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## Army officer's legal notice on free ration

KOLKATA, July 25: A senior Army officer has served a legal notice to the Union government protesting against the alleged withdrawal of free ration to Army officers in peace areas and sought restoration of the benefit within 60 days.

Col Mukti Dev, Deputy Judge Advocate General, HQ 12 Corps, wrote to the Government of India through Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra seeking immediate withdrawal of the order.

"The government is instead offering Rs 96.03 per day as ration money in lieu, which is highly inadequate," his lawyer Col Rajiv Manglik (retd) told PTI today over the phone. "The sum offered is enough to provide a paltry sum of Rs 96.03 as ration money instead," the notice said.

The letter said the decision was violative of his service conditions upon which he was employed. "It may kindly be noted that the notification for provision of rations to the officers of Indian Armed Forces while they are serving in peace area and they shall be provided with a paltry sum of Rs 96.03 as ration money instead," the notice said.

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## China bound to be a threat in coming years: Army Vice Chief

NEW DELHI, July 25: China is expanding its influence across the Himalayas in India's neighbourhood and is bound to be a "threat" in the coming years, a top Army general said today.

Lt Gen Sarath Chand, Vice Chief of the Indian Army, also castigated Pakistan's Army for targeting civilians in cross-border shelling, stressing they had "stooped so low" as to fire at schools.

"This is not what the Indian Army would do," the Vice Chief said at the inaugural session of AMICON in 2017,

a two-day conference organised by the Army and the Confederation of India Industry (CII).

Chand also downplayed Army Chief Bipin Rawat's comment that the Indian Army was "ready for a two and a half from war", stating that Gen Rawat "never meant to whip up a war hysteria" but was merely stating that India needed to pay more attention to its security.

Last month, the Chinese military had described Rawat's remarks as "irresponsible", and asked him to "stop clamouring for war".

Chand's remarks follow a month-long standoff between Indian and Chinese troops at the two nations' trijunction with Bhutan.

"China is expanding its influence across the Himalayas into our neighbourhood despite being an economy five times the size (of India), with such a large standing army, and despite having the Himalayas between us, it is bound to be a threat for us in the years ahead," Chand said.

He said a large part of the Chinese defence expenditure was "under-clared".

He also asserted that India needed to pay more attention to security in view of the existing scenario, and said military strength was essential for providing the security needed for economic development.

You are aware of the tensions building up on our borders near Sikkim. You are aware of the trans-boundary engagements we are having. Last week alone, we lost seven lives. You are also aware of the insurrections taking place in various parts of the country," Chand said.

Referring to the military stand-off

between India and Pakistan after a terror attack on Parliament in 2001, Chand said that "despite wanting to go across to take punitive action against the neighbour behind it", India did not go ahead because the edge it had was "considered inadequate".

He described Pakistan as "a smaller nation with a smaller economy". This was why it undertakes a "low-intensity conflict" to keep India engaged rather than waging a full-fledged war, he said. This suits Pakistan's "all-weather friend", China, he added. - PTI



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday. - UNI

## Over 10,000 acres of defence land under encroachment: govt

NEW DELHI, July 25: Around 10,220 acres of defence land is under encroachment across the country, including by various agencies of the Central and State governments as well as by public sector undertakings, slum dwellers and private persons, he said.

Replying to a question, Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhamre said various measures are being taken to remove encroachments from defence land.

Defence land to the extent of approximately 10,220 acres

is presently under encroachment by various agencies of the Central and State governments as well as by public sector undertakings, slum dwellers and private persons, he said.

To a question on private defence industry, Bhamre said since the opening of the defence sector in 2001, the government

has issued 342 industrial licenses to 205 Indian companies. "Adequate safety and security procedures would need to be put in place by the licensee. The companies shall comply with the security guidelines applicable to them based on the security categorisation indicated in the licence," he said. - PTI

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tehs, he said.

It highlighted these measures in a booklet titled '3 years of sustained HR initiatives: Foundation for a new India' and in a presentation made before Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently.

"To ensure accountability of bureaucracy, the government has made probity and performance the twin pillars on which good governance rests," the booklet said.

Strict action has also been initiated against officers on foreign postings who were con-

tinuing on such assignments beyond their approved tenures, it said.

"These strict measures have gone a long way towards inculcating a sense of discipline and accountability in the bureaucracy and have sent a message to employees to either perform or perish, while having a positive impact on the performing workforce," the ministry said.

It said the records of 11,828 Group A officers, including 199 Group B officers were also reviewed to eliminate the deadwood and the corrupt.

In the presentation before the Prime Minister, the ministry said action was taken five from the 381 bureaucrats.

Against 25 Group A officers, including an IAS and two IPS, and 99 Group B officers were prematurely retired by the government, the ministry said. As many as 21 civil serv-

ants, including 10 IAS officers, deemed to have resigned, it said.

The penalties like dismissals, removal or compulsory retirement and cut in pension was imposed on 37 Group A officers that included five from the IAS.

In addition to this, 199 Group A officers, including eight from the IAS, were penalised on remuneration, it said.

The ministry, while highlighting its initiatives, said there was "visible demonstration of the will of the State in punishing wrongdoers". - PTI

## Draft guidelines on sexual offenders list

NEW DELHI, July 25: The government is preparing draft guidelines on a proposal to set up sex offenders registry in the country, the Lok Sabha was informed today.

"Draft guidelines on the proposal to set up sex offenders registry in India are under preparation in consultation with relevant ministries and organisations, before they are put out for wider consultation with State governments and the public," Minister of State for Home Hansraj Ahir said.

In a written reply, Ahir said the partial consultation draft includes the registration of individuals convicted for offences like rape, voyeurism, stalking and aggravated sexual assault. - PTI

## Restrictions imposed in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, July 25: Authorities today imposed restriction in parts of the city in view of a strike called by separatist groups against the arrest of several separatist leaders by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

However, the strike evoked a mixed response.

Restrictions under Section 144 of CrPC have been imposed in five police station areas of Srinagar officials said. They said the restrictions were in force in police station areas of Nowhatta, MR Gunj, Rainawari, Khanjar and Safakadal.

The officials said the curbs were imposed as a precautionary measure to avoid any untoward incident in view of the strike called by the separatists.

The separatists, chairmen of both factions of Hurriyat Conference, Syed Ali Shah Geelani and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and JKLF chief Yasin

No consensus on witness protection programme: Govt

NEW DELHI, July 25: The Centre today said there was no consensus among States on launching a witness identity protection programme.

Minister of State for Home Hansraj Ahir, in written reply to a question, said the Law Commission of India in its 198th report gave its recommendations on 'Witness Identity Protection and Witness Protection Programme'.

Based on recommendations, the questionnaire and the bill was circulated to the State governments and the Union Territory administrations for their views.

"As there was no consensus among the States, the matter was referred to Bureau of Police Research and Development on November 3, 2016 to examine the matter regarding the observation of the States and feasibility of an implementable identity protection programme," he said. - PTI

inter-district transport was also plying on some routes, they said.

Government offices and banks functioned normally, the officials said.

Private educational institutions were shut due to the strike, - PTI

as it was matter of faith for Hindus.

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## RSS Muslim wing to promote brotherhood

LUCKNOW, July 25: The Muslim wing of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) today said that it will run a 'rakhi campaign' across the country in which Muslim girls will tie rakhi to Hindu boys and Hindu girls to Muslim boys.

According to the Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM), the RSS' Muslim wing, the campaign will be launched on August 3 from Rajasthan's State Capital Jaipur after which on August 5 and 6, it will be held in New Delhi and Lucknow in which the Manch's patron Indresh Kumar will also be present.

"Muslim sisters will tie rakhi to him (Indresh) also. In Lucknow, there will be two programmes, one of which will be exclusively for diwaniyas. The only objective of the programme is to promote brotherhood among Hindus and

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## Joint mock drill by NDRF team

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, July 25: A 1st Battalion NDRF team participated in a joint mock exercise on industrial disaster emergency and response today at IOC, Betuchi, to ensure effective response of the fire brigade and members in the IOC.

The 38-member team comprising Assistant Commandant Surendra Kumar, four subordinate officers and 33 rescuers, assisted plant employees in planning and coordination at the initial stage. The rescuers participated with all the necessary response tools and equipment in the exercise.

Approximately 150 persons, including employees of the plant, NDRF, SDRF, fire service, police, health service and media, took part in the drill.

### Rapist held

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, July 25: Police have arrested Chandra Kanta Pandey, a daily wage labourer, for raping a two-and-a-half-year-old girl at Kotokipara, Lohora last night.

A case has been registered under Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. The culprit was sent to jail today, police said.

# Master plan to tackle vector-borne diseases

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, July 25: Along with other parts of Assam, the monsoon season has also led to spread of vector-borne diseases in Kamrup (Metro) district, with Guwahati and nearby areas witnessing a number of cases of dengue, malaria, Japanese encephalitis (JE) and chikungunya. This has now forced the administration to frame and implement a master plan to prevent further spread of these diseases.

So far this year a total of 60 cases of Type I dengue, nine of chikungunya and five each of malaria and JE have been reported from the district.

Speaking to *The Assam Tribune* today, Joint Director of Health Services Dr Ganesh Saikia said there have been reports of sporadic cases of vector-borne diseases from many localities in

the city as well as from nearby rural areas, particularly from the Sonapur revenue circle area.

"Accordingly, we have drawn up a master plan and started implementing it. The health department, the district administration, the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) and other line departments are part of the project. It will involve covering each of the 31 wards of Guwahati through a series of exercises including fogging, holding of public meetings and other awareness campaigns, and making an effort at source reduction to prevent spread of such diseases in the district," said Dr Saikia.

The campaign has been launched in wards 17 and 21 and will cover two wards every day over a period of 15

days. Then the process will be repeated, ensuring that each GMC ward is



covered at least twice a month.

According to the master plan, each day from 7 am to 10 am, public meetings, distribution of posters and leaflets and other information and communication exercises are being undertaken.

"This morning, I myself attended four such public meetings to sensitise people regarding vector-borne diseases and on ways and means to prevent them as well as on steps to be taken in case of anybody contracting such an ailment. We have just started the entire exercise and it will be stepped up over the coming days," said Dr Saikia.

Medical camps are being set up during the daytime to check fever cases and diagnosed patients are being admitted to hospitals. Fogging exercises in localities are to be taken up in each selected ward after 4 pm every day.

GMC has 25 fogging machines at its disposal, while another ten are with the district health department. Dr Saikia said that the number of

dengue cases has shown a decline on an annual basis. There were 322 such cases during January 1-July 24 in 2016. This year the number has fallen to 60 during the corresponding period.

Altogether, during the whole of 2016, the district had reported around 5,400 cases of dengue and there were two deaths. "However, there were not many JE cases in Kamrup (Metro) last year," said Dr Saikia.

Meanwhile, sources said that the State health department is expected to release at least Rs 31 lakh to the GMC soon for conducting fogging operations in the city.

Officials said special emphasis is being given to curb the spread of vector-borne diseases because overall they account for more than 17 per cent of all infectious diseases globally and in the humid climate of Assam such diseases can spread very fast.



Director General of Police Mukesh Sahay felicitating physically challenged students who have passed the HSLC and HS final examination with flying colours this year, at the GMCH auditorium in Guwahati on Tuesday. -UB Photos

## Private practice by Govt doctors

### Reluctant GMC

The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) has miserably failed to tackle the mosquito-borne diseases in the city, especially with the arrival of monsoon. Many cases of death due to mosquito-borne diseases have been reported in the

inconvenience every day. Lachit Nagar is a prime location in the city and has a major connecting lane between GS Road and Rajbari Road. It's high time the authorities took the matter seriously.

- Rajat Bhattacharya,  
Lachit Nagar, Guwahati

### Illegal taxi stand

The illegal Hatigao Nothoma share-taxi stand is creating huge traffic jams and pollution in the area, occupying a major part of the road. Moreover, the taxi fare they charge is also higher than the normal rate. I would request the authorities to take immediate action in this regard.

- A citizen,  
Hatigao, Guwahati

### Lack of streetlights

There are many places in the city which do not have street-lights. Uzuan Bazaar is one of these places, where there is no street-light facility. After sunset, the area becomes very unsafe, especially for women and girls, for walking through those dark streets.

The authorities concerned should take steps to install streetlights in the area as early as possible.

- Roushni Shaikh,  
Gauhati University

### citizens' voice

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- Samir Deh,  
Bhetapara, Guwahati

### Darkness on road

The non-functional streetlights along the RG Barua Road for the last several months have been causing inconvenience to the locals as well as commuters. However, the authorities concerned seem to turn a blind eye to the issue, creating an unsafe situation not only for the commuters, but also for the pedestrians. Soon after sunset, the road plunges into darkness. The authorities concerned should look into the matter on priority basis.

- Atak Jyoti Sarma,  
Nabin Nagar, Guwahati

### Road condition

Even after the change in the government, there has been no improvement in the condition of the Lachit Nagar Main Road in Guwahati for a long time. With potholes on the road, the commuters are forced to experience

Different NGOs, students, researchers, mediapersons and representatives from civil society organisations participated in the consultation and committed to work for combating climate change in the State.

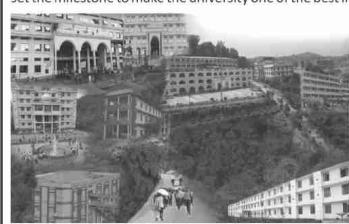
### 1 arrest over public brawl

GUWAHATI, July 25: Police today arrested one Gautam Salia following a public brawl that occurred today near Satagona at a between two groups over some illegal tax collection. He has been sent to judicial custody, police said. - Staff Reporter

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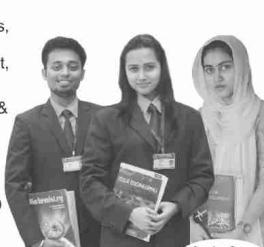
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## Bank employee among 2 held for fraud

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 25: Panbari police has arrested an employee of an ICIJ Bank branch for fraudulently transferring money of a customer to another account.

The victim, Gayatri Sahu, lives in Hong Kong. She originally hails from Rajbari Road. She had an account at the ICIJ's Panbari Branch on July 12 last. An employee of the ICIJ's AT Roll Branch, Rajbari Agarwal, transferred around Rs 9.56 lakh from Sahu's account to another account which was opened fraudulently at the GS Road

branch of the Karnataka Bank. Rajat was helped by Ricky Gupta, a former salesperson associated with the ICIJ Bank. Both have been arrested. Rajat hails from Agar and had been staying at Bhangarpur. Ricky stays at Kalapahar. "The money was transferred through RTGS. The account at the Karnataka Bank was opened in the name of Khaugade Nath Barman. He had an account at the ICIJ's Panbari Branch on July 12 last. An employee of the ICIJ's AT Roll Branch, Rajbari Agarwal, transferred around Rs 9.56 lakh from Sahu's account to another account which was opened fraudulently at the GS Road

branch. If he had a role in the fraud, Rajat has got a cheque book issued from the ICIJ's Fancy Bazar branch in the name of the customer. "One needs a cancelled cheque for such transfers. It is strange as to how a cheque book was issued so easily to the fraud," Barua said.

The police are yet to recover the amount. More employees of the bank could be involved in the racket, police suspect. They are probing if more such fraudulent transfers were made by the accused and their accomplices. Police are also sceptical of the precautions the bank takes to make the customers' accounts secure.

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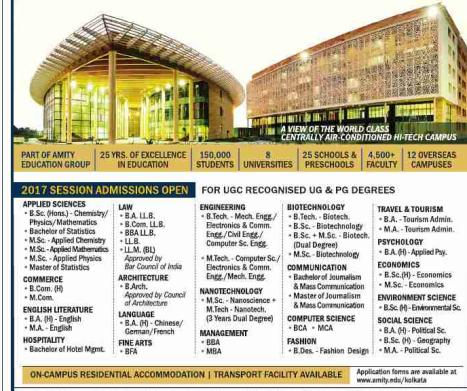
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Cadets of 5th Assam Battalion NCC, Tezpur Group taking out a rally against intoxicating items, at Biswanath Chariali, on Monday. — UB Photos

## Encephalitis claims five lives in Darrang district

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, July 25: Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) recently turned deadly in Darrang district claiming five lives as per the report of the Health Department.

There is every possibility of increase in the toll in the days to come as the District Health Department has to rely heavily on the reports of the GMCH and a few private health institutions in Guwahati where the JE positive patients can be properly diagnosed.

On Wednesday last, the report of death of one Tanbir Alam Khurshed (16), a resident of ward no-2, Mangaldai town due to JE was received. The victim was reportedly undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Guwahati. According to Shyam Baruwa, District Ma-

laria Officer (DMO), Darrang, two more cases of JE casualties have already been recorded in the district during the last week. Apart from these three death cases of JE, two other persons also lost their lives in the district recently from diseases with AES.

Moreover, according to the DMO, three more persons have also been diagnosed as JE positive while 11 others have been diagnosed with AES. Meanwhile, the District Health Department has conducted public awareness programmes in the affected areas in addition to carrying out fogging as a part of preventive measures.

However, the Department allegedly arises from its deep slumber only when there are reports of casualties from the disease.

Surprisingly, JE has been claiming lives in the district regularly each year even after the Health Department carried out two rounds of JE vaccination drives separately for children and adults, a couple of years back reported with more than 90 per cent average achievement.

## GST on hand-woven items opposed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, July 25: A Delhi-based company named APS Technology Private Limited, which is admittedly one among the 34 companies selected by the Central Government nationwide as GST Suvidha Provider, to assist all segments of the business community to understand GST and assist in adapting to the new tax regime, recently launched its awareness campaign for the North East here in the city.

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Sharma said that in view of the new GST tax system launched

across the country, there were "lots of confusion" prevailing regarding its compliance and hence there was a need to inform about the set of rules and regulations to be followed by the business community to implement the policy.

The director said that the company has also come out with a user-friendly software named 'GST Sure', which will assist the business community to adhere to the new GST system.

The North East charge of the company Nitesh Pandey was also present on the occasion.

## Suicide CORRESPONDENT

MORIAON, July 25: A physically-challenged person named Kushal Nath (45) committed suicide at a temporary shelter at Bardubatup village under Bhungarao Circle in Morigaon district on Sunday.

According to police, the person committed suicide inside the temporary shelter which was erected for flood-affected persons of the area. Kushal Nath was a stone mason by profession, but became disabled two years back following a road accident. The cause of the suicide was yet to be ascertained.

The CAs and tax consultants

## Anshumoy Das: a tribute

 Anshumoy Das, who was the founder Principal of Seven Sisters' College in Guwahati, died of cardiac arrest on July 13. He was 55.

Despite being a man of Mathematics, he had a good command over English. He had the rare abil-

ity to blend profession with values of liberal education. He will be remembered for his contribution in the field of education. With his vision and zeal, he converted the college into a premier institution of higher education in the North East. He was loved and respected by all due to his qualities of head and heart.

Of jovial temperament, he was

nevertheless deeply devoted to duty. He leaves behind his wife along with a host of relatives, friends and admirers.

I pay my respectful homage to

his departed soul and pray to the Almighty to grant enough strength to his family to bear the misfortune.

— Atul Saikia

## Arati Saikia

My mother, Arati Saikia passed away recently. Right from our childhood we used to notice that her life was for the people of Golaghat. As years grew by she became an indispensable part of its life. One can hardly recall a gathering for public, social or even personal events without her. She was sought by one and all. She was humble, modest, soft-spoken, cool, impartial and a lot more. She was not awed by power, money, glamour or even fame. She always gen-

erated a positive vibe in people. Despite losing her husband and two sons (one missing for 40 years), she carried on with her activities for the society.

After she fractured her leg in 2014, she became dependent and her normal public life was hindered. She had no other serious ailments but because of the impediment to move out of the house, she lost the zeal to live.

May her soul rest in peace.

— Nanadan Saikia

# Rs 50 lakh State Govt project to renovate 'Jonaki'

SHAMBHU BORO

TEZPUR, July 25: One of the heritage symbols of the State, the 'Jonaki' Cinema Hall, the first cinema hall in the North East, came into being way back in 1937 due to the indomitable zeal of cultural icon Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala to screen the first Assamese film 'Jayanta'. Jonaki is set to resume its lost glory soon under the initiative of the Assam State Film Finance and Development Corporation Limited' with a renovation package of Rs 50 lakh.

It is to be mentioned here that Tezpur, the cultural capital of Assam and the birthplace of many cultural and literary icons is waging a struggle to carry forward the traditions of its rich heritage. 'Jonaki' undoubtedly a pride for the people of Tezpur as well as the State today lies in a dilapidated condition. With just a handful of

cine-goers and barely any decent returns, the hall has been facing the threat of closure in the near future. People rarely go to the hall to watch movies as it is in a bad shape. Neither the seats are in a good condition nor is the hall clean.

Indeed, over the years, it has been seen that the condition of the hall has not improved even a bit. With the coming up of multiplexes and high-end cinema halls all over, people no longer like to wait to watch a movie on television several months after its release. Instead, they are ready to pay a little extra, and get a better experience of watching movies in a hall with better ambience and infrastructure.

However, amidst the tough challenges faced by the oldest cinema hall of the region for survival, on July 21 last, the chairman of the Assam State Film Finance and Development Corporation Limited' and noted cine actor Jatin Bora in a special function

organised in connection with birth centenary of Jyoti Prasad Agarwala's brother Hriday Agarwala, at the Namrati Eco-Camp announced that under a State Government project, 'Jonaki' will be renovated at an estimated cost of Rs 50 lakh.

Many people of Tezpur town sentimentally connected with 'Jonaki' like cultural activist Debabrata Sharma told this reporter that 'Jonaki' is the pride of the people of the State and it is high time to renovate the hall. "Obviously it would be a costly initiative and we know that when it is done the ticket prices would go up. However, I am happy to know that the State Government's Film and Finance Development Corporation is coming forward for the revival of the cinema hall."

Welcoming the initiative of the agency, folk cultural activist and a permanent member of frontline cultural organisation, 'Chatok', Anil Bhattacharya said that the estab-

lishment of the Jonaki hall is a historic event in the history of Assamese cinema and people should be made aware of it. "I am today happy to know that the Government is coming forward to protect its legacy," he maintained.

It needs mention here that the special event organised on the day by Namrati Eco-Camp in association with Tezpur Sahitya Sabha to recall the contributions of noted social and cultural activist Late Hriday Agarwala was marked with a series of programmes including various competitions among the students, cultural show by various ethnic cultural groups such as Boro, Nepali and Mising. A handful of dignitaries from various social organisations and family members of Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, media persons, Assam Rifles etc attended the function.

In the programme, award-winning children of various schools in various competitions were awarded.

## Youth dies by snakebite, family takes body to bez for 'revival'

SANJOY KR HAZARIKA

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, July 25: The Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) on Monday sought a compensation of Rs 1 crore by the North East Electrical Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for the victims of the 'dam-induced floods' in Lakhimpur caused by the latter's dam on the Rangnadi. This was stated by Akhil Gogoi, president of KMSS while visiting the flood-hit areas of Lakhimpur district on Monday.

Gogoi, who had arrived from Majuli earlier, visited the worst-affected areas of Bogolejan in North Lakhimpur where the embankment of Rangnadi was breached on July 10 by the flash floods of the river mainly due to water released from NEEPCO's dam inside Arunachal Pradesh. He asked both the State Government and NEEPCO to compensate each of the persons who had died in that flood. The KMSS leader also reiterated his earlier stand of closing down the 2000 MW Gerukamukhi Hydroelectric Power plant by the NHPC on Sabunsi river for the same apprehension of causing devastation in downstream areas like NEEPCO's Rangnadi dam. Gogoi also announced that a massive demonstration would be organised in North Lakhimpur on July 27 for the 'removal' of the dam on Subansiri by the NHPC.

Later at around 8.15 pm he felt pain and difficulty in breathing. He was then taken to Dergaon Dhemaji Community Health Centre (CHC) in a serious condition. At the CHC, he succumbed to his injuries at around 9.15 pm. Later, the villagers recovered the dead snake ('Magi Fedi' — a poisonous snake) which was about 4 feet in length. On being contacted, the doctor who attended to him at the Dergaon CHC, Dr Ranjit Hazarika told this correspondent that the patient was in a serious condition when he was brought to the hospital. "I could do nothing as the patient was brought in several hours after the bite. Anti-venom is not available in the hospital and the patient could not be saved as the infection had spread to his whole body," he added.

After visiting the area, this correspondent learnt that if the youth had been taken to the hospital immediately, he could have been saved as the amount of poison was less looking at the fact that the youth worked for more than four hours after being bitten. "Due to lack of awareness, he did not take the matter seriously and died," Lakshman Das, a relative of the youth opined. The mother of the youth Bina Das told this correspondent that he

did not tell us about the bite immediately. "If we had been informed, then we could have taken him to the hospital immediately," Dhaniram Das, the uncle of the youth said.

But it is unfortunate that superstitions still abound in snake-bite cases. After receiving the death certificate, the relatives of the youth took the body along with the dead snake to several 'bez' at Naharani, Batiparia the whole night. Later, the body was kept on the funeral pyre at the cremation ground. But just before it was about to be set ablaze, the body was taken to Gamari near Merapani in Golaghat district to be 'revived' by a 'renowned' bez. But finally when this bez also failed, the body was returned to the cremation site.

Conscious people have expressed deep concern over the superstitious family's actions in this age and time. When contacted, the Deputy Superintendent of Dergaon CHC, Dr Kamal Morang revealed that no supply of anti-venom medicine to the hospital was made by the Government. On the other hand, the Joint Director of Health Services Golaghat, Dr Ratal Bordoloi told this correspondent that supply of anti-venom is available in Golaghat district but the Dergaon CHC did not give any intent to take the medicine.

Talking to this correspondent, the president of AASHRAY, a leading nature organisation of the State, Biren Ch Saikia opined that the supply of anti-venom should be made available at Dergaon CHC as the hospital is in a flood-affected area. It is pertinent to mention that the services of Dergaon CHC are always in question. It is also alleged the MLA of Dergaon LAC, who is the chairman of the governing body of the CHC is playing an indifferent role in the management of the CHC.



Devotees taking out a rally during the inauguration programme of a Shiva and Kali temple, at Demow on Monday. — UB Photos

## Dredging of Brahmaputra a utopian idea at present: expert

AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, July 25: The idea of dredging the Brahmaputra to provide it with a deep channel and constructing all-weather four-lane roads along both its banks, using the dredged materials, for about 1,000 odd kilometres (km) is nothing but a utopia as of now. This is the observation of a former Scientist-F of the National Institute of Hydrology, who was connected with the study of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries for a few decades. This senior hydrology expert also worked as a key scientist in the arduous exercises for preparation of the Brahmaputra Board's Master Plan for the Brahmaputra main stem and its tributaries. He was talking to this newspaper on condition of anonymity.

Elaborating, he said that to undertake an

exercise for dredging the bed of a river of the size and characteristics of the Brahmaputra, one needs a flawless mathematical model, based on which a computer simulation could be prepared.

To prepare a flawless mathematical model, one needs a huge amount of long-range data covering all the aspects of the river. And with this data base, the mathematical model could be prepared as the groundwork for simulating each and every reach of the river. These are the primary conditions for undertaking such a huge exercise having far-reaching ramifications.

But here, the ground reality is that we don't have enough data to know the fundamentals of the Brahmaputra system, which is one of the most complex river systems on the earth. Besides, it is still geologically young and yet to attain its regime condition.

"We must remember that only with the application of science, the riddles of the Brahmaputra system could be solved and science requires facts to understand the complexities of such systems," the hydrology expert said.









**WEATHER**  
**NORTHEAST**

**Forecast for NE:** Moderate rain/thundershower is very likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

**Warning:** Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on July 26 and 27 over Assam and Meghalaya. Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on July 26 and 29 over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

**Temperatures:**

	Max (°C) Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	24.6
Tinsukia	33.3 26.6
Silchar	33.5 25.5
Dhubri	29.2 26.6
Jorhat	35.0 25.6
N Lakhimpur	34.0 23.2
Shillong	32.0 21.2
Imphal	30.3 21.6
Itanagar	34.4 24.0
Aizawl	26.2 10.8
Agartala	29.0 24.5
Kohima	29.4 18.4
Pasighat	34.0 24.0
Cherrapunji	20.3 17.4

## One drown

ITANAGAR, July 25: In a heartbreaking incident, a 12-year-old school boy has allegedly drowned in Dikrong river near Emchi village, Doinukli under Papum Pare district on Sunday.

The deceased identified as Bengta Taha, a class V student of a private boarding school at Gumi, reportedly went to the river with his uncle at around 1 pm of that fatal day.

He said, the tragic incident occurred in presence of his uncle, who had gone to the river for angling but couldn't rescue the boy as he didn't know how to swim. The body was later recovered in the downstream of the river. — Correspondent



Students performing a chorus during a programme to mark the 82nd foundation day of Lady Keane College in Shillong on Tuesday. — UB Photos

### ADVERTISEMENT

If it helps information regarding voluntary organization's to submit applications for year 2017-18 alongwith their project proposals on or before 30th August 2017 to the office of the undersigned. The NGO should be working on the following area.....

- (a) Women Welfare
- (b) Child Welfare
- (c) Welfare of Disabled & Mentally retarded
- (d) Health & Old and infirm persons.
- (e) Drug Abuse.

#### The Project proposals must contain the following particulars

1. Inspection report
  2. Application praying for grant.
  3. Registration certificate Organization must have completed 3 years of registration under society registration Act 1956.
  4. Copy of its Registration Certificate.
  5. Constitution/Memorandum of the Organization.
  6. Details project proposal along with budget estimate.
  7. Annual Report for last 3 years.
  8. Audited statement account for last 3 years.
  9. Bank account of the Organization.
  10. List of President & Executive Members of the organization.
  11. List of moveable and immovable properties.
  12. List of staff of the organization.
  13. Resolution of the Board.
  14. Resolution of the Board with FSC Code of the organization.
  15. Own land & building documents.
- Incomplete and/or faulty proposals shall be summarily rejected. Further, no proposal will be accepted if received after 30 Aug. 2017.

Sd/- Sri Shyamanta Rabi Bara, ACS,  
Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar,  
I/C District Social Welfare Officer,  
Guwahati

Janasanayog/845/17

### EDUCATIONAL NOTICE

#### ADMISSION INTO M.Sc. NURSING COURSES IN THE REGIONAL COLLEGE OF NURSING, GUWAHATI FOR THE SESSION 2017

Applications are invited from those intending to undergo M.Sc. (Nursing) Courses in the Regional College of Nursing, Guwahati, for the session 2017 in prescribed form, to be obtained from the office of the Principal, Regional College of Nursing, Guwahati, from 1st August, 2016 to 10th August, 2016 during office hours on deposition of Rs 20/- (Rupees two hundred only) in the form of Bank Draft/ Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of "Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences" payable at "SBI, GMC Branch, Guwahati". The last date of submission of application Form at the Office of the Principal, Regional College of Nursing, Guwahati is 14th August, 2017 (upto 4:15 PM).

An amount of Rs 480/- (Rupees four thousand eight hundred) only shall have to be paid in the form of Bank Draft/ Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of "Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences" payable at "SBI, GMC Branch, Guwahati" as Examination Fees and shall have to be submitted along with the Application Form.

The Entrance Examination is going to be held on 27th August, 2017 (Sunday) at Regional College of Nursing, Guwahati, from 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM. The Entrance Examination shall consist of 100 (one hundred) Multiple Choice Questions. There shall be no negative marking.

Applicants or their duly authorized persons will have to collect the Admit Cards from the Office of the Principal, Regional College of Nursing, Guwahati on 21st and 22nd August, 2017 during office hours. Eligibility Criteria:

The eligibility criteria for the said course are as follows:

1. Candidates who passed B.Sc. Nursing Degree or equivalent from the Nursing Colleges of the State of Assam or any other University recognized by the Nursing Council.
2. The candidate must be a citizen of India.
3. The candidate must be a Permanent Resident of Assam. This will not be applicable for son/daughter/husband/wife of employees of Govt. of Assam.
4. Must have R.N.R.M. or equivalent certificate with Council.
5. The candidate must have a minimum 1 (one) year of work experience after Basic B.Sc. Nursing or, minimum 1 (one) year of work experience prior or after Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing.
6. Must have minimum 50% marks in SC/ST candidates in B.Sc. Nursing B.Sc. Nursing Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing and there will be 5% relaxation of marks for N.E.C. candidates as per the Permanent Resident Certificate of Assam will be required. The Application form will be forwarded to the Secretariat authorized Representative of N.E.C. and should also authenticate the caste of the candidate. They will also be required to appear in the Entrance Examination.
7. The distribution and reservation of seats shall be according to the directives of the Government of Assam. Admission shall be made by DME, Assam.

Sd/- Registrar & Controller of Examinations (I/c),  
Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences.  
Janasanayog/5652/17

## Steps taken to address border concerns adequately: Govt

NEW DELHI, July 25: The government today said it is fully seized of the security needs of the country and necessary steps have been initiated to ensure that concerns pertaining to the borders are adequately addressed.

The comment by Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhambhani came in the Rajya Sabha at a time when armies of India and China are in a stand-off in the Doklam area in the Sikkim sector.

Replying to a question on whether Chinese troops have entered into Indian territory several times recently, he said

"transgressions" do occur as both sides have differing perception about the Line of Actual Control.

"Since there is no commonly delineated LAC in the border areas between India and China, there are areas along the LAC where both sides have differing perception of the LAC," he said.

"Due to both sides undertaking patrolling up to their respective patrolling of the LAC, transgressions do occur," he said.

The minister said the government had acquired 5,881 acres of land from the residents of Arunachal Pradesh post 1962 war with China and

paid them a total compensation of Rs 165.95 crore.

On construction of roads by Border Roads Organisation in border areas, Bhambhani said there were delays in execution of 61 India-China Border Roads (ICBR) by the BRO due to a variety of reasons including delay in land acquisition and limited working seasons.

Bhambhani said, "In all 61 ICBRs

of length 3,417 km entrusted to BRO, 27 ICBRs covering 963 km have been completed. The remaining 34 ICBRs will be completed in phases by December 2022. Asked about the steps taken by the government

to boost infrastructure in border areas and safeguard people living there, he said government is fully seized of the security needs of the country.

"Necessary steps as required have been initiated to ensure that the national security concerns pertaining to borders are adequately addressed through capability and infrastructure development," Bhambhani said.

To another query, he said required measures including development of infrastructure like rail, road and airfields are taken to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India. — PTI

### TENDER NO. 228 OF 2016-17 PRESS NOTICE

The Addl. Chief Engineer cum Director, PWD, BTC, Kokrajhar invites bids for 3 (Three) Nos. of work under Chirang (R&B) Division under AOP in B.T.C, Kokrajhar, amounting to Rs.2,27,45,054.00(Rupees two crore twenty seven lakh forty five thousands and fifty four) only from the registered contractors of Class-I (A, B & C category of Assam PWD (Roads)/BTC).

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

Sd/-

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

### Tender No. 233 of 2016-17 PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Addl. Chief Engineer-cum-Director, PWD, BTC, Kokrajhar invites bids for the following 4 (Four) schemes under AOP, PWD (BTC) for the year 2016-17 for a total contract value of Rs. 1,71,62,284.00 (Rupees one crore seventy one lakh sixty two thousand two hundred & eighty four only) (Approx.) under Musahilpur (R&B) Division, Musahilpur, from eligible contractors registered with Public Works Department (Roads), Assam and Bodoland Territorial Council.

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

Sd/-

Addl. Chief Engineer-cum Director, PWD, BTC, Kokrajhar.

### Tender No. 234 of 2016-17 PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Addl. Chief Engineer-cum-Director, PWD, BTC, Kokrajhar invites bids for the following 3 (Three) schemes under Health & Family Welfare Deptt. (BTC) for the year 2016-17 for a total contract value of Rs. 1,10,30,158.00 (Rupees one crore ten lakh thirty thousand one hundred & fifty eight only) (Approx.) under Musahilpur (R&B) Division, Musahilpur, from eligible contractors registered with Public Works Department (Bldg.), Assam and Bodoland Territorial Council.

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

Sd/-

Addl. Chief Engineer-cum Director, PWD, BTC, Kokrajhar.

### No. CEB/BR/131/2015/145 PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Chief Engineer, PWD Border Roads and NEC Works, Assam, Chandmari-3 on behalf of Governor of Assam invites bid for the following works under Central Road Fund (MORTB) for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18. Details may be seen at website <http://pwdr.tenders.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sl. No	District	Name of Work	Approx. Estimated Amount (Rs.-In Cr.)
1	2	3	4
1	Dibrugarh	Construction of Moran to Gauregar Road via Netai Pukhuri in Moran Rural Road Sub-Division under Dibrugarh Rural Road Division under CRF for the year 2016-17 in the State of Assam [ Job no. CRF/AS/ 2016-17/148]	19.560
2	Dibrugarh	Improvement of Raigarh Jotoli via Saipokhali Pitthaguri Road including strengthening of share of Raigarh Jotoli to Long Town in Moran Rural Road Sub-Division under Dibrugarh Rural Road Division under CRF for the year 2017-18 in the state of Assam. [ Job No. CRF/AS/ 2017-18/161]	20.379
3	Dhubri	Improvement & Construction of (i) Old NH (Golaghat Bazaar) in NH 31 (Golaghat Chariali) (G.K.Road) (Ck. 0.00 m to Ck. 410.00 m) and (ii) Jinkata Kherian Bazaar (Ck. 0.00 m to Ck. 450.00 m) including RCC Bridge No. 4/3 under Central Road Fund for the year 2017-18 in the state of Assam. [ Job No. CRF/AS/ 2017-18/162]	19.996
4	Tinsukia	Construction of Moran to Gauregar Road under Tinsukia State Road Division under Central Road Fund for the year 2016-17 in the State of Assam [Job No. CRF/AS/2016-17/160]	15.005
5	Tinsukia	Construction of Moran Al Road(Tengra Bazaar to Hanchora Chariali) under Central Road Fund for the year 2016-17 in the State of Assam [Job No. CRF/AS/ 2016-17/159]	21.161

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads & NEC works), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3  
Janasanayog/925/17

### Expression of Interest (EOI)

Expression of interest in sealed cover are here by invited from individual/NGO/Society/ Firm for leasing out of Cold Storage, building at Baruna in Baska district, BTC (Assam) for short listing contenders for fixing comparative price of leasing for a period of 3/three years. The bid documents and terms of Agreement can be obtained from the office of the undersigned by paying an amount of Rs.500.00 (Rupees five hundred)only by demand draft drawn in favour of the Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar during working hours (IST) from 24-07-17 to 14-08-17 upto 4:00 PM.

#### TERMS AND CONDITION:-

1. The individual/NGO/Society/Firm must -
2. Should have experience in regards of cold storage operation.
3. Should have adequate technical staffs for operating cold storage.
4. Should have Financially sound certificate issued from financial institution.
4. PAN Card No./ Income Tax clearance certificate/ GST certificate/ Labour License etc. will have to be submitted as per norms.
5. Have to be signed an MOU by the selected Individual/NGO/Society/Firm after depositing the required amount of security deposit as mentioned in agreement paper.

The interested Individual/NGO/Society/Firm may inspect the cold storage at Baruna, Baska district.

The under signed will have the right to accept or reject any EOI without assigning any reason there off and the decision of the Committee Constituted for Leasing out the Cold Storages will be final and binding in all respects.

#### Important Dates:-

1. Date for Submission of proposal/bid 24-07-17 to 14-08-17 upto 4.00PM
2. Date of opening of the proposal/bid on 14-08-17 at 4.15PM

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (Agriculture),  
Kokrajhar Division::BTC::Kokrajhar::

### 1st Guwahati International Film Festival

#### CALL FOR ENTRIES

> This competition is meant for feature films made in different languages of Assam. Applicants should submit their films under Competition Section: Cinema of Assam (Feature

& Short film). The entry fee will be determined by the Censor Certificate issued by the Government of India. One of the producers and directors should be an Indian. The entry form for the competition should be submitted by the producer, who should have the right to sanction the participation of the film in competition in the Festival.

> Only English subtitled screening materials are accepted for languages other than English. The last date for receipt of entries is 15th September, 2017.

> The entry form along with two screeners (Blu-ray and DVD), Synopsis (three copies in A4 size paper) not exceeding one page and details of crew members should be submitted at the festival office.

> High resolution Blu-ray/DVD selected for exhibition in the Festival must reach the Festival office at Guwahati on or before October 10, 2017.

> The Festival will be held in Guwahati from 28th October to 2nd November, 2017.

> The Festival is not responsible for any shipments that are diverted to other festival office. Details, regulation and Entry Form are available in the Festival website: <http://www.giff.assam.gov.in>

All correspondence, publicity materials, and screening materials should be addressed to:

Festival Director  
Guwahati International Film Festival (GIFF)

Jyoti Chitrabhanu Campus  
Kahlipara, Guwahati-781019

Assam, India

03612380066

E-mail: [directorgiff@gmail.com](mailto:directorgiff@gmail.com)

Entry forms for delegate registration will be available on the above mentioned website and in the GIFF office. Delegate registration will start w.e.f. 1st August 2017. Janasanayog/5694/17



**CAPSULE**

**Hero MotoCorp net up**  
NEW DELHI, July 25:  
Riding on its best-ever quarterly unit sales, two-wheeler market leader Hero MotoCorp today reported a 3.5 per cent increase in profit after tax at Rs 914.04 crore for the April-June quarter. The company had posted a profit after tax of Rs 582.09 crore in the same quarter last fiscal. Hero MotoCorp said in a BSE filing. —PTI

**Axis Bank**

NEW DELHI, July 25:  
Private sector lender Axis Bank today reported a 16.06 per cent decline in net profit to Rs 1,306 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, as the bad loans almost doubled during the period. The bank had registered a net profit of Rs 1,556 crore in the June quarter of 2016-17. —PTI

**Bharti Airtel**

NEW DELHI, July 25:  
Bharti Airtel's consolidated net profit for the 2017-18 first quarter (April-June) dropped by 7.5 per cent, a company statement said here today. The company posted consolidated net profit of Rs 367 crore for the first quarter of 2017-18 compared with Rs 1,462 crore posted during the same period a year ago. —IANS

**ICICI Prudential**

NEW DELHI, July 25:  
ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company today said its standalone net profit remained flat at Rs 405 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, on higher commission payout and fall in investment income. The life insurer had earned a net profit of Rs 405 crore in the corresponding quarter last fiscal. —PTI

**IRMA Chairman**

GUWAHATI, July 25: Dilip Rath, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, took over as Chairman of the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) recently. Rath was unanimously selected as chairman by the IRMA board, a press release said.

# GST anti-profiteering authority to aid consumer confidence: Finmin

NEW DELHI, July 25: The proposed anti-profiteering authority under the GST will bolster consumer confidence and ensure that the intended benefits of the new indirect tax regime reach the common man, the Finance Ministry said today.

A selection committee under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary has been set up to select eligible persons for appointment as the chairman and members of the National Anti-profiteering Authority under the goods and services tax regime.

The proposed authority will have the responsibility to ensure that the full benefits of input tax credit is not passed on to the recipients by way of consumer profiteering in prices.

"The constitution of the National Anti-profiteering Authority is expected to bolster consumer confidence and ensure all stakeholders reap the intended benefits of the GST," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The authority shall be responsible for applying anti-profiteering measures in the event of a reduction in the rate of GST on supply of goods or services; or, if the benefit of input tax credit is not passed on to the recipients by way of consumer profiteering in prices.

Headed by a secretary-level officer, the authority shall have four technical members from the Centre and/or the States.

Any complaint of profiteering shall be examined by a standing committee. However, if the application relates to a local market where the business is located in only one State, it shall be first examined by a State-

level screening committee, the ministry said.

The standing committee is empowered to refer the cases requiring detailed enquiry to the Director General of Salesboards, CBEC, who shall give his recommendation for consideration of the National Anti-profiteering Authority.

"In the event the National Anti-profiteering Authority confirms the necessity of applying anti-profiteering measures, it has the power to order the business concerned to reduce its prices or return the undue benefit availed along with the interest to the recipient of the goods or services," the ministry said.

If the undue benefit cannot be passed on to the recipient, it can be ordered to be deposited in the Consumer Welfare Fund. In extreme cases, the National Anti-profiteering Authority can impose a penalty on the defaulting business entity and even order the cancellation of its registration under GST, it added. —PTI

## Amazon to expand 'I have space' prog

COIMBATORE, July 25:

With success of its 'I have space' programme across the country, Amazon has decided to expand it by adding thousands of store owners for delivering its packages, an offical spokesperson said today.

The programme currently covers 12,500 stores in 180 cities, including 1,000 in Tamil Nadu and 50 in Coimbatore and a significant proportion of Amazon logistics' volume in cities where it is present, company spokesperson Ashwin Samrat told reporters here.

Under this programme, Amazon India partners with local store owners to provide pick-up and delivery services to customers across different cities within a two- to four-km radius of their stores, she said.

"The company has successfully unlocked the potential of such store owners, allowing them to supplement their regular income and generate more footfalls in their stores," Ashwin said, adding that it started with 2,500 stores in 2015 and has grown to 12,500 now.

Store partners delivered between 30 to 40 packages a day earning a fixed amount per delivery, and the programme is open to all store owners who have the ability to service a foot or a two-wheeler, she said. —PTI

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# Electric vehicles Manufacturers want clarity on phase II of FAME scheme

NEW DELHI, July 25: Electric vehicle manufacturers' body SMEV today expressed concern over lack of clarity over the fate of electric vehicles promotion scheme FAME, which is coming to an end in September.

The industry should know whether there could be any abrupt stoppage or tapering of FAME I initiatives that may adversely affect the business plans of the existing players, he added.

The government had launched the FAME India scheme in 2015 with an aim to promote eco-friendly vehicles offering incentives on electric and hybrid vehicles of up to Rs 29,000 for bikes and Rs 1.38 lakh for cars. —PTI

## Canon launches third generation printer series

BENGALURU, July 25: Recognising the need of advanced printing solutions and to deliver enhanced workplace productivity, Canon India today launched the third generation 'imageRUNNER ADVANCE' series and a robust A3 colour multi-function device (MFID) C3020.

Targeted towards the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and start-up communities, the products are now available for sale in the India market. "As India plays an increasingly vital role in the growth of Canon in Asia, the launch will further strengthen the important position of 'Business Imaging Solutions' within Canon India's total business and be a vital contributor to the overall growth of Canon," Hideki

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"Our legacy of two decades has further strengthened our commitment of providing enhanced propositions in our products and service outreach," added Kazutada Kobayashi, President and CEO, Canon India.

"With the launch of the third generation 'imageRUNNER ADVANCE' series, we aim to add more 'colours to India' and strengthen our mark in the colour printing segment," Kobayashi noted. —IANS



President of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Shashwat Goenka calling on Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (iic), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, in New Delhi on Tuesday. —PIB

## Weaker sections to benefit from reduced tax rates: Gangwar

NEW DELHI, July 25: The goods and services tax (GST) regime has reduced the tax rates of most commodities consumed by the weaker sections of society, Parliament has informed today.

The GST law contains a "self-policing" mechanism which will bring about transparency and accountability in business transactions, ensur-

ing the gains are passed on in the form of reduced prices of goods and services, Minister of State for Finance Santosh Kumar Gangwar said.

"The GST regime has brought about reduction in tax rates of most of the commodities to be consumed by the weaker sections of society, thereby benefiting them," he said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

In a separate reply, Minis-

ter of State for Finance Arjun Ram Meghwal said the government attaches the highest priority to job creation.

As per the Labour Bureau data, 1,22 lakh additional jobs have been created in eight sectors, including manufacturing, construction, trade, transport, accommodation and restaurants, IT/BPO, education and health, from October 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017. "This addition is higher than jobs created during the previous two quarters," Meghwal said. —PTI

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have a positive effect on the economic reforms of the country. It is expected to positively impact the business environment in the country and help the domestic sectors b e c o m e more competitive," Gangwar said.

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## 10 PSBs submitted turnaround plans: Govt

NEW DELHI, July 25: As many as 10 state-owned banks including Bank of India, IDBI Bank and Union Bank have submitted their turnaround plans to the government, which is a prerequisite for getting fund infusion.

Allahabad Bank, Andhra Bank, Central Bank of India, Dena Bank, UCO Bank, United Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra are the other

institutions that have submitted their plans.

Indian Overseas Bank is currently in the process of preparing its turnaround plan, said Minister of State for Finance Sanjay Kumar Gangwar in a written reply in Rajya Sabha.

"It has been decided that any future capital infusion in these banks shall be subject to achievement of select agreed

upon milestones as per turnaround plan on quarterly basis," the minister said.

A monitoring mechanism has been put in place, whereby quarterly performance of these banks

would be monitored by SBI Capital Markets, who in turn

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

(Appendendum)

In continuations of the Expression of Interest for offers regarding creation or development of training centre in "The Assam Tribune", "The Sentinel", "The Pradhan", "The Amar Khabar", "The Dainik Jagran" on 04/07/2017, furthering the cause of cooperative movement and restoration of new cooperative societies on the basis of queries received so far some from intending offers, guidelines are available in the office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies. The last date for submission of offers stands on 04/08/2017 before 3:00 PM.

For further clarifications kindly contact Sri R. Hussain-7080037722 Sd/- Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam Janasanayog/1943/17 Khanapara, Guwahati

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is mandatory under Section 4(1), Cl. 1, Act that all institutions run by the Government or Voluntary organizations, either wholly or partly for housing Children or running Child Care Institutions shall in case of Care & Protection of Children in Conflict with Law (Children Home, Observation Home, Open Shelter, Specialized Adoption Agency, fit Facility or place of Safety) must be registered under sub section (1) of Section 41 of the Act. Such institutions shall also file Periodic Returns under Section 42 of the Act. It is mandatory to keep a copy of the Registration Certificate and the Registration Act of any organization or any other Trust, Rules, Bylaws, Memorandum of Association, List of Governing body, List of officers, etc. List of trustees, Balance sheet of last three years, statement of reports of social or public service provided by the institutions and a declaration from the authority of the organization or its organization regarding their involvement in any previous conviction or involved in any immoral act or any other illegal employment of Child labour or that has not been black listed by the Central or State Government.

Application form to be sent by registered post to the State Child Protection Society, Assam, House No-46, 1st floor, Survey Bus Stop, Beliaghata Road, Guwahati-781028. The last date for submission of application is 30/06/2017 along with all above mentioned documents. Proforma of the application form is enclosed with this advertisement.

Sd/- Member Secretary  
State Child Protection Society  
Survey Bus Stop, HN-46, Guwahati-28

FORM 27  
[Rule 21(2) and 22(2)]  
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CHILD CARE INSTITUTION UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE (CARE & PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) ACT, 2015

1. Detail of Applicant/Institution which proposes to run the Child Care Institution:  
 (i) Type of Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) Name of the Institution / Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) Number and name and date of Registration of the Institution/ Organization under the relevant Act / Annex: Relevant documents of registration and by-laws, memorandum of association \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iv) Period of validity to run the Institution / Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v) Complete address of the Applicant/ Institution/ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (vi) STD code/ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (vii) E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (viii) Whether the organization is of India character, if yes, give address of its branches, in other State \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ix) Whether the Institution/ Organization had been denied registration earlier Yes / No  
 (x) Ref. No. of application which resulted in denial of registration as CCI  
 (xi) Date of denial \_\_\_\_\_  
 (xii) Which department has denied the registration \_\_\_\_\_  
 (xiii) Reason for denial of registration as CCI \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Details of the proposed Child Care Institution  
 (i) Name of the proposed Child Care Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) Type of proposed Child Care Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) Complete address of proposed Child Care Institution or organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iv) STD code/ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v) STD code/ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (vi) E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Connectivity (Name and Distance from the proposed Child Care Institution):  
 (i) Main Road \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) Bus stand \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) Railway Station \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iv) Any landmarks \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Infrastructure  
 (i) No. of Rooms (Mention with measurement) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) No. of Toilets (mention with measurement) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) No. of Kitchen (mention with measurement) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iv) No. of sick room \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v) Annex- Copy of blue print of the building (authentic sketch plan of building) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (vi) Arrangement made in unforeseen disaster also mention the kind of arrangement made:  
     a. Fire \_\_\_\_\_  
     b. Earthquake \_\_\_\_\_  
     c. Any other arrangement \_\_\_\_\_  
     d. Arrangement of Drinking water \_\_\_\_\_  
     e. Arrangement to maintain sanitation and hygiene: \_\_\_\_\_  
     f. Pest Control \_\_\_\_\_  
     g. Waste disposal \_\_\_\_\_  
     h. Storage areas \_\_\_\_\_  
     i. Any other arrangement \_\_\_\_\_  
     j. Any arrangement building maintenance estimate (whichever is applicable) (Annex- copy of Rent agreement) \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Capacity of the Institution/ Organization  
 i. No. of children (0-6 years) present in the home, (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii. No. of children (6-11 years) present in the home, (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii. No. of children (11-18 years) present in the home, (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 iv. No. of children (18-21 years) present in the home, (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 v. No. of persons (18-21 years) present in the home, (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Whether the Child Welfare Committee/Juvenile Justice Board has been informed about the children being housed in the institution Yes / No  
 7. Faculty available  
 (i) Education faculty \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) Health Checkup arrangement, frequency of checkup, type of checkups proposed to be done \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) Any other facility that shall impact on the overall development of the child \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Staffing  
 (i) Details of staff list  
 (ii) Education and Experience of the staff \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) Name of partner organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iv) Name of the chief executive officer of the organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Background of the Applicant (Institution/ Organization)  
 (i) Major activities of the organization in last two years \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) An updated list of members of the management committee/ governing body in the enclosed format (Annex: resolution of the annual meeting) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) List of assets/ Infrastructure of the organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iv) If there is any change proposed under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (Annex- copy of registration) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v) Details of foreign contribution received during the last two years [Annex: relevant documents] \_\_\_\_\_  
 (vi) List of other sources of grant-in-aid including (if any) with the name of the scheme / project purpose amount, etc. (separately) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (vii) Details of existing bank account of the agency indicating branch code account no. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (viii) Whether agency agrees to open a separate bank account for the grant proposed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ix) Annex- Photocopy of Assets of last three years: \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. Auditors report \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. Income and expenditure account \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Bank account \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Details of staff list \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have read and understood The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2016  
 I declare that no person associated with the organization has been previously convicted or has been involved in any immoral act or in any act of child abuse or employment of child labour and the organization has not been blacklisted by the Central or the State Government at any point of time.  
 (Name of the Organization / Institution) has complied with all the requirements to be granted registration as a Child Care Institution under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2016  
 I undertake to abide by all the conditions laid down by the Central State Act, Rules, Guidelines and Notifications in this regard.  
 Signature of the authorized signatory: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office stamp: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness no 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness no 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of the President / Secretary or Authority of Children Home (With stamp)  
 Janasanayog/5711/17

## 7 separatists, including Geelani's son-in-law, sent to NIA custody

NEW DELHI, July 25: Seven Kashmiri separatist, including the son-in-law of Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, were today sent to 10 days' NIA custody by a Delhi court in a terror funding case on the agency's plea that their custodial interrogation was needed.

Advocate Rajat Kumar, appearing for the accused, however, opposed the agency's plea saying that the NIA has already been probing the case for one month.

Shah, Ayaz Akbar, Peer Saifullah, Shahid-ul-Islam, Mehra-juddin Kalwal, Nayeem Khan and Farooq Ahmed Dar — were to be confronted with each other and with other incriminating evidences. It also submitted that they have to be taken to various places for the purpose of investigation.

Hafeez Saeed, the Pakistani-based chief of the Jamaat-ul-Dawah, the front of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), has been named in the FIR as an accused, besides organisations such as the Hurriyat Conference (actions led by Geelani and Mirwaiz Farooq), Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and Dukhtar-e-Milat.

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Idd festival earlier this month. Geelani's close aides Te-hreek-e-Hurriyat spokesman Ayaz Akbar and Peer Saifullah were arrested by the NIA from the Valley.

Shahid-ul-Islam is the spokesman of the moderate Hurriyat Conference led by Mirwaiz Farooq.

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## 8 die in building collapse

MUMBAI, July 25: At least eight persons were killed and many others injured in collapse of a four-storey residential building in suburban Ghatkopar today, in which several others are still feared trapped, civic officials said.

Rescue workers are still searching through the concrete rubble as some people are still feared trapped, they said.

A resident of the ill-fated building claimed that some

commercial activity was being carried out on the ground floor of the building and that might be the reason of its collapse.

According to the fire brigade officials engaged in the rescue operation, 18 people have been pulled out of the debris so far and referred to nearby hospitals.

The structure that came down this morning in the Ghatkopar's Damodar Park area housed around 15 families. Most of those trapped in the debris are believed to be elderly and women. - PTI

## 'NCERT books to be at all schools soon'

KOLKATA, July 25: NCERT books will be made available to students of all public and private schools for providing relief from buying text books at steep prices.

Choice should be available and option should be given to the school students, Secretaries to the Union School Education and Literacy Ministry, Aanil Somvanshi told news media on the sidelines of a ASSOCHAM programme on education here.

"So far our information goes, the CBSE has 20,000 schools and 13 crore books are used by students. But while the maximum price of a NCERT book is Rs 50, that of a non-NCERT book goes upto Rs 300," he said.

Elaborating, he said while buying NCERT books the students of 20,000 schools spend Rs 650 crore but for non-NCERT publications they will have to spend Rs 3,900 crore.

"This is not a small margin. I am worried about the financial burden on the school children — there is no qualitative com-

To suggestions that non-NCERT were of better quality, he said, "If you consider the performance of students of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya schools where 100 per cent of books are NCERT publications, the performance percentage of these institutions is much better than other institutions," he said.

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## President Kovind: from mud house to Rashtrapati Bhavan

NEW DELHI, July 25: His childhood spent in a mud house in a small village, Ram Nath Kovind moved into his palatial Rashtrapati Bhavan today. He served for two consecutive terms of 6 years each till March 2006.

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### CORRIGENDUM

It is hereby informed that the category of reservation for the post of Junior Accountants Assistant of Tinsukia Treasury establishment wrongly appeared as UR-9 instead of UR-9 as published in the Dainik Janambhumi dttd. 22/07/2017. The same may please be read as UR-9 instead of UR-9.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner  
Tinsukia  
Janasanayog/5679/17

### NOTICE

Indian Waterways Authority of India (IWA) is a statutory body, set up by an Act of Parliament (IWAI Act, 1986), under the administrative control of Ministry of Shipping, Government of India (GOI).

2. IWA offers opportunity to students (Undergraduate / Postgraduate / Research Scholar) and to undertake an internship at its Headquarters located in Noida, U.P. and in various regional offices located across India. Students interested may apply in application form for the prescribed course and the admission process of the institution.

3. Remuneration is Rs. 10,000/- for Undergraduate and Rs. 20,000/- for Post Graduate / Research Scholar per month will be payable on satisfactory completion of their internship.

4. The Region-wise requirement / proposed deployment of Interns details is as under:

Sl. No.	Regional Offices / Sub-offices of IWA	Region wise requirement of PG Interns	
		PG Interns	Under Graduate Interns
1)	Guwahati R.O.	2	1
2)	Dharmapuri Sub-O.		1
3)	Jorhat R.O.	2	1
4)	Varanasi Sub-office	2	1
5)	Kolkata R.O.	2	2
6)	Kochi R.O.	2	2
7)	Head Office Noida	3	2

5. For further details as regards eligibility etc., the website of IWA viz. [www.iwai.nic.in](http://www.iwai.nic.in) may be visited.

Sd/-  
A.J.BANSAL  
DIRECTOR (C)  
Janasanayog/847/17



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## Assam Public Service Commission

### NOTIFICATION

With reference to our earlier Advt. No 05/2017 and subsequent notification dated 27th June, 2017 published on 28th June 2017 for recruitment to various posts in State Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics of Assam, the corrigenda and letter received from Govt. in Higher Education (Technical) Department are reproduced below:

No. A/ATE/64/2017/106

Dated Dispur the 1st July, 2017

### CORRIGENDUM

The education qualification prescribed for the 86 (Eighty Six) post of Lecturer (Non-Technical) in 5 (Five) different subjects in Polytechnics of Assam advertised vide No. 35PSC/DR/5/2017-18 dated 25th May 2017 shall be prescribed below:

Sl. No.	Post	Qualification
1.	Lecturer in Humanities and Sciences	First class Masters Degree in appropriate subject with first class or equivalent at Bachelor's or Master's level.
2.	Lecturer in Commerce	-do-

In partial notification of APSC advertisement No.35PSC/DR/5/2017-18 dated 28-05-2017 it is found that the qualification required for recruitment to the 66 (Sixty Six) posts of Assistant Professor (Teaching) in 9 (Nine) different subjects in Engineering Colleges of Assam advertised vide above notification shall be as prescribed by AICTE vide its Notification No.27/RIF/P/2017 dated 28-04-2017.

In view of adoption of AICTE's latest prescribed qualification for recruitment for Engineering Colleges of Assam, the last date for submission of application is extended up to 31st July 2017.

Other terms and conditions of the advertisement dated 28-05-2017 shall remain the same.

The last date of receipt of applications for the above category posts in re-fixed up to 31st July 2017.

\* The above communication at Sl. No. A could not be published till receipt of communication at Sl. No. B

Sd/- Under Secretary,  
Assam Public Service Commission,  
Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

### GST HELPDESK

ALL THE TAXPAYERS AND STAKE HOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING NODAL OFFICERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION FOR ANY QUERY RELATING TO GST

### LIST OF NODAL OFFICERS:

Sl. No.	Name of Unit/ Zones	Name of Nodal Officers	Designation	Phone No.
1	Guwahati Unit-A	Shri Arunima Choudhury	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9864136768
2	Guwahati Unit-B	Shri Phulwasi Baruah	Superintendent of Taxes	9957577346
3	Guwahati Unit-B	Shri Gauranga Ghosh	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435119664
4	Guwahati Unit-B	Ms. Sudesna Bora	Superintendent of Taxes	9864091260
5	Guwahati Unit-C	Shri Suresh Dasary	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435041393
6	Guwahati Unit-C	Shri Jayanta Haloi	Superintendent of Taxes	9435856508
7	Guwahati Unit-D	Shri Anjuna Baijanya	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9854024025
8	Guwahati Unit-D	Shri Tarini Saikia	Superintendent of Taxes	9678001234
9	Guwahati Zone-A	Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Das	Superintendent of Taxes	9435144443
10	Guwahati Zone-B	Shri Manoj Kr. Sharma	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435012179
11	Guwahati Zone-C	Shri Santina Dhar	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9864022321
12	Barpeta Road Unit	Shri Sadiq Rahaman	Superintendent of Taxes	9435116117
13	Biswanath Chariali	Shri Bhaskar Goswami	Superintendent of Taxes	9435085054
14	Bongaigaon Unit	Shri Amitab De	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435072749
15	Dhemaji Unit	Shri Prabhat Bharali	Superintendent of Taxes	9435267414
16	Dhemaji Unit	Shri Aswin Pegu	Superintendent of Taxes	9435188586
17	Dhubri Unit	Shri Uddab Das	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9854500270
18	Dhubri Unit	Shri Subrata Chakraborty	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435129665
19	Dibrugarh Unit	Shri Subrappa Sarma	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435544772
20	Dibrugarh Unit	Shri Sonar Langthasa	Superintendent of Taxes	9435544772
21	Digboi Unit	Shri Tuleswar Pegu	Superintendent of Taxes	9435088983
22	Dooimukh Unit	Shri Anup Kalita	Superintendent of Taxes	9435066924
23	Gaopara Unit	Shri Rajit Handique	Superintendent of Taxes	9864250064
24	Golaghat Unit	Shri Dipen Das	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435115848
25	Halflong Unit	Shri Nirod Barua	Superintendent of Taxes	9706087877
26	Haikakandi Unit	Shri Champal Singh	Superintendent of Taxes	9435143394
27	Hojai Unit	Shri Bijoy Sikia	Superintendent of Taxes	9435064701
28	Jorhat Zone	Shri Dipak Kerot	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435090174
29	Jorhat Unit	Shri Anil Jalan	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9435560068
30	Karimganj Unit	Shri Sumitra Roy	Superintendent of Taxes	9435076926
31	Kokrajhar Unit	Shri Dipen Das	Superintendent of Taxes	8723902103
32	Mangaldoi Unit	Shri Monish Dorryn	Superintendent of Taxes	9435993960
33	Morigaon Unit	Shri Kandarp Borah	Superintendent of Taxes	9678661584
34	N. Lakhimpur Unit	Shri Pradip Chetri	Superintendent of Taxes	9435167021
35	Nagaon Zone	Shri Kabul Pathak	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	9864068250
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## Revealing eyes

A new eye test may help identify people with autism, say researchers

**A** new eye test that can reveal impairment in cerebellum may help identify people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), researchers say. The cerebellum – part of the brain which coordinates and regulates muscular activity – controls the actions of rapid eye movements made when shifting attention from one object to another, known as saccades.

In healthy individuals, these saccades are rapid, precise, and accurate, redirecting the line of sight from one point of interest to another.

Conversely in individuals with autism, the activity was found impaired, as a result of alteration in the structure of the cerebellum, said researchers from the University of Rochester in New York, US.

For the study, detailed in the *European Journal of Neuroscience*, the team tracked the eye movements of individuals with ASD.

The participants were asked to track a visual target that appeared in different locations on the screen. The experiment was designed in a manner that often caused the participant's focus to "overshoot" the intended target.

In healthy individuals, the brain would correctly adjust eye movements as it is repeated. However, the eye movements of individuals with ASD continued to miss the target suggesting that the sensory motor controls in the cerebellum responsible for eye movement were impaired.

The inability of the brain to adjust the size of eye movement may not only be a marker for cerebellum dysfunction, but it may also help explain the communication and social interaction deficits that many individuals with ASD experience.

"These findings suggest that assessing the ability of people to adapt saccade amplitudes is one way to determine whether this function of the cerebellum is altered in ASD," said co-author Edward Freedman, Associate Professor at the university.

"If these deficits do turn out to be a consistent finding in a sub-group of children with ASD, this raises the possibility that saccade adaptation measures may have utility as a method that will allow early detection of this disorder," Freedman added. – IANS

## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 26, 2017:

This year you often get compliment. You will note how much your instincts are right-on. You might know who is calling before you pick up the phone! If you are single, you are likely to meet several people who are fun to be around. You are more open to the fact that there are a lot more to the person than others. If you are attached, the two of you interact well, though you have very different ideas about how to handle money. Consider getting separate bank accounts. VIRGO enjoys giving you practical advice and suggestions.

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

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

\*\*\*\* Your high energy will encourage you to go off and break past a restriction. Avoid becoming critical, as it could detract from your unusual creativity. Now how you handle a surge of liveliness. Try not to overdo it, though. You could steamroll over a lone or two.

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

\*\*\*\* Tap into the depth of a conversation between you and someone else. Address a lack of clarity that is keeping you from coming to a resolution. Be sure to get some exercise today, as your temper might be closer to the surface than normal. Tonight: Add some mischief!

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

\*\*\*\* Tension and stress seem to be part of your day. You will express your views loudly and clearly. Understand that you could be surprised by a close associate's reaction. Your feelings are mixed, and you might need to take a deep breath. Tonight: Decide to play it low-key.

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

\*\*\*\* You might be very clear in your mind and will believe that you are well-organized. You seem to be more intuitive than usual. Others' communication with you would indicate that you are working from different points of view. Settle mutual understanding. Tonight: Hang out.

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

\*\*\*\* Become more aware of a possessive side that reveals itself when you least expect it. You might feel that your intuition is right-on. You could confuse others when following your intuition. A creative idea might be hard to take across the finish line. Tonight: Treat yourself.

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

\*\*\*\* You could be forced to push so hard to accomplish what you want. A loved one is likely to be distracting. You might need to make an adjustment. Put your effort into moving forward with a personal project that you have yet to share with others. Tonight: On top of your game.

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

\*\*\*\* You are in a situation that is going on in your life is a secret to those around you, as you have chosen not to share it. Know that the attitude has isolated you from others. Make this reclusiveness OK, as it is how you are best able to process your thoughts. Tonight: Try to catch some extra zzz's.

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

\*\*\*\* You are determined, and you are determined not to allow others to distract you. Nevertheless, a loved one will manage to pull you away. Make it your pleasure rather than fight. Use caution with spending, as you always could go overboard. Tonight: Accept an offer.

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

\*\*\*\* You are confused by a domineering issue. Right now is not the best time to make a decision, as your emotions are likely to cloud your thinking. Put important matters on hold. Tonight: Take another look at a personal matter.

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

\*\*\*\* Visualize more of what you want. Try to share your vision with others. You might opt to update your views because of a discussion, so much so that you could startle others. Some people will feel as if they have done a reversal. Tonight: Do some reflection that might be overdue.

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

\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating takes unusually high precedence right now. You might balk at some of what you hear. On the other hand, you'll get a greater perspective of different possibilities as you head into a special project. You'll energize others with your enthusiasm. Tonight: Go for it.

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

\*\*\*\* Seriously consider what is being said, even if you are on totally different wavelengths from the person who is making the suggestion. This individual might be able to offer some suggestions that are practical and workable. Tonight: Be ready for a burst of energy.

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Thought for the day

Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail better.

— SAMUEL BECKETT

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## Egyptian Army kills 40 terrorists in North Sinai

CAIRO, July 25: At least 40 terrorists have been killed in air strikes carried out by the Egyptian Army in the restive North Sinai province, the military said today.

Forty militants were killed during air raids on the North Sinai cities of Al-Arish, Sheikh Zayed and Rafah in the past seven days, military spokesperson Tamer el-Refae said in a statement.

Five militants were arrested during the raids. Twenty vehicles, four motorcycles and four car bombs were discovered and destroyed, the statement said. Fifty-two shelters used by terrorists to hide, store medical needs and explosives were also destroyed, it added.

Egypt's North Sinai has witnessed many terror attacks since the January 2011 revolution that toppled ex-President Hosni Mubarak. The attacks, mainly targeting the police and military, increased after the ouster of Islamist ex-President Mohamed Morsi in 2013 by the military following massive protests against his rule.

Hundreds of police and army personnel have been killed since then. The military has launched security campaigns in the North Sinai area, in which some terrorists are based. The security forces have arrested suspects and demolished houses that belong to terrorists, including those facilitating tunnels leading to the Gaza Strip. - PTI

## Around the WORLD

### Rolling Stones to record new album

LOS ANGELES, July 25: Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards has said the band would soon start recording their new album.

During a segment of 'Ask Keith Richards' on the YouTube page of the legendary group's guitarist, Richards was asked if the Stones had been inspired to get back in the studio to record their 2016 covers album *Blue & Lonesome*.

"Yeah, in fact, we are very shortly. Cutting some new stuff and considering where to take it next," he responded.

Before *Blue & Lonesome*, the British band, which formed more than 50 years ago, last released *A Bigger Bang* in 2005, their 24th studio album. - PTI

### 25th James Bond film in the offing

LOS ANGELES, July 25: James Bond will be back in action in 2019, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Eon Productions have announced.

The 25th film about the legendary super spy will hit the theatres on November 8, 2019, reported Deadline.

There is no word yet whether or not Daniel Craig will return for the role. The cast and director will be announced at a later date.

The script is coming from Neal Purvis and Robert Wade, who worked on Craig's first Bond film *Casino Royale*, *Quantum of Solace*, *Skyfall* and *Spectre*. Bond 25 will open on the same day as an untitled Disney fairy tale movie. - PTI

### Adam Clayton becomes father

LONDON, July 25: Musician Adam Clayton has welcomed his first child, a baby girl, with wife Mariana. The couple, who has been married for four years, announced the news of their baby's birth in a personal ad in the *Irish Times*, reported *The Independent*.

"Adam and Mariana Clayton are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Alba," they wrote. No further details about the baby have yet been provided.

Clayton (57) tied the knot with Mariana in Dublin in 2013. The bass guitarist of the rock band, U2, was engaged to supermodel Naomi Campbell for a brief time in 1994.

Their relationship ended the same year.

As a member of U2, Clayton has received 22 Grammys and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. - PTI

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# India take on jaded Sri Lanka in 1st Test from today

GALLE, July 25: India will look to extend their domination in Tests when they take on a jaded Sri Lanka in the first Test of a three-match series starting here tomorrow.

Its also the same place where



Indian skipper Virat Kohli tries to escape from the heat during a training session ahead of the 1st Test against Sri Lanka at Galle, on Tuesday.

they were humiliated before scoring to World No. 1.

Virat Kohli and his men would be keen to avenge their embarrassing loss at the Galle International Stadium in 2015 when they crashed

to an embarrassing loss on day four after being bowled out for 112 while chasing 176.

A lot has changed since then as a young and aggressive Kohli has turned into a mature captain, who has led the side to 12 wins out of 17 Tests against West Indies, New Zealand, England, Bangladesh and Australia in 2016-17 season.

The Indian team will be looking to take that confidence into this three-match series, which heralds the onset of a new season, and more importantly, another overseas cycle. It also marks the second tenure of Ravi Shastri at the helm of affairs. The team has been on tour for five days now, and collectively they seem to have put the entire saga of Anil Kumble's premature departure as well as the dramatic coach-selection process behind them.

With Shastri back in charge, along

with Bharat Arun guiding the bowlers, there is at least a familiarity about the team's setting. It is perhaps the only positive aspect of this lengthy, at times distasteful, saga.

In that light, Shastri will also be wary about what playing at Galle amounts for visiting teams.

**SQUADS:**  
India: Virat Kohli (C), Shikhar Dhawan, Lokesh Rahul, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Rohit Sharma, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Shami, Kuldeep Yadav, Abinav Mukund.

**Sri Lanka:** Rangana Herath (C), Upul Tharanga, Dimuth Karunaratne, Kusal Mendis, Angelo Mathews, Asela Gunaratne, Niroshan Dickwella (wk), Dhananjaya De Silva, Dinesh Chandimal, Lahiru Kumara, Chamika Lakmal, Lahiru Kumara, Vishan Fernando, Malinda Pushpakumara, Naman Pradeep.

from home for this young team, as also a welcome change in results after successive losses experienced in South Africa, New Zealand, England and Australia previously.

As such, that series win not only marked the culmination of a learning process but also laid down the

train-all-round consistency within the squad, starting from the top of its batting line-up until the very end.

So much so that the bench strength is ready with made-up options.

It is the reason why the team management is not utterly worried even as KL Rahul has been ruled out of the first Test owing to viral fever.

The Karuna-ratna-opener was just returning to the international arena after recuperating from a shoulder injury that kept him out of action since March, when he was laid low again after the two-day practice match in Colombo.

It means skipper Virat Kohli will have to go in with Shikhar Dhawan and Abinav Mukund as first-choice openers. Before the tour began, the two batsmen were competing for one spot.

Dhawan had been relegated from first-choice to third-choice option

after the West Indies series last year and then was dropped for the Australia series.

Mukund played in the Bangalore Test against Australia but scored only 16 runs in two innings, so this is another welcome chance for him to impress again.

Beyond the opening slots, the rest of the batting order - from Cheteshwar Pujara, Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane - picks itself. Two years ago, India made the mistake of playing five bowlers here and paid dearly as the shortened line-up was unable to handle Rangana Herath in the fourth innings.

It remains to be seen if Kohli is willing to take a similar gamble again, and if not, Rohit Sharma is expected to return to the Test line-up for the first time since he last played against New Zealand in 2010.

Match starts at 10am. - PTI

## India to host maiden men's World Boxing Championship in 2021

NEW DELHI, July 25: In a historic first for Indian boxing, the country will host the men's World Championship for the first time in 2021 besides next year's women's World Championship, shaking off the last remnants of administrative turmoil that once plagued the sport.

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) made the announcement at the end of its two-day executive committee meeting in Moscow.

"We are delighted to have the AIBA Men's World Championships 2019 confirmed for Sochi, and equally excited to announce Delhi as the host city in 2021 as the Boxing Federation of India continues to show its commitment to developing the sport," AIBA President Dr Ching Kuo Wu said in a statement.

"Following the presentation of the Turkish Boxing Federation, I know

that Trabzon will also meet the demands of hosting the world's biggest women's boxing tournament in 2019," he added.

India never conducted the men's World Championship but has played host to the 2006 women's mega-event. The major men's boxing events hosted by India have been the 1990 World Cup in Mumbai and the 2010 Commonwealth Championships in New Delhi.

"It is the first time ever that a country has been awarded two major Championships, that too back to back. The presentation made by us was adjudged the best by AIBA president," Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh told PTI.

"AIBA expects India to be a major powerhouse for boxing and getting these Championships is a giant leap in that direction," he added.

The development is quite significant given that India had a federation in place only last year after serving suspension and termination between 2012 and 2016 owing to administrative wrangling.

"Great news all boxing fans and players!" tweeted Sports Minister Vijay Goel.

After analysing the presentations, the AIBA Executive Committee unanimously awarded the 2019 women's World Championships to Trabzon, Turkey. The AIBA 2018 Congress was awarded to the Russian capital city of Moscow.

"The strength of all of the bids we have seen today is the clearest indication yet of AIBA's successful efforts to amplify the prestige of its World Championships even further," Dr Wu stated.

The announcement expectedly elicited elation in the Indian boxing fraternity. Sandhu said. - PTI

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## West Ham snap up Mexico star Hernandez

LONDON, July 25: West Ham have completed the signing of former Real Madrid and Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez for £16 million (£20.8 million; 17.9 million euros), the Premier League club said on Monday.

A deal to bring Mexico's record goalscorer to London Stadium was hammered out several days ago.

Hernandez has penned a three-year contract and will fly out to Germany in the coming days to join up with West Ham coach Slaven Bilic and his new team-mates.

"I am very happy to join West Ham United. For me, the Premier League is the best league in the world and when the opportunity came, I was desperate to sign for this club," said Hernandez, who will sport the name Chicharito on his jersey.

The move follows the arrivals of England goalkeeper Joe Hart and Argentine defender Pablo Zabaleta from Man City, as well as Austrian winger Marko Arnautovic from Stoke



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"He has a proven goalscoring record in the Premier League, La Liga and the Bundesliga, as well in the UEFA Champions League and at international level with Mexico," club joint-chairman David Sullivan said.

Hernandez, now 29, spent four seasons with United, where he scored 59 goals in 156 appearances, before going on loan to Real Madrid in the 2014/15 campaign.

The two-time Premier League winner left Old Trafford in August 2015 for Germany, where he was even more prolific, netting 39 times in 76 matches for Bayer Leverkusen. - AFP

## Aussie tennis great Mervyn Rose dies

SYDNEY, July 25: Australian two-time Grand Slam singles champion Mervyn Rose, who went on to coach Margaret Court and Billie Jean King, has died. Tennis officials said on Tuesday.

Rose, who won the Australian Open and French Open along with five Grand Slam doubles titles, was 87.

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Rose claimed his first major title at the 1954 Australian Open, defeating defending champion and top seed Ken Rosewall on the way to the final, where he beat his long-time doubles partner Rex Hartwig.

A left-hander known for perfecting the art of chip and charge, he went on to win at Roland Garros four years later, overcoming Chile's Luis Ayala in the final.

Rose was also part of Australia's 1951 and 1957 Davis Cup-winning teams, reaching a career-high three in the world.

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## I'm staying at Real: Ronaldo

MADRID, July 25: Ending weeks of speculation about his future, Cristiano Ronaldo has told a Spanish newspaper he is staying put at Real Madrid to plunder more silverware.

"To win important trophies with my club and the personal honours last season was brilliant, to do it again would be nice," Ronaldo told the sports daily *Marca* on Tuesday in an interview from Shanghai.

Ronaldo's declaration of intent to remain at the Bernabeu for the upcoming season comes despite rumours of his departure which surfaced last month in Portuguese newspaper *O Globo*.

Those reports were founded on his apparent feeling of abandonment by his club over his run-in with the Spanish tax authorities.

Ronaldo, 32, has been summoned to appear before a judge near Madrid on July 31 to answer four counts of evading 14.7 million euros (\$16.8 million) in taxes.

The four-time Ballon d'Or winner has protested his innocence with *O Globo* saying he had threatened to leave Real over the investigation.

Since extending his contract last November until 2021, Ronaldo is the highest paid sports star in the world with \$93 million (\$3m euro) in 2016-2017, according to *Forbes* magazine.

On Saturday Real manager Zinedine Zidane assured *Marca* reporters that the superstar striker "was on holiday and would be back with us on August 5".

Ronaldo has been given leave to miss the club's pre-season US tour and Zidane, speaking in Los Angeles, insisted that he would be

back at the club "on the fifth (of August) and I think he'll stay for the next two or three years he's got left with us."

In Tuesday's *Marca* interview Ronaldo also looked ahead to the 2018 World Cup with European champions Portugal.

"We still have to qualify but I'm hoping that Portugal can win an incredible title." - AFP

## Cassano retires again after leaving Verona

ROME, July 25: Former Italy international striker Antonio Cassano confirmed his retirement for the second time in a week Monday, bringing an eventful end to a colourful career.

The 35-year-old initially announced he was retiring last Tuesday, before backtracking on his decision just hours after breaking the news to his Verona team-mates.

He then said on Monday that he was quitting Verona only two weeks after joining the Serie A club, but added that he would look to continue playing elsewhere.

However, Cassano later posted another message on the Twitter account of his wife, Carolina Marciaris, to clarify that he was indeed hanging up his boots.

"Contrary to what ap-

peared on my wife's official profiles on social media, I would like to clarify the following," Cassano said.

"Cassano was wrong. After thinking about it, I decided: Antonio Cassano will not play football anymore.

"This morning I had a meeting with (head coach) Fabio Pecchia and the others to say that I wanted to stop," Cassano told reporters on July 18. - AFP

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