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GUWAHATI, June 9: Police have arrested two persons involved in the recent shootout at Geetanghar in which an employee of a cash management services firm was hurt. The accused, Mustafa Ali (24) and Harun Ali (27) hail from Hajo and are known history sheeters.

"They had been following their targets for few days," police said. A 7.65mm handgun pistol was seized from them. Police suspect involvement of more persons in the incident. — Staff Reporter

OBITUARY

JN Barman

GUWAHATI, June 9: Jogendra Nath Barman, a resident of West Boraghat here, died today after a brief illness. He was 76. He served the NF Railway in different capacities and retired as a senior superintendent. He leaves behind two sons and a daughter.

LOWER ASSAM SCHOOL OF NURSING, BONGAIGAON
INVITES APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION IN GENERAL NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (GNM) COURSE FOR 2017-2018 SESSION. APPLICATION FORM AND PROSPECTUS WILL BE ISSUED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL OF NURSING, BONGAIGAON ON PAYMENT OF RS. 500/- LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM ON OR BEFORE 26TH AUGUST 2017. FOR FURTHER DETAILS: - CONTACT : +91-99542-0874, +91-9194351-22019.

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We are looking for experienced filter, head filter, electrician, workshop operator for a large tea estate in North bank, Assam.

Candidates who have minimum 5-6 years of experience in the similar category may come for interview on 11.06.2017 at the following address Hotel Jironi, By Pass Raod, Bapuji Nagar, Bhatemora Gaon, Assam-785001, Timing : 12.00 PM to 6.00 PM.

Contact Person : Mr. Debojit Borah
(Phone No. 8133923045)

CITY- Exam review meeting held

STAFF REPORTER

vidual action plan with focus on Class 10 and Class 12.

He directed preparation of a collective analysis with subject specific and student specific vulnerable mapping so that students' academic discomfort can be removed and their problems solved.

The meeting also decided that depending on the number of students and teachers groups will be created for proper monitoring and one teacher will be deputed for one group of vulnerable students and their progress will be reviewed.

The DC asked the schools to submit their action plan within July 8. He asked the Inspector of Schools to serve showcase notices to schools which have shown a decreasing trend in their success rate in board exam results. Dr Anugamuthu said that until and unless the action plan is not followed satisfactorily the school's teachers would be held up.

Medical camp

GUWAHATI, June 9: The Sri Satyia Sai Alumini of Assam, under Sri Satyia Sai Trust, Assam and NER is going to conduct a free specialised medical camp on gastroenterology on June 11 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Sri Madhuri Mandir at Rupnagar here.

The medical camp will be led by Dr Sangit Dutta, Professor, Department of Medicine, GMCH and his team. Registration of patients will begin at 9.30 am. Preliminary examination will be done free of cost and patients will be given free medication. If necessary patients will be called for follow-up and investigation will also be done at the GMCH and with subsidised rate at the Excel Care Hospital, said a press release.

Food festival

GUWAHATI, June 9: A 21-day South Indian food festival will be held from tomorrow at Hotel Palacio here, Udupi, Malabar, Syrian Christian, Andhra, Telenga and Hyderabad cuisines are the main focus of Hotel Palacio's South Indian Festival, a press release stated. — Staff Reporter

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OPD clinic at Press Club

Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, June 9: City-based Wintrobe Hospital will conduct the weekly event, OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club (GCP) on June 10.

A team of doctors representing the department of advanced urology and kidney diseases of the hospital under Dr Arup Kumar Nath, will offer free consultations to member-journalists of the Press Club along with their dependents.

Dr Nitin Gupta (urologist and andrologist), Dr Debjit Baishya (urologist and uro-oncologist) and Dr Pradip Timung (medicine) will attend the camp, which will begin at 4 pm and continue till 6 pm.

Foundation day

GUWAHATI, June 9: The foundation day of Bengali Girls' High School was celebrated on June 7 from the school premises at Paltan Bazar, Guwahati, said a release today.

Headmistress Dulali Bhattacharjee spoke about the good results shown by the students of the school. Principal of the Bengali Boys' School Mithu Deb Roy, who was also present, discussed various infrastructural problems of the school.

Siddhartha Bhattacharya, MLA, East Guwahati, assured of possible help to solve the problems.

Governor felicitates stork conservationist, mountaineer

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 9: Governor Banwarilal Purohit felicitated Green Oscar-winning environmentalist Purima Devi Barman and ace mountaineer Anshu Jamsenpa at a function held at the Raj Bhavan here.

Purima's actions were a source of encouragement for others to take conservation activities for the greater adjutant stork in the villages of Dadar, Posoria and Singimari of Kamrup district for the past one decade with active involvement of the local communities have succeeded in providing a secure habitat for the bird. It was in recognition to her conservation initiative that she was recently honoured with the Whitley Awards, also known as Green Oscars.

Regional consultation on community radio

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 9: The Department of Communication and Journalism, Gauhati University in association with UNICEF organised a regional consultation on community radio (CR) as an effective tool for C4D at GU today to provide a roadmap for smooth set-up of community radio projects as well as to train interested organisations on community radio programming and people's participation in CR.

GU Vice Chancellor Dr Mridul Hazarika, who chaired the first technical session, said, "Community radio is a very potent means of conservation of ethnic diversities."

The inaugural session was also attended by Dr Tushar Rane, UNICEF chief in Assam; R Chandranath, ADGP (Communication); Madhurima Barua Sen, Secretariat Cultural Affairs and Dr Ankur Dutta, HoD, Communication and Journalism, GU.

Madhurima Barua Sen said in her speech, "The North East has a diverse group of ethnic tribes and communities and it is pertinent for us to discuss their issue and conserve their cultural variations. CR will surely help in meeting these objectives and we are keen in facilitating such objectives."

Saifuddin Sabu, Director, Communication at Rupantar, Dha-

ka, Bangladesh commented on the 17 community radio stations currently functioning in Bangladesh and stated that these CRs have laid the foundation for decentralised participation in everyday issues.

There were altogether 45 participants from about 30 organisa-

Cut-off marks for Cotton admission

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 9: The cut-off percentage for admission into the Higher Secondary Science stream of the Cotton University in general category for day shift is 92 per cent and for the evening shift it is 89.5 per cent as declared by the university's academic registrar.

The total marks required for the day and evening shifts in general category are 552 and 537 respectively for the Science stream.

In day shift, the cut-off for OBC students is 535 marks (89.2 pc), for SC students it is 515 (85.8 pc), and for ST (Plain) it is 510 (85. pc) and for ST (Hills) the cut-off mark is 476 (79.3 pc). For the evening shift in the Science stream the cut-off for OBC is 525 (87.5 pc), for SC it is 501 (83.5 pc) for ST (Plain) it is 496 (82.7 pc) and for ST (Hills) the cut-off is 463 (77.2 pc).

Though the first impression was that they were hit by a train, we have not yet concluded the case. We are seeing all possible angles. People are being interrogated. The case involves two states. The Chief Minister has also expressed concern. We are trying our best," GRP sources said.

As the incident triggered reactions within the Mizo commu-

nity here and in the neighbouring state, the Assam government had ordered an inquiry into the incident.

The inquiry is being conducted by Principal Secre-

tary (Higher Education) Ajay Tewari.

The forum also demanded introduction of a 24X7 helpline for women, SOS service in mobile handsets and self-de-

fence training programmes in school curriculum, a press re-

lease stated.

The forum will submit a memorandum to the Assam State Commission for Women and the National Commission for Women seeking effective measures to ensure the safety of women in the region.

Eligibility for admission: A candidate for admission shall have-
>> Passed the Higher Secondary Examination (10+2) or an equivalent examination there to securing in aggregate not less than 45% of the total marks for General candidates and not less than 40% of the total marks for OBC candidates.

Admission Procedure: Eligible candidates will be selected on Merit cum Admission Test. The Admission will be conducted as per Schedule mentioned below.

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'Emulate ideals of Madhavdev'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 9: Governor Banwarilal Purohit has urged the people of Assam to emulate the ideals of Vaishnive saint Mahapurush Madhavdev.

In a statement here today, Purohit said, "Madhavdev carried forward his guru Sankaradeva's legacy and established several *satsras*, which have shaped the thoughts and beliefs of our land for centuries. Sankaradeva and Madhavdev united our land and gave rise to a common cultural milieu. On the occasion of Madhavdev's birth anniversary we should all reiterate to strengthen our composite culture on the ideals of these great saints."

Purohit also wished the people of Assam on the eve of Mahapurush Madhavdev's birth anniversary and appealed to them to lend their hands to fortify the edifice of Assam which was formed under the influences of Mahapurush Sankaradeva and Madhavdev.

Purnima, the Governor said, "Her unfailable work for conservation augurs well for creating a congenial ambience and a friendly and sensible pool of human forces for conservation of the greater adjutant stork."

He added that Purima's

actions were a source of encouragement for others to take

conservation activities

for the greater adjutant stork in full throttle and rendered a

fresh lease of life to the

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere.
Before him I may think aloud.

— RALPH WALDO EMERSON

The Assam Tribune

Bangladeshi infiltration

Even as the Indo-Bangla ties have shown a marked improvement in recent years with several crucial initiatives – such as the settling of the 4,096-km boundary disputes through the land-swap deal and the water treaty that enables Indian cargo vessels to access the Chittagong and Mongla ports – materializing, the issue of illegal migration from Bangladesh to Assam never really figured in the bilateral dialogues. This is not just surprising but is also something critically linked to facilitating healthy ties between Bangladesh and Assam. The growing demographic changes in Assam and its disturbing socio-economic and political implications are no longer a myth. We also need to remember that close to a thousand youths laid down their lives during the historic six-year Assam Movement that had brought to the focus the disquieting issue of large-scale Bangladeshi infiltration into Assam. Regrettably, successive Central governments in India – including the present BJP Government – have maintained a strange reluctance even to raise the matter of influx before their Bangladeshi counterparts, let alone asking for an extradition treaty under which Bangladesh would accept their citizens declared as Bangladeshi by Indian courts.

It is against this backdrop that the report of the newly-appointed Bangla envoy in Guwahati seeking consular access to jails in Assam where Bangladeshi nationals are under imprisonment is a positive development. According to media reports, the consular office has written to the Central Government on the issue and is awaiting a response. The envoy has also expressed the need for appropriate bilateral measures to ensure that the Bangladeshi nationals are deported back to their country following proper verification. The envoy's initiative comes in the wake of a number of Bangladeshi nationals confined in detention camps seeking the intervention of his office. The Central Government needs to view the matter seriously and engage with the Bangladeshi Government for working out a suitable procedure to repatriate the Bangladeshi nationals. While the courts have so far declared thousands of Bangladeshi as illegally living in Assam, the all-important matter of their deportation has remained a non-starter due to the inexplicable reluctance of the Central Government. It may be recalled that no less an authority than the Supreme Court of India had equated the Bangladeshi infiltration with a silent invasion on India's sovereignty and had repeatedly been pulling both the Centre and the State Government for their failure to resolve the issue. As resolving the influx issue will be central to a healthy relationship between Bangladesh and the North-east, the Assam Government can convey its apprehensions *vis-a-vis* infiltration to the consular office as well. It has also been reported that thousands of Bangladeshi who had entered India with valid documents in recent years never returned to their homeland. The consular office can keep a tab on such disturbing developments.

In disarray

Currently, the Islamic world is in total disarray, with sectarian conflict and violence raging within the broader community. Nothing illustrates this more than the latest startling development whereby, with the decision to invest a pariah status to Sunni Qatar by Saudi Arabia, the UAE and a few other nations, a schism has appeared within the Sunni-dominated countries of the Middle-east. There is more than a whiff of suspicion raised by the timing of the boycott announcement, coming as it does just days after the visit of the US President Donald Trump to Saudi Arabia and his address to dignitaries of Middle-east nations to weed out terrorism from their countries. The nature of the 'charges' levelled against tiny but oil-rich Qatar by Saudi Arabia too are somewhat interesting – it stands accused of funding anti-Assad terrorist groups, hobnobbing with the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, and congratulating Shia Iran's new President Rouhani on his victory in the elections! Qatar has vehemently denied these charges as it defiantly asserted that as a sovereign nation it had every right to support whatever group it pleased, even those not in the good books of regimes in Saudi Arabia or Egypt. Ironically, US President Donald Trump, considered to be one of the primary players behind the Qatar blockade despite the country being a traditional ally, has offered to mediate, which has been promptly spurned by Qatar.

The truth of the matter is that big brother Saudi Arabia, the self-declared leader of the Sunni Arab world, brooks no defiance from the other members. Qatar has continuously displayed an independent attitude unpalatable to the Saudi royal house. It is one of the most progressive of the Emirates, housing the liberal news network Al Jazeera which is not afraid to criticize Saudi policy, and playing host to global events such as the Climate Summit and the 2022 FIFA World Cup. It has actively pursued a foreign policy, the goals of which do not always match those of Saudi Arabia, even going to the extent of intruding into the convoluted political landscape of Afghanistan. Thus despite its denial that comments against the Saudis purportedly made by Qatar's Emir had been false information planted by Russian intelligence agencies, Saudi Arabia has seized the opportunity to cut its recalcitrant neighbour down to size. Unfortunately the world might have to pay the price for the volatility which the attempt to isolate Qatar has caused in the global oil market. The developments have also brought uncertainty to the future of the millions of migrant Indians who have gone for work in the gulf nations and are dependent on the oil sector for jobs. Fortunately, mediating nations like Kuwait are realizing that the Qatar boycott will weaken the fight against ISIS, and hopefully will persuade the neighbouring countries to mend their fences.

Keeping alive a heritage

PLAIN-SPEAK

Arup Kumar Dutta

Of late the North-east Frontier Railway (NFR) has been taking steps to keep alive the iconic Darjeeling Himalayan Railways (DHR), one of the most spectacular toy-mountain trains in the world, one which has evoked joy, wonder and love amongst millions of travellers and has been declared a World Heritage Site. It may be noted that the DHR had been allowed to lapse for a very long period, with only a small section of the Siliguri-Darjeeling stretch being operated by steam engine for tourists.

In 1835 the East India Company had purchased from the ruler of Sikkim a hill tract to establish the sanatorium of Darjeeling, where battle-weary troops could recuperate and to which officials and their families could go to escape the torrid month in Calcutta. In the following years, the importance of the burgeoning hill retreat grew with cultivation of the famous Darjeeling tea. However, journeys from the plains to it remained difficult because Darjeeling was connected only with a block-road from the plains.

To offset this lacuna, the ingenious British in the 1870s envisioned a mountain railway connecting Siliguri to Darjeeling, construction of which began towards the end of 1879. Laying a two-foot gauge line over impenetrable terrain from the foot-hills to a height of over 7,000 feet within the span of approximately 85 kilometres was a daunting task. The difficulties were compounded by the fact that the DHR was the first mountain railway in India and its proponents did not have any precedents to guide them.

Using innovative technology in-

cluding short-radius full loops and Z-reversing stations which pioneered an entire range of mountain railway construction methods, the engineers completed the DHR on July 4, 1881, thereby enabling travellers to embark on a journey of a lifetime designed to thrill the child in every adult. This is precisely why no one will begrudge the fact that NFR is making a laudable effort to prevent this heritage railway from sliding into oblivion.

Reportedly, the NFR has signed an MoU with HECI for manufacturing small-gauge steam-locomotives and spare parts so as to enable it to continue to run this route. The apprehension is that, with much of its present route being operated with diesel engines, the DHR might lose its World Heritage Site tag. The NFR must be congratulated for thinking out of the box in order to prevent this.

However, the focus of this piece is not the fate of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, but that of an even more thrilling mountain railway, connecting Lumding in the plains with Haflong, the only hill station Assam possesses at present.

The railway project, begun in the late 19th century and completed in the beginning of the 20th, seeking to link the Barak and Brahmaputra Valleys via the North Cachar Hills to the port of Chittagong and the East Bengal Railways through Goalundo, was the last of the major railway enterprises embarked upon in colonial India. It was also the most difficult and costly undertakings in the annals of British railway constructions – apart from years of relentless struggle as well as the spending

of huge amounts of money, this project had also entailed the sacrifice of thousands of human lives while building it.

It was constructed under the auspices of a public-subscribed company called the Assam Bengal Railways (ABR), incorporated under the Companies Act in 1892, with the section requiring 11 years to be completed! What emerged from the exertions of ingenious British engineers was a mountain railway uni-

using innovative techniques suited to the location. The completed Assam Bengal Railways was formally opened by Lord Curzon on December 1, 1903, 11 years since work on the project was begun. It had indeed been costly both in terms of money and men. It is said that under every sleeper of the hill section lies the body of a man!

Such sacrifice and British ingenuity had left Assam a peerless legacy. It speaks volumes of the ethos of the people of this region that we had not been able to make the most of such a magnificent legacy. Ironically, when it existed the hill section, traversing a fabulous landscape of sinuous rivers and bamboo forested hills, remained almost anonymous in the Indian railway scenario, while lesser mountain railroads had been hyped as marvels of construction. Sometime back I had written in the media pointing out the fact that the Darjeeling-Haflong metre-gauge Lumding hill section had not

even been mentioned in an article titled 'Mountain Rails of India' in Wikipedia. Yet this railway, as it hurtled along over treacherous gorges and swept through tunnels, provided without doubt a far more thrilling experience to the travellers than any of the other four existing 'mountain' railways in India, including the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway and the Kalka-Shimla Railway.

Again, sometimes ago, I had written about the sad reality that, with the conversion of the metre-gauge line to broad-gauge, such a precious legacy was on the verge of being lost. True, the contours followed by the track cross deep gorges between adjacent slopes. The 37 tunnels in the hill section were built by valied by any other in the world, let alone by any in India. The numbers of features – tunnels, viaducts, embankments, retention walls, etc., were indeed mind-boggling.

Such had been the magnitude of the operation that at one time 25,000 men were working on different sections of the metre-gauge ABR line. The numerous technological difficulties and innovative methods to solve them had made the hill section a fascinating line to railway engineers all over the world. This section had 586 major and minor bridges, some like the magnificent Doyang viaduct helping the track to cross deep gorges between adjacent slopes. The 37 tunnels in the hill section were built by

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Meritorious students felicitated
A CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, June 9: A newly-formed NGO 'Nava Prajama' of village Bali in Nalbari district accorded felicitation to 28 students, who showed excellent results in the recently-declared HSLC and HS Examination, 2017 at a meeting held on the occasion of 'Boha-gi Bidai' celebration.

The students were felicitated with a *phulam gamosa* each and an appreciation certificate. The felicitated students are: (HSLC) Ashim Kalita, Dipankar Kalita, Ankita Kalita, Dharishmita Devi, Mridusmita Parasar, Parismita Bhattacharya, Rejonyaj Pathak, Sagarika Sarma, Choyanika Devi, Karmashita Baishya, and Himashri Deka.

For HS examination the students who were felicitated are: Bhaskar Deka, Bikash Kalita, Jitnu Kalita, Kishore Haloi, Nipam Haloi, Samiran Haloi, Dimpil Das, Jupitora Baishya, Dipika Kalita, Sumitra Bhowmik, Chandamita Pathak, Parismita Sarma, Bhitali Sarma, Dhrubajyoti Sarma, Ratul Haloi, Karishma Talukdar and Uddipta Deka.

The local public have appreciated the office bearers of Nava Prajama for this encouraging initiative.

Farewell meet: The Paschini Nalbari Anchalik Parishy Parishad has organised a farewell meeting to be held at Haribanga HS School on June 13 at 10 am. The retired teachers and employees of the schools under the Parishad will be felicitated.

OBITUARY

Dr Basudev Chatterjee

GUWAHATI, June 9: Dr Basudev Chatterjee, an eminent historian, former professor and Head of Department of History, Delhi University and former Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research, passed away at his Guwahati residence after a brief illness.

Prof Chatterjee served as a visiting professor at IIT Guwahati after his retirement. A reputed scholar and an academician, he has authored several books and edited some volumes of the prestigious ICCHR series entitled, *Towards Freedom*, which documents the different phases of the country's struggle for independence.

His death has been widely mourned by the academic community in India and abroad.

Rajen Buragohain
CORRESPONDENT

DHEMAJI, June 9: Rajen Buragohain, office assistant, Water Resource Department, Dhemaji Division and an inhabitant of Dhemaji Gohainong died on June 7 last. He was 45.

His premature death was deeply mourned in the office. A condolence meeting was held in his office on Thursday.

He left behind his wife and a son.

NC Deka

GUWAHATI, June 9: Naren Chandra Deka, a popular figure of Guwahati breached his last June 6 at his own residence at Pub Sarania (Hill Side), due to old-age ailments. He was 78.

Once a ward commissioner of GMC and an ex-president of Assam Gangetic Parishad Guwahati City, he was also associated with various socio-cultural and religious organisations besides holding the post of president of Guwahati Traders Association till the time of his death. It is worth mentioning here that he was also a pioneer of the Assam Movement.

He leaves behind his wife, a married daughter and a son.

His cremation at Navagraha cremation ground was largely attended.



Congress workers staging a rail blockade at Mariani railway station in protest against the killing of farmers in Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday. — UB Photos

Every child should be a productive member of the society: Chief Secretary

ANN Service

MIRZA, June 9: The Assam Chief Secretary has called upon the concerned departments and stakeholders to formulate a comprehensive plan to abolish child labour and protect child rights at any cost.

Speaking at a regional-level conference on child labour to mark the observance of World Day Against Child Labour 2017 in Assam organised by the Kamrup district administration in collaboration with the Department of Labour, Govt of Assam, Asom Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Mission and Unicef on June 8 at the National Law University, Amin-

gan, the Assam Chief Secretary, VK Pipersenia has said that it was a matter of shame that there are 3.4 lakh children who are still working as child labour in Assam and each of us now have to act against the menace of child labour.

"Child labour has come down from 3.8 lakh in 2001 to 3.4 lakh in 2016-17. We should ensure that children should not be working as child labour in restaurants, brick kilns, railway stations but they should be seen in family, playground or in schools," he said.

He stressed on the need for bringing out a complete roadmap to ensure that every child should be productively educated and

become a productive member of the society. He stressed on the forming of a society that becomes a community of child protectors. "We are all for one and one for all. We, the community, need to see that every child is developed as productive human being," he said.

DC, Kamrup, Vinod Senapati delivered the welcome address and the vote of thanks. The NC, National Law University, JS Patil also spoke on the event. Ved Prakash Gautam of the Unicef also delivered a valuable technical presentation in the conference. Several DCs and senior civil and police officials from Nalbari, Darrang, Kamrup (Metro) and Barpeta districts attended the conference.

OIL launches agricultural project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, June 9: Oil India Limited (OIL) has launched an agricultural project — Augmentation of Agriculture through Efficient Resource Utilisation

with Participatory Approach as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme under Oil India Rural Development Society (OIRDS).

The launch ceremony organised recently at Hathkhula village

near Chabua town, was attended by Dr KM Bijuorjan, the Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University (AAU) as the chief guest. BP Sarma, RCE, OIL was present as the guest of honour. Local MLA Binod

Hazarika, Pranjit Deka, Advisor, OIRDS & ED (HR&A), OIL, MC Nihalani, president, OIRDS& GM (R&D) and other officials of AAU and OIL also attended the programme, a release stated. Earlier OIRDS & AAU, Jorhat had signed an MoU for augmentation of agriculture in OIL's operational areas for better agricultural yield providing sustainable livelihood and self employment thereby enhancing socio-economic empowerment in the region.

The project is being implemented in designated areas namely, Korchiguri in Kohwang, Anguri Neguri in Tipling and Hatkholia Rolumoria in greater Chabua area, the release added.

Darrang AASU calls public meet

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAJ, June 9: The Darrang district unit of AASU has convened a public meeting to discuss several issues relating to the district and found fruitful solutions to those issues. According to those issues. According to

Khanindra Rajbongshi, president of the newly-elected body of the Darrang AASU, the meeting scheduled to be held from 11 am on Saturday at the Swahid Bhawan auditorium here will feature many relevant issues including academic atmosphere,

availability of seats in the Government provincialised colleges and higher secondary institutions, job avenues for unemployed youths, health care service, communication and transport, commerce and industry, and agriculture among others.

It needs to be mentioned here that final preparation to conduct the KAAC election have already been completed. The elections are slated to be held on June 17.

Release of pending salaries demanded

CORRESPONDENT

DIPHUA, June 9: With only a few days remaining for the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) elections, the Government employees here have not received their salaries for the last two months.

According to reports, de-

spite the KAAC elections drawing near, the employees have not received their monthly salaries for two months and if the pending salaries are not released then severe problems might crop up in the smooth conduct of the polls, the employees said.

It may be mentioned here that employees have already been appointed as polling personnel after being provided training.

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Health camp held at Bilasipara

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, June 9: The office of the Bilasipara civil administration organised a health camp conducted by a team of doctors from around the district and issued disability certificates at the Pratima Pandey Baruah Auditorium recently.

Director of Social Welfare Department, Memekshi Sundaram attended the health camp as the chief guest and inaugurated the camp in presence of SDO civil Bilasipara, MS Lakshmi Priya and repre-

sentatives of Swabalanban Health Insurance and Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO).

It was informed that about 700 specially-abled persons in the Bilasipara area were issued a certificate, while 111 such persons were provided health insurance. Prosthetic limbs were given to as many as 90 patients during the programme.

Police recovered a bike (no. AS 17D 1081) and another bicycle without any registration number from the residence of Hasan Ali Mondal (22) and Rahim Ali Mondal (52) and apprehended them in connection with the theft case.

While addressing the gathering Laxmi Priya said, "The insurance and prosthetic assessment camp will continue

with the theft case.

Farmers of the flood-hit area of the village have no alternative but to grow ground nut, black gram, boro paddy and maize during rabi season. Farmers of area have started to grow maize in the area from the last few years and this year farmers have cultivated more than 8,000 bighas in the area along with 10,000 bighas of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Morigaon.

While addressing the farmers, he urged the farmers of the area to bring a revolution in farming by taking up

a training programme was also conducted to impart knowledge on scientific cultivation of maize crop. Demonstration of seed drill was also done which was brought from AAU Jorhat for demonstration of modern technology for sowing using seed planter.

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A field day and interaction pro-

gramme with progressive farmers growing maize was organised by KVK Morigaon collaboratively with Sonia Farmers Producers' Organisation. Senior scientist of KVKK Morigaon, in her address, welcomed the guests and farmers present and said objective of the programme was to demonstrate the performance of high yielding maize variety NMH 803, which was showcased in the farmers field to the guest present and farmers of neighbouring village.

Meeting was graced by Deputy Commissioner, Morigaon Hemanta Das as chief guest.

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Meet on flood-related activities in Kaziranga held

CORRESPONDENT

KAZIRANGA, June 9: With the objective to carry out flood-related activities smoothly during the ensuing floods in Kaziranga, a meeting with the stakeholders was held here recently. The meet was organised by the Kaziranga National Park authority where different issues, including rescue operation of wild animals, were extensively deliberated.

According to Rohini Saikia,

Divisional Forest Officer, East Assam Wildlife Division (Kaziranga), a total of 10 volunteers from each organisation working in the field of wildlife conservation and protection were requested to extend their helping hand during the ensuing flood in Kaziranga National Park.

He said that volunteers coming from different organisations including NGOs would be given basic training on how to rescue and handle the criti-

cally-injured wild animals during flood time. He added that Forest department would provide required logistic support to the volunteers.

The issues like managing the crowd during any wildlife rescue operation would be dealt with in a better way to avoid any untoward incident.

Members from various Eco-Development Committees expressed their willingness to support the Forest department in Kaziranga during flood time.

Talk on glimpses of cultural heritage of India, North-east held

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KALABOR, June 9: Itihas Adhayan Kendra, Kalabor in collaboration with Kuvaiti High School delivered his welcome address.

Gumim Hazarika, ex-minister addressed the gathering and gave a brief description of Itihas Adhayan Kendra. DK Hazarika, ex-principal, also spoke on the occasion.

Delivering his talk on the subject, Das explained the cultural heritage of ancient India along with the North-east India on the basis of records, pictures and the culture heritage of various tribes of the Northeast. The students present in-

teracted on the subject and Das gave suitable answers.

NN Hazarika, ex-principal, former Kalabor Hs, while commenting on the subject, disclosed that the students benefited highly as well as others. It also created an awareness among the students, for which students will be interested in history and culture studies. Adhayan Kendra organises such talks on important topics every year.

Sarada Upadhyaya, HoD, Department of History, Kalabor College, offered the vote of thanks.

Mini solar sets distributed at Samparidisa

CORRESPONDENT

NCHAC launched his maiden Rural Household Mini Solar Electrification (RHME) project for Samparidisa village. The (RHME) project was to provide Mini Solar sets each to all the 70 households of the village since Samparidisa ceremonial in presence of chairman Ranu Langhassa, EM Debojit Bathari, EM Samuel Changsan and the gaonbhorai along with the villagers on Tuesday.

It is learnt that on September 25, 2016, after the Bendo Baigali trekking event, a public meeting was held at Samparidisa village community hall in the presence of gaonbhorai of Samparidisa village, Haflong Forest Range Officer, members of Spectrum (NGO) and the villagers, Devojit Bathari, EM Social Welfare,

NCHAC said he was delighted to see the happy faces at the Solar Light Distribution Programme to all the households of Samparidisa village along with Hadingma constituency along with NCHAC's chairperson Ranu Langhassa, EM Debojit Bathari, EM Samuel Changsan, CEM Gorlosa also declared in the solar set distribution programme that he would provide 4-5 ponies/mules through the power dept company.

It was assured by the EM Bathari that the (RHME) project would help to bridge this gap, thus helping the community while inaugurating the Samparidisa Eco-tourism Committee under Spectrum CBETI project to manage the tourism activity in Samparidisa village area.

Speaking on the occasion, CEM Gorlosa said he was delighted to see the happy faces at the Solar Light Distribution Programme to all the households of Samparidisa village along with Hadingma constituency along with NCHAC's chairperson Ranu Langhassa, EM Debojit Bathari, EM Samuel Changsan, CEM Gorlosa also declared in the solar set distribution programme that he would provide 4-5 ponies/mules through the power dept company.



Environmentalist Saurav Borkotoky releasing rescued snakes into their natural habitat, at Bohali reserve forest on Thursday. — UB Photos

Dibya P Barooah: a tribute

My dearest 'Bormama' Dibya Pawan Barooah, was the most loving and social person I was fortunate to have as Mama. As our father was in a transferable job and different places of Assam were our homes, Bormama would always be the first guest visiting us. Although we cannot deny his love for his sister and her family, his passion for visiting new places and meeting new people was another reason.

I can keep writing about Bormama's likeable and vibrant personality and his versatile interests in cooking, music – especially creating Assamese and Bengali lyrics, photography, gar-

dening, reading books, journalism and his socially inspired entrepreneurial zeal to set up a printing press at Mariani, last but not the least his greatest passion 'Mariani College' in his hometown Mariani where he discharged his responsibilities as Principal. Bormama loved flowers and he worked particularly hard to maintain a garden full of seasonal flowers and also took us to parks and gardens in outings. He left behind his wife, three children and three grandchildren. Adieu Bormama, with lots of love from the bottom of my heart.

— Susmita Barooah

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Spl police team formed to trace missing child**CORRESPONDENT**

SILCHAR, June 9: Cachar Police have formed a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the case of two year old Subhamita alias Trisha Roy Choudhury daughter of Shubhadip and Dr Satishbishi Roy Choudhury of Assam University Silchar, who went missing since June 5.

The decision has come five days after the child went missing along with the housemaid Rambha Bagti alias Neha from the residential staff quarters and amid simmering tension among the people of Silchar over the investigation failure to trace the missing child.

The 10-member SIT will be headed by Additional Director

General of Police Mukesh Agarwal who is in the city to monitor the investigation.

On the other hand, Arati Roy Choudhury, grandmother of Trisha has been admitted to the ICU at Silchar Medical College and Hospital after she suffered a cardiac arrest on Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, various organi-

sations have appealed to the Cachar Police and district administration to intensify the search operation to trace the child. Members of Assam University Students' Union, All Cachar Karimganj Hailakandi Students' Association, AISU, Moms Club and others have urged upon the authori-

ties to take necessary steps to bring the child back to her parents.

The Silchar District Com-

mmittee has said that if the party cadres will not hest-

itate to stage protest if the child

is not traced and recovered at the earliest.

TE workers storm police station for letting off molestation accused**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

DIBRUGARH, June 9: Tea garden workers of Madhukhat Tea Estate yesterday stormed the Dikom police outpost in protest against the failure of the police to arrest Ranjit Dutta, an employee of the garden for reportedly outraging the modesty of a woman.

Several hundred workers supported by Assam Chah Maaonl Sangha and Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association surrounded the police post, demanding immediate arrest of the accused. All forms of work in the tea estate including the factory remained closed today in view of the protest.

Ranjit Dutta, an employee in the factory of the tea estate has been accused of outraging the workers who today stormed the police outpost, seeking immediate arrest of the accused.

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Date	Time	33/11KV Sub Station Affected	Area Affected
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Sd/-, Chief Executive Officer
Jorhat Electrical Circle, APDCL, Jorhat

This is to inform to our all valued consumers that 33/11 KV Tipling Sub-Station will remain under shutdown w.e.f. 14-06-17 to 16-06-17 for daily 06 Hrs from 09.00 AM to 03.00 PM for replacement of 4 Unit 11 KV Panel at 33/11 KV Tipling Sub-Station.

The affected areas will be: Dulaijan Town, Kamalabari, Baruahgrant, Salakataki, Boragadhoi, Tipling area etc

Power shall be made available at any moment without information. Inconvenience caused to our valued consumers is highly regretted.

Sd/-, Asstt. General Manager
Dulaijan Electrical Division, APDCL, Dulaijan

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

As per provision of the Government of India's notification on Environmental Impact Assessment dtd. 14/9/2006, one Public Hearing for "setting up of Bamboo based Bioethanol Project" at village Owguri Chapor Gaon, Tehsil Golaghat, adjacent to Numaligarh Refinery, Mouza-Morongi, District Golaghat, Assam by M/s. Numaligarh Refinery Ltd., District Golaghat, Assam will be conducted at the venue, date and time mentioned below:

Date & Time

15th July, 2017 Rajbari Letekujan ME School campus, PO-Letekujan, Mouza-Morongi, Dist-Golaghat, Assam at 11:00 AM

Interested persons of the locality including bonafide residents, environmental activist groups, NGOs within the neighbourhood of the proposed project are hereby requested to attend the aforesaid Public Hearing on date, time and venue as stated above for getting their statements, suggestions, comments, views recorded regarding likely environmental impact and mitigation measures if any. Also, they may send their views and opinions within one month from the date of publication of this Public Hearing notice to the Head Office of the Board.

To know details of the proposed Project, interested public groups etc. may go through the Executive Summary of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report available at the following places :

- The Deputy Commissioner's Office at Golaghat, Golaghat District, Assam.
- District Industry Centers, Golaghat, Golaghat District, Assam.
- Presidents Pangka Gaon Panchayat at P.O. - Kanaihat, Golaghat District, Assam
- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Golaghat, Golaghat District, Assam.
- Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, Regional Office, Law-u-Sib, Lumbatenga, near MTC Workshop, Shillong-793021, Meghalaya.
- Regional Office of the Board at Golaghat, College Tinali, near Circuit House, Golaghat, Assam-785621.
- The Head Office of the Board, Bamunimaimadam, Guwahati-21.

The Executive Summary of Draft EIA report and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will also be available in the Board's Website at <http://www.pcbaassam.org>.

Date : 08/06/2017

Member-Secretary



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সমাজ কল্যাণ বিভাগ, অসম

CAPSULE**Liberty Shoes**

NEW DELHI, June 9: Footwear firm Liberty Shoes is looking at raising prices of majority of its products by up to 10 per cent from September to offset higher tax to be levied on footwear costing above Rs 500 under the GST regime. – PTI

IndusInd Bank

NEW DELHI, June 9: Private sector player IndusInd Bank has raised US \$225 million (about Rs 1,445 crore) from a US Government funding agency for lending to small and medium enterprises. – PTI

ClearTax

NEW DELHI, June 9: Online filing portal ClearTax has launched a software which will help dealers and retailers in preparation of tax returns under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. – PTI

Future Retail

NEW DELHI, June 9: Future Retail is looking at opening new distribution centres to ensure that products reach its stores faster and help save on costs through greater efficiency in view of the implementation of Goods and Services Tax from July 1. – PTI

PepsiCo India

KOLKATA, June 9: Food and beverage major PepsiCo India today launched India-made Doritos nacho chip brand from its modern manufacturing line in West Bengal. – PTI

Tata Motors

NEW DELHI, June 9: Tata Motors today resolved a long pending wage settlement dispute by signing a pact with workers of its Santanand plant under which each permanent employee is to get Rs 16,000 hike spread uniformly over the next 5 years. – PTI

Canara Bank

NEW DELHI, June 9: Canara Bank has inked a partnership deal with general insurer The New India Assurance Co to sell policies through its branches. – PTI

Bharti Airtel

NEW DELHI, June 9: Fair trade regulator CCI today rejected Bharti Airtel's complaint against Reliance Jio, saying no case could be made out against the Mukesh Ambani-led firms. – PTI

Maruti Suzuki

NEW DELHI, June 9: Maruti Suzuki, zippered past Infosys and ONGC in market capitalisation (m-cap) as its stock rose by 3 per cent today, adding Rs 6,563 crore to the value. – PTI

Shriram Fin

NEW DELHI, June 9: Shriram Transport Finance Company has raised Rs 350 crore by issuing bonds on private placement basis. – PTI

Mercedes-Benz

MUMBAI, June 9: German luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz today inaugurated its state-of-the-art 3S (sales, service and spares) dealership in suburban Kalina here, which has come at an investment of Rs six crore. – PTI

Philips Lighting

NEW DELHI, June 9: Philips Lighting expects that 5-7 years down the line, a majority of LED in India will be upgraded to "connected smart lights," which will set off a new growth wave. – PTI



Visitors admiring exhibits at the 2nd North East Print Tech 2017 organised by the Printing Technologists Consortium of North East in association with the North East Newspaper Society at the Maniram Dewan Trade Centre in Guwahati, on Friday. – UB Photos

FICCI to represent India Inc at SCO Business Council

NEW DELHI, June 9: FICCI has been designated by the Government to represent the country's businesses at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) now expands its footprint in the Indian sub-continent with the induction of India as a full member.

"India's capacities in trade, investments, information and communication technology, financial services, space, S&T, agriculture, healthcare, small and medium-scale industry can bring widespread economic benefit to the SCO countries," FICCI said.

With the expansion of the grouping, the SCO will now represent over 40 per cent of global population and nearly 20 per cent of the global GDP.

As an SCO member, India may have a bigger say in pressing for concerted action in dealing with terrorism as well as issues relating to security and defence in the region. – PTI

GST Council forms 18 groups to sort out industry woes

NEW DELHI, June 9: The GST Council has set up 18 sectoral groups to interact with the sectors like telecom, banking and export and sort out their issues in a time-bound manner for a smooth transition to the new indirect tax regime.

These sectoral working groups consist of senior officers from the Centre and States and they will interact and examine representations received from trade and industry associations/bodies of their respective sector.

Also, the groups will highlight specific issues for the smooth transition of the respective sector to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and prepare sector-specific draft guidance.

"These 18 sectoral groups representing various sectors of the economy and containing senior officers of the Centre and States are being set up to ensure smooth implementation of GST by timely responding to the issues and problems of their respective sectors," a Finance Ministry statement said. The other sectors which would be looked into by the group include IT and ITes, textiles, gems and jewellery, food processing, e-commerce, oil, gas, pharma and MSME.

The officials of these sectoral groups will deal with the issues of the respective sectors they represent.

"Concerned industry groups/associations or even individual industry representatives may approach the respective sectoral group officers with their problems relating to GST implementation, who in turn will try to guide and help them in resolving the same," the statement said.

This exercise will help in dealing with most of the sectoral problems and issues at the local/regional level, it added.

The GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and comprising State counterparts, have already decided on the tax rates for goods and services under various sectors to be levied under the new tax regime from July 1.

The Council in its 14th meeting on May 18-19 decided to set up these sectoral groups to better understand industry concerns as India moves towards the GST, which will subsume 16 different taxes, including excise, service tax, VAT and other local levies. – PTI



Models at the 10th edition of the Jewellery, Pearl and Gem Fair at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, on Friday. – UNI

SBI reduces home loan rates by 10 bps for above Rs 75 lakh

MUMBAI, June 9: The State Bank of India (SBI) today announced reduction in home loan interest rates by 10 basis points (bps) for salaried women who take a loan of above Rs 75 lakh, effective from June 15.

"Home loans above Rs 75 lakh will now be cheaper by 10 bps with effect from June 15. The revised interest rates will be 8.55 per cent per annum for salaried women borrowers. For others, the rate of interest will be 8.60 per cent per annum," SBI said in a statement.

Currently, SBI home loan interest rates stand at 8.65 per cent.

This is the second reduction in interest rates during the last two months. SBI had reduced its interest rates by 25 bps on April 9.

Rajnish Kumar, Managing Director of National Banking of SBI said: "SBI has always been at the forefront in keeping the custom-

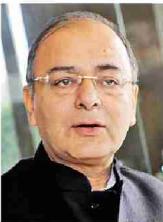
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the benefit to its customers by reducing its interest rates on home loans above Rs 75 lakh." – IANS



Jaitley to review performance of PSU banks, FIs on June 12



NEW DELHI, June 9: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will meet heads of public sector banks and financial institutions on June 12 to discuss issues related to rising bad loans, interest rate reduction and credit flow to various sectors.

He will also review the performance of the lenders.

The meeting assumes significance as it will be the first after promulgation of the ordinance amending the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, last month.

The Government had through this ordinance empowered the Reserve Bank of India to ask banks to initiate insolvency proceedings to recover bad loans and promised more measures to resolve the NPA crisis.

"Major issues on the agenda of the meeting, the first during this fiscal, include issues and solutions relating to Non Performing Assets (NPAs) of the Public Sector Banks (PSBs), status of MSE Credit, Stand-up India and Mudra Yojana, among others," the Finance Min-

istry said in a statement today.

Other issues on the agenda include discussion on financial inclusion and literacy, review of performance of Social Security Schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) etc., it said.

The day-long meeting will also cover areas like cyber security, digitalisation of banking transactions, rural development, agriculture credit and education loans.

Role and preparedness of banks in the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is also likely to be discussed in the one-day meeting of PSBs, it said. GST is going to be rolled out from July 1. As for the recovery of bad loans,

the RBI has also made substantial changes in the related norms and warned banks of monetary penalty for missing NPA resolution timelines.

Jaitley had said the ordinance empowered the Reserve Bank of India to issue "directions to any banking company or banking companies to initiate insolvency resolution process in respect of a default under the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016".

Toxic loans of PSBs rose by over Rs 1 lakh crore to Rs 6.06 lakh crore during April-December 2016-17.

Gross NPAs of PSBs nearly doubled to Rs 5.02 lakh crore at the end of March 2016, from Rs 2.67 lakh crore at the end of March 2015. – PTI



Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik at the GST training and awareness conference in Lucknow, on Friday. – UNI

Air India making profits in NE

GUWAHATI, June 9: Air India's operations in the North East are profitable with a market share of 17 per cent and it is now looking to expand presence in the region, including a direct Guwahati-Bangkok flight, a top official said.

"Some of our routes are not very profitable in the North East and has less occupancy. But we get a viability gap funding from the NEC. So, overall our operations are profitable," Air India Chairman and MD Ashwani Lohani told reporters here.

The company received a funding of Rs 35 crore from the North Eastern Council (NEC) during 2016-17 to operate flights to loss-making routes in the region, he added.

It may be noted that once the fourth plant is commissioned, the capacity of the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited would be enhanced four times. Sonowal also requested the Union Minister for expansion of the gas pipe line from Baruna to Guwahati. The Union Minister also assured to take concrete steps in this regard.

It may also be noted that Joint Secretary of Union Chemicals and Fertilizer Ministry Dharam Pal also met Sonowal today in the latter's office at the Janata Bhawan and fine-tuned all modalities to supply natural gas and commissioning of the fourth plant of the BVFCL soon. National Fertilizers Limited has 52 per cent stake in BVFCL, Oil India Limited has got 26 per cent and Assam Government 22 per cent. BVFCL each has 11 per cent stake in the project.

Lohani said the State-run carrier operates 24 flights daily to and from North East and is currently enjoying a market share of 17 per cent in the region against the pan-India share of 13-14 per cent.

Talking about addition of new flights for the North East region, the CMD said Air India is considering to operate a direct flight either between Guwahati and Bangkok or between Guwahati and Kunming thrice a week.

He informed that from tomorrow evening, there will be a new Air India flight from Kolkata to Guwahati. The airline is planning to start a new flight between New Delhi and Guwahati from June 28,

taking the number of flights on this route to two, he further said.

He announced that from September 1, there will be a flight service between Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) and back. The chief of the national carrier further said that Air India will soon add a new route either between Mumbai and Guwahati or between Hyderabad and Guwahati.

Air India will also introduce a Delhi-Dibrugarh flight in November this year, he said.

"We have discussed these routes during our meeting with the State Chief Secretary today. We will finalise everything in a day or two," Lohani said. – PTI

SBI raises Rs 15,000 cr from QIP

MUMBAI, June 9: State Bank of India (SBI) has successfully completed raising of Rs 15,000 crore from qualified institutional placement (QIP), a top bank official said today.

Speaking to reporters here, SBI Chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya said the QIP evinced interest from a wide variety of investing institutions.

She said domestic/foreign institutions, sovereign wealth funds and others who never invested in public sector undertakings (PSU) and those who have never invested in India showed interest in the QIP issue with each share priced at Rs 287.25.

The SBI would issue a total of around 52.2 crore fresh equity shares.

The overall demand for QIP was for Rs 27,000 crore. The demand from domestic institutions, barring one large outfit, was Rs 8,500 crore and the overall demand from foreign institutions was over Rs 11,000 crore.

Post-issue, Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) stake in the bank will be 10.4 per cent – up from 8.6 per cent.

The Central Government's holding in the bank will be 57.07 per cent.

Bhattacharya said SBI would meet the regulatory capital requirement till FY19 without fund-raising, but would continue to look at divesting some non-core investments.

Bhattacharya said the bank will not hit the capital markets for the next two years while its life insurance subsidiary will be looking at an initial public offering this year.

Speaking about the stressed loans issued to the telecom sector, Bhattacharya said the bank has a policy in place for provisioning.

Post-QIP issue, the capital-to-risks assets ratio will be at 13.64 per cent and the common equity tier-1 at 10.20 per cent, the bank said. – PTI

A glorious institution



There are eight recognised classical forms in India, and Assam's Sattriya dance is one among them. Instituted by the great Vaishnava saint and social reformer Srimanta Sankaradeva, the Sattriya culture is a rich and unique part of Assam and its evolution. Sankaradeva, besides being a great religious leader, was also a gifted artist, musician and composer of dances and songs, having penned several dance dramas and songs. He nourished and developed these forms in institutions known as 'sabras' and this school of culture later came to be known as Sattriya culture.

While the Sattriya culture flourished in the 'sabras' all over Assam, it was brought out of this sanctum sanctorum and given a new identity by several stalwarts of this field, the most important among them being Rakeshwar Saikia Barbayan. This Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee and muktar of the Kamalabari Satra came to Guwahati in the year 1966. He dreamed of the all-round development of Sattriya culture outside the four walls of a 'satra'. His aim was to establish a systematic and scientific training programme, and the

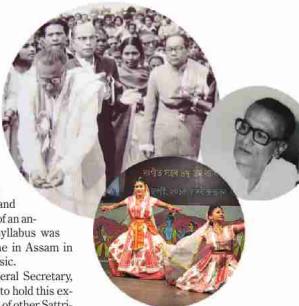
publicity and research of this divine treasure of Assam created by the two great saints Srimanta Sankaradeva and Sri Sri Madhabdev. Inspired by the great ideals of the two Vaishnava gurus, a group of culturally-inclined people of that time, including Dr Maheswar Neog, Dr Birendranath Dutta, Naren Sarman, Atul Baruah, Keshav Mahanta, Keshav Changkakati, Rudra Baruah, Bhagavati Raichoudhury, Rakeshwar Saikia Barbayan and Radha Govinda Baruah initially established the Bayan School in 1967 and subsequently, renamed it as Sangeet Satra in June, 1968. The founder president of the Sangeet Satra was Dr Maheswar Neog, a renowned scholar of Vaishnavite culture and professor of the Jawaharlal Nehru Chair of Gauhati University, and the founder-Principal was Rakeshwar Saikia Barbayan.

In the year 1972, the executive committee of Sangeet Satra decided to prepare a syllabus of Sattriya music. A syllabus committee was thus formed under the presidency of Dr Maheswar Neog, with five members - Kathak dance exponent Charu Bordoloi, renowned musician Dr Birendranath Dutta, sitarist Nabin

Bora, Sattriya music exponent Girikanta Mahanta, tabla player Keshab Changkakati, and Principal Rakeshwar Saikia Barbayan. A five-year course was prepared, having three streams - *marta*, *geyan* and *bojan*, with the provision of an annual examination. This syllabus was prepared for the first time in Assam in the history of Sattriya music.

Pradeep Bordoloi, General Secretary, took on the responsibility to hold this examination among students of other Sattriya music schools of greater Guwahati, along with the students of the Sangeet Satra on an experimental basis. Many Sattriya music schools of Assam were attracted to the idea of holding examinations and expressed their willingness to sit in this examination conducted by the Sangeet Satra.

Another aim of the Sangeet Satra was to engage in research work, and under the research scheme, two research-oriented books titled *Sattriya Niriyata* and *Sattriya Niriyata Tal - Kamalabari Satra and Sattriya Niriyata* and *Sattriya Niriyata Tal* -



Shravani Satra were prepared and published in the year 1973 and 1995, respectively; these were edited by Dr Maheswar Neog. For the first time in the history of Sattriya music, the notation work of *Bajira* or Sattriya dance was done by Keshab Changkakati for these two books.

Sangeet Satra was also instrumental in persuading the Sangeet Natak Akademi to include Sattriya dance and music in their talent search scholarship scheme in the year 1976. As a result, two students from the Sangeet Satra were selected for the

first time in the year 1977.

Rakeshwar Saikia Barbayan's untiring efforts to get recognition for Sattriya dance as an Indian classical form cannot be overlooked. He instituted a number of Sattriya dance and drama performances in and outside the State to establish the fact that Sattriya dance has its own merits to become a classical dance. He met different people from the music world, along with the concerned ministers and officials to demand recognition for Sattriya dance.

His untiring efforts proved fruitful as Sattriya dance was declared a classical dance by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in December, 2000, just a few months after his untimely death on October 15, 2000.

In 1993, the Sangeet Satra celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a three-day celebration. Late Hiteswar Saikia, then Chief Minister of Assam, was invited to inaugurate the opening session. He also donated a sum of two lakhs for the construction of a building with an auditorium. The foundation stone was laid by him in the year 1995 at a plot of land in Chandmari Colony, which was allotted by the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup.

This year Sangeet Satra is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Accordingly, a three-day event is being planned on July 8, 9, 10 to be held at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati. A variety of classical music and dances, as well as folk performances will be presented on the occasion.

Remembering Kabiguru বৰিপাল



On the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's 156th birth anniversary, Sur Sangam Sanatan Mahavidyalaya, in association with Sanskritika, organised a musical extravaganza titled *Rabipanam*, showcasing the Nobel laureate's evergreen songs, dances and recitations, to the delight of the packed audience at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati, recently.

The cultural evening, compiled by the Sangeet Natak Akademi winner Saradi Saikia was inaugurated by Mukti Dev Choudhury, former Principal of Cotton College. On the other hand, noted music director Tapan Bhattacharya of the music director duo Jitu-Tapan paid a floral tribute before the portrait of Rabindranath Tagore. The programme began with a chorus, followed by a group dance performance by several youngsters, choreographed by Mina Paul. Ananya Kashyap, Abhilash Borthakur, Amlan Sarkar, Alimpia Das, Anwesha Goswami, Pompi Kalita, Priyamvada Das, Jayashree Kashyap, Jibendra Mohan

Prantik Deka

Dev Sarmah, Nimishtha Majumdar, among others, performed one song each. A violin duet performance by Purabi Das and Anuja Das also enthralled the audiences.

The function provided a perfect platform for quite a few budding and experienced artists from all over the State to showcase their talent. Alaka Goswami's poetry recitations, the exquisitely executed group dances on songs - *Poura toder daki dyese*, *Asi Siamal Sundar*, *Aguner Parashrami*, Nandini Kashyap's dance item, and a group dance by youngsters on the evergreen song - *Jodi Tur Dak Sone* were the highlights of the evening. The dances choreographed by Mina Paul were performed by a group of gifted dancers, including Santwana Banerjee, Ragini Choudhury, Sneha, Ankita, Tushi, Parinita, Nandini Kashyap, Puja, Alimpia Das, Namrata and Disha Hazarika.

The cultural programme was musically directed by Nanda Banerjee, with the lighting provided by Kaushik Borbora, with art direction by Kiran Shankar Roy and costumes by Mina Paul.

ICCR Horizon Series

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Guwahati Regional Office, organised its Horizon Series at Majuli, in collaboration with the Shree Uttar Kamalabari Satra, on May 28. The event was graced by Janardan Dev Goswami, *Sattradhikar* of the Uttar Kamalabari Satra, as Guest of Honour; and Pallav Gopal Jha, Deputy Commissioner, Majuli as Chief Guest. The performances included a Sattriya group dance presentation by the Ut-



Pulak Gogoi honoured

A number of national and international award winning filmmakers were felicitated at a function held on May 27 at the Machlikowa Pragyoti Cultural Complex, under the auspices of the All Assam Film Producers Association. Highly acclaimed filmmaker Pulak Gogoi was specially felicitated by the Association for his contribution towards Assamese films. Padmashree Eli Ahmed attended as the chief guest. The function was addressed, among others, by Dilip Bora and Pabitra Margherita. Other award winners during 2016-17, who were felicitated, include Swantana Bordoloi, Jaicheng Jai Dohouta, Utpal Das, Arman Ahmed, Hemanta Das, Reema Das, Anisha Sarma, Bishnu Deka, Jyoti Kakati, Shibanu Bora, Jitendra Nath and Ramen Bora.

Mrichchakatikam on stage

Zerifa Wahid productions, a premier theatre production house will stage *Mrichchakatikam* from June 16 to 18 at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati, as a tribute to Padmashree winning dramatist late Arun Sarma who translated the oft-performed Sanskrit play into Assamese.

Altogether, 37 actors will be seen in different roles in the play to be directed by noted director Abinash Sarma. *Mrichchakatikam* is a love story between Vasantasena and Charudatta with a backdrop of social and political elements. Popular artiste Zerifa Wahid will play Vasantasena, the protagonist, and Kopil Bora will play the role of Charudatta.

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

- Features Editor

Tradition of aesthetics

Parampara means any practice that has been continued for a hundred years. Thus espoused Sattriya dance *Guru* and Padmashree awardee Jatin Goswami while blessing the "Parampara" Festival, hoping it will leave an indelible mark in the mind of humanity. Since its inception seven years ago, this national level dance and music fest has always attempted to showcase what the most talented artistes of India have to offer. This festival is only possible because of the efforts of the renowned Sattriya danseuse Anita Sharma. Parampara Festival was held in collaboration with the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam, and Abhinaya Society. Accomplished artistes from different parts of India like Padmashree awardee Vyjayanti Kashi, Bidushi Mandir Lahiri and Kathak exponent Vidhu Lal graced the festival with some very scintillating performances.

The curtain raised with a Madhabdev *Borgeet* which described the infant Krishna in His mother's lap - *Govindo diidho piyo*, rendered sonorously by Prasanta Rajkhowa. Dr Anjana Moyee Saikia, at the end of her recital, had commented to someone in the audience that "after I finish all my chores, I dance". How well put, a woman's day never seems to end. She may be a professional, but she still finds time to follow her heart's calling. Dr Anjana Moyee Saikia presented two very powerful Odissi dance items. One

present a dance item in their own inimitable styles. The fusion of Sattriya and Kathak by Vidhu Lal created an item which had the elements of their respective dances and at the same time, they blended the two to create a fusion item which was a visual as well as an aesthetic treat. The initial item was an invocatory benediction in praise of Lord Krishna, describing the anecdotes of Lord Krishna's *Leela*. The

Akshay Kumar and Ajay Devgn in clash of roles

In the past year, Akshay Kumar has become more inclined towards starring in the films based on real life stories. His films *Airlift* and *Rustom* were inspired from real life stories and the movies were Box office success.

As reported earlier, Akshay Kumar was very keen to acquire the official rights to the real life story of JS Gill who had rescued his team who were trapped in a coal mine. His next project could have been based on the Raniganj Coalfield rescue mission story. Now it has been learned that instead of Akshay Kumar Ajay Devgn has acquired the rights to the project. Akshay was in the process to acquire the rights when he learned that the rights were officially acquired by Ajay.

For those who are unaware of the story, 64 miners were trapped below the ground. The hero of the rescue operation was Jaswant Singh Gill, Additional Chief Mining Engineer, who risked his own life to save the lives of those miners. He was honoured with India's highest civilian gallantry award Sarmottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (SJRP) by the President of India.

This isn't the first time Ajay Devgn and Akshay Kumar are planning to star in the same story. Both of them are starring in different versions of the *Battle of Saragarhi*. While Ajay will be producing, directing and acting in the film, Akshay will be starring in Karan Johar and Salman Khan's production of *Battle of Saragarhi*.

Aishwarya and Anil Kapoor in Fanney Khan

Two of Bollywood's most talented actors Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Anil Kapoor are all set to reunite after 17 years for *Fanney Khan*. The two were last seen together in Satish Kaushik's 2000 film *Hamara Dil Apke Paas Hai*. However, as per reports, it is said that Aishwarya and Anil are not paired opposite each other in the film *Fanney Khan*, which marks the directorial debut of Atul Manjrekar, is likely to go on floors by the end of 2017.





Invaluable initiative

The book in hand is irresistible in two aspects – one, it is on the one-horned rhinoceros which we, the Assamese, are proud of, and two, it is essentially a coffee table book that includes brilliantly shot, extensively done photography on the exotic, but critically-threatened pre-historic pachyderm.

A collaborative work of Jadeep Mazumdar and Parthasarathi Mahanta, the book, titled *Rhino – Pride of Assam*, consists of eight chapters, excluding the prologue and epilogue.

Though it has been 25 years since internationaly-acclaimed author Arup Kumar Dutta penned *Unicorns*, the first such endeavour to research on the rhino phenomenon and the alarming threat to its existence in view of unabated poaching, not much has been done on book form on this magnificent animal. In that sense, and also keeping in mind the merciless killing of the rhino for its horn, especially in the national parks of Kaziranga and Manas, *Rhino – Pride of Assam* is a timely and necessary endeavour. An elaborate effort, the book narrates the evolutionary journey of the animal since pre-historic times. The different sub-species of the rhino found in very limited areas of the world have been described with anatomical specifications for academic purpose. Some of the details are very interesting – that the rhino is “active only during the night and till early morning; they spend the rest of the time wallowing in water bodies to cool down”. One is surprised to learn that the great Indian one-horned rhinos have

Partha Pratim Hazarika



humping. Female rhinos act as foster-mothers, especially to orphaned cubs! The Indian rhinos are generally friendly. They often greet each other by waving or bobbing their heads, mounting flanks,uzzling noses, or licking. Unlike their African counterparts, the Indian rhino fights with its incisor, and not with its horn.

Rhinos displayed power and might for a very long time in history, much before the majestic lion occupied the place. Many empires, including the Mohenjodaro and Harappa civilisations depicted the rhino as their symbol. Although we are presently crying foul about the illegal, unabated, merciless poaching of the rhino in our own Kaziranga and Manas, it is noteworthy that the fifth pillar edict of Emperor Ashoka, dating back to the third century BC, lists the rhino among the animals to be preserved; this means that the decimation of rhinos, among other animals, was prevalent at that time also. Legends have it that rhinos were domesticated and were used as the first line of offence in battles in

ancient India. Rhinos were also used to plough paddy fields.

The book elaborates the history of killing of this magnificent species. The writings of Al Beruni (1030AD), the Arab traveller, had mentioned the mass existence of the rhino in India. The earliest accounts of rhino hunting were perhaps that of Timur Beg, the Turco-Mongol conqueror and founder of the Timurid Empire in Central Asia, hunting the animal in Kashmir in 1398. Emperor Babur, founder of the Mughal Empire, hunted the rhino in Peshawar and on the banks of the Soria River in North India in 1519.

In the second half of the 19th century, with the abundance of the animal in the jungles of eastern India, the Terai region of Nepal, foothills of Bhutan, Assam and Myanmar, hunting of the rhino went on unabated. Maharaja Nripendra Narayan of Cooch Behar killed 206 rhinos between 1871 and 1907. Another account revealed that one Rana (a ruler) of Nepal hunted 97 rhinos in just one month.

Facing a serious threat to its existence due to hunting, severe shrinking of habitat, climatic changes and now poaching, the Indian rhino has limited areas like Kaziranga, Manas, Pobitora, Jalapara, Dudhwa, etc., as its habitat. While sincere and dedicated conservation efforts are on, the rhino is yet to find an actual safe haven, especially in Assam. In view of that, the sto-

ry of Mainao, a week-old baby rhino swept away by floods in July 2002 at Kaziranga, rescued, nurtured, reared, and translocated by humans, has been celebrated by rhino conservationists and animal-lovers alike across the world.

Published by Bookbell, under the initiative of Arya Group, *Rhino – Pride of Assam*, reportedly entailed the scrutiny of over 10,000 photographs. And this painstaking effort on the part of the authors and the other members of the project is substantiated by the fact that some of the rarest moments of the great Indian rhino have been photographically documented in the book.

This is an invaluable work in view of the ongoing rhino conservation process and the authors deserve praise for this endeavour, which provides insights into the rhino's endangerment and suggest concrete conservation measures.



A day with poetry

The Kharughuli Sakhia Sabha organised a day-long poetry recitation workshop on May 28 as part of its regular activities over the years. The programme was meant for school-going students – with the purpose of teaching them the actual methods of poem recitation, maintaining the correct ways and other norms – such as pronunciation and accents. Held under the presidency of Robin Dutta, the session was inaugurated by its founder president Narendra Nath Barua, who is an eminent writer. Rajen Bordoloi and Chandra Hazarika were invited to act as co-

Dibyendu Goswami



ordinators.

Tapashya Sarma, a teacher of the Government Girls' High School, Uzbarazar, performed the role of resource person and taught the basics of presentation in this genre of performing art. The pupils were given lessons taking the texts of popular Assamese poetry compositions like *Swadesh Preew* by Padmadrab Chaulia, which was a translation work, Sir Walter Scott's *Breathe There The Man, With Soul So Dead* and *Sagar Dekhisa* of Devakanta Baruah, which is a milestone in modern Assamese poetry. The participants were given les-

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sions on correct accent, use of vocal functioning and facial expressions, fluid delivery, etc. Earlier, Bani Chakravorty dispensed technical advice on facial and sound moderation, which needs to be followed for effective performance.

Chandra Hazarika recited a poem of Ismail Hussain's critically acclaimed *Jbon Aru Manuh Bisok*, besides the English version of *Sugar Dekhisa*, which was written by eminent columnist and poet Khushwant Singh way back in 1974 and had been published in the *Illustrated Weekly of India*. A few other local senior citizens also participated by reading out the poems of their choice.

Kiron Das presented traditional *Lokgeets* with the *dobra* in the post-lunch session, which was a welcome treat after the day-long preoccupation with verse.

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prelude

Technicolor (film colour processes) was invented by Daniel F Comstock and Herbert T Kalmus and formed the Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation in 1915. Technicolor is a trademark. Technicolor along with almost all early colour systems, was originally an additive process by which colour was introduced to film. A beam-splitter in the camera and coloured filters exposed two separate negatives. In projection, two lenses with the same colour of filters were registered together to achieve a colour image.

By 1935, Technicolor had devised its own subtractive process. A prism was used to divide the light into its green, blue, and red components and each was recorded on to a separate colour-separation negative. The positives which were made from these – “matrices” – were used as printing plates and, in the manner of lithography, the dye image from each was transferred to the final print. Walt Disney used the process for a series of short animated films, which included *The Three Little Pigs* (1933). In 1935, when the feature *Recky Sharp* (directed by Rouben Mamoulian) was produced by Pioneer, the process was established. Among the films that followed are the first British Technicolor film *Wings of the Morning* (1937), The

Adventures of Robin Hood (1938, directed by Michael Curtiz), and *Gone With the Wind* (1939, directed by Victor Fleming).

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

harmonisers

From Shajid Khan, Tangla –
2) What is the name of the young hero raised by wolves in Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book* volume?
3) In his 15th-century account of the life of King Arthur, Sir Thomas Malory described the archetypal wizard. What is the wizard's name?
4) Who is the hero of J.M Barrie's story of pirates and Red Indians in *Never Never Land* – the boy who will not grow up?
5) Who wrote the novel *Tom Jones*?

From Shajid Khan, Tangla –
One of the characters in Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the victim of a spell that puts a donkey's head on his shoulders. What is his name?
7) In a poll conducted by the British Royal National Theatre in 1990, this tragicomedy was

the colosseum

■ Neelopal Deka

side screen

1) Picture Clue: Identify this famous personality. (Adish Agarwalla, Moronhat)



voted the “most significant English language play of the 20th century”. The play witnesses two characters, Vladimir and Estragon, who wait for the arrival of someone named Godot who never arrives. Name the play.

- 8) *Ramdamoosham*, set to be the costliest movie ever produced is being funded by a UAE-based billionaire. Name the billionaire.
9) This character appeared in the novels of Jules Verne *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea* and *The Mysterious Island*. Also known as Prince Dakkar, he was an adventurer and his submarine's name is *Nanutilus*. He has also appeared in the movie *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*. Who is he? (Barnali Devi, Guwahati)
10) Which Assamese action comedy film, which also raised money through crowd-funding for its post-production, is the sequel to a 2013 film, and is based on William Shakespeare's

- ANSWERS** 1) Narendra Modi 2) Mowgli 3) Merlin 4) Peter Pan 5) Henry Fielding 6) Nick Bottom 7) Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett 8) BR Shetty 9) Captain Nemo 10) *Local King Fu* 11) A kite museum 12) Google 13) A folded pizza, shaped like a half-moon and made of salted bread dough with a filling inside 14) RMS Titanic 15) Chakradhawa Singha.



Playing with fire

Dr Kamal Kumar Tanti

Assamese poetry is a living entity with its lyrics and traditions, emotions and, of course, the experiences of the decades of turbulent times. What makes Assamese poetry a force to be reckoned with is the presence of young voices, who, while staying true to the tradition of Assamese poetry dare to experiment with form and content, and originality.

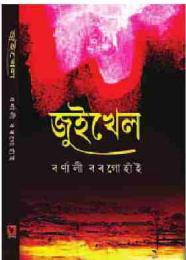
Bornali Borgohain is one such young poet, who, while working within the confines of contemporary Assamese poetry shines through, owing to her keen aesthetic sensibilities, her lyrical originality, her confidence and, of course, her writing honesty.

Like most young Assamese poets, she too is preoccupied with the images of land, rivers, roads, trees and birds, but the way she utilises these motifs or metaphors is her own. This is especially evident in her third collection of Assamese poems, *Juhkhel* (Game of Fire). This book of poetry contains 42 well-crafted poems that demand critical appreciation by critics and close reading by the readers.

The first thing you notice about the book is Borgohain's confidence. She writes in all honesty, “I believe myself to be a poet. So I write poetry. The poems live where I live. I am never different from my poems. I am not separate from my own emotions. I am intact within myself.” After reading this, as a reader, I feel the urge to plunge headlong into the poems and feel the musings of the poet.

The title poem of the book, *Juhkhel* (Game of Fire) takes us towards the complex dynamics of contemporary situations around us, and the reactions of the poet as a spectator. Another poem *Nari* (Woman), with a touch of self-belief and a rare confidence, raises its voices for womanhood, celebrating its boldness. In the poem *Juddha* (War), the poet proclaims the truth by saying, “You all knew very well / It's not an easy task / to fight / ... War means rights...”, and unmasks the hidden agendas of the two sides at war.

All poets start their poems with enthusiasm and end them with possible doubts and confusion about how a reader will accept/reject it. Some take this process seriously and they continue their poetic surveys into an unknown land, with a very different tune and voice. Bornali Borgohain is such a voice of unending poetic journeys, and a voice to watch out for.



Juhkhel

Bornali Borgohain,
Akharr Prakash, Guwahati.
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Heritage of astronomy

Dr Parag Kumar Bhattacharya

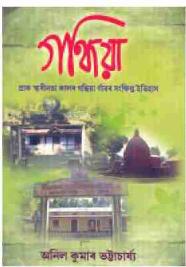
The ancient name of Assam was Pragjyotishpur and it was renowned for astronomical study. As stated by the *Kalika Puran*, Lord Brahma created constellations living in this place – *Asya Modhey Silita Brahma Prongabhukhyra Sarasijah*. From ancient times, almanacs were calculated here for Kamrup and the help of *Khandasudhya*, an authoritative work on astronomy. The manuscript of *Khandasudhya* contains many *bhasmas* or parts. According to tradition, this was so named as the work was to be studied one after another like geometry. The first part deals with the rules and processes of calculating almanacs according to the position of the latitude and longitude of Kamrup. The text of the work is in Sanskrit prose and verse, but the formulae are in local dialect. The original work was composed in 715 AD, but later on, Sridhar, the court astronomer of king Naranyana, compiled it by the order of the king.

Sunio Sridhar tumi mor balya dhara

The probable date of ascension of throne by Naranyana is 1540, and Sridhar compiled the work after this time. The book is preserved at the Jhansura Granthagar at Gandhi, which is a seat for ancient astronomical study. Pandit Purusottam Bhattacharya, the renowned astronomer who was a *Siddhanta Begas* from the Banaras Hindu University made a thorough study of the book and brought it to the notice of a scholar like Maheswar Neog, who alluded to this work in his history of literature and other works.

All this above information has been furnished by Anil Kumar Bhattacharya in his recently published commendable work titled *Gandhi*, and gives a detailed description about the culture of astronomy prevalent among the scholars of Gandhi from time immemorial. The village Gandhi became a centre of astronomy soon after Bhimesen, the grandson of Sridhar, was brought here as a *Tithikar* and *Bardeoury* of the Billeswar Temple by King Nagakhya. The author of the book – Bhattacharyya, is a direct descendant of Bhimesen and his forefathers were the *adhyapakas* of the *tolas* and they imparted astronomy to the disciples. The author went through the different manuscripts kept in the *tola*'s library and compiled the book.

The author, at the age of 80, has written the book with commendable enthusiasm. The book will stir the new generation to look into the subject of astronomy in a scientific way and scholars will be guided in pursuing oriental study.



Gandhi
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The Comedy of Errors? (Syeda Narjuna Begum Hospital Road, Tengnaga)

- 11) Which unique museum did Bhamubhai Shah of Gujarat establish in Ahmedabad? (Adish Agarwalla, Moronhat)
12) With whom has the Archaeological Survey of India joined hands to launch the 360° online view of 30 Heritage Sites? (Smita Sharma, Khanapara, Guwahati)
13) In Italian cuisine, what is a calzone? (Vaishali Medhi, Cotton College, Guwahati)
14) Edward Smith is one of the most remembered Captains, albeit for a tragic reason. What was he the captain of? (Nikumani Ahmed, Guwahati)
15) Which Ahom ruler, who ruled between 1663-1670 AD, was the first to have started issuing coins for the Ahom Kingdom in Assam? Being a staunch Hindu, his earliest coins had legends written in the Sanskrit – *Devnagri* script. (Shajid Khan, Tangla)

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Ela Gandhi honoured for lifetime activism in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, June 9: Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter Ela Gandhi has been honoured for lifetime activism at the 70th anniversary of the 1946 Indian Passive Resistance Campaign in South Africa.

The event held in Durban was celebrated with a special planting ceremony at the Freedom Park, a memorial to honour those who sacrificed their lives to win freedom.

Over 70 of the best alums of Sastri College, named after its founder, the legal agent for the government of India to South Africa Srinivasa Sastri, gathered in the adjacent Freedom Park to watch 90-year-old Dhananjan Moolchand planting the first tree to honour the protesters. Thousands of men and women had defied the government and police intervention in 1947 to protest against the apartheid government's 'Ghetto Bill' by staying in the park.

The Bill was designed to prevent Indians from buying land or property from other race groups as part of the implementation of the draconian separate developmental policies of uprooting people and forcibly resettling them in townships which were segregated by race. – PTI

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Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May makes a statement in Downing Street next to her husband Philip after travelling to Buckingham Palace to ask the Queen's permission to form a minority Government, in London on Friday. – UNI

Russia interfered in US presidential polls with purpose: Comey

WASHINGTON, June 9: Fired FBI Director James Comey has said there should be "no fuzz" about Russia's role in influencing the 2016 US election that brought Donald Trump to the White House, as he cited a "campaign driven from the top of that government" with political and technical sophistication.

"There should be no fuzz on this whatsoever. The Russians interfered in our election during the 2016 cycle," Comey said.

"They did it with purpose. They did it with sophistication. They did it with overwhelming technical efforts. It was an active-measures campaign driven from the top of that government," he told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence during a much-anticipated hearing. Comey, who was sacked in May, said this assessment was a "high-confidence judgment" of the entire American intelligence community. "It's not a close call. That happened," he said.

During his more than two hours of testimony yesterday, the 56-year-old former FBI chief said he was fired by Trump "because of the Russia investigation."

"I was fired in some way to change, or the endeavour was to change, the way the Russia investigation was being conducted," he told lawmakers at



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the Congressional hearing.

Comey said that soon after he was fired he leaked the information about his interaction with Trump hoping that such a move would prompt the appointment of a special counsel to investigate the Russian links to the Trump campaign.

"I know I should've said this earlier, but it's obvious – if any Americans were part of helping the Russians do that to us, that is a very big deal. I'm confident that, if that is the case, Director (Robert) Mueller (who has been appointed as counsellor to investigate the Russian links) will find that evidence," Comey said in response to a question. – PTI

ISIS claims killing of Chinese hostages in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD/BEIJING, June 9: The Islamic State terror group has claimed that it had killed two Chinese hostages, including a woman, who were abducted by armed gunmen from Pakistan's restive Balochistan province recently.

The hostages were studying Urdu language at a local teaching center in the provincial capital of Quetta when they were forcibly kidnapped by unknown gunmen last month. Another Chinese woman had escaped the abduction.

The ISIS on its propaganda news agency Amn uploaded a statement in Arabic yesterday, saying it had killed the two abducted Chinese nationals.

Confirming reports of the killing of its nationals, China today said the murders had not been connected to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor but asserted that such risks are unavoidable as its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) goes global.

China had worked closely with Pakistan to rescue them but "the two may have unfortunately been killed", Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said in Beijing, stating that Pakistan has informed China about their deaths.

This incident will not have any connection with the BRI, nor with the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting being held in Astana, Hua said. – PTI

Commitment to Safe Environment for Women at WORK PLACE



A sense of security at the workplace improves women's participation in work, resulting in their economic empowerment and inclusive growth.

The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 requires an employer to set up an 'Internal Complaints Committee' ('ICC') and the Government to set up a 'Local Complaints Committee' ('LCC') at the district level to investigate complaints regarding sexual harassment at workplace and for inquiring into the complaint in a time bound manner.

What amounts to Sexual Harassment?

- Subjecting a woman to unwelcome sexually determined behaviour (whether directly or by implication) by physical contact and advances, a demand or request for sexual favours, sexually coloured remarks, showing pornography, any other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature.
- Presence or occurrence of circumstances of implied or explicit promises of preferential treatment in employment, threat to determine treatment in employment, threat about present or future employment, interference with work; creating an intimidating or offensive or hostile work environment; humiliating treatment likely to affect the lady employee's health or safety.

What is a Workplace?

- Government bodies, private and public sector organisations, non-Governmental organisations, organisations carrying on commercial, vocational, educational, entertainment, industrial, financial activities, hospitals and nursing homes, educational institutes, sports institutions and stadiums used for training individuals.
- Places visited by employees during the course of employment or for reasons arising out of employment – including transportation provided by the employer for the purpose of commuting to and from the place of employment.
- A dwelling place or house.
- An enterprise (owned by individuals or self employed workers) where the number of workers is less than ten.

Steps to be taken by the Employers:

- To provide a safe working environment.
- Display conspicuously at the workplace, what constitutes sexual harassment, the penal consequences of indulging in acts that may constitute sexual harassment and the composition of the Internal Complaints Committee.
- Organise workshops and awareness programmes at regular intervals for sensitizing employees on the issues and legal implications of sexual harassment at workplace and organizing orientation programmes for members of the Internal Complaints Committee.
- Treat sexual harassment as misconduct under the service rules and initiate action for misconduct.

Timelines

- A written complaint has to be filed by the aggrieved female employee within 3 months of the date of the incident.
- The inquiry has to be completed within 90 days.
- The inquiry report has to be issued within 10 days from the date of completion of inquiry.
- The employer is required to act on the recommendations of the committee within 60 days of receipt of inquiry report.
- Appeal against the decision of the committee is allowed within 90 days of the date of recommendations.

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1. Government of Assam has offered to sale the dated securities for an amount of Rs. 300.00 Crore with ten year tenure by auction. The auction will be conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, at Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai-400001 on June 13, 2017.

2. The procedure of auction of the State Development Loan as under:-

(a) Competitive Bids

All competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) System. Persons, other than CBS members, shall route their competitive bids through CBS member. Competitive bids may be submitted between 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. on the day of the auction, as herein.

(b) Non-Competitive Bids

Under the scheme, an investor can submit a single bid only in the auction of a State Development Loan, subject to a maximum of 1% of notified amount through a bank or a Primary Dealer. Non-Competitive Bids will be accepted only electronically on the CBS between 10:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. on the day of auction. No bids under the Non-Competitive Bidding Scheme shall be accepted after 11:30 A.M.

(c) Bids in Physical format

No bids, henceforth, be accepted in physical format in the auctions of State Development Loans, except in extraordinary situations, may be specified by the Reserve Bank of India.

3. The bids may be submitted electronically to the Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai-400001

4. The result of auction shall be displayed by the Reserve Bank of India on its website on the same day of auction. The payment by successful bidders will be on June 14, 2017.

5. The rate of Interest, i.e., the cut-off yield determined at the auction will be the coupon rate percent per annum on the stock sold at the auction. The interest will be paid on December 14 and June 14.

6. The investment in Government Stock will be reckoned as eligible investment for Comptroller and Auditor General for the purpose of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Stocks will qualify for ready forward facility.

7. For other details, please see the Notification of the Government of Assam No. BW 03/2017 dated 9th June, 2017.

Sd/- (Dr. Ravi Kato, IAS)
Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
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Owning a dog may help older adults to meet World Health Organisation's recommendations of at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day, according to a new study.

Health professionals could encourage dog

tween April 2013 and November 2014.

The researchers monitored the time spent walking moderately, time spent standing, total time spent sitting, as well as the number of times people sat down and how long they sat down for.

Dog owners and controls were matched on a range of variables such as gender, ethnicity and socio-economic status.

"Most of the research in this area has relied upon self-report measures of physical activity," Dall said.

"The use of objective measures of physical activity and sedentary behaviour, collected by using activity monitors, provides opportunities to gain greater insight by providing objective data on both the intensity and patterns of physical activity and sedentary behaviour."

"This allows closer scrutiny of the potential relationship between changes in physical activity due to dog ownership and health," said Dall.

(Source: PTI)

Dog ownership

Pet dogs help older adults stay active, says a study

ownership is shared care of a dog to motivate older adults to be more physically active, researchers said.

"We found that dog owners aged 65 and over spent on average an additional 22 minutes walking, taking an extra 2,760 steps per day when compared to people who did not own a dog," said Philip Dall, senior research fellow at Glasgow Caledonian University in the UK.

"Over the course of a week this additional time spent walking may in itself be sufficient to meet WHO recommendations of at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity," said Dall, lead author of the study published in the journal BMC Public Health.

The researchers also found that dog owners had fewer sedentary events – that is continuous periods of sitting down – than non-dog owners, although the total time spent sitting down did not differ between the two groups.

"Our results indicate that dog ownership may play an important role in encouraging older adults to walk more," said Nancy Gee from WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition, UK.

"Our research will provide insights into how pet ownership may help older people achieve higher levels of physical activity or maintain their physical activity levels for a longer period of time, which could improve their prospects for a better quality of life, improved or maintained cognition, and perhaps, even overall longevity," said Gee, co-author of the study.

The study used data on patterns of physical activity and sedentary behaviour in 43 dog owners and 43 controls from three regions in the UK.

Study participants were aged 65 years and over and wore an activity monitor continuously during three, one-week data collection periods be-

fore the start of the study.

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, June 10, 2017.

This year you tend to be more serious and grounded than usual. One-on-one relating means a lot to you, and though you can be charming and witty, you also can be somber and serious. If you are single, you could connect with someone who is more serious than you, but don't let the past affect you. You like to move on, perhaps through a friendship or a meeting. If you are attached, you and your significant other might be in the process of recalibrating your relationship. Honor the changes you both have experienced since you met. CAPRICORN is not as fun-loving as 4-positive; you are.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Adventurous; 2-Intelligent; 1-Relaxed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You could feel as if your energy is off. Your anger might emerge at odd moments. You probably are not angry with anyone you are dealing with right now, but a situation around you might trigger an event from your past. Tonight: Let the leading in others together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might feel as if you are dealing with a sudden weight or a difficult emotional matter. You have a lot of questions that you want to ask and need to ask. The results are likely to be unusually rewarding. Your caring side emerges later in the day. Tonight: Hang out and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

***** This newspaper occurs wherever you go. Fiery moments surround a conversation involving a family member. You see financial matters very differently from how others involved do. Caring emanates, despite a disagreement. You can bypass a problem easily. Tonight: Your trust.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

***** You might be more around trying to get done more than your share. Invite others over for a get-together, but make sure that you plan an active pastime for people to enjoy. Loved ones seem to be dealing with some frustration. Tonight: Smile to a friend's irritation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Your ways draw people toward you. Understand what is happening with a friend who obviously is frustrated. You might not want to be in the line of fire. Spend a day completing certain projects, but make time to visit with a friend. Tonight: Do not push too hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You seem to be a lone soul. Your compassion emerges once you detach from one of this person's annoying habits. You'll feel better, and so will she feel cared about. Share an important thought, as that is the first step toward making it happen. Tonight: In the lightest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You might want to spend more time at home today. Know that your reason could just be that you need some downtime. Others seem to be running on high energy. You easily can be drawn in, if you so choose. A family matter does not go away. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You are more focused on completing a project and getting some extra R & R. Calls could be distracting, though you will enjoy catching up on others' news. A demanding call from someone who usually is easygoing will catch you off guard. Tonight: Catch a movie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Be careful with your finances. You have a tendency to be too responsive when dealing with a loved one. This person seems to want more of your time and attention. Try to come to a better understanding, despite a difficult situation. Tonight: Know that you are cared for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You seem to be more in control than you have been in quite a while. A loved one or several friends will enjoy that you are willing to free up some extra time to spend with them. Anger comes forward, and it needs to be rooted out and discussed. Tonight: Get your way.

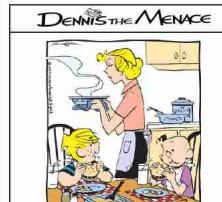
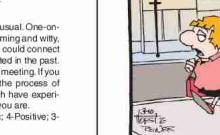
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** A friend will take the lead in bringing others together. A financial matter seems to move positive than you had thought possible. Until the issue is resolved, don't attempt to make a change. Wait to respond to good news until it is written in stone. Tonight: Enjoy being a duo.

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Thought for the day

Give me a girl at an impressionable age, and she is mine for life.
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We are not invincible: Kohli ahead of SA tie

LONDON, June 9: "We are not invincible," said India captain Virat Kohli as he tried to make sense of the stunning loss to Sri Lanka despite posting, what he thought, was a winning total in their Champions Trophy clash here.

India set Sri Lanka a tough target of 322, which the islanders easily chased down with seven wickets in hand.

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Ashwin may be back against SA'

LONDON, June 9: India's premier off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin may be back in the mix after being dropped in the first two games and South Africa batting coach Neil McKenzie feels that the tweaker would be a preferred choice against his team.

With three left-handers in Quinton de Kock, JP Duminy and David Miller in the top six, it is imperative that Ashwin who can turn the ball away, would get a look in. "When it comes to strat-

CAC seeks more time to decide on Kumble's future

LONDON, June 9: The Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) comprising Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman has sought more time to decide on chief coach Anil Kumble's future.

With majority of the senior members including acting BCCI president CK Khanna and IPL chairman Rajeev Shukla against the hasty removal of Kumble, the chances of the spin legend getting an extension has increased manifold.

The three-member committee met here yesterday evening at a five-star facility and had a nearly two-hour discussion on issue of new coach's appointment but then informed BCCI CEO Rahul Jo-

hri that they would need more time.

Accordingly, a press release was issued by acting BCCI secretary Amitabh Chaudhary.

"The Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of the BCCI met today and discussed the process with regard to the selection of the head coach of the Senior India Men team and it was decided by the CAC to revert to the BCCI, at an appropriate time," the BCCI released stated.

For the legendary trio, it was convenient to ask for more time as all three are against removal of Kumble as he had tremendous success as coach winning 12 out of 17 matches since he took over in July last year - PTI

Rain threat over the crucial contest looms large as

game. This is one match that could be totally different from the beginning," commented Pliskova. Pliskova, also in quest for the world No. 1 place, bounced back in a 6-3 win in the second set. However, it was Halep who got the upper hand as she won the decider 6-3.

Halep finished a total of 14 winners against her 14 unforced errors, while Pliskova's 55 unforced errors cancelled out her 45 winners.

The other semifinal featured two players that celebrated their birthdays on game day. Ostapenko, who turned 20, became the first Latvian to reach a Grand Slam final with a 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3 victory over the 28-year-old Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland.

"I'm really happy to be in the final, especially my birthday. It's a nice gift," said Ostapenko, who earned her maiden appearance in the final of a Grand Slam tournament.

She was also the first unseeded player to reach the final at Roland Garros in 34 years, according to the Women's Tennis Association (WTA). - IANS

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England: Eoin Morgan (captain), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Jake Ball, Tom Banton, Alex Hales, Jos Buttler, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, Steven Finn.



Australia: Steve Smith (captain), David Warner, Aaron Finch, Pat Cummins, John Hastings, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell, James Pattinson, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, Adam Zampa.



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Retirement will be a joy: Bolt

KINGSTON (Jamaica), June 9: Usain Bolt has no regrets as he prepares to hang up his spikes in August and says he is looking forward to watching the 2020 Tokyo Olympics as a spectator.

"For me it will just be a joy," the world's fastest man told AFP yesterday.

"It will be a joy to sit back and watch it and remember, and get that feeling about all those athletes competing at the Olympics."

"I look forward to just being an outsider and helping anyway I possibly can."

The reigning Olympic and World champion in the 100m and 200m will run his last race on Jamaican soil at the second annual Racers Grand Prix tomorrow at the National Stadium in Kingston.

Bolt has four events left before retirement - this weekend's Kingston meet, Ostrava on June 28, Monaco on July 21 and the August 4-13 World Championships in London.

Bolt, 30, drew the curtain down on his Olympic career in August by sweeping the 100m and 200m sprint titles for a third successive Summer Games.

He has a reputation as a free spirit and as a prankster and that joy of life - which comes out in his victory celebrations -

will be on display Saturday for what he intends to be a party.

"For me I am going to miss the crowd," says Bolt, who is known for his signature lightning pose in Olympic stadiums after winning gold. "I enjoy playing with the crowd and the high energy. That is what I will miss about track and field."

A who's who of track and field stars will pay tribute at the Racers in an emotional Jamaican farewell for Bolt, who many deem to be the greatest sprinter of all time.

Jamaica is considered the sprint capital of the world over successive Olympics and World Championships and the National Stadium is the venue where Bolt launched his international career, competing and winning as a 15-year-old at the World Junior Games in 2002.

"The last time I ran in front of my home crowd, I know it will be loud," he said.

Bolt hasn't lost an individual race since 2013 and his streak appears to be safe with Saturday's scheduled 100 metres as he will race against mainly Jamaican teammates.

Asafa Powell withdrew this week with an injury leaving Bolt with Nesta Carter, Michael Frater and Nickel Ashmeade in his heat.

It will be the first time he has run with Carter since Jamaica's 2008 Beijing Olympics relay team had to return their gold medals because of a retest of Carter's doping sample which came out positive.

"I definitely won't miss the training," said Bolt, the triple world record holder in 100m, 200m, 4x100m relay. "Every athlete that runs fast will tell you that."

Bolt did not train for a few weeks following the death on April 20 of his close friend and Olympian Germaine Mason, who died in a motor bike accident. Bolt was one of the pall-bearers at the funeral.

AFP

washouts against New Zealand and Bangladesh hurt their chances of making the last four. Australia had to share points with both their previous opponents and now face a bizarre situation where they could be out of the tournament without playing a full game.

The batsmen from Down Under did not get much time at the crease in the rain hit matches and now have to deal with a well-balanced English bowling attack. - PTI

US beat Trinidad & Tobago in WC qualifier

LOS ANGELES, June 9: Borussia Dortmund star Christian Pulisic scored twice as the United States grabbed a vital 2-0 win over Trinidad and Tobago in their 2018 World Cup qualifying campaign.

Bundesliga-based Pulisic slid home a close-range finish from DeAndre Yedlin's low cross in the 52nd minute yesterday to give the Americans the lead in their CONCACAF zone qualifying battle.

The teenage starlet then bagged his seventh goal in only his 15th international appearance to make it 2-0 after 62 minutes, latching on to Jozy Altidore's perfect through ball before whipping a low finish in the near post.

Pulisic's goals settled a tense duel in the thin air of Commerce City's Dick's Sporting Goods Park, just outside Denver, Colorado.

"It took us a little while to get going," Pulisic said. "We had some chances in the first half and couldn't put them away. But once we wore them down our quality started to come out and we showed them in the end. It was a good game."

The win lifted the USA into the automatic qualifying positions with seven points from five games and gives Bruce Arena's side a boost as they prepare for a daunting away assignment against Mexico on Sunday. - AFP

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Halep to face Jelena in French Open final

PARIS, June 9: Women's No. 3 seed Simona Halep of Romania made a comeback into the final at Roland Garros after three years with a three-set victory over the second-seeded Karolina Pliskova, while Latvian promising star Jelena Ostapenko got a perfect birthday gift as she overcame Timea Bacsinszky in the women's singles semifinals here.

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Sanga's tips key to win over India: Mathews

LONDON, June 9: Sri Lanka captain Angelo Mathews said an inspirational net session with the legendary Kumar Sangakkara played a key role in his side's stunning win over defending champions India in a must-win ICC Champions Trophy match here.

Former skipper Sangakkara, who is currently playing for Surrey, spent some time with his country's youngsters before yesterday's crucial clash against India.

Mathews thanked Sangakkara for his tips to Kusal Mendis, who made 89 yesterday, and other young batsmen.

"Yeah, he (Mendis) met Kumar Sangakkara to get a few batting tips, and he's the king, and we all look up to him. We all get advice from him, all the batters," Mathews said.

"He taught us a lot of good things on how to play on these tracks. Yesterday the guys made and took a lot of advice and went out there and implemented it."

Sri Lanka were thrashed by South Africa in their opening match last week but bounced back in style to claim down India's impressive 321-run total at The Oval with seven wickets in hand.

Incidentally, it was Sri Lanka's joint highest ODI run chase, which also kept alive their hopes of reaching the semi-finals.

Danushka Gunathilaka, who replaced an injured Chamara Kapugedera, struck a fine 76 off 72 balls while Mendis made 89 as the duo shared 159 runs for the second wicket to lay the foundation for the run chase.

"Mind you, to walk into a game knowing that he (Danushka) wasn't even in the 15 and Kapugedera got injured yesterday, and he had to step in and to open the batting against a very strong opposition, it was fantastic the way he batted," Mathews said.

Sri Lanka might have been rated as under-

Lovlina wins bronze, Gaurav in final

NEW DELHI, June 9: Gaurav Chauhan (91kg) was the lone Indian boxer to enter the final of the President's Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan today.

In the women's draw, Lovlina Borghain (75kg) settled for a bronze medal at the event.

Gaurav defeated Kazakhstan's Vasily Levit in his semifinal bout, while Lovlina lost to Kazakhstan's Shakimova in the last-four stage.

Earlier, Nation's Cup gold-medallist Neeraj (51kg) lost in the quarterfinals to Kazakh Sherekemova.

The tournament features both men's and women's competition with close to 150 boxers vying for the top honours. - PTI

Indian archers crash out of WC Stage II

ANTALYA, June 9: The recurve archers continued their woeful run to crash out of the World Cup Stage II here today, leaving India to restore pride in the non-Olympic compound section where they stand a chance to win three medals.

Former world number one Deepika Kumari proved to be the biggest disappointment as the women's recurve top seed made a round four exit after losing to 16th seed Lin Shih-Chin of Taipei 6-5.

Locked 5-5 after four sets, Lin clinched the issue in the shoot-off with her arrow closest to the centre.

Olympian Atanu Das was eliminated in round three with a 6-2 loss to Malaysia's Muhammad Nor Hasrin.

It was unheralded Dhaniram Basumatary, who fared better and progressed to the quarterfinals, where he was crushed by Jean-Charles Valladont of France 6-0.

It's been a year when the recurve archers last won a World Cup medal — in Stage III in Antalya in 2016 when Das and Deepika had won a silver in mixed pair.

This is for the second time in a row the recurve team will be returning empty-handed from the World Cup and their prolonged lean patch would be a cause for concern ahead of the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games next year. - PTI

India need to bring in Ravi Ashwin

Don't look for faults just for the sake of it. India couldn't have played eight bowlers; their score was dependable and not all games are won. A sinking Sri Lanka flapped with young exciting talent leading the way and held on to the straw which took them to the shores.



The fact is Lanka needed to go berserk in chase. Denied of breath, anyone would struggle for life. Lanka, fortunately, broke free of the squeeze which India had applied on their throats. Hopefully, their days of being a punching bag are over.

Still, at least one change is due against South Africa — and that's not Ravindra Jadeja. India needs to bring in Ravi Ash-

win. One of the three pace trio would've to make way. Or even instead of Kedar Jadhav, which means Pandya batsat six. South Africans are freshly hurt against

Also, it's an English summer where swing is on a holiday.

South Africa has a batting line-up which doesn't fail twice. AB de Villiers is due

any moment and you can only snigger at the suggestions that he now has cold feet against left-arm spinners. The insurance of David Miller in the lower half could also

be hugely liberating for the top order.

It was given that India and South Africa would make it to the play-offs from Group B. Now one of them would leave the stage on Sunday. One of Sri Lanka or Pakistan would make the grade the next day. Both had been savaged in their first games. — TCM



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Mountaineer Bimal Goswami passes away

GUWAHATI, June 9: Noted mountaineer and former secretary of the Assam Mountaineering Association passed away today after a prolonged illness. He was 58.

Goswami was not only associated with mountaineering but also was instrumental in introducing the game of rugby in Assam. He was the founder secretary of the Assam Rugby Association and organised several rugby tournaments here in the city. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters.

Wrestling tourney at Missamari

TEZPUR, June 9: The Eastern Command Wrestling Championship was concluded at the Missamari Military station yesterday.

Organised by the Blazing Sword Division of Garaj Corporation Missamari from June 5, the four-day mega event saw the participation of fifteen teams and 450 wrestlers.

The tournament was played in eight weight categories in both Free Style and Greco-Roman styles, stated a release.

Local body to host JK Tyre bike race

AIZAWL, June 9: In the wake of ongoing agitations by student bodies and other organisations in the hilly State of Mizoram, JK Tyres and Industries has been forced to hand over the Aizawl leg of selection for the JK Tyre Presents Suzuki Gixxer Cup to be held tomorrow to MIMSA, the local Mizoram Motorsports Association.

JK Motorsports announced this today while revealing that all its equipment meant to ensure that the selection rounds were carried out under the strictest international safety guidelines would not reach the venue in time.

"We deeply regret our withdrawal from the Aizawl selection due to circumstances beyond our control," Sanjay Sharma, head of JK Motorsports said. "Our equipment that ensures safety and comfort for each participant has been held up at Kohsilab on NH 54, just 100 kilometres from Aizawl, for four days. As we at JK adhere to all safety norms in our motor sport initiatives, we do not have any choice but to withdraw from this round."

Sanjay Sharma, however, pointed out that the selections would continue as planned so that bikers from the Northeast are not deprived of this opportunity to race in the National Championship.

"MIMSA is conducting its club selections on exactly the same date at the same time and venue. We have requested them to accommodate all those who have registered with us for the June 10 event to take part in it," he explained.

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