physical function measured.

Yogurt consumption information was obtained from a questionnaire and categorised as never, 2-3 times per week and more than one serving per day.

Other factors examined included daily intakes of other dairy products, meat, fish, smoking and alcohol and other traditional risk factors that affect bone health.

To determine the risk factors for being diagnosed as osteoporotic, researchers analysed

a wide range of factors such as Body Mass Index (BMI), kidney function, physical activity, servings of milk or cheese, and calcium and vitamin D supplements as well as traditional risk factors for bone health eg smoking, inactivity, alcohol etc.

After adjusting for all these factors, each unit increase in yogurt intake in women was associated with a 31 per cent lower risk of osteoporosis and a 39 per cent lower risk of osteoporosis, researchers said.

In men, a 52 per cent lower risk of osteoporosis was found. Vitamin D supplements were also associated with significantly reduced risks both in men and women.

Researchers found that total hip and femoral neck bone mineral density measures in females were 3.1-3.9 per cent higher among those with the highest yogurt intakes compared to the lowest.

In men, the biomarker of bone breakdown was 9.5 per cent lower in those with the highest yogurt intakes compared to the lowest. This is an indication of reduced bone turnover. "The data suggest that improving yogurt intakes could be a strategy for maintaining bone health but it needs verification through future research as it is observational," Laird said.

(Source: PTT)

Benefit of yogurt

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and women.

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 12, 2017.

This year you are receptive to others and their feedback. As a result, you become less stubborn and stuck in your ways. Many people make you feel worthwhile because of their desire to communicate with you. If you are single, a friend will be instrumental in finding you a life interest. It also is possible that you could meet someone special this year. If you are attached, the two of you make headway and are willing to make changes that you never thought possible. You might struggle over financial issues, but you'll become a lot closer as well. SAGITTARIUS knows how to exchange ideas with you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're more inclined to reach out to someone at a distance. Recognize that you could be misreading a situation and making an incorrect judgment. Ask a question or two, and you'll help clarify what is happening for everyone. A partner or friend is there for you. Tonight: At a favorite place.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

A close relationship blossoms even more because of a shared mutual hobby or interest. The two of you often debate the pros and cons of a matter. You might be getting to know each other well enough to be sarcastic and not cause hurt feelings. Tonight: With your best friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You support a loved one or a business partner. Your support makes a significant difference to this person. A new love interest might express an unusual interest in your day-to-day routine. Instead of wondering why, just ask. Tonight: Dance away any anger or frustration.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

It's time to let go of a hobby or interest. You might be getting to know each other well enough to be sarcastic and not cause hurt feelings. Tonight: With your best friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You can't wait to let your enthusiasm. You know what you want to do, but you also understand that you need to jump through some hoops first. Allow your creativity and understanding to emerge. You could be surprised by what happens as a result. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're more open-minded to different facets of your life. Your focus might be more on your personal life than on your professional life right now. You probably will want to work from home or take the day off if you keep an open mind. Tonight: Your home is your castle (LITERALLY).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Relationships might be more vibrant, touchy or difficult than you expected. You could be unusually dynamic, but not exactly present, when dealing with others; you seem to be missing a detail or two. You know that you're unusually lucky. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You don't want to deal with your finances, but you'll create a bigger problem for yourself if you don't. Your intuition will point you in the right direction. You could be dismayed by a partner's desire to spend money. Think before you speak. Tonight: Watch your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Trying to gain control would be difficult at best right now, as fog seems to float through your domestic life. Your attitude throughout the day might be colored by certain events. Reach out to friends who remain optimistic and positive. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might be forced to repair your strength in a professional situation. You could be overly tired by a back-and-forth situation that surrounds your day-to-day life. Your professional or work life could become more demanding. Tonight: Make it OK if you say "no" if you want to.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Friendships and endings are likely to occupy a good part of your day. Whether you internalize some of what is happening will be up to you. You are more likely to detach and take an overview. A child or new love interest could be very difficult. Tonight: Join your friends.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 18)

The change in a professional situation. Your caring attitude makes a difference to many people, especially your significant other. You'll feel much better having this person's support. Changes on the homefront might be difficult but necessary. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

Thought for the day:

It's a helluva start, being able to recognize what makes you happy.
—LUCILLE BALL

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Sharif, Modi may meet in Kazakhstan

ISLAMABAD, May 11: Prime Ministers Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan and Narendra Modi of India might meet in Kazakhstan, a top Pakistani official has said, amid reports of back channel contacts.

Sartaj Aziz, the Advisor to Sharif, said that a meeting between the two leaders cannot be ruled out on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit next month in Kazakhstan.

But it was too early to speak about such a meeting, *The Nation* newspaper quoted him as saying on Wednesday. "Pakistan could consider the meeting if interest was shown from the other side."

Aziz said the SCO Summit was important as Pakistan would become a permanent member of the organisation.

The report said there was widespread speculation about a possible Sharif-Modi meeting after the Pakistani Prime Minister recently met Indian business tycoon Sajjan Jindal, who reportedly conveyed a message of the Indian premier to the Pakistani leader.

Aziz said Pakistan was reviewing India's plea against alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav's death sentence and also the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in the case.

The Nation quoted unnamed senior Pakistani Foreign Office officials as saying that diplomatic efforts had been launched to defuse tensions along the borders with its immediate neighbours.

"There have been overt and covert talks with all the countries (Iran, Afghanistan and India)," an official was quoted as saying. - IANS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being received by Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe at Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo on Thursday. -PIB

Trump invites new South Korean President

WASHINGTON, May 11: US President Donald Trump invited newly-elected South Korean President Moon Jae-in to visit Washington at an early date and Moon accepted the invitation, the White House said on Wednesday.

Trump spoke with Moon to congratulate him

between the two countries.

Moon was sworn-in as new South Korean President on Wednesday.

In a televised inaugural speech, he said he will be on the move for peace on the Korean Peninsula, vowing to visit Pyongyang, under right conditions.

The new South Korean leader also vowed to sincerely consult with the US and China to resolve the issue on the US Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile defense system. - IANS

Pak summons Indian Dy High Commissioner

ISLAMABAD, May 11: Pakistan on Thursday summoned the Indian Deputy High Commissioner in Islamabad over fresh ceasefire violations on the Line of Control, that it said had left one Pakistani civilian dead and two others injured.

The Foreign Office said in a statement that Director General Mohammad Faisal (South Asia and SAARC Desk), summoned Deputy High Commissioner JP Singh and condemned the "unprovoked" ceasefire violation by the Indian forces on the intervening night of May 10 and 11 in Tandar, Subzot, Khurriatta, Baroh, Bagtar, Khanjar sectors.

The Indian envoy was conveyed that "deliberate" targeting of civilians was condemnable and contrary to international human rights and laws.

Ceasefire violation

The Indian side was urged to respect the 2003 ceasefire and probe the incident and maintain peace on the LoC.

The summoning comes as India has decided to put all bilateral engagements with Pakistan on hold after alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on spying charges.

Tension escalated after two

Indian soldiers were killed and their bodies mutilated in unprovoked firing by Pakistan on May 1 on the LoC.

Last week, India summoned Pakistan High Commissioner Abdul Basit and demanded action against Pakistani soldiers and commanders responsible for the beheading of the two security force personnel. - IANS

CIA forms special unit

WASHINGTON, May 11: The US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has said it had formed a special unit dedicated to assessing North Korea's nuclear weapons threat.

The CIA created its first single country-focused mission center, pulling together resources from a range of units to collect and analyse information on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons and long-range ballistic missile technology that could extend its military threat across the Pacific.

The move comes as North Korea appears poised to undertake its ninth nuclear test, a move that would exacerbate jitters across East Asia.

The US has not ruled out a military strike to prevent Pyongyang from advancing its nuclear capabilities.

"Just as the threats facing our nation are dynamic, so too must the CIA continue to evolve and adapt them," CIA spokeswoman Jonathan Liu said yesterday.

In 2015, the CIA created 10 mission centres in a modernisation effort to break down the "stove-piping" of its different operations.

The units bring together people from different sides of the agency – analysis, operations, cyber and others – who previously may have not cooperated closely into six regional and four subject-focused groupings. - AFP

Pakistan must learn from Sino-India trade ties: Report

ISLAMABAD, May 11: Pakistan has "vital lessons" to learn from China's overtures to India and must emulate Beijing's policy of boosting trade ties with New Delhi despite the long-standing bilateral disputes, according to a media report.

The report published in *Dawn* newspaper warned that the Pakistani policymakers' reflexive argument that China is Pakistan's "friend first" in South Asia need to be reconsidered.

The editorial came after China's Ambassador to India Luo Zhao-hui said in New Delhi that for all of its close ties with Pakistan, China sought "stable and prosperous ties with India too."

"The comments were made to an Indian audience, but they are of profound relevance here in Pakistan," the report said.

"For Pakistan, there are vital lessons to be drawn from the Chinese overtures to India. First, China's policy of putting trade ahead of disputes, and not just verbally emphasising but working practically for regional connectivity, is something that Pakistan must seriously consider emulating," it said.

The write-up noted that although there continues to be a "great deal" that divides India and China, yet rational voices in both the countries have prevailed and pulled the nations into "closer, near-irreversible" economic ties.

"Luo's comments are also a warning against giddy notions inside Pakistan that CPEC has solidified Pakistan as its greatest, and possibly only, ally in the South Asia region," it said.

India and China have been negotiating to resolve their border dispute for more than 20 years but an agreement is yet to be reached.

The dispute covers the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control.

While China claims parts of Arunachal as Southern Tibet, India asserts the dispute also covers the Aksai Chin area which China occupied during the 1962 Sino-India war. - PTI

Pet dogs may help cut stress in kids: Study

NEW YORK, May 11: Having a pet dog at home is likely to provide valuable social support when a child is undergoing a stressful experience, recent research suggests.

The results showed that children who had their pet dog with them reported feeling less stressed compared to having a parent for social support or having no social support.

"Middle childhood is a time when children's social support figures are expanding beyond their parents, but their emotional and biological

capacities to deal with stress are still maturing," said Darlene Kertes, Assistant Professor at the University of Florida, in the US.

Further, children who actively solicited their dogs to come and be petted or stroked had lower



levels of cortisol – a biological marker of the body's stress response – compared to children who engaged their dogs less, Kertes said.

For the study, published in the journal Social Development, the team recruited approximately 100 pet-owning

families and analysed children between the ages of 7 to 12 years.

Another study, published in the journal *Animals*, showed that a family dog could help boost physical activity for kids with disabilities.

In the study, the researchers found that the family dog led to a wide range of improvements for a 10-year-old boy with cerebral palsy – a congenital disorder of movement, muscle tone or posture – including physical activity as well as motor skills, quality of life and emotional, social and physical health. - IANS



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Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare
Government of Assam

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Sri Hitendra Nath Goswami

Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly

Sri Kamakhy Prasad Tasa

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- Total project cost: 22.32 crores
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We learnt from defeat, says Kallis

KOLKATA, May 11: The nature of T20 cricket is such that its totals will be clashed on particular days while some of the other occasions will witness a team struggling to get past a target, feels Kolkata Knight Riders' chief coach Jacques Kallis.

The guys are ready to come back from it. Hopefully, we can put up a good performance in the next game."

There was no denying that likes of Gautam Gambhir, Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Piyush Pandey let the team down in the middle overs.

"I firmly believe we let ourselves down in the last game. We got off to a great start," the legendary South African allrounder said on the sidelines of a promotional event.

KKR has got some great starts this season and Kallis believes that it was the game (previous one), where they couldn't build on the momentum.

"The platform has been well set throughout the season. We have had very good starts and most of the times we have converted them. But in the last game, like I said, we let ourselves down."

The lessons have been learnt from the defeat and KKR have moved on, said the legendary former Proteas all-rounder.

"We will take some valuable lessons going into the next game."

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Nurses Day Celebration

Can we think it Differently...

Whenever we call to mind the celebration of NURSES DAY on 12th May, many of us talk highly of the pioneer Florence Nightingale, a social reformer who had a lifelong dedication and contribution in taking care of wounded victims during the Crimean War. Although we brouse and try to know about Nurses Day declared by ICN (International Council of Nurses), to understand the meaning behind the theme, I believe it's high time that every nurse needs to think about how she/he will pursue 12th May in a better way. In the present scenario, with the modern health system in India, nurses have made their mark. Indeed nurses have a notable role in the entire health care delivery system. But, are the nurses well-equipped to play the role?

Now, the people are more educated and aware of the best care for them and they also know their rights and how to attain them. Therefore, nurses need to change their approach and need to have more effective human interaction with the patient. With supportive behaviour between the consumer and care provider (especially nurses), the overall goal can be attained. If nurses initiate the involvement of the patient's companion in care delivery process, it will create a better atmosphere for patient's recovery. Later, companions will be more confident of taking care of sick ones.

It's good to see that Assam State Government has also announced health reform strategies for health sectors. However it's also important to train more number of qualified nurses to improve healthcare services. Increasing the number of ICU beds would certainly require knowledgeable dedicated nursing staffs to cater critically ill patients. In such a scenario, nurses are expected to work extra miles to gain appreciation and trust of the patients. This will help the nurses to develop trustworthy relationship between them and the health consumers. I personally presume that we need to break the chain and come in forefront with scientific approaches. We have many strong, qualified nursing leaders who can redefine the leadership skills by their critical thinking abilities. And quote others for achieving desired goals.

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Sindhu rested for Thailand Open, Saina to play all three

NEW DELHI, May 11: Olympic silver medalist PV Sindhu has been rested from the Thailand Open Grand Prix Gold event while senior pro Saina Nehwal will be vying for top honours in all three upcoming tournaments.

India will be sending full teams for the Thailand Open Grand Prix Gold (May 30-June 4), Indonesia Open Super Series (June 12-18) and Australian Open Super Series (June 18-24).

The Thailand Open will feature a host of youngsters keeping in mind the busy international calendar ahead for the Indian shuttlers.

The Badminton Association of India (BA) today announced the teams for the first three tournaments after a selection committee meeting was held in Kolkata during last two days.

The Selection committee reached a consensus and declared the names of the players who will travel for the upcoming tournaments starting with Thailand Open Grand Prix Gold (May 30th-June 4th), followed by Indonesia Open Super Series (June 12th-June 18th) and Australian Open Super Series (June 18-24th).

World No.22 Sai Praneeth will lead the Indian challenge in Thailand in the men's singles along with fit-again Parupalli Kashyap in action.

Kashyap who returned to the international arena last month at the China Masters after a long injury lay-off had a decent outing as he managed to qualify for the pre-quarters.

TEAMS
Thailand Open (May 30 - June 4):
(Men's singles) - Ramu Yadav;

Harsheel Das, Subhankar Dey, P. Kashyap, B. Selvamani, Srinath, S. Sathiyan, Akashdeep Singh, S. Sathiyan, Akashdeep Kashyap, Ira Sharma, (Women's doubles) - Meghna/Poonam, Priyanka/Sai, (Mixed doubles) - Pooja/Ramachandran/MR Arjun.

Indonesia Open (June 12 - June 18): (Men's Singles) - Jay Jayaram, Kishambika Srikanth, Pratyusha/Purnima, Parvathy, P. Kashyap, Saina Nehwal, Sameera Verma; (Women's singles) - PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal, (Women's doubles) - Ashwini/Pronita/Sikki Reddy, prasikhi Reddy/Poonappa, (Men's doubles) - Manu Attri/Sumeeth Reddy, Chirag Shetty/Ashwin Ponappa, PTI



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Flawed and failing!

The clock ticked on, the chalk was being decimated to mere particles on the black board, the pens were scribbling, page after page was being filled, yet no one had any clue about what was being taught. The routine would have said that the students were being taught Fluid Mechanics, but in truth it did not really matter. It might as well have been a class of Dutch or Quantum Physics – it would hardly have made any difference. A question to the students about what they were learning from this course would either have been greeted by a wry smile or an inscrutable face. When teaching becomes a system of listening and writing, instead of understanding and applying, then it should be concluded that education has failed its mission and the system is spiralling downwards.

Education is an exceptional case in India, totally unique in its very existence. Thousands of crores are being invested, schemes are being made, plans are being formulated, commissions have been set up, yet at the end of it all, the student remains dejected, utterly disappointed and lost.

There is no magical solution to the problems that our educational system is facing. The major causes behind the problems are corruption, incompetency, lack of vision and insightful thinking. Yet, we have come a long way – from becoming a country famous for its snake charmers, we have carved out a niche for ourselves in the IT sector. Yet, one can't help but feel that the growth has been too slow for a country vying to be a superpower.

All the preaching about the system aside, there has to be some matter to back up the talk. How do we even compare students of different nationalities? The answer is quite familiar, by conducting a test!

Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a global examination whose sole purpose is to compare the level of primary education amongst pupils across different nations. So far this test has been organised six times and India has participated in just one test, in 2009. The results reflected that our system was in tatters and our performance on the global stage



Abhishek Kumar on how the Indian education system needs a complete overhaul to come at par with countries like Finland and Estonia.

is dismal. The students were tested across three disciplines – Maths, Science and Reading. Out of the 74 countries that had participated in the programme, India could outperform only one nation.

In retrospect, the reasons are crystal clear. Our educational system emphasises results over learning and understanding of the subjects, and rote learning is a never ending practice. Our higher educational system is no better. According to a study published by *Time* magazine, no Indian university could make it to the list of the top 200 universities in the world. What makes the situation even worse is that this ill-treatment of students doesn't end even after school. Students are trapped in a vicious cycle of securing good grades that might lead to a good job and a secure future. Amidst all this, thousands of bright young minds settle for mediocrity, when they could have achieved so much more.

A look across the seas tells us that the world has come a long way and we have lost a lot of ground. But the situation is not all gloomy. Institutions like IISc, Bengaluru, shine like a bright spot amongst all of this, setting an example for the others to follow. The reason behind their success is their dedication towards research in pure sciences and they have not let themselves

get distracted from this goal with expansion of the courses.

Amongst countries that frequently top the PISA rankings, a few patterns can be observed. Finland has made waves around the world for a near utopian system, where excellence is achieved without subjecting the students to stress. They seek to eradicate the very fundamentals of grading. A Finnish student does not even take a test till s/he reaches the age of 16, yet they outscore the rest of the world. The reason behind that is that they study to learn, not to score good marks, and definitely not to outscore the kid in the neighbourhood. Another distinguishing factor in the case of Finland is the respect for teachers, on the grounds that it is quite tough to be one. There are only eight universities that award the Masters' programme which is mandatory to become a teacher and only 1 out of 10 applicants to become a teacher and only 1 out of 10 applicants is in taken.

Let us take a look at Singapore which is home to a very culturally diverse section of people. Sounds similar? Well, that is where the similarity ends. A country half the size of our national capital New Delhi, is outperforming India in all the departments. This can be attributed to the hard work of the Singaporeans, their meticulous planning and most importantly their ability to change with time. Singapore has understood that in these times, without the introduction of technology in the classrooms, the students cannot be fully engaged, ergo they have taken to platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, etc., and integrated them into their own methodology. The most striking aspect regarding Singapore is the constant effort that the educators put in to update themselves with the current generation of students. They constantly interact amongst themselves and with educators across the globe to usher in new ideas to make the classroom more engaging and the learning experience more fruitful.

In the Baltics, lies a former Soviet Nation by the name of Estonia, home to roughly 1.3 million people, and the country that gave us the mighty Skype. Estonia too scores very high in the PISA test, but what separates them from the rest of the world is their affinity to Programming. In the 1990s, Estonia came up with a project, Tiigrihüpe, the aim of this project was to develop technical education amongst children at a very young age. A part of their national budget was allocated to this project in 1997. The visionary behind this movement was Toomas Hendrik Ilves, the future president of the country. What makes this plan so special and unique is that, children are not trained to be consumers of technology rather they are taught and inspired to be the creators. Estonians are introduced to coding as early as First Grade. Estonia has inspired countries like UK, Denmark and Australia to include programming into their curriculum as early as primary school.

The Dutch students are the happiest in the world, despite the fact that most of them attend public schools, have yet less homework and shorter study time, yet they outrank majority of the world and perform fabulously.

There are a few obvious conclusions that we can make from all these countries, for all of them share few common points that make them what they are. They have understood that quality is far more important than quantity; that excellence is a matter of choice and it can only be achieved by a proper structure. They have come to the conclusion that teachers are as important as engineers and doctors, and they should enjoy the same level of respect and stature in the society.

There are many things we can learn from the rest of the world; in this era of globalisation, knowledge can't be local, it has to be global. India has the potential to be a super power and it may still become one, but if we can tap the resources properly the time for this transition will be reduced tremendously.

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Ashwajeet Dive
We are into the fifth month of the year. It's in this month that results for the academic session are commonly declared. As a part of the curriculum and/or

Do average grades make you happy?

practice, students must be tested throughout the year. And while the score of every single test may not appear on the report card, they do impact the overall performance.

Variation in scores or grades quite fairly, if not necessarily, indicates a student's progress. Even the low-

est score isn't bad, for it may motivate you to work hard. And yet, it's a must that your numbers fall on the higher side, because it's not about the score. It's about the way it makes you feel. Didn't follow? How about we scratch the surface of psychology of sentiments for the sake of better understanding.

Emotions play a big a role in every aspect of our lives. Most of our actions are, in fact, the responses towards some or the other emotion. Scholastic grades are instrumental in influencing emotions. They cause joy, sadness, fear and anger. Good grades lead to happiness. And it's obvious. But have you ever felt ecstatic after obtaining low or average grades? Some students do. And guess what? That's pretty obvious too.

Pretend you're getting poor grades consistently. And for once, you managed to break the habit. How would you feel? You'd be pleased. You'd be happy. You'd be on cloud nine probably. This right here is the exact reason why you were advised to keep scoring high. Still confused? Wait until you learn the

truth. You did reasonably well. And that's fine. But is your performance up to snuff? No, it's not. For that to happen there must be a considerable repetition. Obviously, there's still more to achieve and a long way to go. The progressive response is hence dissatisfaction and not exhilaration. The discontentment is actually needed. It's like a driving force, in the absence of which you're almost unlikely to give your best shot.

You cannot stay ahead of the curve all the time. Nobody can. So, it's perfectly all right if you get poor grades once in a while. Problem is when you didn't find it unacceptable. It's when you don't strive for the situation to change. That's when you begin to adapt yourself accordingly. And that's when you settle for it more than happily.



Truth is, only when the status quo makes us unhappy, we attempt earnestly enough to change it. If average grades start making you happy, it means you like the size of it. And that you'll never try to change. Simply put, you will not improve.

Every student approaches the examinations differently. And the approach depends on what target he or she has in mind. Your target doesn't get past modest of scores under the aforesaid condition. You're restricted from walking the extra mile, which ultimately results in limited performance.

So, when they hand their progress card over to you, cherish whatever advancements you've made. But, do not get contented. Always stay hungry for more. Have that willingness and you'll go places for sure. Good luck!

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Going LIVE



Pulakes Das

The emergence of new media in the 21st century has changed the communication process in an unprecedented way. Prior to its appearance, communication was mostly considered to be one-way, whereby the readers or the audience had minimal scope to participate in any discussion. The introduction of the social networking site Facebook in the year 2004 is a milestone in the history of communication where the entire globe was put into a single platform. Over the years, Facebook has become an integral part of human life, with its updated features every other day.

"Live is like a TV camera in your pocket. Anyone with a phone now has the power to broadcast to anyone in the world. When you interact live, you feel connected in a more personal way. This is a big shift in how we communicate, and it's going to create new opportunities for people to come together," said Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO and co-founder, in a post while launching Facebook Live for everyone on April 6, 2016. This real-time video sharing feature has been creating a buzz in the virtual platform since. In fact, it enables people to become more intimate by sharing their day-to-day activities on a live platform. It is undoubtedly giving wings to aspiring citizen journalists to share information with immediate effect. Moreover, politicians, celebrities, news channels are seen going live, which bear testimony to its enormous popularity and importance.

Facebook now allows any user to live-stream video through their smartphones, irrespective of any geographical location. As it has been gaining abundant popularity, the most pertinent question that has to be raised here is the control of content by the Facebook authority. This other aspect of Facebook has been responsible for breaking various ethics of the society. Recently, a driver in Providence, Rhode Island, 'livesreamed' himself driving at speeds over 115 mph while weaving through highway traffic before losing control of the vehicle and crashing into the back of a garbage truck. He was rescued by the police at a very critical condition. This is not an isolated incident where Facebook Live has been put under serious scanner. Last month, Robert Godwin, a 74-year-old man, while walking along a street in Cleveland, Ohio, was approached by a 37-year-old named Steve Stephens, who asked him to say the name 'Joy Lane'. Interestingly, when Godwin complied with his request, he was shot dead by Stephens. Further, he videographed the killing of the man and eventually took the platform of Facebook Live to narrate the entire episode of this brutal act.

In India also, Facebook Live is becoming a major tool of creating violence in sensitive areas. For example, FB Live has become a new ammunition in Kashmir. Most of the Kashmiri youths now go live to broadcast video to work against the organised mechanism of the country. In a latest incident, the killing of four alleged militants in South Kashmir's Kulgam district triggered a wave of protest from all around the place. Most of the videos of these clashes in Kulgam, which was marked by firing of bullets and tear gas shells – were virtually broadcast on Facebook in real time. Is it not alarming for a State's law and order situation to broadcast anything and everything through a social networking site? There are several other instances where the social media platform is used to work against the accepted norms of the society. Unless, strict laws are passed to prevent the activities of social media platforms, the very purpose of it will lose meaning.

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Contemporary concerns

The flavour of the season is academics, as students await the board exam results and also try to figure out where to get admissions for pursuing higher education, especially after ten plus two. In the last few days, I was busy with a CSR fair which was organised by the Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises at New Delhi. This was the first CSR jamboree for the Public Sector Enterprises with CSR professionals, practitioners and implementing agencies taking part in the three-day event to share their experience and showcase their efforts. Education and Skill Building happens to be one of the focus areas of all the corporate houses. The Government of India has also given great emphasis on skilling the youth of the country, ensuring that they become employable. We all know that the huge demographic dividend that we often keep boasting about might become a huge liability if the youth of India do not find sustainable sources of livelihood.

There is this huge problem of engineering graduates and those who have graduated from Management institutions struggling to get a decent job. Industry experts keep harping on the fact that the youngsters do not have adequate skill sets to actually meet the job requirement. Some reports even suggest that only seven per cent of engineering graduates are employable. There is a big mismatch between academic degrees and the expectations from employers. When we talk of skilling, trades like electricians, welders, plumbers, carpenters, painters, etc., continue to be in high demand.

LIFE SKILLS
Tridiv Hazarika

Experts point out that many a time, young people in India are desperate for a bachelor's degree, hoping for a government job and end up getting a certificate without any skills to earn a decent livelihood.

This is a typical Indian cultural and psychological bias of not accepting the fact that a young person who does not have too much of an academic inclination can jolly well get into acquiring such hands-on skills after Class 10 and actually end up securing a financially rewarding skill-based career for himself. In the West, the proverbial dignity of labour actually is all about a highly skilled plumber not only having access to the same lifestyle of someone with a more fancy degree but also actually earning equally well to enjoy such a lifestyle.

India can also witness such a social scenario in the future if people who consciously choose a skill-based career, get requisite certified training and government legislates the need for such certification for not only jobs in the organised sector but even for a domestic call. People will also be willing to pay substantially more for such skilled services.

Today, the world of business is itself changing at a rapid pace. Who would have ever thought that a search engine like Google, a social networking site like Facebook and a cell phone (Apple) would become the most valued commercial entities with net worth in terms of billions of dollars, beating other traditional industries like the oil sector hands down! It also implies that there is a growing need of professionals to work in these new emerging businesses which calls for different skill sets.

In nation, we have a long way to go. We are still trying to educate the rural masses to use washrooms and give up open defecation. Interestingly, we are also releasing multiple satellites into orbit and planning a voyage to Mars.

The challenges are huge but so are the opportunities. Governments can bring in new policies and enact laws, but unless we, as citizens, do not appreciate that we have to respond to the requirement of the contemporary times, we will not be able to motivate and guide the new generation to aspire for newer possibilities based on a realistic assessment of their abilities and aspirations, so that each young person can actually convert his or her passion into a source of livelihood.

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According to the Swachh Survekshan 2017 (or Swachh Bharat survey 2017), Indore city of Madhya Pradesh has bagged the first position in the Top 10 clean cities of the country. Bhopal has secured the second position, followed by Visakhapatnam, Surat, Mysuru, Tiruchirappalli, New Delhi Municipal Council, Navi Mumbai, Vadodara and Chandigarh. The Swachh Survekshan was commissioned in 434 cities which saw the participation of 37 lakh citizens. The criteria and weightage for different components of sanitation-related aspects used for the survey were: a) Solid waste management, including door-to-door collection, processing, and disposal, ODF (open defecation free status, etc., b) Citizen feedback (30 per cent) and, c) Independent observation (25 per cent). The survey was carried out by the Quality Council of India (QCI), which had deployed 421 assessors for on-the-spot assessment of 17,500 locations in 434 cities and towns.

Indian-born legendary sitar player Ustad Rais Khan (77) has recently passed away in Karachi, Pakistan on May 6, 2017. Ustad Raees was born in 1939 in Indore, India in a family of musicians. He belonged to the Mewati Gharana of Indian classical music. His maternal grandfather Inayat Ali Khan was also considered one of the finest sitar players in the subcontinent. In 1968, he moved to Pakistan. Khan was honoured with the Presidential award and the Sitara-e-Imtiaz in 2005 and 2017, respectively. (Information sent by Aparajita Borah, Nagaon)

Meanwhile, keep writing to us with quiz reports, questions (with answers and full postal address) and interesting bits of information at: Quizone, Horizon, C/o The Assam Tribune, Maniram Dewan Road, Guwahati. SMS at: 98640-26322 and email at: tosali@gmail.com or quizonesallen@gmail.com. To read Quizone online, you can log on to epaper.assamtibune.com.

MASTER'S CHOICE

1. Who used the term 'fourth estate', which refers to the press and media, for the first time?
2. Which famous social reformer wrote the books *Jnana Yoga*, *Karma Yoga* and *Raja Yoga*?
3. In the year 1919, the British Government passed a new rule under which the Government had the authority and power to arrest people and keep them in prisons without any trial if they are suspected of terrorism. What rule was it?
4. Name the organisation behind the Kokori train robbery incident, founded by Chandrasekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh and others.

A tribute to Prof. Dilip Barua

The transience of this world is a proven truth. Yet, death to us seems so uncouth. Your departure leaves a painful void. An emptiness that nothing can soothe. An amiable, stately gentleman with qualities rare, You imparted knowledge with an amazing flair. Your dedication won our young hearts. We looked up to you with reverence, with trust. The intriguing jargons and principles of Economics, Your profound insight, your skills made them lucid. Your eloquence, your oratory, fascinated all the more, For the peaceful halo and endeearing smile that followed. When down the memory lane I walk, My head bows down, tears well up. Gratitude fills my heart. Your commitment to work, an inspiration for us.

Amrita Chatterjee,
Alwar, Rajasthan

O' Terror

O' Terror!
I beg you!
You are a curse to humanity,
You are a threat to morality.

Mannequin of the Devil!
No face can describe you.
The cruelty in your eyes,
And brutality of your deeds,
Are your frenetic identity.

Schadenfreude!
I slam you.
No mercy can justify you.
No prayer can save you!
You just be defeated...
You are born only to be destroyed!

Bipanchi Borkotoky,
Nagaon

Abandoned

Why did you abandon me,
And leave me alone in an unknown street?
My eyes are tired and hands feeble,
My trembling legs are too weak to walk,
And I need your arms to move on.

I fed you with my smiling face,
And let you sleep on my lap.
Angels of heaven caressed you,
And took you to your dreamland.

The raindrops have drenched me,
And I'm so cold to bear it anymore,
My half-closed eyes are still waiting,
And calling you back, my son!

A droplet of your tears,
And a warm hug awoke me.
My heart filled with joy,
Hearing you whisper: "I'm sorry, I'm back Mom."

Bandana Bargoyari,
Barama, Baksa

FEELINGS

Lull

A cool breeze blows.
It is laden with dreams.
Leaves, dry for weeks,
Start a murmur
On sturdy trees.

And...
On a table stands a candle
Which cleaves the darkness.
The flame wavers, flutters,
And stoops;
It dances in harmony with
The shadows.

And hazy thoughts diffuse
And wander
Into the poignant wilderness,
Letting memories
Flow in from distant pasts
And pile in the desolate place.

Steamy, clammy clouds of desire
Drift in and loom over it...

The lines are getting obscure.
What time of the night would it
Be when these forms
Merge with darkness?
Will beads of sweat
Trickle down
As the rumbling
Breaks into a blanket of silence?

Hadi Ahmed,
Via e-mail

SCIENCE ZONE

Tejendra Saikia

Cancer cells growing through normal tissue

Targeted drug delivery system is based on a method that delivers a certain amount of a therapeutic agent for a prolonged period of time to a targeted diseased area within the body.

Targeted drug delivery in cancer

Cells are the functional unit of the human body and cancer is the uncontrollable growth of abnormal cells in the body. Cancer develops when the body's normal control mechanism stops working. Old cells don't die and instead grow out of control, forming new, abnormal cells, and the most dangerous part of it is the invasion of the nearby cells by the abnormal cells that then renders them abnormal. These extra cells may form a mass of tissue, called a tumour. For instance, when the cells of the lungs grow out of control, it is called lung cancer in layman's terms. Since the cells no longer act as normal cells, the normal functions of the lung get hampered. Same mechanism holds good for the other parts or organs of the body. It may occur anywhere in the body.

The three main treatments for cancer:

- **Surgery:** directly removing the tumour
- **Chemotherapy:** using chemicals to kill cancer cells
- **Radiation therapy:** using X-rays to kill cancer cells

In this article, we will mainly focus on chemotherapy. In chemotherapy, as mentioned earlier, chemicals (synthetic drugs) are used to kill the cancer cells, but many problems arise here. Before going into the details, we must know about the mechanism of drugs in treating diseases. For ex-

ample, when we consume a tablet, it first goes to the stomach and disintegrates and goes to the liver through the portal vein and then to the blood circulation. Blood carries the tablet to all parts of the body, irrespective of the presence or absence of cancer cells. Since the chemicals present in the tablet have the capacity to kill the cells of the body, it cannot distinguish between cancer cells and the normal healthy cells, and it starts killing all the cells, including the cancer cells. This is the most visible disadvantage of treating cancer patients through chemotherapy. To overcome this problem, a newer technology of delivery of the chemicals to the specific site or organ has been created. The professional term for this is targeted drug delivery.

Targeted drug delivery is a kind of smart drug delivery system which is miraculous in delivering the drug to a patient. This conventional drug delivery system is done by the absorption of the drug across a biological membrane, where the targeted release system is that the drug is released in dosage form. Targeted drug delivery system is based on a method that delivers a certain amount of a therapeutic agent for a prolonged period of

time to a targeted diseased area within the body. This helps maintain the required plasma and tissue drug levels in the body; therefore, avoiding any damage to the healthy cells via the drug. The drug delivery system is highly integrated and requires various disciplines, such as chemist, biologist and engineers, to join forces to optimise this system.

Nano-technology is being used to achieve the desired level of treatment with less inconvenience and more patient compliance. Products based on such a delivery system are being prepared by considering the specific properties of target cells, nature of markers or transport carriers or vehicles which convey drug to a specific site and physically modulated components. Targeted drug delivery systems are biochemically inert (non-toxic), non-immunogenic, physically and chemically stable.

Targeted drug delivery is coming forward as one of the brightest advanced techniques in medical sciences in the diagnosis and treatment of a couple of lethal diseases, including cancer. It has crossed the infancy period and is now touching the heights of growth in research and development in clinical and pharmaceutical fields.

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QUIZ ZONE

Sailen Baishya

Picture clue:

19. She won the best actress BAFTA for *La La Land* in 2017. Identify her. (Mousumi Sarkar, Guwahati)



ANSWERS

1. Edmund Burke, 2. Swami Vivekananda, 3. Rowlett Act, 4. Hindustan Socialist Republican Association, 5. Time, 6. NSSO (National Sample Survey Organisation), 7. The Ghadar revolutionaries, 8. Indo-Pak war in 1965, 9. Jharkhand, 10. Samudragupta, 11. Sridevi and Tabu, 12. Abraham Lincoln, 13. Sualkuchi, 14. George Yule in 1888, 15. Abdul Rahim Khan-I-Khana, 16. River Ravi, 17. Prakash Jayadev, 18. Less Known Red Cross Stories, 19. Emma Stone, 20. The first traffic lights were installed on December 10, 1868 to control the traffic in front of the British Houses of Parliament in London.

5. What has been defined by Oxford English Dictionary as "The indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole"?

6. Name the organisation, set up in 1950, for conducting large-scale sample survey to meet the data needs of India for the estimation of national income and other aggregates.

7. During World War I, in 1914, a group of Indian revolutionaries based in North America took an active role in the struggle against British hegemony in India. Most of these revolutionaries were Punjabi immigrants. Name this group.

8. Which war demonstrated the inadequacies of the existing border management system and led to the formation of the Border Security Force (BSF) in India?

9. Which Indian State's police department has launched the *Taare Zameen Par* programme to enlighten children in Naxal-affected areas?

10. Name the Indian king who is considered to be the 'Napoleon of North India' and who is said to have performed the *Ashwamedha Yagna*.

READERS' CHOICE

11. Two Bollywood actresses were offered the role of Sivagami in the *Bahubali* films which was eventually played by Ramya Krishnan. Name the two actresses. (Ayesh Masooma, Guwahati)
12. Which former American President was known as 'Honest Abe'? (Ningombam Duhita, Guwahati)
13. Which region in Assam is called 'Manchester of the East'? (Prakriti Sharma, Mirza)
14. Who was the first British president of the Indian National Congress? (Mridul Bhuyan, Gohpur)
15. Who translated Mughal ruler Babur's autobiography *Babur-namah* into the Persian language? (Sukanya Das, via SMS)
16. Which river was known as the 'Parushni' river in the Rig Vedic age? (Nabajee Deka, Nalbari)
17. Which union minister has recently launched the nationwide 'Vidya-Veertha Abhiyan' to honour war warriors? (Rituparna Sen, Guwahati)
18. What was the theme of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2017? (Naina Devi, Guwahati)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

20. When were the first traffic lights installed in the world and why? (Dr Nurzaman Hussain, North Salmara)



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The mutual accord – I

Interpersonal communication. It is the process by which people exchange information, feelings, and meaning through verbal and non-verbal messages. It is face-to-face communication. Interpersonal communication is not just about what is actually said or the language used, but how it is said and the non-verbal messages sent through the tone of voice, facial expressions, gestures and body language.

When two or more people are in the same place and are aware of each other's presence, then communication takes place, no matter how subtle or unintentional. Without speech, an observer may be using cues of posture, facial expression, and dress to form an impression of the other's role, emotional state, personality and/or intentions.

Much research has been done to try to break down interpersonal communication into a number of elements in order that it can be more easily understood. Commonly these elements include:

CHARISMA CHRONICLE

Anjan Chowdhury

interpersonal communication into a number of elements in order that it can be more easily understood. Commonly these elements include:

The communicators

For any communication to occur there must be at least two people involved. It is easy to think about communication involving a sender and a receiver of a message. However, the problem with this way of seeing a relationship is that it presents communication as a one-way process. In fact, communications are almost always complex, two-way processes, with people sending and receiving messages to and from each other simultaneously. In other words, communication is an interactive process. While one person is talking the other is listening – but while listening they are also sending feedback in the form of smiles, head nods, etc.

The message

Message not only means the speech used or information conveyed, but also the non-verbal messages exchanged through facial expressions, tone of voice, gestures and body language, which can convey additional information about the spoken message.

Noise

Noise has a special meaning in communication theory. It refers to anything that distorts the message, so that what is received is different from what is intended by the speaker. The use of complicated jargon, inappropriate body language, inattention, disinterest, and cultural differences can be considered 'noise' in the context of interpersonal communication.

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WEST SIDE STORY

SARAH Michelle Gellar recently opened up about her struggle with postpartum depression in a candid post on Instagram where the 40-year-old actress revealed that she was struck with the debilitat-

ing illness following the birth of her daughter, Charlotte, in 2009.

She wrote: "I got help,

and made it through, and every day

since has been the best gift I could

ever have asked for... To those of

you going through this, know that

you're not alone and that it really

does get better."

BEBYONCE took to Instagram on Tuesday to show off her coveted pregnancy style ahead of a date night with husband Jay Z. The 35-year-old singer was dressed in a figure-hugging

Bey's maternity style

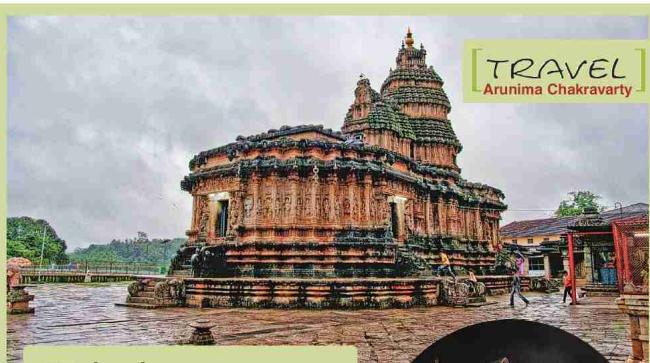
black dress with keyhole detailing on one shoulder, as she posed for a series of photos. Bey also wore a long gold silk trenchcoat and piled on the accessories for the shoot, wearing a wide-brimmed black hat.

CINDY Crawford and Rande Gerber's only daughter Kai celebrated the launch of her first fragrance campaign, Daisy Marc Jacobs, in Los Angeles recently.

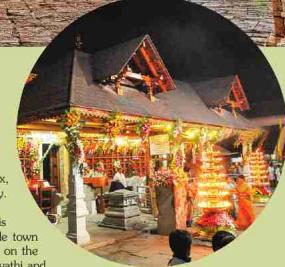
It's been two months since the nepotistically-privileged 15-year-old was unveiled as the brand ambassador for the perfume.



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Divine destinations



Indian temple towns exude a charm of their own. Religious rituals and aesthetic architecture sustained through centuries cast a spiritual and ethereal sanctity to the place. Add the numerous cultural and social festivities and traditions to this elysian mélange, and you have a traveller's paradise in store.

Stringeri, in the much famed Chikmagalur district of Karnataka, is the seat of the forest of the four *Poethams* set up by the renowned 18th century philosopher Sri Adi Shankaracharya. The moment you step into this town, the sanctitude of the place is palpable. There is peace all around, even as hundreds of devotees walk the streets. The original temple dedicated to Sri Sharadamba, The Divinity of Knowledge, was built of wood. It was later rebuilt as a magnificent stone edifice. Just adjacent to it is the Sri Vidyashankara Temple. Built in the Hoysala and Dravidian style, it is a sight to behold. The temple complex houses numerous shrines dedicated to the founder and other gods and goddesses. The Bharatatheertha Dining Hall serves simple yet sumptuous *prasadam* to all

devotees. Just beside the sprawling temple complex, the Tunga river ambles by.

At a distance of 100 kilometres from Stringeri is another prestigious temple town – Dharmasthal. Situated on the banks of the river Nethravathi and counted amongst the cleanest temple towns in India, this town is famous for the Sri Manjunathaswamy Temple. The temple administration is overseen by the prestigious Hegde family. What is amazing to see here is how the administration has juxtaposed worship with service to society, making it a statement of progress in the lives of the local community. Dharmasthal is renowned for its four *Danas* – Anna *Dana* (feeding), Aushadha *Dana* (healthcare), Vidya *Dana* (education) and Abhaya *Dana* (protect from fear) – which has materialised as a great boon for the needy. However, the most prominent amongst these four is the *Anna Dana* which stems from a tradition that no pilgrim leaves Dharmasthal with an empty stomach. This tradition materialises into Annapoorna – the largest kitchen in South India serving

up to one lakh people per day! The kitchen is environment friendly and even the waste generated is reused to grow the raw produce for the meals. It is quite a surreal experience to savor this three course *anna prasadam*, seated in the Annapoorna Choultry which feeds 2500 people at one go.

These temple towns of our nation are a testament to our heritage. A powerful purity prevails – a great peace seats into your being and makes you stronger. On this inimitable trip, I rediscovered inner strength. I feel pilgrimages can be fun for the young and the old alike, especially where places like Dharmasthal have shown that religion need not flourish only in standalone deity worship, but can encompass service to the society as one of the best ways to achieve divinity and humanity.

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Breaking records!

Bahubali 2: The Conclusion has become the first Indian film to cross the Rs 1,000 crore milestone internationally and actor Prabhas says he cannot thank director SS Rajamouli enough for giving him the "once-in-a-lifetime character of Bahubali".

Filmmaker Karan Johar, whose Dharma Productions distributes the Hindi version of *Bahubali*, announced on Twitter that the second instalment of the franchise has become the first Indian film to collect Rs 1,000 crore worldwide.

"The biggest milestone has been reached by the biggest blockbuster of Indian cinema! #1000croreBahubali @ssrajamouli," wrote Johar, alongside the poster of the film.

Prabhas wrote an emotional Facebook post where he expressed his gratitude to his admirers from around the world for their love and support.

"To all my fans, a big hug to each one of you for all the love that you all have showered on me. I have tried my best to go through a lot of the efforts that you all have put to express your affection for me from different parts of India and even overseas. I am truly overwhelmed with every-

thing. The journey of *Bahubali* has been a long one but among the few things that I will take away from this, is all of you. Lots of love back to you all," wrote Prabhas.

The actor thanked Rajamouli for his unwavering belief in him: "A big thank you to SS Rajamouli sir for believing in me to carry his big vision to the masses, giving me a once-in-a-lifetime character of *Bahubali* and making the entire journey so special."

With the Rs 1000 crore mark, *Bahubali 2* has broken all the previous records made in Bollywood by the Khans. The Hindi version of the movie collected 41 crores in the very first day of its release. Earlier Salman Khan's *Sultan* had the record of opening at Rs 36.54 crores in Bollywood. And Amir Khan's *Dangal* opened at Rs 29.78 crores in India. But *Bahubali 2* has set new records in the same section.

Apart from making people go gaga in India, *Bahubali 2* has also been a huge hit in foreign lands. The movie collected Rs 50.72 crores in North America in just two days. No other Bollywood film has collected such a high amount in just two days of its release.

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Behavioural management strategies

Every organisation undergoes difficult times, full of adversities and challenges. Professional training is vital to help the staff and workers organise their thinking about problematic behaviours, and develop proactive skills that focus on prevention and respect. Here are six safe and effective behaviour management strategies to remain patient and professional during challenging times:

Be mindful of your reaction

It is about knowing how your behaviour affects the behaviour of others. What you say or do in response to an individual's behaviour affects whether the behaviour escalates or stops. When you are aware of this factor, and when you are equipped and empowered with other effective and respectful behaviour management strategies, you are better equipped to de-escalate difficult behaviour and help individuals regain control and make positive choices.

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Rational detachment

When you are rationally detached, you maintain control by not taking negative comments or actions personally. Without this key ability, team members may react instinctively or defensively, which will only escalate a situation. Equipped with this skill, you are better able to defuse challenging behaviour and encourage positive behaviour.

Be attentive

When people feel ignored, marginalised, or not cared for, they often act out. An effective way to counter a person's anxiety is to validate their feelings. Pay attention to what they say. Give them plenty of personal space.

Positive self-talk

Remind yourself that when you are the target of a tantrum or a negative situation, you are rarely the cause of the behaviour. And just as thinking, "I can't deal with this" might cause you to react one way, telling yourself, "I know what to do" will cause a more productive response.

Recognise your limits

Being a professional doesn't mean that you can handle everything. Knowing that you have support and backup is crucial to staying in control of your own behaviour and responding appropriately. Accept your limits and keep in mind that sometimes the best decision is to let someone else take over.

Debrief and divulge

Be sure to debrief after any incident. Sharing about it relieves your stress. It is also important to consider what was done well and how to respond better the next time a situation occurs.

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