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INTERNATIONAL  
S Africans hold nationwide  
protests against Zuma

JOHANNESBURG, April 7: Thousands of South Africans gathered in major cities today to demonstrate against President Jacob Zuma, whose dismissal of the finance minister fuelled concerns over government corruption and a failing economy.

Protesters last month marched in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and other big metropolitan areas to push for the resignation of the scandal-tainted Zuma, who by now retains the support of a ruling party facing an internal revolt against the president.

"Fire Zuma," read some placards. A march organised by the Democratic Alliance, South Africa's biggest opposition party, was expected to pass near the headquarters of the ruling African National Congress in downtown Johannesburg. ANC members in military uniform will oppose the protest were posted outside.

The government appealed for calm and it said respects the right of South Africans to protest peacefully, a legacy of the struggle against white minority rule.

Zuma and the ruling party have been weakened by other scandals around the president. Zuma was forced to reimburse some state money after the Constitutional Court ruled against him last year in a dispute over millions of dollars spent on his private home. - AP

rate that ended in 1994 with the country's first all-race vote and the election of Nelson Mandela as president.

Pravin Gordhan, who was fired as finance minister in a late-night Cabinet reshuffle a week ago, was widely respected for his anti-corruption stance. The Standard & Poor's agency lowered South Africa's foreign currency credit rating after the dismissed, economic instability and threats to economic growth.

Gordhan was seen as a counter to the alleged influence of the Gupta family, Indian immigrants who have been accused of trying to influence some of Zuma's Cabinet picks. The Guptas deny any wrongdoing, and Zuma has said there was nothing improper in the way he chose ministers.

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India recalls Hazrat  
Mahal's contribution to  
freedom struggle

KATHMANDU, April 7: India today hailed Begum Hazrat Mahal, who had rebelled against British colonial rule in 1857-58, saying it was people like her who inspired the country to gain independence.

Recalling Begum's contribution towards the Indian freedom movement, India's Ambassador to Nepal Manju Singh Puri laid a wreath on her tomb to commemorate her 138th death anniversary here.

"The freedom struggle of 1857 has an important place in the history of India and it is because of the inspiration we got from people like Begum Hazrat, we have become independent now," Puri said at a function held here.

Begum, who is one of the earliest female freedom fighters of India had taken refuge in Nepal in 1859.

April 7, 2017 is the 138th death anniversary of the Begum.

Then Prime Minister of Nepal Junga Bahadur Rana granted asylum to Begum, who had taken part in the freedom movement of 1857. Born in 1820, Begum spent more than two decades in Nepal and passed away in 1879. - PTI

## TENDER NOTICE

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05 Masur Dal(Small size) Per pouch

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07 Salt Per quintal

08 Ghee Per quintal

09 Candle Per Packet

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11 (B) Cereals Per 400 Gm Pkt.

12 (C) Lactogen Per 400 Gm Pkt.

13 (D) Amul Spray Per 400 Gm Pkt.

14 Biscuit good day (small size) Per pkt

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15 (A) Wheat Bran Per quintal

16 (B) Rice Bran Per quintal

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19 15 feet x 15 feet (120 GSM) Per piece

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29 Container Standard Size- 5.5 mm) Per piece

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33 Shawl Per piece

34 Bamboo (Standard size) Per piece

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4. All tenders must be submitted in English writing in the quotation paper will not be entertained.

5. The bidder should have a standing of his own and must be a licensee under the ATA (LSC) order 1982.

6. Rate against each item should be clearly written both in figure and words.

7. The bidder binding himself to accept the lowest rate.

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11. Sample of materials must be supplied along with quotation.

12. Supply of materials shall have to be done during emergency situation. Hence, item supplied shall be of good quality. Supply of substandard, inferior quality materials shall be liable for forfeiture of security money and subsequent legal action.

13. Suppliers should mention their PAN/TIN number along with the quotation.

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## ADVERTISEMENT

In pursuance of Govt. letter No. WMD/15/2014/92, dt. 10/01/2017, applications are invited from the interested candidates for recruitment to the post of 1 (one) No. of Block Level Facilitator (BLF) under MsDP in Kushidhwa Minority Concentrated Block.

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• **Last Date of Submission of application :** Applications will be received in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara (DCP Branch) upto 19th April/2017 (during office hours). For any reason, the last date for receiving application(s) is declared as holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date for receiving the application(s). Application received after last date shall be liable to summarily rejected.

• **Selection Process :** Selection will be made through a merit cum attendance of the test as shown below : (A) General English & General Awareness = Precis Writing & Drafting = 200 Marks

General Mathematics =

VIVA-VOCE = 100 Marks

Candidates will be suitably tested for Computer Skills during Viva-Voce.

**Date of Examination :** The date of written test and viva-voce will be intimated through concerned Block Development Office later on.

**Terms & Conditions :**

1. The engagement of BLF is purely temporary and initially for a period of one year.

2. This engagement is scheme specific. Depending upon the centrally sponsored scheme (MsDP) and sanction & release of fund from the Govt. of India, New Delhi.

3. The engagement may be terminated without assigning any reason if the performance is found to be not satisfactory.

4. The person can not claim any appointment / engagement under regular Govt. establishment by virtue of his / her performing duties as a temporary appointee.

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4. The facilitator would also render necessary support to Social Audit Committee at the Block Level.

5. The Facilitator would function directly under the control and supervision of the District Officer responsible for implementation of MsD Programmes.

**Sd/- (J. V. N. Subramanyam, IAS)**

Deputy Commissioner  
Goalpara.

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## No illegal migrant ...

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Changsan made the statement during a skill development programme organized for the members of the Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) by the Home Department here today.

"The basic reason or deterrent seems to be the fact that such migrants will have to declare themselves as an illegal foreigner first before he or she chooses to be covered or protected under the SOP introduced for the persecuted minorities or those who had left the country bearing persecution," Changsan said.

It was also stated that compared to 2,785 migrants, who were pushed back, the government effected formal deportation of over 60 such migrants in the last three years. The process has, however,

been stalled due to the notice of April 19.

The hearing by the constitution bench will commence on May 11. However, for framing of issues, a hearing would take place on April 19.

A petition by NGO Swajjan, Bimalangshu Roy Foundation and the Joint Action Committee for Bengal Refuges has sought direction to the Centre and Assam not to expel the "displaced persons" belonging to minority

communities of Bangladesh, who have been forced to take shelter in various parts of Assam.

The petition organisations have sought direction that the government should ensure that these people were not harassed and enjoyed basic human rights and reasonable living conditions including access to courts, facility of primary education, of residence, permission to work and to travel, and also protect their life and liberty."

In July 2015, another bench of Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Rohinton Fali Nanji had referred to the children born to illegal Bangladeshi immigrants were Indian citizens by virtue of their being born here.

The constitution bench has asked the government to take care of the cut-off date for awarding citizenship to the Bangladeshi migrants.

The constitution bench will also examine the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act with regard to the cut-off date for awarding citizenship to the Bangladeshi migrants.

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## Case on Bangla migrants ...

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## Vulture hit by train dies, another injured

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, April 7: An endangered Himalayan griffon vulture died and another sustained serious injuries after being hit by a train near the Deepor Beel around 3:30 pm today.

The seriously injured vulture has been rescued by forest personnel and put under observation at the Rani Vulture Breeding and Protection Centre. Dr Pong Deuri of the centre said that the vulture sustained multiple injuries and would be operated upon over two days later.

### Conference

GUWAHATI, April 7: The second triennial conference of the Union Bank of India Retirees' Federation (NER) will be held on April 9 at the Pensioners' Bhawan here.

### Probe ordered

GUWAHATI, April 7: Agriculture Minister Atul Bora has initiated an inquiry into the reported sale of vegetables of Bangladesh containing banned insecticides.

The inquiry will be conducted by Ananda Mohan Karmakar, Joint Director (Plant Protection), Agriculture, and the report will be submitted within seven days, an official statement said. — Staff Reporter

### Old books donated

GUWAHATI, April 7: CSWC, a youth-based NGO, has donated 200 old books to the library of the Gauhati Commerce College here. "The book donation drive is part of the 'Give back to the library' programme conducted by CSWC," said Arinab Medhi, general secretary of the NGO.

Under this programme, old books are collected from students, faculty members and alumni of a particular college and donated to the library of the respective college.

### NFR reservation offices

GUWAHATI, April 7: On account of Rongali Bihu and the Assamese and Bengali New Year, all computerised reservation offices in the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) zone will operate from 8 am to 2 pm on April 14 in one shift only, said NFR PRO Nripen Bhattacharya. — Staff Reporter

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## Call for support in setting up community centre in London

STAFF REPORTER

### Assamese based in UK

GUWAHATI, April 7: London-based Srimanta Sankaradeva International Cultural Centre has appealed to the people of Assam to extend all sorts of support to it in setting up a community centre in London with an aim at spreading the tenets of Srimanta Sankaradeva. The centre is supposed to include an auditorium, a library, guest-rooms, a canteen etc.

According to Dr Karuna Sagar Das, founder of the Cultural Centre, though the other sections of the Indian diaspora living in the United Kingdom have their own institutions in that country, the Assamese diaspora of the UK are yet to have their own institution there. Despite this, the Assamese

people of the UK are celebrating Bihu etc., and have been trying to keep their mutual bond intact from a hired office.

The issue of establishment of a centre to project Srimanta Sankaradeva in the UK has been discussed by these people since the UK visit of the then president of the Assam Sahitya Sabha Kanak Sen Deka in 2005. In 2008, a committee was formed for the purpose and on August 3, 2011, the then Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi assured of a financial support of Rs 25 lakh for the purpose of setting up the centre. The State government has so far released Rs 10 lakh for the purpose of setting up the centre, said Dr Das.

Meanwhile, the Indian National Chapter of the Srimanta Sankaradeva International Cultural Centre has been formed with noted publisher Surya Hazarika as chairman and Lakshmi Goswami as president, said Dr Das.

## GU teachers' body meet

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, April 7: The Gauhati University Teachers' Association (GUTA) will hold its annual general meeting at the Phandihari Datta Seminar Hall of Gauhati University on April 11.

GUTA general secretary Dr Jagadish Sarma stated that Dr Kuldhara Saikia, eminent litterateur and Special Director General of Police (Law & Order), Government of Assam, will be the chief guest. The meeting will be inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University.

The general secretary's report, expenditure statement, speeches by the newly-elected president and general secretary, and issues pertaining to the development of the university will be part of the meeting.

## AMSA meet from today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 7: The present Cultural Affairs Minister of the State has also been approached by the committee members with a request for support and the Minister has assured them of taking intact from a hired office.

The project of the centre envisioned by the committee requires an amount of Rs 25 crore. The committee has so far been able to collect ten thousand pounds from the Assamese people living in the UK. There are around 1,500 Assamese people and most of them are service holders, said Dr Das.

Meanwhile, the Indian National Chapter of the Srimanta Sankaradeva International Cultural Centre has been formed with noted publisher Surya Hazarika as chairman and Lakshmi Goswami as president, said Dr Das.

The programmes will include flag hoisting, cultural procession, delegates' session etc. A souvenir too will be brought out to commemorate the occasion, a press statement said.

In the city TODAY

● Felicitation of Nishinath Changkakat and Mridul Hazarika by Guwahati Senior Citizens' Association at Pensioners' Bhawan at 10:30 am.

● 2nd Antora Baruah Memorial Inter-institution Quiz Competition at Pragyoit College for students of higher secondary level to post-graduate level from 12 noon.

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— FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

**The Assam Tribune****Raising NE concerns**

On a four-day official visit to India, Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to sign 25-30 agreements and memorandums of understanding with India. Among the MoUs would be one pledging joint military exercises, military training, research and development and giving port accessibility to the Indian naval fleet. An agreement on nuclear cooperation is also expected to be signed, as also on supply of diesel and electricity to Bangladesh. For quite some time now, India has been rightly treating Bangladesh as a most favoured nation in acknowledgement of the reality that it is the only neighbour, apart from Bhutan, to be genuinely amicable towards our country. China has been ringing a circle around India, with enhanced influence on even a once close neighbour like Nepal, not to speak of Myanmar, Sri Lanka or Pakistan. In line with a foreign policy designed to keep India in Bangladesh's good books, agreements are likely to be signed during Hasina's visit on giving her country soft loans to purchase military equipment, on cooperation in cyber security, information technology, etc. The policy also envisages opening out communication between the two countries, pacts on starting train, bus and cruise ships and cooperation on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. With Bengal's Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee unwilling to accept the Teesta water-sharing treaty as it stands, one bone of contention, however, remains unlikely to be resolved.

How far India is willing to go to keep Bangladesh happy can be gauged by the gradual easing of visa restrictions on Bangladeshis seeking to visit India. Within such an environment of bonhomie and back-slapping, it is unlikely that one issue crucial to the future of the North-east would be discussed between the Indian Government and Sheikh Hasina — that of illegal influx from Bangladesh and their repatriation to the home nation. Yet it has become more imperative than ever that this long-standing issue be addressed. The people of Assam had embarked on a mass agitation against illegal migration from Bangladesh and many individuals had martyred themselves to the cause. Narendra Modi himself during his election campaign promised to address the issue once he was elected. But, though the Assam Accord lies gathering dust, since he came to power he has not taken a single step towards solving the infiltration problem. Two developments lend greater urgency to its final solution. First, Bangladesh is currently confronted with the threat of Islamic terrorism and the community of Bangladeshi infiltrators now present in the North-east facilitates its spread to this region. Second, environmental experts have predicted mass migration of persons from countries like Bangladesh displaced by global warming, with the North-east being a preferred destination. It is, therefore, incumbent that India discuss this issue with the Bangladeshi PM during this visit and work out a mechanism to resolve the problem.

**Wildlife trade**

Over the centuries, human greed has caused extermination of many wildlife species, with the disturbing process getting far more conspicuous in recent decades. Rampant killing of wildlife, coupled with another grave threat in the form of unabated erosion of habitat due to expansion of human settlements, has pushed many wildlife species to the brink. Indeed, poaching and the thriving illegal trade in wildlife have jeopardized the long-term survival prospects of many species which once used to be abundant in our forests. The cheetah, for example, became extinct in India in 1947 due to rampant poaching, while many other species — the tiger included — are facing the same threat. Unlike loss of forest cover which is visible immediately, poaching often goes unnoticed and by the time the peril is realized, it may become too late to act. Take for instance the case of the tiger. Even though the menace had been on for decades, it took the startling revelations vis-a-vis poaching of tigers a few years back to blow the lid off the murky developments. If poachers can target the tiger at will and with impunity even in the supposedly well-protected national parks, the less said the better about the vast majority of forests that languish for want of attention. Then, while poaching of mega animals such as the tiger, rhino or elephant hogs the limelight, the unabated killing and capture of a wide variety of lesser animals rarely elicit any response, going on almost unnoticed. All species are intrinsically linked to the complex web of life and putting a majority of those off the scheme of conservation will frustrate its very objective. Some species understandably deserve priority due to their highly-endangered status and greater vulnerability to poaching but that should not be allowed to result in neglect to the others. While the demand for tiger body parts, rhino horn and ivory in the illegal wildlife trade is well-known, not many would be aware that body parts of leopards, owls, toky geckos, pangolins, monitor lizards and spiny-tailed lizards, deer antlers, turtle shells, musk pods, bear bile, snakeskin, and mongoose hair are equally sought after.

The need of the hour is a sustained crackdown on wildlife criminals and syndicates. These nefarious syndicates are powerful and operate globally. A matching response, therefore, will require political will and this will happen only when forests and their wildlife are accorded their rightful importance. Also imperative is to have a concerted campaign sensitizing the masses on the significant role of lesser-known and non-charismatic species in the ecology. This is all the more imperative because many such species are found outside protected forests which hardly have any protective mechanism. We need to evolve an integrated and multi-pronged strategy involving trained manpower, intelligence gathering, hard crackdown on poachers and wildlife smugglers, strict enforcement of wildlife laws, reducing forest fringe inhabitants' dependence on forests, etc.

**Concept of living museum and Majuli****■ Dr Nilofar Jasmin**

**T**he concept of living museum is not recent but comparatively new. In the last few decades, many living museums have been established in different countries of the world which help those places to preserve their dying art and culture through development of sustainable tourism. A living museum is a type of museum which recreates historical settings to provide visitors with an experiential interpretation of history. It requires the fullest extent the conditions of natural environment, culture or historical period. It gives a comprehensive overview of the lifestyle of the local people. It may be a historical museum, a rural museum or a museum to depict some peculiarity of a culture or place. Kagomeishi Rural Museum of Japan, Penghu Living Museum, Namibia Living Museum, Living Museum of Portugal are some of the important living museums which are showing the 'life of the people' as 'culture of the people' and helping in conservation of those cultures.

The living museum aims to give each member of the society the opportunity to maintain and study their cultural background. It also helps the tourists to experience the beauties and culture of the host country in a gentle and sensitive way by meeting the people and finding time to make contacts. And most important is that a well-planned living museum provide income source to the local community thereby encourage economic

development. The places which are rich in natural and cultural tourist resources are very much suitable for living museum to attract tourists and to provide the real experience to a cultural tourist. The important point is that living museum does not require construction of a museum building; the whole place is developed as museum involving the local community thus making it very much effective. All the family including people of all ages and sex are to be involved in the process.

Only true traditional activities including clothing and jewellery, musical instruments, songs and dances, drama and other performing arts and the traditional way of life are to be displayed. Traditional cuisines must be served.

This writer visited the Kagomeishi living museum which is in Kagoshima prefecture of Japan.

Kagomeishi is a small hilly village situated 2,400 feet above mean sea level. The village has limited natural resources — hills, a hot water spring known as Yanotsoro, which they consider sacred, trees, birds, honey bees, medicinal plants and a few acres of farming land. Kagomeishi was an unknown typical Japanese village till 2002; now it has been declared as the Kagomeishi Museum of Rural Community. Of late, hundreds of tour-

ists visit the place; they are guided by a local resident to each and every household, place of worship and agricultural fields, so that the tourist can freely interact with the host community and realize their culture and custom in totality. Tourists can participate in the farming activities in the field or fishing with the villagers for having an experience. Tourists are served with traditional food prepared by the womenfolk of the village in the village community house. It is to be mentioned that there is no other restaurant or hotel in the village. The

were living in the village, as the

younger generation left for the cities

in search of better livelihood. So, to save these people, the Government is taking initiative to encourage students, domestic and international tourists to visit the place.

The Assam Government is right that tourism has enormous scope to develop in Majuli. The Government has also earmarked a huge amount for the same. But only the right kind of tourism planning will help to preserve the cultural and natural resources, so that it can

help in achieving the proposed status of World Heritage Site. Majuli, one of the largest river islands of the world, has more than 140 villages. Majuli, bestowed with natural beauty and varied cultural components, is congenial for all types of nature-related and cultural tourism activities. Majuli is the homeland of different tribes and castes living in harmony from time immemorial. Another most significant component is that it is the centre of Vaishnavite culture. The *satras* are the centre of art, culture, literature, classical music and mask

art. These *satras* could be study centres and also centre of attraction not only for religious tourists but also for any person or researcher interested on culture, life and people. Moreover, these *satras* have rich and valuable antique collections.

The different tribes and castes living in Majuli possess unique cultural components. But much of the traditional customs and the environmental knowledge are on the edge to become extinct. A living museum could be a tool for each community to conserve their aged traditions, to understand their own cultural backgrounds, to develop a sense of pride about their history and even to generate an income on their own. Each of the communities could build and run their own living museum in an easy and cheap way.

Many of the older members still have the skills to build the masks and other handicraft using natural materials found in the surrounding areas. The latter community has the knowledge of making pottery; the women of these communities are good weavers. Moreover, each community prepares delicious traditional dishes and rice beer. So any type of living museum could be implemented in Majuli with little or no financial need from outside. The living museum should be run by the specific tribe itself and by their own way, although the actors should be trained in the basic principle of transferring and communicating their experience to visitors.

If steps are not taken for the preservation of the cultural values, ethos and identity of Majuli, due to the impact of modernization and social change, it will lose its unique cultural identity before it could be established as a World Heritage Site. Therefore, declaration of Majuli as the 'living museum of the State' may be right step ahead.

**Restoration of an unsung glory****■ Banasmita Baruah**

**N**otwithstanding the fact that we are rejoicing in the lap of affluent Brahmaputra, somewhere despondency pervades. Not late we had all assembled to celebrate its greatness by showcasing the Brahmaputra-themed mega cultural festival Namami Brahmaputra for the first time in history. If was an attempt to reconnect Assam and its people to its root rejuvenating it a way not known earlier, a genuine effort to let its potentialities known far and wide. Known as one of the world's largest and greatest rivers, the Brahmaputra (Son of Brahma) has started its journey as Zangbo (spelled also as Tsangpo). The Yarlung Zangbo that originated in a Tibet glacier, called as Chemayungding glacier, gets renamed as the Brahmaputra as it enters Assam. It rises in the Kailash range near Mansarovar at an elevation of 5,150 metres. The Brahmaputra receives 25 major tributaries from the north and 15 tributaries from the south. The call of this mighty river has been irresistible as its diversity, beauty and vastness has mystified all. Views expressed here are a short perspective of what all us and what us when the mighty Brahmaputra comes to

our mind. Indeed it has scores of abundant vistas that give us the sense of magnificence.

The mightiness gets a touch of shallowness when negativity surfaces. Assam with its vast area of river networks is prone to natural disasters like flood and erosion which have cumulatively a 'no welcome' impact on the overall development of our State. Witnessed every year during monsoon are the Brahmaputras and its many tributaries enveloped in total flood. Victimized areas of Assam accounts to 9.4% of the total flood-prone area of our country, according to a statistical review. Added to it are the flash floods resulting from cloudbursts in the catchment areas of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. Extensive flooding is virtually an annual occurrence in the Brahmaputra Valley during the summer monsoon. Scientific researchers have concentrated on understanding the hydrology of the Brahmaputra for watershed management and flood-hazard mitigation. Its waters rise drastically during the monsoon season which prevents the water force of the tributaries to enter it thus causing floods in the plain lands. The Brahmaputra has stood with us since ages; at times it gives us a sense

of glory and sometime it turns into a matter of greater concern.

This mighty river runs for 2,880 kms through China, India and Bangladesh. Any river of such a giant magnitude will have obvious problems of sediment deposition and erosion and the Brahmaputra is no exception. The Brahmaputra's average annual flow throughout Assam varies from 8,500 to 17,000 cubic metres per second. At Pandoth near the Sarughat bridge, the average annual flow recorded was 16,000 cubic metres per second. During the time of flood, the water discharge reaches its peak resulting in devastation. The Assam Government has dredged deep into this problem and found dredging as an answer to this perennial problem of flood and erosion. Thousands of hectares of agricultural plots have been drastically affected by severe erosion in the Brahmaputra basin. Assam's water resource department has identified 25 vulnerable erosion-prone sites. To tackle the erosion problem, the Brahmaputra receives 25 major tributaries from the north and 15 tributaries from the south. The call of this mighty river has been irresistible as its diversity, beauty and vastness has mystified all. Views expressed here are a short perspective of what all us and what us when the mighty Brahmaputra comes to

The dramatic reduction in the slope of the Brahmaputra explains the resultant unloading of large amounts of sediment in the Assam valley downstream. Opinions vary as some scientists are of the view that dredging of the riverbed and its tributaries could be a better option as it will carry more water without causing flood problems. It needs to be pointed out that siltation and sedimentation is a continuous process which occurs with the flow of water. Experts say that checking siltation in the upstream of rivers can be a better answer to the flood-hit areas. Dredging of shallow riverbeds of the tributaries of the Brahmaputra can also prove far effective, according to a research in the retention of its embankments. The protection of Majuli was one of the main aims of the geo-tube embankment project.

The Britishers used to dredge the Brahmaputra to check floods. However, with dredging the water flow gets increased and the banks of the river get eroded in manifold ways that it would have been in the natural state. The magnitude of sediment carried by rivers has become a serious concern for water resources planning and management. The NHP (National Hydrology Project) also aims at strengthening water resource management through the adapta-

tion of technologies like remote sensing. Again the much-talked about 'dam building projects' on the Brahmaputra basin will surely alter the geological structure of the river. The feeling of alienation of the north-easterners is largely visible in their opposition to these Central Government projects as they feel the mainland India is exploiting the North-east hydroelectricity resources for its own benefit. It might pose a serious threat to Assam's wildlife habitat as well as pave the way for high deforestation. Building of more dams should be carefully undertaken due to the fact that the colliding Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates have made the Brahmaputra Valley seismically very unstable.

ANN (artificial neural network) is a modeling tool for certain hydrological problems such as stream flow forecast which had been practically useful for early flood warnings. Input from hydrological studies is required for management of water resource problems. It provides hydrological variables like rainfall and sediment concentrations which in a way provide warning of extreme flood or drought conditions that are likely to behalf. The grandeur of the mighty Brahmaputra cannot be underestimated; hence, a careful delineation of the plains to retain its majesty is awaited.

**Letters to the EDITOR****Sir,**

The Namami Brahmaputra

**Harnessing the Brahmaputra**

Thus, the event needs the involvement of other seven governments of the North-east with a common platform and objective. Also, a national-level quiz event should be conducted by the Government of Assam. The final event of the quiz should be held at the Nameri Brahmaputra festival. This would reduce the unpopularity of our region among the rest of the Indians and might at least attract the youth of the nation towards the North-east removing the stereotypical negative notions about our land. Lastly, renaming the event to 'Pranamo Brahmaputra' might aggravate the acceptance rate among the people of Assam and reduce the mix reactions it had this year. Yours etc., ABHINAV SANKAR GOSWAMI, Narengi, Guwahati.

(II)

Sir, — The just-concluded Namami Brahmaputra festival has shown that we have great emotional bond with the mighty Brahmaputra. Challenges thrown by the inclement weather during the festival were defeated by the overwhelming response from the lovers of the river. Not only the

ferry services regularly instead of carrying most of the goods by road. Yours etc., PARAMANANDA DAS, Lankeswar, Guwahati.

(III)

Sir, — Despite all the criticism, Namami Brahmaputra is a victory for the mighty river. And finally, we have 'discovered' that the Brahmaputra is not just a river but an inspiration to the people of Assam. Can Assam be an important destination for India's investment and trade? Neighbouring Myanmar that shares boundary with four of the NE States is India's gateway towards South-east Asia that holds the key to the Act East policy. The connectivity through Myanmar to Thailand and Vietnam could get the landlocked NE States access to the Bay of Bengal. The British successfully dredged the river to maintain the navigation channel from Sadiya to Dhubri. The Centre is now planning to dredge the Brahmaputra and build 1,300 km stretch of express highway on both the banks of the river. Hope this will change the entire economic scenario of Assam. Yours etc., KAMAL BARUAH, Rukminiganj, Guwahati.

**Helping hands**

Sir — I would like to draw the attention of the people as a whole, while offering my thanks to Lance Naik Atul Shirsath, 112 Engineering Regiment, Dimapur and a lady for forwarding their helping hand to my father, a senior citizen, who while travelling from Nabdwip in West Bengal to Guwahati in the Kamrup Express on April 6, met with a serious accident. The iron shutter of the window suddenly fell on his hand and he was bleeding profusely when both of them helped him with necessary first aid. Secondly, I would like to thank the Indian Railways for the prompt response after I twitted the Railway Ministry on their Twitter account seeking help for my father. He was given necessary treatment through a doctor along with medicines. I would also like to thank Nripendra Bhattacharya, PRO, NF Railway for his helpful action in this connection. Yours etc., DEBASISH SINHA, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati.

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**Gunotsav ends in Kamrup(M)****AIR phone-in programme**

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 7: Gunotsav, organised in the government LP and ME schools from April 5, ended today in Kamrup Metro district.

Today as part of the closing ceremony, Chief Secretary VK Pipersnia visited No. 2

Bhakhat LP School, Dimoria, while KV Eapen, Additional Chief Secretary, visited Azara Keotpara LP School.

DGP Mukesh Sahay went to Hedyetpur LP School and Kamrup Metro Deputy Commissioner Dr M. Angamithu visited Kahlipara Refugee ME School.

They were in the premises of these schools the whole day as external evaluators.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Angamithu not only praised the students and the staff for their participation in the event, but also stressed that such programmes would help the education system.

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 7: The Regional News Unit of All India Radio (AIR) Guwahati will hold a phone-in talk show 'Drishitipta' on April 8 at 8.30 pm on 'Prospect of Water Transport in Assam'.

Bharat Bhutan Dev Choudhury, Director of Inland Water Transport will be the guest in the show, which will be presented by BSNL.

Manas Pratim Sarma will host the show. Listeners can ask questions by dialling 0361-2661876 and 2662325.

**Pre-Bihu celebration from today**

GUWAHATI, April 7: An Indo-Bangladesh cultural meet being organised by Byatikram MASDO as part of its pre-Bihu celebrations at the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra here on April 8 and 9. A 28-member cultural troupe from Bangladesh will take part in the event dedicated to folk artiste Late Kalkaprasad Bhattacharjee.

"For the last few years we have been celebrating the festival and this time it will have an international touch. We are very happy that this time Bangladesh Sanskritik Sammelito Jot led by Hasan Arif will be joining us," Dr Saumen Bharatiya, president of Byatikram MASDO, said.

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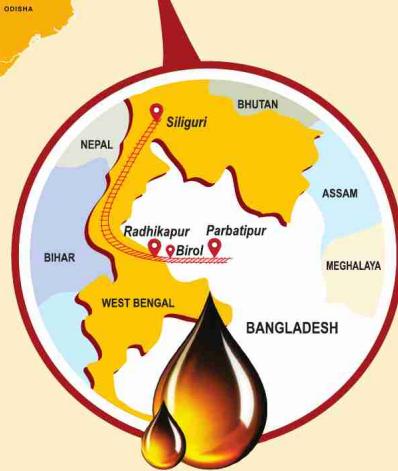
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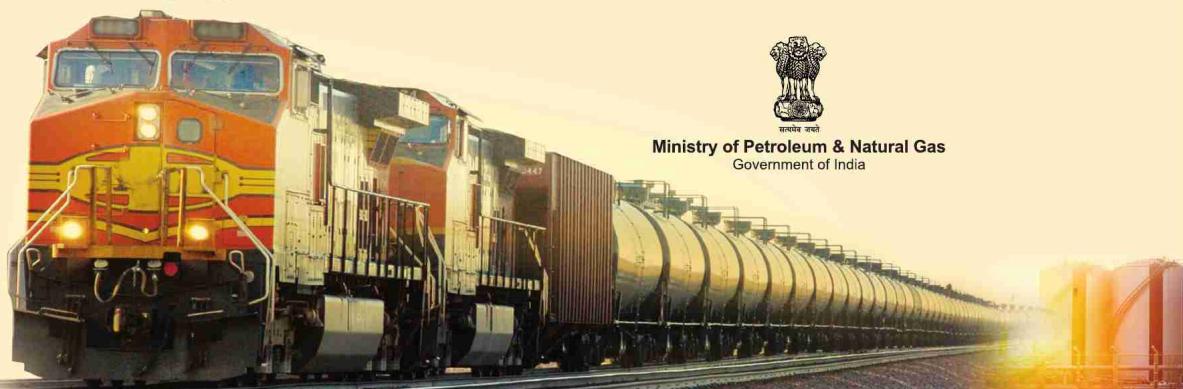
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## Balanced development possible: Sonowal

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 7: Reiterating that a society where equity and balanced development of all sections of the people can be achieved, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that capability and talent should be the only determinants for a person to reach a respectable position in the society.

Taking part in the biennial session of the Sadharan Jati Parishad at the District Library in Lakhimpur today

as chief guest, the Chief Minister appreciated the Parishad's endeavour in this regard.

Saying that in today's highly competitive world one must be capable to compete to prove his worth, Sonowal said that the government has started the Goutav programme to improve the quality of education so that competent, honest and committed citizens could be produced.

"If a nation has to excel in all spheres, then its citizens must be ca-

pable, competent, dedicated and honest who would be able to compete at the highest level to establish their country as the best at the world stage," he said.

Asserting that material riches alone would not be enough to give life's satisfaction, Sonowal said that character building through spiritual strength was of prime importance in today's world.

"Only clean thoughts and actions can help one attain true happiness in

life. Good human beings must be produced by the education system and not just successful human beings who would do anything to achieve success," he added.

The Chief Minister also called upon the people to set an example of dedication towards society and remove corrupt practices from the system. Rooting out corruption is the government's prime objective and all measures would be taken to achieve that goal, Sonowal added.

## Teachers' delegation meets CM

CORRESPONDENT

Madhavdeva, where he came to attend a programme.

The delegation, including its president Arup Saikia, vice-president Kosheswar Sekandara, secretary Bipul Saikia, assistant secretary Ranjit Barua and members Tarun Nath and Sisupal Mili submitted a mem-

orandum regarding their demands to the Chief Minister.

"It will not be possible to provincialise all the non-provincialised institutions of the State at one go. But we will provincialise them one by one within the term of our government," Sonowal told the delegation.

## Pro-talk ULFA celebrates raising day Aid to Biswanath satras

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, April 7: The pro-talk group of the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) observed the 37th raising day of the organisation at Kakopothar designated camp today.

After the flag hoisting and swadhih tarpan, an open ses-

ionship of ULFA chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa.

The meeting was addressed by AJYCP president Biraj Talukdar, convener of Gana Mukti Sangram Samity Lu-chun Gohain, advocate Nekhbir Zaman and several others.

The speakers criticized the Central and State governments on the proposed amendment to the Citizenship Bill. They also opined that the government had failed to keep their promises given before last elections.

Earlier, the chairman of the organisations delivered his written speech.

Several distinguished per-

sons, along with the leaders and cadres of the pro-talk group of ULFA, attended the programme.

The Biswanath District Satra Mahasabha committee expressed its gratitude to the department for the financial assistance. — Correspondent

BISWANATH CHARIALI, April 7: The Archeological Department, Government of Assam has sanctioned financial assistance to nine satras of the Biswanath district for their development.

The selected Satras are Sri Sri Ram Ata Satra, Sri Sri Jarnial Satra, Sri Sri Dangdhaba Gajala Satra, Sri Sri Madhav Ata Satra, Sri Sri Elengi Madaguri Satra, Sri Sri Suakuchi Satra, Sri Sri Haladhati Satra, Sri Sri Kamalabari Sakha Satra and Sri Sri Kanwaimani Satra.

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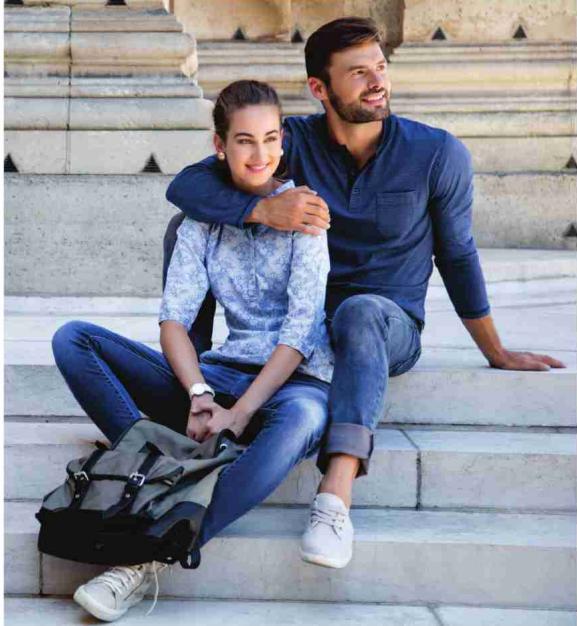
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# Tax evasion worth over Rs 1.37 lakh cr detected

NEW DELHI, April 7: The Central Government said today that in its attempt to curb domestic black money, it has unearthed over Rs 1.37 lakh crore worth of tax evasion in 23,064 searches carried out in the last three years.

"The period has witnessed unprecedented enforcement action in direct and indirect taxes. While 23,064 searches/surveys have been conducted (income tax 17,525; customs 2,509; central excise 1,913; service tax 1,120), more than Rs 1.37 lakh crore of tax evasion has been detected (income tax Rs 69,434 cr; customs Rs 11,405 cr; central excise Rs 13,952 cr; service tax Rs 42,727 cr)," the Finance Ministry said here in a statement today.

"Simultaneously, criminal prosecutions were launched in 2,814 cases (income tax 1,966; customs 526; central excise 193; service tax 29) and 3,893 persons were

placed under arrest (customs 3,782; central excise 47; service tax 64)," the statement said.

The Enforcement Directorate in its anti-money laundering actions registered 519 cases and conducted 396 searches. Arrests were made in 79 cases and properties worth Rs 14,933 crore were attached, it said.

The *Banani* (proxy) prohibition law which remained in operation since the last 28 years was made operational through a comprehensive amendment with effect from November 2016.

"More than 245 *banani* transactions have already been identified. Provisional attachment of properties worth Rs 55 crore have already been made in 124 cases," it said.

Crackdown against thousands of shell companies engaged in nefarious activities

was effected through enforcement actions (searches, surveys, arrests, prosecutions), the statement noted.

"During the last three financial years (2013-14 to 2015-16), income tax investigations led to detection of more than 1,155 shell companies/entities used as conduits by over 22,000 beneficiaries. The amount involved in non-genuine transactions of such beneficiaries was more than Rs 13,300 crore," it said.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has issued more than a lakh notices for striking off names of defunct or non-compliant companies.

"A high-powered group has been set up for coordinating and monitoring the actions taken by departments concerned with the objective of eliminating the conduits of black money generation and application," it said. - IANS

## 18 lakh accounts being probed for large deposits post note ban

NEW DELHI, April 7: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said today that post the November 8 demonetisation, around 18 lakh bank accounts have been found where the amounts deposited does not match with the income profile of the account holder.

Replies to questions in the Lok Sabha today, Jaitley said data mining was used to find such accounts.

"Jan Dhan accounts and dor-

mant accounts, to see if they have been misused after demonetisation, we are extensively doing data mining. We are concentrating on those who deposited big amounts," Jaitley said.

"There are around 18 lakh such examples in which income profile and account profile do not match. Preliminary information has been sought. Some have given the information; those who have not will get notice as per law," the

Minister said.

Jaitley, in his Budget speech said that between November 8, when demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes was announced up to December 30, deposits between Rs 2 lakh and Rs 80 lakh were made in 109 crore accounts with an average deposit of Rs 5,030 lakh. Deposits of more than Rs 80 lakh were made in 1.48 lakh accounts with average deposit size of Rs 3.31 crore. - IANS

## Tea prices likely to remain firm

MUMBAI, April 7: Tea prices are expected to remain firm following higher demand, especially due to the expected supply side issues in both Sri Lanka and Kenya, ICRA said in a report here.

"Initial weather forecasts indicate better rainfall in Kenya during the first quarter of 2017, which is likely to impact production from the region.

"Since Kenya is the largest exporter of black tea, its production levels have a significant bearing on the availability of tea in the global market," ICRA Vice President and Sector Head, Corporate Sector Ratings, Kaushik Das said.

Moreover, he said, Sri Lankan production, which is primarily of the orthodox kind, is likely to remain under pressure leading to increased export demand for Indian orthodox tea.

"Such supply-side issues are likely to have a favourable impact on both international and domestic tea realisations," he added. ICRA said, in spite of India's large domestic consumption base, exports play a vital role in maintaining the overall demand-supply balance in the domestic market.

"Buying patterns will also be a key determinant of domestic price levels in the current year as well," Das added.

Further, ICRA said despite the buoyancy in prices though, continuing cost pressures with the increase in wage rates are likely to keep the margins and debt coverage indicators of bulk tea producers under check.

"In 2016-17, wage rates are scheduled to increase by an additional 8-9 per cent across the tea-growing regions in north India, resulting in continuing pressures on the profit margins of bulk tea companies, despite the increase in domestic average auction realisations," the ICRA report said.

With tea being a fixed cost-intensive industry, labour wages have accounted for a significant portion of the total cost of production during the past several years, it said. - PTI

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## No rate cut soon, liquidity to be RBI focus, feel analysts

MUMBAI, April 7: A day after the RBI decided to go for a widely-expected status quo in rates, analysts today said no further cut is not on the horizon, but getting liquidity to neutral levels will dominate actions going forward.

With the Reserve Bank of India commentary stressing on all options being open, a section also felt that an increase in cash reserve ratio (CRR) may be in the offing.

"The key message from the RBI's monetary policy meeting was that it was committed to adhere to its stance of neutrality on liquidity and moved towards correcting distortions in interest rates," HDFC Bank's research team said in a note.

Singaporean bank DBS said moving liquidity back to neutral "will be priority" for the RBI.

Japanese brokerage Nomura said there can be a one percentage point cut in the cash reserve ratio (CRR) which is the amount of deposits parked with the central bank in the second half of 2017 to tackle the liquidity glut.

A bulk of the focus in the commentary was on the liquidity, including a plan to bring it to neutral as per a process which started last year

and also how to manage the current excess liquidity of over Rs 4 trillion.

The RBI has made a pitch for the special deposit facility (SDF) to suck out the excess liquidity and is talks with the Government on the issue.

However, on the crucial question on the way forward, the view was divided among the analysts with many saying that we should not expect any cuts while some expressing some optimism.

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## Weak global cues subdue equities

MUMBAI, April 7: Weak global cues and heavy selling pressure in banking, healthcare and metal stocks pulled the Indian equity markets lower today.

The wider 51-scrip Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) broke the important 9,200 mark and fell by 63.65 points or 0.69 per cent to 9,198.30 points.

The barometer 30-scrip sensitive index (Sensex) of the BSE, which opened at 29,850.71 points, provisionally closed at 29,706.61 points (at 3.30 p.m.) down 220.73 points or 0.74 per cent from the previous close at 29,927.34 points.

The Sensex touched a high of 29,886.12 points and a low of 29,668.45 points during the

intra-day trade.

The BSE market breadth was bearish – with 1,620 declines and 1,293 advances.

On Thursday, the benchmark indices closed marginally in the red after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept its interest rates unchanged in its first bi-monthly Monetary Policy Review of the 2017-18 fiscal. - IANS

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Participants at a Bihu dance workshop organized by the Senchua Anchalik Sanskritik Manch at Senchua in Nagaon on Thursday. — UB Photos

## Besma fest at Gauripur from April 14-16

CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, April 7: Brisk preparations are on to celebrate the Besma festival, the biggest agricultural festival of the Rajbonghi community at the Majhara Naranarayana Kshetra with a three-day colourful programme from April 14 to 16.

A celebration committee covering the greater Gauripur area was formed for the purpose with Jyoti Chandra Ray,

Dr Panchanan Das, Krishnanta Ray, Manas Chakravarty, Prabhash Ray, Manoj Kumar Ray, Parajit Ray, Victor Ray and Mridul Ray as president, working president, vice-presidents, general secretary and assistant general secretaries respectively.

Besides sports competitions, Rajbonghi folk song competition in memory of Madhu Sudan Ray, Rajbonghi folk dance in memory of Ma-

## Rs 20 lakh cash recovered; two held for carrying beef

CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, April 7: During a routine checking, police on Thursday recovered cash of Rs 20 lakh from a passenger named Gopal Sil, who was allegedly carrying the currency notes from Mariani town.

Policemen informed the income tax officials to confirm whether the cash was carried legally or not. However, he is yet to be arrested.

In another case, a local court here sent two persons to judicial custody and a juvenile to an observation home after

they were arrested on Wednesday by police on the charge of hurting public sentiments at Kendupuri area by carrying beef.

The two accused persons, who were sent to jail, were identified as construction worker Abdul Rahman of Kokrajhar and Sabujpal Haque of Dhubri. Locals alleged that the trio openly showed a small bag of beef to a few people of the locality and sought splices from a family for cooking.

As the local citizens felt that their sentiment was hurt by the trio they informed the matter to the police.

## Management-workers' impasse in Sarojini TE ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, April 7: The deadlock between the tea garden workers of Sarojini tea estate and the estate's management over 'lock out' in the wake of massive protest by the workers against deprivation of entitlements, ended on Thursday after the management withdrew the 'lock out' following a reconciliation meeting at the office of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Dibrugarh.

The management of the tea estate had disappeared from the garden on Wednesday morning after locking the office and the tea factory after the workers took to the streets the previous day to demand their entitlements and retirement benefits like Provident Fund, Gratuity, Pension and other benefits.

In the reconciliation meeting, the Assistant Labour Commissioner assured the workers and representatives of the ATTSA that would ensure that the management provided all the entitlements under Plantation Labour Act within 15 days. He also urged the ATTSA leaders and the workers to cooperate in bringing normalcy in the garden. The meeting among others was attended by representatives of the proprietor, Assam Tea Planters' Association and Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha. (ACMS).

Hundreds of tea garden workers backed by the Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association (ATTSA) had staged a massive blockade on the Moran-Naharkatia road for about four hours on Wednesday in the aftermath of the alleged arbitrary 'lock out'.

Anil Munda, advisor, ATTSA said the 'lock out' of the garden was illegal and arbitrary as nothing unruly had occurred in the garden to invoke 'lock out'. He said that the workers had only taken part in a peaceful democratic protest. The workers severely condemned the tea garden authorities for their arbitrary stand.

## Safai karmacharis hold demo

CORRESPONDENT

salaries for the last five months.

A memorandum was submitted demanding settlement of a charter of demands which was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner including undue delay in the payment of salaries of the safi karmacharis and issue of appointment letters to all the labourers. The

## Madan Trayodashi Utsav from today

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BAIHATA CHARIALI, April 7: The Madan Trayodashi Utsav will be held at the historic Madan Kamdev Devalaya from tomorrow with a two-day programme.

As per schedule tomorrow at 10 am, tree plantation will be held, at 2 pm 'bhog' of the day will be offered and at 6 pm 'adhibas' will be held. On April 9, the programme of the day will begin with the hoisting of the religious flag by Bedanga Talukdar, Circle Officer of Kamalpur Revenue

and said that even the talks with Paresh Boruah group of ULFA is also possible if the Central Government come forward honestly.

Chetia said that dialogue cannot be a one way traffic and environment of dialogue should be created by the Government side.

Referring to the proposed settlement of Hindu Bangladeshi in Assam, Chetia said that the issue was completely political

agenda of the BJP Government. Not a single Hindu Bangladeshi family is willing to come to Assam when much hullabaloo is going on about the proposed amendment of the Citizenship Act in India, added Chetia. The issue is being politicised by several forces, he added. Regarding the Subodh Biswas episode, Chetia said that any Assam move must be opposed by the people of Assam unitedly.

## Shekhar Banerjee: a tribute

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, April 7: Pro talk ULFA leader Anup Chetia expressed concern over the apathetic attitude of the Central Government in the peace talk process with the ULFA. ULFA leader Chetia after attending the general meeting of the pro talk ULFA cadres here at Morigaon expressed his feelings before the media

that the next two years, had Shekhar trapped LBW (Love Before Wedding). Shekhar might have preferred a hockey analogy as that was the game he excelled at as a goal-keeper in his beloved school, St. Edmunds, but it will be his cricketing brother-in-law with movie-star looks and generosity to match. In the course of the few days that Shekhar hosted Sudipta (his sister) and myself in the heady social swirl of the tea community, I saw how his charm, warmth, wit and the ability to engage equally with both the young and the old had won him a wide circle of genuine friends and well-wishers.

These qualities clearly did not escape the attention of a certain individual who, within

his health and fitness. But it did not stop him from achieving success with the tea warehousing business that he established and continued managing until his final days.

In spite of his physical challenges, he never complained, never lost his warmth or his genuine interest in others.

When at home, the dining

table is where he spent most of his time, taking care of his business matters as well as reading voraciously, keeping abreast of everything in the world that mattered. Friends and visitors would drop in regularly to wish him well and leave wondering at the resilience of the man.

After he left tea, and still at a relatively young age, arthritis took a terrible toll on Shek-

har's health and fitness. But it did not stop him from achieving success with the tea warehousing business that he established and continued managing until his final days.

But for us who have been left behind, including the next generation of the family, his sons and nephews, his unseen presence will continue to hold centre-stage in our thoughts and conversations for a long, long time.

— Sudip Chakravarti

of the dining table stands forlorn. The table itself has been cleared of the numerous medicines and medical accessories that sustained his life for the past thirty years. We saw them as clutter before – now we would give anything to see the clutter again if only we could wind back the clock.

Shekhar left us on the 1st of April, five days after his 73rd birthday.

But for us who have been left behind, including the next generation of the family, his sons and nephews, his unseen presence will continue to hold centre-stage in our thoughts and conversations for a long, long time.

With the arrival of Rongali Bihu celebrations, an artisan busy in making a dhol at a shop in Majuli on Thursday. — UB Photos

## Mental health problems afflicting more people in rural areas: survey

SHAMBHU BORO

TEZPUR, April 7: "Rapid pace of globalisation and urbanisation has resulted in profound changes globally and in India too, this has affected the mental health of individuals, families and the society in a significant way." The popular saying that "there is no health without mental health" underscores the fact that mental health is an integral and essential component of health. Recognising the growing incidence of mental health problems, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the theme for this year's World Health Day, celebrated on April 7 of each year, as "Depression: Let's talk".

Dr Kankan Pathak, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, LG-BRIMH, Tezpur addressing a press meet at the conference hall of the mental health institute on Thursday, while touching upon certain serious issues related to

mental health in the present day scenario said that the growth and development of health services in India have not been uniform. Nevertheless, mental health initiative is growing both in quantity and quality.

In a move to boost the mental health services, India has launched a mental health policy and has drafted a mental health action plan. Recently, a new mental health bill has also been approved. For further strengthening of the policy initiative and contribute to the development of action plans and data guided programmes, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) identified the National Mental Health Survey (NMHS) as priority area and commissioned the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru to undertake a nationally representative study.

"The NMHS is one of the largest men-

tal health surveys undertaken across 12 States and covered a nationally representative population of the country. The key objectives were to identify the prevalent patterns, outcome, treatment gap and associated disabilities of mental illness. In addition to the NMHS undertaken the unique task of assessing the health systems available for mental health care in the individual States where the survey was undertaken." He added that the study adapted a uniform, standard scientific methodology and data collection was done by trained staff using hand held devices.

In the State of Assam, the survey was conducted by LGBRIMH Tezpur. The survey had face to face, household based interviews, for 2603 individuals, in three randomly selected districts of Assam viz., Barpeta, Cachar and Dibrugarh.

Dr Pathak also revealed that nearly 12 lakh people in the State, above the age of 18 years, are currently having interven-

tion for various mental health issues. The greater proportion of those affected is in the production age group (40 to 49) and except for substance use disorder, all other mental health problems are comparatively more in rural areas. Male gender and lower income were linked to higher occurrence of a mental disorder. However, anxiety and stress related disorders were more common in women, compared to men. The prominent psychiatrist said that 17.59 per cent of the population above 18 years suffer from substance use disorder while the tobacco use was the highest. He also said that alcohol use disorder in men was 3.05 per cent among the 18 + years population, while illicit substance use disorder was 0.69 per cent.

Giving more details on the issue, he also said that despite being in existence for more than three decades, the district mental health programme is still slow in

reach and coverage and is yet to make its presence felt. It needs to be more comprehensive and should improve quality of services. "The mental health was not a priority agenda for the health systems. There is a glaring absence of a well drafted state mental health policy and action plan. The proportion of districts covered by DMHP was only 14.29 per cent. Much of the mental health care activities in the State were hospital based and were limited in their scope and spread." He revealed that a shortage of trained professionals to deliver mental health care is seen. Systematic efforts to integrate mental health into general health care were lacking. Several system constraints including erratic supply of medicines, inadequate funding and absence of guidelines etc., were found. However, on the study findings, actions like strengthening the district mental health programme by developing and adopting

a state mental health policy, formulating explicit action plans, enhancing mechanisms for integration, dedicated financing, devising mechanisms for accelerated human resources, improving medicine supply and logistics and monitoring frameworks to provide the widest possible coverage to affected citizens, broad-based of services, upgradation of existing facilities establishing and supporting day care centre, long term and short term residential care centres, developing a state mental health literacy strategy and a task force on mental health comprising of professionals from mental health have been taken up," Dr Pathak stated.

Besides other dignitaries associated with the mental health institute, the press meet was also attended by Dr Sonia Perera Devi, Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatric Social Work, LG-BRIMH.

GORESWAR, April 7: A 10-day training programme was held here at Gashbari under the auspices of Asom Durjog Byabastapana Pradhikaran and Kamrup Zila Durjog Byabastapana Pradhikaran on March 31.

Around 80 participants including village headmen, lat mandals of Kamalpur Revenue circle, farmers, VLWS, social workers, senior citizens of the entire area were present in the training programme while Bedanta Bora, Circle Engineer of Tamulipur irrigation office in Baksa and Bidyut Bihash Bora, Assistant Engineer of Rangia PWD office in Kamrup district conducted the training programme. Both of them explained the objective of the training clearly on how to conserve agricultural land, wetland, highland, VGR, govt land, forest land, beels etc., from natural disasters like flood, storm, erosion of the rivers, landslides, earthquakes etc.

Besides, Bedanta Bora asked the farmers to follow the Patidarrang mouza not to sell their agricul-

tural land to outsiders for industry or private enterprises. Otherwise, farmland would gradually decrease with time. In this regard, every village has to form a Village Land Management Committee (VLMC) to protect the agricultural as well as non-agricultural land with the cooperation of the government. VLMCs have the power to take their own decisions. All the Village Land Management Committees falling under Kamalpur Revenue Circle office would automatically be approved by the Circle Officer as well, he said.



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**REQUIREMENT OF EXPERIENCED NON-EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL**

- On-line registration of application commences from 08-04-2017 and closes on 29-04-2017
- The link to the on-line registration of the application has been hosted on the website: [www.locrecruit.in](http://www.locrecruit.in)
- The Written Test is likely to be held in the month of June, 2017

Indian Oil Corporation Limited the largest commercial undertaking in India and a Fortune "Global 500" company requires result oriented experienced personnel with initiative and enterprise for its Guwahati Refinery.

On-line Applications are invited from bright, young and energetic persons of Indian Nationality for the following posts in the pay scale of ₹11,900-32,000/-:

Sl No	Name of the Post (A)	Post Code (B)	Discipline	Vacancies				
				Total	SC	ST	OBC (NC Layer)	ExSM
1	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (Production)	171	Chemical	02	0	01	01	0
2	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (P & U)	172	Boiler	01	0	01	0	0
3	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (Mech.)	173	Mechanical	04	0	0	02	01
4	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (Instrumentation)	174	Instrumentation	02	0	0	01	0

- Positions are operated with work arrangements in one, two or three shifts. Incumbents may be required to perform duties in any of the working hours depending upon work exigencies.
- Number of vacancies indicated above is tentative and may increase or decrease in the relevant categories at the absolute discretion of the management and in compliance with the Presidential Directives on reservation at the time of appointment.
- Petroleum Refining is a complex and hazardous process and candidates belonging to Persons with Disabilities (40% or higher) category are not deployed in the above mentioned posts.

**A. Qualification & Experience Criteria:**

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Post Code	Qualification (Full Time Regular Courses only from Indian Universities/ Institutes)	Area of Experience			
				Total	SC	ST	OBC (NC Layer)
1	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (Production)	171	3 years Diploma in Chemical/Refinery & Petrochemical Engg. or B.Sc (Maths, Physics, Chemistry or Industrial Chemistry) from a recognized Institute/ University with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate for OBC candidates & 45% in case of ST candidates against reserved positions.	Minimum one year of post qualification experience in operation (rotating shift) of Pump House, Fired Heater, Compressor, Distillation Column, Reactor, Heat exchanger etc. in a Petroleum Refinery/ Petrochemicals / Fertilizer Heavy Chemical/ Gas Processing Industry.			
2	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (P & U)	172	3 years Diploma in Mechanical or Electrical Engg. from recognized Institute/University & Boiler Competency Certificate (with class as may be prescribed by the Boiler Authority of the state), provided that in case of non-availability of sufficient number of candidates meeting the prescribed parameters, candidates possessing the following qualification may also be considered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matric with ITI (Fitter) with Boiler Competency Certificate (with class as may be prescribed by the Boiler Authority of the state).</li> <li>B Sc. (PCM) with an Apprenticeship Training in Boiler Trade.</li> <li>3 years Diploma in Mechanical or Electrical Engg. from recognized Institute/ University with minimum 45% marks in aggregate for ST candidates against reserved positions. Subject to the condition below, (for candidates under Category 2 &amp; 3)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidate selected under Category (2) above and posted in Boiler Operations shall undertake to acquire Boiler Competency certificate within four years of joining the services of the Corporation.</li> <li>Candidate selected under Category (3) above shall be encouraged to acquire BCC to help further their career interest.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	For candidates possessing Diploma/ Matric with ITI (Fitter) & holding Boiler Competency Certificate or BSc with Boiler Apprenticeship, no experience shall be required  For candidates possessing Diploma Minimum one year post qualification experience in operation of Industrial Boiler/ HRSG/ Thermal Power Station/DM plant/ RO plant/ Air compressors/ Steam Turbines/Gas turbines/ cooling tower in Petroleum Refinery/ Petrochemicals/ Heavy Chemical/Fertilizers/ Power Plants/large Industrial establishments			
3	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (Mech.)	173	3 years Diploma in Mechanical Engg. from recognized Institute/ University with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate or Matric with ITI in Fitter/ Trade with Pass Class.	Minimum one year of post qualification experience for Diploma and 2 years' experience for Matric with ITI (Fitter) in maintenance / overhauling of rotary equipments such as Compressors, Gas/ Steam Turbines, Boilers, Columns, Valves, Pumps, Mechanical Seals/Dry gas seals, Bearings, Journal/ Anti-friction, Safety valves, etc. in a Petroleum Refinery/ Petrochemical/ Heavy Chemical/ Fertilizers / Power Plants/ large Industrial establishments.			
4	Jr. Engineering Assistant – IV (Instrumentation)	174	3 years Diploma in Instrumentation/ Instrumentation & Electronics/ Instrumentation & Control from a recognized Institute/ University with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate.	Minimum one year of post qualification experience in Maintenance of Modern instrumentation control system like DCS, PLC with electronic field instrumentation, Control Valve, Smart Positioners, loop configuration, online Analyzers, condition monitoring, cabling, earthing etc., in a Petroleum Refinery /Petrochemicals/Heavy Chemical/ Fertilizers /Power Plants/ Gas Processing Industry/ large Industrial establishments.			

**B. Important Instructions:**

- A candidate is allowed to apply for only one discipline. In case of receipt of more than one application for more than one discipline, all the applications will be rejected.
- Qualification for the purpose of this clause would mean the qualification based on which candidature is offered or considered claimed by a candidate. Prescribed qualification shall be strictly adhered to.
- The prescribed qualification should be from a recognized University/Institute as a regular full time/sandwich Diploma course (Industrial training as part of the course with no break) with minimum 50% marks (45% for ST candidates against reserved positions only) in aggregate. For ITI (Fitter), only a pass class is required.
- Candidates possessing Diploma under recognized lateral entry scheme (Class - XII (Sc) admitted in 2nd year of Diploma course) shall also be considered eligible subject to meeting prescribed percentage of marks on the basis of aggregate of 4 semesters in the diploma course.
- Regular full time ITI (Fitter) course recognized by NCVT / SCVT shall also be considered.
- The criteria for full time regular course shall not be insisted upon in case of Ex-Servicemen, provided they possess a requisite EQUIVALENT qualification that has been acquired during the service period and is recognized by AICTE/MHRD, Govt and have secured the prescribed minimum percentage of marks.
- No Claim of possession of a qualification equivalent to a prescribed qualification shall be entertained except in the case of Ex-servicemen.
- Candidates possessing higher professional qualifications such as Graduate Engineers, MBA/MCA/ CA/CS/CWALLB or those claiming possession of a Qualification equivalent to the Qualification prescribed shall not be considered for any of the above posts.
- The candidature of the applicant would be provisional and subject to subsequent verification of certificates/testimonials, etc.
- Suppression of information regarding possession of or pursuing higher qualification shall render a candidate ineligible for consideration at any stage of selection and termination at any time during employment, if recruited.
- Large Industrial Establishment would mean industrial/manufacturing Units whose investment in plant & machineries exceed ₹10 crores and which has been in operation.
  - Candidates shall be required to attach a copy of the relevant page of the last published Balance sheet of the establishment with the physical application under self-certification by the candidate.
  - Candidates employed, directly or by through any agency (including a contractor) by a Large Industrial Establishment shall also be eligible to apply, provided they furnish copy of the work order issued to the agency/contractor along with the page of the balance sheet.
- C. Engagement of Women:**
  - No woman is permitted to work in or allowed to enter any building in which the generation of gas from dangerous petroleum as defined in the Petroleum Act 1934, is carried on. No woman is allowed to work in LPG storage and handling area. Also, Women candidates will not be considered in areas that require shift operations, 365 days in a year or necessitates undertaking work beyond 07.00 pm (& up to 06.00 am) and maintenance services normally performed in shifts.
  - Accordingly, Women candidates will not be considered for the above vacancies
- D. Reservation for SC/ST/OBC (Non – Creamy Layer)/ExSM:**
  - Reservation of Posts for SC/ST/OBC (Non – Creamy Layer)/ExSM candidates and relaxations thereof will be in terms of numbers indicated above.
  - SC/ST/OBC candidates can be considered under General standard of merit against the un-reserved posts provided no relaxation in age, qualification etc. is availed or extended to them.
  - For claiming the benefit of OBC category, the candidate should submit a latest caste certificate in the proforma prescribed by Govt.

of India, which would, among others specifically mention that the candidate does not belong to the persons/sections (creamy layer) as mentioned in column 3 of the schedule to the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India OM No. 36012/22/93-Estt.(SCT)dated08-09-1993.

4. Candidates belonging to OBC category but falling in creamy layer are not entitled to OBC reservation benefits. Accordingly such candidates may choose to apply for the positions provided they meet the age criteria applicable to UR candidates and indicate their category as "UR". Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. being a Central Public Sector Undertaking, only those communities that are mentioned in the common list of OBC approved by Central Government shall be treated as OBC for the purpose of reservation. RelevantList can be viewed at <http://www.ncbc.nic.in>.

5. Prescribed reservation for Ex-servicemen will be applied on horizontal basis as per Govt. Guidelines.

**E. Other Concessions/Relaxations to SC/ST/OBC & Ex-servicemen:**

- The minimum qualifying marks will be relaxed by 5% for candidates belonging to ST categories considered against reserved positions.
- SC/ST candidates called for Written Test and Skill/Proficiency/Physical Test will be reimbursed single 1nd class rail fare from the nearest railway station of the mailing address to the place of Written Test and Skill/Proficiency/Physical Test and back by the shortest route on production of ticket, provided the distance is not less than 30 Kms.
- SC/ST/ExSM candidates are exempted from payment of application fee.

**F. Age limit/ Relaxation for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC & Ex-servicemen:**

- Certificate issued by a Board of Secondary Education for passing Matriculation/Higer Secondary shall be the only acceptable document in support of proof of age.
- Minimum 18 years and Maximum age shall be 26 years for candidates against unreserved posts.
- Relaxation in age upto 5 years for ST and 3 years for OBC candidates considered against reserved positions will be allowed.
- Relaxation to Ex-servicemen will be allowed as per Govt. guidelines.
- Age relaxation of a period equal to minimum years of experience notified against a post shall be allowed.
- Period of an Apprenticeship training in an industry (and an Internship training in IOCL Refinery) covered under the experience criteria notified in this advt. relevant to a post will be considered for relaxation in age.
- Further, period of an Apprenticeship training in an industry (and an Internship training in IOCL Refinery) covered under the experience criteria notified in this advt. relevant to a post may be considered as experience. However, in such cases, relaxation towards age shall not be available.

**G. Date of reckoning Eligibility criteria:**

The date for the purposes of possession of qualification and meeting age criteria shall be 31-03-2017

**H. Pay & Perks:**

- Besides Basic Pay and Industrial pattern of DA, the other allowances / benefits include HRA/subsidized housing accommodation (as per availability), Medical Facilities, Productivity/Performance Related Pay, Gratuity, Contributory Provident Fund, Employees' Pension Scheme, Group Savings Linked Insurance, Group Personal Accident Insurance, Leave Encashment, Leave Travel Concession/LFA, Contributory Superannuation Benefit Fund Scheme, House Building Advance, Conveyance Advance/Maintenance Reimbursement, Children Education Allowance etc., as per Corporation rules.

**I. Selection Methodology:**

- The selection methodology will comprise Written Test and a Skill/Proficiency/Physical Test which will be of qualifying nature.
- A candidate will have to secure a minimum of 40% marks in the written test to qualify for further consideration.
- The minimum qualifying marks in the written test will be relaxed by 5% for candidates belonging to ST categories considered against reserved positions.
- Obtaining minimum qualifying marks in the written test does not confer any right or claim by the candidate for being shortlisted for further consideration or the final selection, as the same is related to number of positions, ratio applied and relative performance in respective categories.
- Short listed candidates, in the ratio of 1:2 (two candidates for one post, with due cognizance to number of reserved posts) subject to securing minimum qualifying marks in the written test, will be required to undergo a Skill/Proficiency/Physical Test (SPPT). The SPPT for each discipline shall be conducted by a duly constituted committee.
- In case of tie of marks in the written test for the last position on the Shortlist for SPPT, all such candidates shall be called for the SPPT, even if the total number exceeds the prescribed ratio. If such a situation arises anywhere before the last position while drawing a list, the last name/last few names, in proportion to the prescribed ratio, will get eliminated.
- Category-wise Merit list shall be drawn on the basis of marks obtained in the written test from & out of the said short-list; only for such candidates who qualify in the SPPT.
- In case of tie of marks for the last position on the Merit List, the candidate with prior date of birth (senior by age) shall find a place in the Merit list. However, the name of the junior shall also be retained in the said Merit List, as the last name. If such a situation arises anywhere before the last position while drawing a list, the last name/last few names in the list, in proportion to the prescribed ratio, will get eliminated.
- Ex-Servicemen candidates, if found suitable, will be considered against reserved vacancy irrespective of their position in Merit list (in order of merit within the category) on horizontal reservation policy.
- The candidature of the applicant would be provisional and subject to subsequent verification of certificates/ testimonials, experience etc At any stage of the selection process, if it is found that the candidate has furnished false or incorrect information, the candidature/appointment of the candidate will be cancelled.
- Filling up of vacancies is solely at the discretion of the management based on suitability of candidates and no claim will arise for appointment, if some of these vacancies are not filled due to unsuitability of available candidates or insufficiency in number of candidates.
- The decision of the Management will be final and binding on all candidates on all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the application; mode of selection, cancellation of the selection process either in part or full, etc. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

**J. Pre-Employment Medical and Physical Fitness:**

- Candidates are advised to ensure that they are medically fit as per Indian Oil's pre-employment medical standard. Candidates are advised to go through "Guidelines and Criteria for Physical Fitness for Pre-employment medical examination" and satisfy themselves of meeting the fitness criteria before starting the application submission process before they commence the application process. The guidelines are available in the following link: [http://www.locl.com/PeopleCareers/Preemployment\\_Guiding\\_Principles11th\\_mar\\_2011.pdf](http://www.locl.com/PeopleCareers/Preemployment_Guiding_Principles11th_mar_2011.pdf)

**K. Liability to Declare**

- Candidates with reported ailments, deficiencies or abnormalities and also those with finding of not meeting the physical fitness criteria as above, shall make a declaration to this effect while submitting their application.
- A candidate found unfit during medical examination conducted by any refinery unit while seeking engagement as an apprentice in the past shall also be required to declare the same with reasons for being declared UNFIT.

**L. General Instructions:**

- Candidates are advised to carefully read the full advertisement for details of educational qualification and other eligibility criteria as above, shall make a declaration to this effect while submitting their application.
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**A**run Sarma's appeal lies in his powerful representation of our society. Most of his plays mirror the contours of a native Assamese landscape, how the plurality of resistance produces social cleavage and fractures power's hegemonic coherence. The effect is the generation of new groups who might in turn produce new methods of resistance. For instance, domination could be one form of power that eventually manifests in every walk of life and seeks legitimacy. Modes of power define the legitimate answers to questions like what counts as a person, what counts to be gendered, or what rights a citizen has. Correlatively, in his plays the "subject" is formed by power, resistance, and freedom, and precise.

For these reasons the maestro's plays hold us captive time and again as they are performed.

In *Sri Nibaran Bhattacharjee*, resistance serves as a form of social ontology from the start. Nibaran's death is symbolic of the resistance operating extensively through the social network. In this context, the middle step of the protagonist Nibaran had significance. Firstly, Nibaran has an emancipatory motivation of reducing the asymmetrical form of domination to a minimum. Eventually, it proves fatal to him. Secondly, his critical and creative metamorphosis is delivered, but to some empty chairs not occupied by anyone. This failure of the message constrains and entraps him. Nibaran's emancipatory resistance turns into a form of compliance.

Sukanta, in *Purush*, is disillusioned by Hiramona's deceptive appearance; he becomes the delirious person whose destabilising mental activi-

ties take the form of a threat to Hiramona and others. He is the mad man in the prison. This is an instance of ironic reversal because Sukanta confines himself in an old cage to resist the illegal interests of the dominant groups. He chooses to be a part of the prison system being propelled by a functional drive towards self-preservation and self-enhancement. Sukanta's insanity is the result of the social system, but it is also a part and construct of it.

The prison is a symbol of discipline for Sukanta, but it also evokes his self-derived premise of safety.

Aditi and Nandini in *Aditir Abhokothor* and *Agnigarh*, respectively, espouse the fact that the body itself is a site of power and resistance. We can speculate that the pain which Aditi experiences is conditioned by the socio-historical interpretations of it. Aditi creates her experience from the annotations of the play. Her analysis of the historical condition also creates the links to truth, to rules and to the self. The body, hence, becomes a locus of embodied and trans-temporal experiences depending on contexts and conditions. The play *Aditir Abhokothor* not only shows how individuals get programmed by the social institutions in which they find themselves, but also why they accept being programmed.

Nari plays the role of four different women in *Aadar*. Nari's performing self is basically a role-player; she clearly exploits the accumulated ex-



perience of a lifetime in the performance of any one role. We can, therefore, deduce that the character Nari becomes increasingly deaf as a performer. Moreover, social roles are grafted on to inform and substantiate the self. The behaviour and identities of the four women, enacted by Nari, continue to be related to and are derived from their institutional contexts; whether these are conceptualised as "social structures" or as "cultural forms." Interestingly, it is impossible

to neglect the extent to which Nari is reflexively aware of the attempts made by the four men and others to shape her. The play *Aadar* exposes the agonising clash between a person's sense of self and the identity imposed on her / him, a conflict which is essentially about who has the right to define an individual's identity. Moreover, the play reveals the importance of individuals as self-aware authors of their own social conduct and the social forms in which they participate. This self-consciousness is a crucial and necessary condition of the sensitive understanding of social relations.

Arun Sarma's plays advance an identity politics, according to which each oppressed group or individual is encouraged to narrate the experience of oppression. In the play *Kukumesya Monim*, Roma develops a critique of the existing society and alternative posits a concept of a relative society fundamentally different from it. *Kukumesya Monim* celebrates difference as a framework, within which the self experiences its own understanding of oppression. Roma aims for political mobilisation; because it is the only attempt to "empower" minorities like him in the social mosaic.

Another important issue related to the concept of self and identity is "personal rights". Rights appear to imply either an issue of legal concern, or the integrity of persons or groups in relation to the State or to some other legally con-

stituted body. In these frames of reference "identity" and "self" do not fit in. May be we do not see identity as being subjected to abuse, given its legal connotation. On one hand, we talk about the marginalised status of the whodunits, homosexuals, neutrals and so on; but on the other, the State explicitly interferes, curtails, or in other words threatens these identities. Quite appropriately, as shown by Arun Sarma, the "right to identity" is a complex and sensitive matter which is most often not adequately dealt with in all its aspects in the premises of Assamese literature.

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## Ethereal island

**M**any musical compositions and documentary films have been made around Majuli – the river island. Last year's highly appreciated Assamese film *Kothanodi* also touched upon Majuli. Lately, upcoming singer Nilopul Barua also came up with a music video, from the album *Panchon*, that gives a complete picture of the socio-cultural heritage of Majuli. Now, Mumbai-based Pervez Ahmed has come forward to make an Assamese feature film based on the environment, public life and heritage of this island district. The movie will be produced and directed by Pervez Ahmed himself – under the banner of Monsoon Scripts Entertainment. The story and screenplay have been penned by the director himself and the dialogue writing is by the renowned film critic Upjal Datta.

The film shows how consumerism in Majuli has consequently accelerated and the river has been ruined by clod, the green recedes from the heart and erodes con-

sciousness. Majuli, the central character of the film, believes that he can stop this socio-environmental decay of the river island. In the course of his life, he encounters a girl, named Aparajita. Like the erosion and creation of island Majuli, the storyline also moves through the decay and construction of the character, its society and environment as well.

Director Pervez Ahmed, a new name in the Assamese film industry, has cast a bold actor, director and screen playwright of the stage of Assam, Himangshu Prasad Das for the character of Majuli. He has already proved his talent through Assamese movies like *Doorsharohi Eti Jontra* and *Shakra Achilo Bokal Tolar Bihul*. Ahmed has cast Stuti Choudhury, a model-turned-actor, opposite Himangshu. After a decade of disappearance, outspoken and candid writer-cum-actor Dr Akashitor steps again into the movie world. Along with Chinmay Chakraborty, another bold actor of the stage, other two actors who have been cast in the movie are Ranjeet Baruah and Achintya Baruah.

Himangshu worked in more than 100 TV commercials like Reliance, Pepsi, Uniliver, Dabur, etc., director Ahmed has been utmost serious in casting the characters. An important character of the *Sattradhikar* will be played by nationally famed actor Bishnu Kharhangia. Poran Borkotoky has composed the songs of the movie, penned by popular lyricist Rajdeep.

### Footpath Hero nearing completion

A new Assamese feature film *Footpath Hero*, directed by upcoming director Rubul Das and produced under the banner of Lucky Production of Kalihipara, Guwahati, is presently on the editing table. The story, script and dialogue have been written by the director himself. The story revolves around a boy from the footpath, who has been brought up by a section of good-hearted people. Incidentally, the film is the maiden venture of Rubul Das, who has a number of successful video films to his credit. It is noteworthy that moved by the appealing story of the film, Kanakeswar Deka, former presi-



### Sonar Boron Pakhi at the Los Angeles Film Festival

*Sonar Boron Pakhi*, the biopic on legendary folk singer Pratima Barua Pandey, directed by Bobby Sarma Barua, has been selected for screening at the prestigious Los Angeles Film Festival, being held from April 5 to 9. The film was shot in Odisha and Shillong, besides the Jyoti-Chitraban Studio.

### Jitumoni Das' new projects

Jitumoni, 34, hailing from Nahira village in South Kamrup, had earlier worked with popular cine artists of Bollywood like Mani Shankar, Adil Hussain, Dhriti Meshram, Sanjay Dutt, Irrfan Khan, Benjamin Gilani, Seema Biswas, Subrat Dutta, Tapan Vyas, Kausik Mandal, Rupak Mandal, Krishnendu Sarkar, etc. He, however, left Mumbai for Assam in 2010, with a view to doing some-

thing for his State and society.

Struggling hard and taking Assamese cine personalities like Bidyut Chakraborty as his mentor, Jitumoni could establish himself with his TV serials – *Vastab, Daawar, Aakarash Chabodai Mon, Danai, Mabayuddha, Binduas Masti*, etc. He was also the co-director of the promotional music video of North East United FC, produced by Bollywood star John Abraham.

## 'Helen' revisited

**T**he inclement weather and the torrential rains in Guwahati for the past week or so couldn't dampen the robust spirit of the audience who had gathered in huge numbers to watch the play *Helen* that was staged at a full house at the Rabindra Bhawan in Guwahati on the evening of April 12, 2017. Inaugurating the play, Jahana Begum, a renowned theatre artiste of Assam, said, "I am an ardent admirer of Wings Theatre Group especially because they are encouraging the young artistes of the State and hence, I have come to watch this play with great expectations. I have a special affinity to Kismat Bano, who at a very young age, has attained so much that is difficult for most of us working in theatre for many years."

There are five main characters in the play. The story centres on Bano, playing the role of Helen, who is born with severe medical problems and grows up into a visually impaired and differently abled girl. Her father and mother are concerned about her tantrums, but do not know what to do about it. There is a doctor who is their neighbour; who treats Helen on a regular basis but cannot bring any noticeable change in her upbringing. A teacher, who herself is

blind, is engaged at this juncture, and within a month's time is able to metamorphose Helen into a caring and decent person.

Kismat Bano hardly has any dialogue in this play. It's her expressions and gestures that take her performance to great heights and there are several moments in the play when the audience finds their eyes moist be-

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cause of the emotion she is able to stir in their hearts. Undoubtedly, Kismat, in her role as Helen, steals the show.

Doli Devi, as her teacher, plays her role with confidence. Sana Bano as Helen's mother and Jayotsahan Sharma as her father have done full justice to their roles. Rupjyoti Deka, as the doctor-friend-neighbour, meets the expectations of the audience to the full. The child artistes Afreen Ali, Asma Khatoon, Saif Ali, and Sameera Khatoon have a brief presence on stage, but were able to draw the attention of the audi-

ence to their performance.

Kismat Bano, besides acting as Helen, also took care of the direction, scripting and costume and set designing. This shows her calibre as a drama enthusiast. This play of hers has been staged at different cities, both in India and abroad to the jubilation of theatre lovers everywhere.

The play, which had a duration of 50 minutes, had Kaushik Borbar taking care of its lighting and Diku its music.

It may be mentioned here that Kismat Bano established her own theatre troupe Wings Theatre in Guwahati. Initially, Wings' focus was exclusively on performances, but gradually there was a need to diversify its activities. As a response to this requirement and in the greater interest of Assamese theatre, it was felt that young artistes and the differently-abled ones are an important part of the society and should be encouraged in the cultural arena. Consequently the number of activities with young artistes and differently-abled children has been increased through various new initiatives of the group. Kismat Bano's efforts got the recognition of the Sangreeta Natak Akademi when they granted her a scholarship to carry on her work on stage.

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### Kareena Kapoor Khan to star in Karan Johar's rom-com?

**K**areena Kapoor Khan has been on a roll ever since she delivered her first baby – Taimur Ali Khan Pataudi. From performing at awards show to walking the ramp, the actress is unstoppable. But while she has been painting the town red, the actress has stayed away from the big screen. The actress took a maternity break after *Udta Punjab*, but now she is all set to make her comeback with *Veere Di Wedding*. From what we hear, she is going to start shooting from May, but in the meanwhile, she is reading scripts. And one such project that has caught her attention is a rom-com produced by Karan Johar.

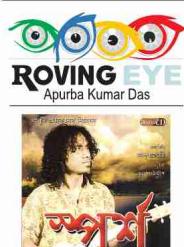
According to a report, while Kareena is on a maternity leave, she is considering offers. And looks like her buddy KJo has presented her an interesting project. As a source informed, "Karan has approached her for one of his home productions. It's a romcom and the two friends are talking the project over." If she signs this film, it will be her first film with Dharma movies after a gap of four years.

### Ranveer Singh to rap for Gully Boy

**E**v since Ranveer Singh has been roped in by Zoya Akhtar to play a rapper in *Gully Boy*, everyone's been super excited. But what intrigues us was his recent rendezvous with Shankar Ehsaan Loy's recording studio in Bandra! Turns out, he has completed recording a rap song for the film already. All his evening sessions at the recording studio have been to record a rap song for Zoya's next. Well, that's not all. The real

Gully Boy, Vivian aka Divine has given Singh a thumbs up for his rapping skills! "He's a cool guy and already dresses like a rapper so he needs no tips in the fashion department from me. It is one thing to get audiences to wake up and listen to our kind of music, which is not about girls, drugs and gold but about real life in Mumbai. But it is an even greater thing when mainstream actors like Ranveer chose to be a Gully Boy. He's now a part of our movement," says Divine.

The rapper also revealed that Singh apparently has mugged up some of his creations and raps really well!



### Ankurjyoti's Sparsha released

**A**n audio album by talented singer Ankurjyoti, titled *Sparsha*, has just hit the market. It was released by noted artistes Kula Barua, JP Das, Bhupen Uzir, Beauty Barua Barua and Kanika Bhattacharya at the Auditiorium Studio, Assam. Ankurjyoti has made skilful use of his voice, setting the tone from the first track itself. Musically directed by Bhupen Uzir, Ankurjyoti has lent his voice to six songs that have been written and tuned by JP Das, Manoranjan Gogoi, Poran Jojo, Dimphu Das, Ramon Bhuyan, Benudhar Kalita, Arup Deka and Ankurjyoti.

Young filmmaker Jitumoni Das has undertaken a project on two short films: *Kalar Para Tomak Pahori Jam* and *Divorce*, under the banner of Maay production house. That apart, he is launching a music video album based on two famous lyrics *Phagun gaon* and *Rong-gol*, composed by Hiren Bhattacharyya and Mitradev Mahanta, respectively, and sung by Jayashree Devi.

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# Village rockstars



**T**hree years ago, while shooting for her first film — *Man With The Binoculars*, Rima Das came into regular contact with a bunch of kids in her old village, Kalardiya in Chhaygaon. She was quite moved, at the same time inspired by these kids, their indomitable spirit, and resilience, even in the face of overwhelming obstacles. It drove her to explore the possibilities of making a full-length film, on the everyday experiences of these kids, while injecting a couple of incidents from her own rural upbringing.



The incredible story of these kids is now on the verge of being shared with audiences at home and around the world. It's a subject anyone anywhere in the world can easily relate to. It's heartening to know that Rima's second feature film *Village Rockers* was one of the four films to be officially selected for the 2017 *Marche du Film* (Cannes) Work-In-Progress Lab at the 15th Hong Kong-Asia Film Financing Forum. The programme, aimed at offering valuable screening opportunities for promising film projects at the HAF, revealed the first round

**Prantik Deka**

selection of the movies from the WIP Lab for presentation and pitching at the Cannes Film Festival to be held from May 17 to 28 this year, which also included *Village Rockers*. The film was earlier recommended by the NFDC Film Baazaar and selected for the Tallinn Work in Progress.

"The film is a tribute to the place and people from where I have come from. It's based in Kalardiya village near Chhaygaon and my father too belongs to this place."

The movie is about a ten-year-old girl, Dhunu, who has grown up in deprivation. She learns to fend for herself in the harsh surroundings, while nurturing her dream to own a guitar and forming a band — The Rockstars, with a group of local boys some day. She considers herself to be as capable as the boys and mostly roams

around with them. But the journey is not easy for Dhunu, as she has to fight gender discrimination and poverty. "She was brought up by a non-conformist mother who gave her full freedom of expression," said Rima, who was quite mesmerised by their talent.

It was during the last leg of shooting her first film in 2013, when she came across some really smart kids in her village who showed an inherent talent for acting. They were even keen to learn about filmmaking and lighting. "I picked up from there and started shooting this film," said Rima, who was quite mesmerised by their talent.

The sheer contentment and positivity among the villagers, even in the most difficult of situations, bowled her over. "The film is about their hope, joy, vision and happiness, irrespective of living a difficult life. The village people are the true rockstars, as they know how to enjoy life, in spite of not being able to enjoy materialistic goods," she added.

The shooting of *Village Rockers* took place even in the midst of unpredictable downpours, and Rima mostly used natural lighting due to the lack of a lighting crew, completing the entire shooting on her own, right from operating the camera, to directing and looking after the production. Her cousin Mallika and the children provided helping hands throughout. The film was shot for around 120 days in the course of three years. "During the three years of filming, the kids became my own. The children longed to see me as I shunned between Mumbai and my village in Chhaygaon," said Rima, who will soon visit Rome to work on the film's editing part, to be handled by a well-known French editor.

The cast in *Village Rockers* includes Bhanita Das, Basanti Das, Rinku Das, Bolo Das, Manabendra Das, Dashnu Kalita, Bhaskar Das, etc.

## Time for some action



**Kalpa Jyoti Bhuyan**

returned in the form of *Ruff and Tuff*.

*Ruff and Tuff* tells the story of an arrogant and rowdy suspended police officer (Gujan Bharadwaj), and a very simple, but courageous junior lady doctor (Garji Khristy). They are sent to an interior village with a team to organise a free health check-up camp. The suspended cop played effectively by Gujan Bharadwaj, is given an 'off-the-books' mission to take note of poaching and other criminal activities going on in the forests near the village. This paves the way for a cat and mouse game between the team and the goons. The film has its lighter moments in the form of a love story blooming between the cop and the lady doctor.

Writer-director Mani Sharma keeps the plot simple, the fight between good and evil is very pronounced, and the romance is evoca-

tive. But very little importance is given to the villains, which places them somewhere between the serious and the comical. They act serious, but talk funny. Fans of many South Indian or Bollywood cop films will find *Ruff and Tuff* in a familiar territory, and films of the same genre will probably follow the same narrative structure as well, with the honest cop blessed with superhuman strength, taking on criminals, gangs and corrupt officials, while the thugs rule with an iron fist. In some ways, it almost serves a cathartic function of sorts, as such films offer a source of escape to those who feel oppressed, and they find an outlet to cheer for the unlikely arrival of a hero, if only on screen.

*Ruff and Tuff* is a movie made for the masses, which consists of a large part of the moviegoers. Following the sole motive of entertaining the viewers (keeping aside any logic), the director is mostly successful in his entertainment.

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**T**he year 2016 ended on a great note with the action-drama *Bohanno*, which played for three consecutive weeks in the theatres. While this sounds normal for a Hollywood or Bollywood release, it is very rare for an Assamese film. The year 2017 started with another action-drama *Kuropuror Kumor*, but it wasn't able to repeat *Bohanno*'s success. After a few other releases like *Dur*, *Shakira Ahoo Bokot Totor Bihudi*, *Beautiful Lives, etc.*, the favourite genre of the masses



### prelude

*Operetta* is a type of stage play with songs and dances interspersed with dialogue. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the term meant a short opera, but in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, it came to mean a play with music of light character and popular appeal. The French *operetta* developed in small theatres, such as the *Bouffes Parisiens*, founded by the Comte de Offenbach. The term, originally a one-act piece, later grew into a three-act or four-act play that approached the *opéra comique*.

The roots of the Viennese *operetta* lie in the *singspiel* and the local farce. Franz von Suppe helped to establish this form and excelled in it. The English *operetta* developed from the short ballad opera to more extended works. British playwright John Gay created one of the finest examples of ballad opera in his work *The Beggar's Opera* (1728). The outstanding American *operetta* composer was the multi-talented Victor Herbert, whose 40 operettas, including *The Red Mill* (1906) and *Naughty Marietta* (1910). Among other noted Americans in this field were Reginald De Koven,

the Czech-born Rudolf Friml, and the Hungarian Sigmund Romberg. American *operettas* that achieved considerable success include De Kovens *Robin Hood* (1890), Friml's *Rose Marie* (1924) and *Vagabond King* (1925). After 1930, *operetta* in the United States gradually merged into the musical or musical comedy.

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### harmonisers

- 1) From Shajid Khan, Tangla –
- 2) Susan, that is practised by the Malays, is the loose equivalent of which practice of Chinese culture?
- 3) What term often used in management jargon was given by Alex Osborne, 60 years ago?
- 4) Barbers should not have Chaetophobia. Why?
- 5) In Greek mythology, which winged creature sprang from the blood of Medusa?

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**Neelopal Deka**

#### side screen

- 1) Picture Clue: Identify this political personality from his childhood photo. (Jayanta Topadar, Dhemaji)



### unities

From Partha Jyoti Baruah, Tangla –

This movie was initially titled *High Jump*. The movie is said to have been inspired from the biography of the legendary Japanese film maker Akira Kurosawa. Name the movie.

7) *Shahenshah* is one of the most iconic movies in Bollywood. Who wrote the original story of *Shahenshah*?

8) Name the first programme that was telecast on Doordarshan.

9) Which short film directed by Iyoti Kapur Das won the Best Short Film (fiction) award at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Filmfare Awards? (Gwsbad Basumatary, Bodoland University, Kokrajhar)

10) This award was first given on March 21, 1954, held at Metro Cinema in Mumbai. It started

### ANSWERS

- Awards 1) Vincent van Gogh 12) Fourth 13) Facial feather pattern 14) Kubla Khan 15) Manipur



## BOOKSHELF

### Saga of a brave woman

**Joykanta Sarma**

**N**ot much is known about the freedom fighters of the hills of the North-East region, some of whom even laid down their lives against the onslaught of the then British rulers. Our books on history are practically silent on this score. How many of us, for instance, are aware of the valiant deeds of freedom-loving Sambudhuan, the leader of the Dimasa youths, who not only trained them in armed rebellion, but also chopped the head of Cacher DC Major Boyd way back in 1882? Or of brave young woman Jarajir Jaya Thounsu, who killed four British soldiers with her gun, or of Jaya's sweetheart Munindra, who hacked her killer, a British soldier, with his sword (*chheng*)?

The book under review, by progressive writer Molan Laskar, is a tiny historical novel based on the life saga of Jaya, an orphan brought up by her benevolent maternal uncle Arjun Langthasa, also a Dimasa freedom fighter of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and his wife Marmi. Along the storyline, one will come across the simple, yet vibrant cultural milieu and practices of the Dimasa race, along with their rich history. From Jaya, her friends and compatriots come to know about the heroic deeds of Sambudhuan, leader Netajir Subhas Chandra Bose, freedom struggle of Tularam Senapati – the ruler of middle Assam in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the Ahom-Kachari battle, etc. The novel ends with the tragic death of Jaya in 1944 at the hands of a British soldier when the struggling Dimasa Regiment, led by her, marched towards Manipur, the battleground between the Alliance Forces and the Azad Hind Fauj, led by Netaji.

A single narrative voice tells the story, dwelling more on the facts and incidents as they took place without attempting to dress them up. In fact, it seems to be more of a chronicle than a novel, because it has put facts together, rather than deviate from them, fictionalising them or even garnishing them. We, however, feel that a novel, even if it is a historical one, loses its charm if it has a glossary and reads more like an academic work. Moreover, a dramatic and emotional approach to the narrative, rather than a descriptive one, enhances the readability of a novel.



Jaykanta Sarma  
Molan Laskar,  
Pragatishri Sahitya Prakashan, Kamrup,  
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### Reliving Digboi

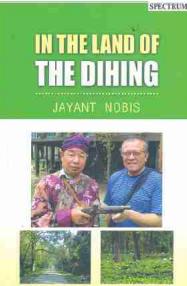
**Sawpon Dowerah**

**T**he theme of Jayant Nobis' book *In the Land of the Dihing* is developed around the experiences of the author as a Senior Oil Executive at the Digboi Oil Refinery in Assam. While handling the theme, the author situates himself at a point in history to reflect upon a great tradition of adventure, dedication and hard work underlying the enterprises of tea, oil and coal in the Dihing Valley region – set up by the British. For the author, his wonderful association with this tradition of excellence began with an interview for a job at the Digboi Oil Refinery in the Spring of 1969. Digboi was, for him, a love-at-first-sight affair, transporting him to a virtual garden of Eden with Acacia trees in full bloom, turning them into sprawling jungles, of bright pink. This picturesque description of his first visit to Digboi sets the tone for the 19 chapters that enfold kaleidoscopically, making the book eminently readable.

The strength of the book lies in its wonderfully descriptive depiction of a number of aspects of the functioning of the refinery. The first thing that draws a reader to the enclosed world of the Digboi Oil Refinery is that beneath the panorama of high life, amidst the *Chang* bungalows with their polished floors and trim gardens, club and garden parties and Saturday jamborees and rock bands, its golf course and Old Nizav Al's hair dressing parlour, there is the real Digboi people by smart professionals and experts working day in and day out, dedicated to the running.

The author deviates for a while to the world of tea, tea being another British legacy like oil and coal, but still more because he finds an occasion to compare the workings of the two diverse organisations. He could find the functioning of Digboi refreshingly different from the colonial style functioning of a tea estate, which gave him the impression of a sea of working-class humanity in a century old feudalistic culture revolving around the *Burra sohbi* and his *Moni sohbi*.

The remarkable thing about the book is that it succeeds in presenting the narrative in lucid language and texture. The style has sparkle, which, in spite of a few diversions, like the author's hiking trip to Dulajan or a visit to a Singho village and occasional flashbacks of his school days here and there, is alive and swift-flowing and can claim to be an example of simple and beautiful writing.



In the land of the Dihing  
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with actress Nalini Jaywant singing the national anthem. Which award was it? (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)

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12) According to the book of Genesis, on which day did God create the sun, moon and stars? (Rubi Nath, Barpeta)

13) Which pattern in a macaw is as unique as a fingerprint? (Santana Singh, Hailakandi)

14) Which famous poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge also called *A Vision in A Dream*? (Nikumani Ahmed, Chamata, Nalbari)

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## US strike on Syria base destroys nine planes

MOSCOW, April 7: Nine planes as well as munition and fuel depots were destroyed in the US strike on Syria's Shayrat airbase early today but the runway was intact, the Russian state channel Rossiya24 reported from the scene.

"According to preliminary information, nine Syrian airplanes were destroyed," its correspondent said in a report from the base, broadcast hours after the strike at 0000 GMT today.

Stores with ammunition and fuel were also targeted, he said, adding that a fire and some explosions were ongoing.

"But not all equipment has been destroyed, there is some that was not impacted by the strike," the correspondent said.

"The landing strip... Is practically not impacted," he added. Footage showed the runway intact but covered in debris, as well as two planes sitting in concrete hangars. The aircraft were apparently not heavily damaged while some other hangars were charred and surrounded by rubble.

Moscow slammed the attack ordered by US President Donald Trump as "thoughtless" and called it "aggression against a sovereign state" that violated international norms.

Trump ordered the strike in retaliation for a suspected chemical attack Tuesday after the UN Security Council failed to agree on a probe into the bombing that killed at least 86 people. - AFP

### '4 children among 9 dead'

DAMASCUS, April 7: A US missile strike targeting an airbase in central Syria killed nine civilians, including four children, today, state news agency SANA reported.

The news agency said five of the civilians, among them three children, were killed in the village of Shayrat just outside the base of the same name.

"An American missile also hit the village of Al-Hamra, which killed four civilians including a child," it added.

Washington said it fired a barrage of 59 cruise missiles at the Shayrat base in response to what President Donald Trump called a "barbaric" chemical attack on叙利亞的 Khan Sheikhun Tuesday that he blamed on the Damascus regime.

The Pentagon said it believed the aircraft that carried out the deadly attack on Khan Sheikhun came from the Shayrat base.

US officials said Russian commanders in Syria were informed of the strike beforehand in order to avoid casualties that could prompt a broader crisis.

The Syrian army had said earlier that six people were killed in the strike on the base - the first time that the US has directly attacked the government of President Bashar al-Assad. - AFP

**100 children were among 311 killed in Colombia mudslide**

BOGOTA, April 7: Some 100 children were among the 311 people killed in the giant mudslide that clammed into the southern Colombian town of Mocoa last week, the government has said.

The mudslide hit late Friday after heavy rains caused three rivers to flood, sending a sea of mud, boulders and debris crashing into the town.

The disaster, which took place given by the country's Disaster Risk Management office, More than 300 people remain missing, according to President Juan Manuel Santos. Mocoa, the capital of the department of Putumayo, was home to 70,000 people, about 45,000 of whom were affected by the disaster, according to the Red Cross.

In an effort to speed up reconstruction, the government formally declared a 30-day state of social, civil and ecological emergency in Mocoa, which will allow direct contracting of services without the need for formal, more time-consuming procedures. - AFP

## US action largely backed by world

LONDON/MOSCOW, April 7:

The US military strike on Syria was widely hailed by the world community today with nations like the UK and Israel backing it as a "just" response to the chemical attack by President Bashar Al-Assad's regime, but Russia and Iran strongly

condemned the unilateral move.

The UK government said it "fully supports" the US missile strike against an air base in Syria over a suspected chemical weapons attack on Khan Sheikhun on Tuesday in which 86 people, including 27 children, were killed.

A 10 Downing Street spokesperson said, "Overnight, the US has condemned the unilateral move. The UK government said it "fully supports" the US missile strike against an air base in Syria over a suspected chemical weapons attack on Khan Sheikhun on Tuesday in which 86 people, including 27 children, were killed.

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Boko Haram kills Nigerian troops after deadly raid on farmers

DAMUGURI, April 7: Boko Haram jihadis have killed four soldiers in an ambush in northeast Nigeria, where they torched an armoured vehicle a day after killing seven civilians, a soldier and witnesses said.

"Our men came under attack near Gubido village yesterday," the soldier told AFP, asking not to be named. "We lost four men in the ambush. Five were injured and four are still missing." The Islamists opened fire

on an army convoy heading to the small town of Gulumba in Borno state, he added.

Military reinforcements came from the town and the soldiers "were forced to withdraw after suffering heavy casualties". - AFP



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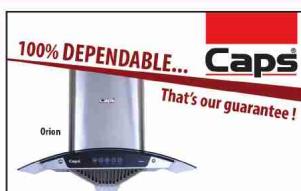


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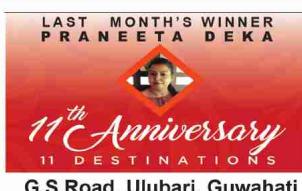
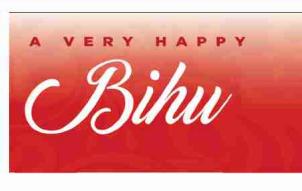
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Men who attended a structured yoga class twice a week during prostate cancer radiation

# Yoga for prostate cancer

**Yoga may combat side effects of prostate cancer treatment, say scientists**

treatment reported less fatigue and better sexual and urinary function than those who did not, researchers said.

It is the first clinical trial to look at the effect of twice-weekly yoga on the side-effects and quality of life issues caused by prostate cancer treatment, they said.

All of the patients in the trial, led by the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in the US, underwent between six and nine weeks of external beam radiation therapy for prostate cancer.

The patients were randomised into two groups: one participated in a yoga class that met twice a week and the other served as a control group. Each yoga session lasted 55 minutes, beginning with five minutes of breathing and centring techniques and ending with five minutes of

Savasana, a sleeping position. Typical sessions incorporated sitting, standing and reclining positions that were modified using props to adapt to each patient's needs and restrictions.

Patients were primarily evaluated on their level of fatigue. Each man filled out a nine-item questionnaire assessing fatigue severity and impact on daily life.

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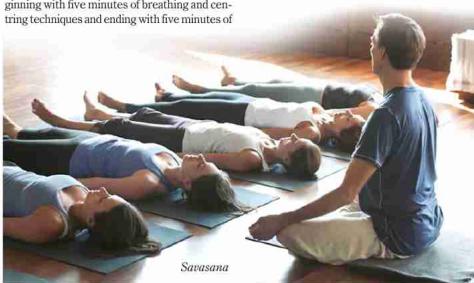
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Savasana

## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! For Saturday, April 8, 2017:

This year you accomplish a lot. You seem to have an inner conflict going on about when to be impulsive and act quickly, and when to take your time and reflect on different ideas. People will be hard-pressed to predict what you will do because you are an unpredictable mix of traits. You are kind, but you could also miss the chance to get to know someone better. If you are attached, you both have the ability to identify with others' feelings, which helps you better relate to each other. The key here is to respect each other's feelings. VIRGO might be more into creature comforts than you realize.

The Star: The Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Sophisticated; 1-Optimistic.

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

\*\*\*\* You are capable of reversing plans, changing the whole weekend's script and freeing yourself up. Don't be surprised if someone is disappointed and turns a cold shoulder toward you. You'll have some work to do to warm the vibes between you. Tonight: Say "yes" to sex.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* You know when you have had enough or would prefer to head in a different direction. Romantic moments seem to mark the next two days. You might even consider how a specific interaction evolves at this point in time. You can't just let things slide by.

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

\*\*\*\* Your instincts are unusually strong right now. You might sense that you need to stay close to home. Perhaps taking some time off from work will make you more aware and in tune with an offer that could be heading in your direction. Tonight: Choose a favorite street food.

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

\*\*\*\* You might feel as though you have little to say. You could be talking to others who seem to be heading in directions that you had not anticipated. You will choose to go in your own direction. You will have to decide whether this solution is the right one. Tonight: At home.

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

\*\*\*\* You note a difference in how you feel about certain plans and others. When it comes to the ones you like, you might decide to take off and do your own thing. Otherwise, different allies are there toward you. You are a lot you want to share. Tonight: Treat a loved one well.

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

\*\*\*\* Keep smiling, and others will look forward to spending more time with you. Use time to go for what you want. A domestic concern could color your response to others. You are a lot you thinking like him or her. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

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

\*\*\*\* You'll achieve more of what you want in the next few days. Be sure to keep your friends close. You will wish when proves to be a good idea can be turned into a positive with some careful thought. One of your friends could be difficult. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Get some R and R.

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

\*\*\*\* You might want to have more time with a loved one; you appreciate what has been happening between you. When you see this person relax in your presence, you will enjoy yourself even more. Tonight: Be more aware of your feelings.

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

\*\*\*\* You might feel as though someone is observing you closely. As a result, you are likely to pull back and be less available. Use caution with how carefree you are with money; otherwise, you could find yourself in some trouble. Tonight: Lose the armor and be real with a loved one.

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

\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out to someone at a distance who really makes a difference in your life. Start making calls, and catch up on your friend's news. You will be more relaxed before you know it. Take time to buy a special gift for a loved one. Tonight: Avoid a quarrelsome friend.

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

\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a decision that you have been putting off. Ask a close friend or loved one for his or her feedback regarding this matter. You could be surprised by what this person chooses to share with you. Tonight: No matter what you do, be true to yourself.

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

\*\*\*\* You have a lot of ground to cover. Your sense of humor returns. An older friend might put too much pressure on you. Understand that this person is expecting a certain response. You are likely to confuse him or her with your answer. Tonight: Out late.

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## Kids

CN

12:30 Kite Flying, The Birth  
Kite Flying, The Balloons II  
15:30 Rio No. 21  
16:00 Rio No. 21  
16:30 Kanishi Ka Charchha,  
19:30 Krishna: The Birth  
21:00 Dholki, Andhakar Party  
22:00 Ben 10  
22:30 Dholki Ball Z

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13:00 Chhota Sheen  
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18:30 Chhota Sheen  
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23:30 Just For Laughs

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12:30 Kya Queen Hai Amala-Kya?  
12:30 Tu Soone Na Main Saanjh...  
13:00 Dholki, Andhakar Party  
14:30 Ishqbaaz  
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12:30 The Dark Knight Returns  
19:06 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance  
21:00 Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice

Sony Pix

12:44 The Mask of Zorro  
18:31 Star Wars: The Dark World  
20:28 Captain America: The Winter Soldier  
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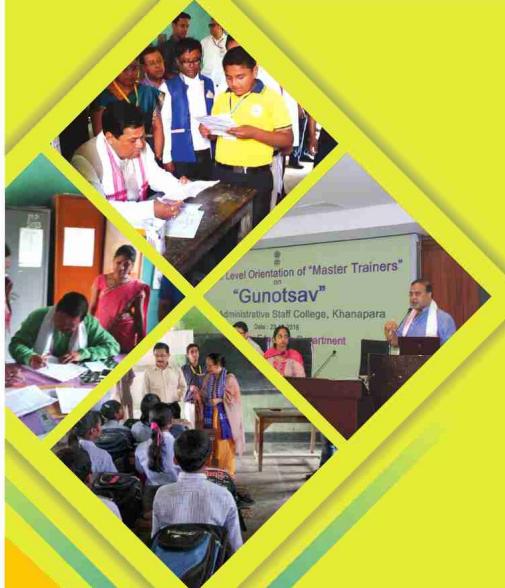


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**Best Wishes to the Assam Government on the start of  
# Gunotsav. I am sure this effort will improve education  
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অসমৰ প্ৰাথমিক স্তৰৰ বিদ্যালয়ৰ শিশুসকলৰ  
শৈক্ষিক উন্নৰণ নিশ্চিত কৰাৰ প্ৰয়াসেৰে  
অসম চৰকাৰৰ উদ্যোগত পোন প্ৰথমবাৰৰ  
বাবে ইং৪ ৪ এপ্ৰিলৰ পৰা ৭ এপ্ৰিল, ২০১৭  
তাৰিখলৈ অসমৰ আৰ্�ಥন জিলাত কৰায়ণ  
কৰা 'গুণোৎসৱ'ৰ প্ৰথম পৰ্যায়ৰ কাৰ্যসূচীত  
প্ৰত্যক্ষ আৰু পৰোক্ষভাৱে অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰি  
আমাক কৃতাৰ্থকাৰ অসমৰ মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰীসকল,  
সন্মানীয় বিধায়কসকল, মাননীয় মুখ্য সচিব,  
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শ্ৰীমুতি সৰ্বানন্দ সোণোৱাল  
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## গুণোৎসৱ কাৰ্যসূচীৰ আকাঙ্ক্ষিত ফলাফলসমূহ :

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- ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীৰ শিকন ব্যৱধান (learning gap) সঠিকভাৱে চিনাকৃত কৰা।
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প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা বিভাগ, অসম চৰকাৰ



## Ramkumar gives India lead, beats Temur in opening singles

BENGALURU, April 7: Ramkumar Ramanathan overcame a spirited challenge from Temur Ismailov to hand India a 1-0 lead against Uzbekistan in the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Group I tie here today.

Ranked 267, Ramkumar eked out a 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 win over the Uzbek, who is ranked 406, in the opening singles rubber of the second round tie.

Prajnesh Gunneswaran, ranked 287, makes his India debut against Sanjar Fayziev (376).

To his credit, Ismailov made life difficult for the Indian despite suffering cramps in his right hamstring.

Ramkumar dominated the proceedings before a bout of double faults handed Ismailov a small opening, which the Uzbek grabbed with both hands to make a match of it.

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Ramkumar Ramanathan of India plays a shot against Temur Ismailov of Uzbekistan during the first day of Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Group I tie in Bengaluru, on Friday.

Ramkumar stay alive and fight.

The Uzbek played freely while Ramkumar put himself

under pressure to finish the job quickly. The nerves got to Ramkumar and, in utter desperation, he squandered four

momentum but suffered cramps in his right leg in the third set, making the job of the Indian easy. Ramkumar ran away with the third set as Ismailov's restricted movements gave him easy points.

Ismailov, though, recovered remarkably after a medical timeout and was battle ready for the fourth set. Ramkumar was always catching up with the Uzbek, holding his serves without fuss, and soon it was 5-5.

Two unforced errors by Ismailov gave Ramkumar three break chances. He converted the third when Ismailov buried a return to the net.

Ramkumar's unforced errors continued as twice he sent down double faults on match points. He though sealed the match with a forehand volley winner.

The winner of the tie will qualify for the World Group play-offs, to be played in September. -PTI

### MSD reprimanded for IPL breach

NEW DELHI, April 7: Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been reprimanded for breaching the IPL code of conduct during the match between his team Rising Pune Supergiants and Mumbai Indians in Pune.

Exactly why he was given a reprimand by match referee Manu Nayyar has not been specified by the IPL.

"MS Dhoni admitted the Level 1 offence (Article 2.1.1) for conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game," read an official IPL statement.

"For Level 1 breaches of the IPL Code of Conduct, the Match Referee's decision is final and binding," it added.

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These two South African left-handers could have shepherded the young batters to the high-veld. In many ways, this is a setback akin to that of their today's rivals. Bangalore are now without the likes of Kohli and De Villiers; Rahud and Sarfaraz Khan.

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## Injury-hit RCB and Delhi look to outshine each other

BENGALURU, April 7: Injury-hit Royal Challengers Bangalore would look to put behind the opening defeat and aim for their first win of the season when they lock horns with yet another injury-struck outfit, Delhi Daredevils in an IPL match here tomorrow.

A depleted Bangalore is struggling without captain Virat Kohli, ruled out because of a shoulder injury, and AB de Villiers, who also missed the first tie due to a back problem.

De Villiers is once again a doubtful starter for tomorrow's match and his absence Shane Watson would continue to lead the side as an interim captain.

Bangalore have also lost star batsman KL Rahul for the entire tournament owing to an injury and talented Sarfaraz Khan will most likely be unavailable for the

season after hurting himself on the field during a practice match.

The absence of big names from the team has had an effect as RCB went down to defending champions Sunrisers Hyderabad by 35 runs in the inaugural match.

### TEAMS

**RCB:** Chris Gayle, Mandeep Singh, Shane Watson (captain), Kedar Jadhav (wk), Travis Head, Sachin Stuart Binny, Tymal Mills, Sreesanth Aravind, Anil Mihir, Ishant Chahar, Yuzvendra Chahar, Pawan Negi, Harsh Patel, Adnan Ali, Iqbal Abdulla, Samson Kurian, Avish Karan, Tabraiz Shamsi, Jayant Yadav, Amit Mehta, Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson, Karun Nair, Rishabh Pant, CV Murali, Khaleel Ahmed, Prayush Singh, Munuguri Ashwin, Aditya Tari, Shashank Singh, Ankit Bawana, Navdeep Singh, Corey Anderson, Angelo Mathews, Pat Cummins, Kagiso Rabada, Chris Morris, Carlos Brathwaite, Sam Billings

On a better of a patch at Hyderabad, veteran Yuvraj Singh smashed 62 off 27 balls to steer the Sunrisers to 207 for four and in reply, RCB were bundled out for 172 in 19.4 overs. This was the first time in 23 matches that

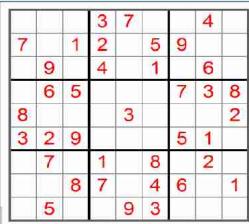
RCB had lost a 52-run partnership for the opening wicket in the previous match and they would be expected to repeat the performance against Delhi as well.

Kedar Jadhav, a rising Indian star, would also be keen to rise to the occasion, while another talented youngster, Bhavin Baby would hope to make an impression too before his big names come back in the fold.

In the bowling department, they would depend on Tymal Mills, an expensive buy at the IPL 2017 auction, and Yuzvendra Chahar. Both of them had picked just one wicket each in the last game.

With Aniket Choudhary and Sreenath Aravind averaging over 10, Watson might opt for Kiwi pace Adam Milne and Samuel Badree. - PTI

### SU DO KU



Solution of last problem

Originating from Japan, 'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. Fill the grid with digits 1 to 9 such that each row, every column and every 3 x 3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without repeating any.

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Solution of last problem

BRISBANE, April 7: Nick Kyrgios and Jordan Thompson have Australia placed on the cusp of making the Davis Cup semifinals after establishing a 2-0 lead over United States at Pat Rafter Arena in Brisbane.

Kyrgios, enjoying arguably the best run of form of his career so far, showed impressive patience to nullify the big serve of John Isner and win their singles rubber 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 in a tense battle.

A win in Saturday's doubles rubber could set up a semifinal date with Italy or Belgium September for Australia, with John Peers and Sam Groth due to take on Sam Querrey and Steve Johnson.

Kyrgios looked confident and untroubled throughout his encounter with Isner.

He clawed back from 5-2 down in

the Jamaican batsman is capable of turning the tide in his team's favour and he would be even more desperate to prove his mettle after a sub-standard outing in the previous season.

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**Dragon boat racing**

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The championship was organised by the Assam Traditional Sports and Dragon Boat Association. A total 350 participants and officials from 29 units took part in the meet.

**Final results:** (500 m, men) gold-Jammu & Kashmir, silver-Assam, bronze-Telengana. (500 m, women) gold-Jammu & Kashmir, silver-Manipur, bronze-Gujrat. (500 m, mixed) gold-Jammu & Kashmir, silver-Kerala, bronze-Assam. (200 m, men) gold-Tamil Nadu, silver-Jammu & Kashmir, bronze-SWTID, Kerala. (200 m, women) gold-Jammu & Kashmir, silver-Assam, bronze-Manipur. (200 m, mixed) gold-Kerala, silver-Jammu & Kashmir, bronze-Assam.

Overall champions-Jammu & Kashmir, second best-Assam.

**ID women hockey gets off**

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, April 7: The 6th Sadiya Saha Memorial Senior Inter District Women Hockey Tournament started here at the Khoride Boruah Stadium today.

Altogether 15 district teams are taking part in the championship which was inaugurated by Santanu Bharali, Law Adviser to the Chief Minister in presence of DC, Morigaon Hemanta Das, local MLA Rama Kanta Deori and a host of sportspersons.

**Today's results:** Morigaon beat Kalibari 9-0, Bongaigaon beat Maroni 7-0 goals, Karbi Anglong beat Makum 2-1, Nuharkata beat Tezpur 7-0, Silchar beat Golaghat 5-0, Sibsagar heat Hojai 5-0.

**Boxing body's meet today**

GUWAHATI, April 7: The Assam Amateur Boxing Association (AABA) will hold its Executive Council meeting at the AABA head office in the RG Baruah Sports Complex here tomorrow from 11.30 onwards.

AABA secretary Hemanta Kr Kalita asks all the EC and Commission Members to attend the meeting.

**GSA school TT**

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 7: The Guwahati Sports Association (GSA) organised an inter school table tennis tournament yesterday at the ABITA Centenary Indoor Stadium here.

Altogether 12 schools took part in the meet which has been named after Rayesh Nawad.

**The results:** (Jr boys) champion-South Point School, runners-up-Don Bosco, Panbari. (Jr girls) champion-Maharsi Vidya Mandir, runners up Maria Public School. (Sr boys) champion-Army Public School, Narengi, runner up Gurukul Grammer SS School.

**Cricket tourney in city**

GUWAHATI, April 7: A day/night cricket tournament will be organised by the Jyagnath Advertising and Media at the Judges' Field here from April 17 to 24.

The champion and runners up teams will be awarded Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively.

Teams intending to take part in the meet may contact the organisers at their Batehi Complex, GS Road, Ulubari office here for detail informations, state a release.

**NFR CA boys beat City CCC**

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60th Annual Conference of

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to be held at the Assam Tribune premises

on 8th April, 2017 at 3 pm.

**Dr. Amarjyoti Choudhury**

Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University will be the Chief Guest

and

**Sri Khanindra Chandra Das**

Veteran Trade Union Leader and Prominent Social Activist

will be the Appointed Speaker

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