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Grenade blast

TINSUKIA, May 5: Two miscreants lobbed a grenade in the house of one Joginder Singh at Milanpur under Kokapather police station at about 7 pm yesterday. Joginder and his 9-year-old daughter Rinku were injured in the blast and they have been sent to hospital. — Correspondent

Hooch Launch

TINSUKIA, May 5: Two persons – Gabeswar Moran (48) and Palash Hazarika (49) died and five others were taken seriously ill after allegedly consuming illicit concoction made from a hooch in Tinsukia district, police said today. — PTI

6 rescued

RANGIYA, May 5: The RPF rescued six persons, including minor girls, hailing from Arunachal Pradesh from human traffickers from a train here today. They were being taken outside on the pretext of providing jobs. — Correspondent

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India successfully launches South Asia Satellite

Historic moment: Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a video conference with heads of government from South Asian nations, to mark the launch of the South Asia Satellite, in New Delhi on Friday. — UNI

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Precisely at 4.57 pm, the GSLV-F09 rose into the sky from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at the Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh, carrying the satellite, intended as an Indian gift for its fellow Saarc nations except for Pakistan which had opted out.

The 49-metre, 4.15 tonne rocket slung the 2.230 kg satellite into geosynchronous transfer orbit, from where it

satellite to develop a sat-

ellite for use by the SAARC countries.

Costing around Rs 235 crore, the satellite was initial-

ly known as the SAARC satellite. But with Pakistan deciding to keep out, it is called the South Asia Satellite. With a life span of over 12 years, its objective is to provide communication applications in Ku-band for the user nations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today allowed the launch of the South Asian Satellite as a "historic moment" and said it opens up new horizons of engagement in the region, a view that was shared by leaders of nine other countries of the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC).

Modi, who has projected the satellite as India's "priceless gift" to its neighbours, said the "unprecedented" development sends out a message that "even sky is not the limit

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APSC scam Arrested accused to be jointly grilled

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: The Court of Special Judge, Assam today allowed Dibrugarh police to jointly interrogate the three arrested Assam Civil Service (ACS) officials along with prime accused Rakesh Paul and other arrested members of the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC).

As Paul and other accused members of the Commission are lodged in Guwahati Central Jail, the court has directed the jail authorities to make necessary arrangements for joint interrogation inside the jail.

The three ACS officials — Bhaskar Datta Das, Bhaskar Chandra Deva Sarma and Amit Jyoti Sarma, who were remanded to 14-day police cus-

tody on Wednesday, are expected to be taken to Guwahati Central Jail tomorrow or the day after.

Investigating officer of the cash-for-job scam in the APSC Surjeet Singh Panesar in his application filed before the court stated that preliminary questioning of the three accused has revealed vital information which needs to be supplemented by the statement of Paul and other accused who are in judicial custody.

Special public prosecutor Bijen Kumar Mahajan appeared on behalf of the State Government in the Dibrugarh police station case along with assistant public prosecutors Nayan Das and Pranab Das.

Meanwhile, in response to

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CM directive on forest resources

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed the forest department to take strong steps for protection of State's forest resources and expansion of forest cover.

Maintaining that wild flora and fauna have been providing strength to the State's tourism sector, Sonowal directed the forest department to take proactive steps for conservation of forest areas and wildlife and initiate campaigns to generate awareness among the masses for protecting the forests, an official press release here this evening stated.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a meeting of the forest department's Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) held today at the Jamata Bhawan here.

Asserting that the CAMPA's functioning at district level (See page 4)

Citizenship issue 'Govt submission favours migrants'

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, May 5: Opposing the submissions made by the Central Government and Assam Government before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in the citizenship matter, the Prajatantra Virodh Manch (PVM) said the 51-page submission is in favour of protecting the rights of migrants and in fact, the stand adopted by

In a statement, PVM con-

venor Upamanyu Hazarika said the submission of the Assam Government is not that of one elected on the promise of protecting the identity and land of indigenous people, rather it seemed like that of an AIUDF government. The submission is in favour of protecting the rights of migrants and in fact, the stand adopted by

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NGT fines 3 industries in UP

NEW DELHI, May 5: The National Green Tribunal today slapped fines of Rs 10 lakh each on three industrial units in Uttar Pradesh for discharging untreated effluents and extracting ground water without permission from the Central Ground Water Authority.

A bench headed by NGT

Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar imposed the fine on Gajraula-based ASP Sealing Products Ltd, Dairy India private Ltd and Uman Dairies Ltd for not setting up effluent treatment plants in their premises and releasing untreated waste in the open.

The green panel asked these

industrial units to deposit the amount with the Central Pollution Control Board to "show their bonafide" before it. The tribunal also issued notice to the Manohar Lal Khattar government to busy remanding cities and schemes at a time when the state is reeling under a power crisis. The Congress leader said no development has taken place in the state in the BIP rule and the government "only transferred officials and indulged in vendetta politics".

He said frequent power cuts due to energy short fall was a major issue facing the state. Hooda claimed there was

no such problem when the Congress was in power in the state from 2005 to 2014

and "it will lead to the downfall of this government". PTI

Haryana reeling under power crisis

CHANDIGARH, May 5: Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda today alleged that the Manohar Lal Khattar government is busy remanding cities and schemes at a time when the state is reeling under a power crisis. The Congress leader said no development has taken place in the state in the BIP rule and the government "only transferred officials and indulged in vendetta politics".

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Sri Lankan embassies sheltered criminals: Foreign Minister

COLOMBO, May 5: Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister today accused the previous administration of using its embassies abroad as "safe houses" for murderers accused of perpetrating human rights abuses during the civil war.

Mangala Samaraweera told parliament a deputy ambassador posted to Brazil and two staffers sent to Germany were among those suspected of murders and war crimes that were sheltered in embassies by the former government.

"Many of our embassies had become safe houses for criminals involved in killings as well as grave human rights violations at home," Samaraweera told parliament.

(Contd from page 1) the government helmed by Sarbananda Sonowal is contrary to the findings of the Supreme Court judgement repealing the IMDT Act in 2005 where Sonowal himself was the main petitioner, he said.

Firstly, the submission says that the political rights of the indigenous people are not affected by illegal migration by enabling foreigners to become voters. This argument has been justified on the logic that 'process of delimitation of constituencies can also be said to affect the political rights of citizens'.

This logic has no basis. Here we have a situation of a large number of foreigners getting voting rights, whereas in a definition the population does not increase, excepting that the constituencies are redefined. This stand of the government is contrary to the 2005 judgement, contrary to the ruling of the court.

CM directive ...

(Contd from page 1) must be bolstered for implementation of the schemes, the Chief Minister directed the department to initiate action for tree plantation at Rakesh Paul, the court has adjourned the hearing till May 8.

Further, Paul also withdrawn his application wherein he had sought the court's permission to allow him to visit his ailing mother for seven days for at least three hours a day.

Arrested ...

(Contd from page 1) another application filed by Dispur police seeking permission to conduct narcoanalysis and polygraph tests upon Rakesh Paul, the court has adjourned the hearing till May 8.

He also asked the Chief Secretary to issue instruction to the deputy commissioners for

discharging CAMPA's activities on a priority basis at district development committee meetings and to take measures for starting tree plantation programmes with the co-operation of the public.

Directing the Forest department to take steps for protection of water bodies within the reserve forests, the Chief Minister asked the department to initiate conservation efforts by studying the history of the reserve forests.

He also remarked that to reduce man-animal conflict in the State basic needs of wildlife like water, food and shelter must be safeguarded.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

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The Assam Tribune**Coherent policy**

Even as the Kashmir Valley shudders with violence, the Mehta-Mufti-led People's Democratic Front-Bharatiya Janata Party alliance in power appears to be at loggerheads as to how to confront the problem. Considering that the situation is getting so out of hand that for the first time in India since independence, an election had to be cancelled due to fear of mass-protest, Mehta-Mufti has suggested that the Centre initiate dialogue with all stakeholders, including the separatists, as Atal Behari Vajpayee had earlier done to bring about a semblance of normalcy. The Centre has a different take on the solution – it wants a restoration of the rule of law before dialogue is held, and has given the armed forces sufficient leeway to tackle the situation as best as they can. This explains the massive drive by security forces under way in Kashmir's Shopian district at the moment, involving over 4,000 troops, drones and helicopters, to flush out militants taking shelter amongst the populace. It may be recalled that on May 1 last, terrorists from across the border infiltrated into India and shot dead seven, including five policemen, while robbing a cash-van in South Kashmir. Two days later three more attempts were made in the same region on banks and lakhs of rupees looted, a clear indication that militants were not merely coming across the border, but actually taking shelter in the Valley.

Without doubt a vast segment of the population of Kashmir, in particular the younger section, today harbours anti-Indian sentiments, and separatists and terrorists are finding this a fertile ground to plant the seeds of subversion. Thus there is a need for operations of this type not merely to flush out militants, but also recover cash and weapons looted by them. Police sources say that militants have looted around Rs 60 lakh from a dozen banks in the last few months, as also snatched 40-50 weapons. Such a trend needs to be stopped and those who are giving shelter to the nefarious elements must be brought to book. However, the obverse is also true, for the Kashmir imbroglio is not merely a matter of maintaining law and order, but one of changing a mindset. This entails the framing of a coherent policy with both long- and short-term goals, one with which the PDF and its partner the BJP are in absolute agreement. Such a policy would proffer the carrots as well as the stick and embrace facets such as dialogue with the stakeholders and measures to improve the economy and create infrastructure. In this context, the latest announcement by the Centre of its decisions to release Rs 200 crore to the Kashmir school education department to clear salary backlog, and also funds for seven new hostels in engineering colleges and an off-campus IIM at Srinagar, are to be welcomed.

Clean cities

That our civic authorities and citizenry alike pay scant regard to urban hygiene is evident from the fact that State capital Guwahati came a distant 134th in the list of the cleanest cities of the country. In fact, Guwahati has slid down quite a bit from its last year's position of 50th. Although Nagaon has figured among the top positions for clean cities in the North-east, that is hardly any consolation, given that in the overall all-India ranking, it remained way outside the top hundred. The evaluation done as part of the ongoing Swachh Bharat Mission assessed 434 cities of the country in different categories. Among the north-eastern cities, Gantok was the lone saving grace, as it continued to be among the top 10 in India. Any exercise aimed at achieving the desired levels of public hygiene, it has to go beyond a show for public consumption. Ever since the mission began, we have been witness to political leaders, bureaucrats and even citizens occasionally posing with brooms before the camera even as our urban landscape continued to reel under dirt and filth. Things can change only when public hygiene and cleanliness are integrated into our policy and practices in civic life. For Swachh Bharat Mission to deliver, the foremost condition is to have municipal authorities that are professional, proactive and diligent, and which can involve the masses in the realization of the avowed goal of creating clean urban spaces. No less imperative is to have a citizenry that are sensitive to the well-being of the civic and natural environment. Civic sense is something that is lacking appallingly among a vast segment of Guwahatians. As a large segment of our citizens is habituated to defiling all civic norms, some amount of enforcement is a must to ensure that the law is respected. Regrettably, this crucial aspect of civic administration remains conspicuous by its absence. Even the cleanest of cities in the world over have strict norms for their upkeep that attract heavy penalties for violation.

The State's urban landscape is invariably one of chaos and a positive transformation will require urgent and sustainable solutions. A major factor fueling this civic chaos happens to be the inadequacy of civic infrastructure in our cities and towns. As they lack a futuristic vision, every passing year subjects them to greater stress and the inevitable consequences caused by the mounting pressure from growing populations start to manifest. This is a phenomenon more or less evident across the country, especially in the cities and metropolises. And in Assam, this happens to be all the more pronounced. As we are now talking of smart cities, the time has come for adopting smart solutions for efficient use of available assets, resources and infrastructure. Assured water and electricity supply, sanitation and solid waste management, efficient urban mobility and public transport, robust IT connectivity, e-governance and citizen participation, and safety and security of citizens are essential requirements for any modern city.

Branded vs generic drugs: Which will win?**■ Dr Moniravati Barooah**

On April 17 last, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that his government would soon come up with a legislation, which will ensure that doctors prescribe medicines by their generic names only instead of writing brands in their prescriptions. The Medical Council of India (MCI), the apex regulatory body for doctors, immediately sprung into action and issued a directive via a circular. The circular stated that the Clause 1.5 (professional conduct, etiquette and ethics) of the Regulations 2002 of the MCI has been amended and it reads as follows: "Every physician should prescribe medicines in generic names legibly and preferably in capital letters and he/she shall ensure that there is rational prescription of drugs. For any doctor found violating the Clause 1.5, the MCI or the state medical council would undertake suitable disciplinary action." Now, no sooner the tidings came, the whole of the medical fraternity as well as the pharmaceutical industry went into a tizzy. Social media went abuzz with deliberations compulsory generic prescriptions would behold, once the legislation becomes an Act. Doctors and members of the pharmaceutical industry began to voice their concern regarding the implementation of a piece of law without basic reality checks. Their apprehensions are however not without valid reasons.

Before delving deep into the matter, let us first get an idea about the whole concept of generic medicines and their brand counterparts. Generally speaking, a generic medicine is a molecule or a chemical compo-

nent that may be marketed with or without a brand name. For example, let us consider a drug called amlopidine. Now, by the term generic, it should denote the packaged drug as 'amlopidine' only. Now visit a pharmacy and you will find that the drug amlopidine is marketed under different brand names such as Stamlo, Amlodac, Amblog, etc. In fact, there are as many as 30 brands, if not more, of the molecule amlopidine floating in the market. Go to any pharmacy and ask for the drug called amlopidine without a brand name and the chances that you would find one is very slim. That is because various pharmaceutical companies market the drug under their own belt with their own brand names. Medically, the drug amlopidine is mainly used to treat high blood pressure. To attain its desired effect, i.e., capacity of lowering of blood pressure, the particular characteristic termed as 'bio-equivalence' of the drug is of paramount importance. Bio-equivalence in turn depends upon a host of very important factors such as formulation process of the drug, the choice of excipients used, stability process of manufacturing and strict quality control, packaging, storage conditions, transportation mode of release of the drug in the human body and dissolution profile of the drug, etc. The quality control of the plant where the drug is manufactured as well as periodic testing of the equipment also plays a vital role

in this regard. Therefore, coming back to the drug amlopidine, it is for certain that not all the brands under which it is marketed are equally efficacious. This means while one brand may lower the pressure optimally, the other might simply not work even if you gulp down two tablets at a time – which can be indeed quite hazardous! This makes the prescribers (the doctors) favour the brands, for they are by that way assured of quality control and thus its

3) **Branded generics:** generics marketed under a brand name, but under the organized sector with quality control, etc.

Any pharmaceutical company can pursue the above-mentioned business models. However, trade generics offer high margin of profit to retail pharmacies in comparison to the branded generics. Now there are roughly about 67,000 drug formulations in India. This by far exceeds the capacity for quality control, for India can at best test around 15,000 drugs annually with all its resources combined (capacity of all drug testing labs included).

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desired effects. Coming back to generics, one may not be aware that here in India, generic medicines are not in vogue unlike, say, in the UK. Generics out here are mainly of three types: 1) **Generic only drug:** one that is manufactured and marketed by the unorganized sector and is of questionable quality; 2) **Trade generic:** generics marketed under a brand name, where the name of the brand is not highlighted. It is usually manufactured and marketed by the unorganized sector without quality control, lack of current good manufacturing process (CGMP), etc., and

ment failure due to spurious or substandard drug is his worst nightmare. No doctor would presumably wish to compromise on that, for treating and curing a patient is the ultimate goal and not the business of petty profits.

Prime Minister Modi's intention to force the doctor into a compulsory generic prescription is therefore fraught with substantial risks for the very patient for whom he wishes to usher in an affordable health care.

Before such a legislation is brought into force, a foolproof and adequate quality control mechanism must be established. By simply coercing the

doctor to write generics, the baton will pass on to the salesperson in the pharmacy, who is ignorant of the nitty-gritty that the science of drug and its pharmaceuticals hold. The price of the drug too will not come down, unless of course the government brings in legislations that will ensure uniform pricing of a drug and bring a cap on pharma companies to cut down their profit margins. While it would ensure that the vested interest of a handful of doctors in India would not be served, the ball game will shift to the salesperson here in all practicality the ignorant salesperson will have a field day. This might prove to be too costly a bet for the crores of people in our country where the trust between the doctor and the patient is still sacrosanct as well as pivotal for one's health and well-being.

Alternatively, in a bid to ensure quality and affordable health care for all, our Prime Minister may bring in more medicines under the national list of essential medicines, thereby reducing the prices. The Jan Aushadhi Kendras, a novel initiative by the Government where affordable medicines are available may be increased in number as well as in capacity. The variation in drug pricing can be checked and quality control incorporated. Once this is done, doctors will be all too happy to write generics only, for not all are out there to do business with health. It is obvious that most of the doctors are honest and for them, it is the well-being of his/her patient that matters and not the 'ball pens' they receive as corporate gifts from the pharmaceutical companies! Sweeping generalizations cannot be the ground for some hasty legislations, not when it concerns the aspect of human health.

Need to nourish mother tongues**■ Bidyut Barun Sarmah**

Though the scriptures of Hinduism or more precisely Sanatan Dharma were written in Sanskrit, Sanskrit is not all about religion or religious texts as many of us think today. Books of different branches of knowledge were written in Sanskrit. Sheldon Pollock, the eminent Sanskrit scholar, declared the 'death' of the language in his famous paper 'The Death of Sanskrit' in 2001. But his declaration has been refuted by many scholars with facts and figures. By the way, the concept of dead language is a controversial one. Though many people subscribe to the notion of Pollock, there are 14,135 people in India who still declare Sanskrit as their mother tongue. Moreover, books are being written in Sanskrit and every year the Sahitya Akademi gives awards to literary works for Sanskrit. Several films have been made in Sanskrit over the years. There are more than 75 dailies, weeklies and monthlies in Sanskrit. There are television and AIR news bulletins in Sanskrit. There are people who tweet in Sanskrit, including our Prime Minister. There are few villages in India where everyone speaks Sanskrit even today. Ranjan Bezbarua, the Assamese

should pass a Bill making Assamese mandatory for all government and private schools besides government and private offices. If Sanskrit is made mandatory in future, that should be for both government and private schools.

The need of the hour is that the Government should upgrade and modernize the Sanskrit Tuls which have contributed a lot towards Sanskrit education in the State. The Government should also set up a separate department for Sanskrit. Special grants provided for research in Sanskrit literature and language would attract the young scholars and rejuvenate the rich heritage once again.

Sanskrit is like the DNA of the Indian civilization and culture. This is the lifeline of the Indian Grand Narrative. The beauty and essence of it have been appreciated by innumerable scholars in the East and the West. The most prominent name in Sanskrit linguistics is Panini (around 400 BC). Bloomfield, the famous American linguist, wrote about Panini's grammar as one of the greatest monuments of human intelligence. A study by Brown University, carried out by Sanskrit scholar Professor Peter Schäffler, found that the mother tongue is the best medium for a child's education. So we need to flourish and nourish our mother tongues. The Government

has also inherited many things from Sanskrit directly or indirectly. For example, the concept of zero representation was explained first by Panini for which the plural of a word remains the same as the singular (sheep = sheep). Professor Dean Brown, an eminent theoretical physicist, cosmologist, philosopher and Sanskrit scholar, who translated the *Upanishads*, points out that most European languages can be traced back to a root language that is also related to Sanskrit. Many English words actually have Sanskrit origins. While Sanskrit is being neglected in India, it has found many takers globally. The American Sanskrit Institute was founded with a vision to spread "the ease and joy of learning Sanskrit through an immersion experience, the enjoyment of making the sounds, fluently reading the original Devanagari script, and directly reading, chanting and understanding sacred literature". Even Columbia, Chicago, Heidelberg, etc., universities have become the most prestigious places for getting degrees in Sanskrit studies and many people in the West are learning it at the school level. Many such schools have compulsory Sanskrit courses as well.

But most of us, the Indians as well as the Assamese, do not want to

recognize its importance due to many reasons, sometimes for the colonial mindsets, sometimes for the pseudo left/liberal leanings, sometimes for so-called modernity which is in reality western prejudices in disguise. That is why we have been victims of intellectual imperialism by the West. But the most threatening aspect is that on the pretext of teaching, the western knowledge centres have been engaged in colonizing young Indian minds by many distorted versions of Sanskrit texts. This has been so because we mostly have already quit learning Sanskrit language and the texts in the race to be modern or western. The situation is so tragic that now most of us have to depend on English texts by English writers or westerners to learn all these. This process of presenting distorted versions has been carried out by western think tanks for many decades now. The form is changed over the years but the objectives remain the same. Taking away the ancient Indian knowledge and bringing back them as their own ideas has been a continuous process. So if we are not yet ready to bow down before the West for gold, we need to learn Sanskrit and do real research on it. But everything should be done in a proper way, through proper procedures, without causing chaos in academia.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, — This is with reference to the letter 'SBI's new rule' (AT, April 25). Banks review their service charges from time to time depending on the government policy/RBI instructions and the operational costs involved. SBI has reviewed its service charges with effect from April 1, 2017. The savings bank account holders are required to maintain minimum average balance (MAB) and not minimum balance of Rs 5,000, Rs 3,000, Rs 2,000 and Rs 1,000 in metros, urban, semi-urban and rural areas respectively. The bank will levy the charges on minimum average balance based on the areas where the home branch is situated. MAB is the sum total of balance at the end of each day divided by the number of days. So if a depositor deposits Rs 15,000 in his account and withdraws the entire amount next day, it will take care of minimum average balance of Rs 3,000 for five days.

However, the minimum

SBI's 'minimum average balance' rule

balance clause is exempted for accounts under the Basic Savings Bank, Corporate Salary Package (CSP) and Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts. The customer may also have the choice to open account from the above-mentioned accounts to avoid the minimum balance clause. Hence, students can open a Basic Savings Bank account to meet their requirement without worrying for minimum balance. Further, it may be mentioned that the balance standing in the account will get interest on daily product as applicable. Yours etc., DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (B&O), SBI, Guwahati Module.

Woman of substance
Sir, — On April 28 last, Gauhati University had convened its 26th convocation to confer the degrees in various disciplines. Celebrity scientist and Bharat Ratna, Prof CNR Rao, attended the occasion by delivering the convocation address where he was also conferred honorary DLitt along with eminent poet, Nihmanee Phukan. Interestingly, Tasilee N

Governor's speech

Sir, — The 26th convocation of the Gauhati University was an occasion that witnessed an august gathering of dignitaries from various fields and one where a student would understandably anticipate words of encouragement and wisdom. Although there was no dearth of the same, it was disheartening to hear the Governor of Assam switch his language from English to Hindi mid-speech and calling it our 'national language'. As per Article 343 of the Constitution of India, Hindi and English are our official languages and nowhere is Hindi specified as the 'national language'. Given the fact that Gauhati University is host to students of most of the Northeastern States of India where Hindi is not a common language and rarely used, it is expected of a person who holds the highest constitutional position in the State to be conscious of the same. Further, since the objective of education is to teach us 'how to think' and not 'what to think', it may well be expected of a batch of graduating adults to draw their

own conclusions about the existing regime of governance in the country and they do not require assistance to measure 'how spotless' the leadership is. Yours etc., DRISTRIRUPA PATGURI, Gauhati University.

APSC delay

Sir, — The APSC is really taking a lot of time to declare the CCE 2015 Mains results. Two exam calendars have already been brought out without sticking to deadlines. If this irresponsibility on the part of the APSC continues, then we will be forced to doubt the sincerity of this so-called constitutional body again. The future of meritorious Assamese students is being overlooked by the APSC by deliberately and irresponsibly moving slower in declaring results. The UPSC has already declared its contemporary Mains results and is now conducting viva. Yours etc., AN ASPIRANT, Mangaldoi.

Articles (within 1000-1100 words) and

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Assam Association, Mumbai celebrates Vasant Utsav



A Bihu dance being performed at the Vasant Utsav in Mumbai recently.

GUWAHATI, May 5: Vasant Utsav, organised at the onset of the spring season is popular among many parts of the country particularly in northern India. It signifies the onset of the harvesting season and is a reflection of the agrarian economy of the country. The Assam Association, Mumbai took the opportunity to showcase the rich Assamese culture

and therefore celebrated 'Vasant Utsav' at the state-of-the-art Green Technology Auditorium, University of Mumbai, Kalina on April 30 last, a press release stated. A large number of popular singers, choreographers, musicians of Assam and Bollywood were present and entertained the audience through their highly acclaimed performances.

The cultural programme began with a chorus by Western Suburb members. Two children bihu dances of Gorgaon and Kandvilli aptly demonstrated the keenness to practice bihu dance by Assamese children. Another bihu dance by Porinora Newar, Poonam Sharma, Rimil Hazarika and Jonali

Phukan demonstrated their level of preparedness and regular practice. Monini Baruah sang *Nahar Phular Botorai*... in her melodious voice.

Among the celebrities, Jyoti Konwar, Assamese and Bollywood singer and composer entertained the audience with some everlasting Assamese songs. His songs *Jodi Ketiyabu Akosore...*, *Morn Matra Tara Hoi Jodi...*, *Ajnohi...* etc., were highly applauded by the audience. Sabnam Lahkar, Bollywood choreographer from Assam performed a Bihu dance and set the tone for a perfect evening of entertainment. Mizee Gitashree sang a few modern Assamese and bihu songs. Bollywood music composer, Dony Hazarika and his team had arranged the music of the evening. A fusion dance performed by Padminder Gogoi and Jacqueline Gohain was highly applauded. Husori dance by the artists of Rudram Team, a very popular group in Mumbai was another highlight of the evening function. Sangita Cha-

mua sang *Bholagote Ahibi Senai Oi...* and *Aasin Ayang Mane Ki...* and a Bihu song.

Sunita Bhuyan, an internationally-renowned violinist drew large applause for her energetic and soulful performances. Her violin recital of a famous song of Dr Bhupen Hazarika (her icon) namely *Ganga Behi Ho Kyun ...* and *Akakhi Ganga* ... was one of the main attractions of the evening.

The association also felicitated Damodar Danait, Chief Executive Officer of 'My Home India', an NGO working tirelessly for the benefit of the people of NE. Renowned documentary maker Rupa Baruah, Bollywood sound engineer Debojit Changma and reputed sound designer Amitri Pratim were also felicitated for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields.

The programme was anchored efficiently by Arif Ahmed and Krishna Das, who are associated with Assamese film, theatre and dubbing industry.

Brisk preparations on for Phaat Bihu at Dhakuakhana

CORRESPONDENT

DHEMAMI, May 5: Brisk preparations are on to celebrate this year's Phaat Bihu, the most famous and historic Bihu of the greater Dhakuakhana area as well as Assam at Mohghap Chapiro here from May 12 to 14 next with pomp and gaiety.

A celebration committee has been constituted in this connection with Binod Gogoi as president, Sanjeeb Gogoi, Palabata Boruah and Razeenda Prasad Gogoi as vice-presidents, Nitul Boruah as secretary and Dilip Kumar Konwar, Hitesh Phukan and Kushal Dutta as assistant secretaries.

As per the schedule, the Phaat Bihu function will begin with flag hoisting by Pradip Chamau, president, Phaat Bihu Samiti on May 12 at 9.30 am. It will be followed by the open session at 1.30 pm. The meeting to be inaugurated by Barun Bhuyan, Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur will be graced by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal as chief guest. The meeting will also

be attended by minister Naba Kumar Doley, MP's Pradan Boruah and Dr Ranee Narah and Chief of the Mising Autonomous Council Paramananda Chayengia as guests of honour.

The meeting will also be attended by journalist Ajit Kumar Bhuyan, Deba Prasad Mishra, Director, Cultural Affairs, Assam and Kamaljyoti Gogoi, secretary, Secondary Board of Education, Assam as distinguished guests.

On the other hand, litterateur Manjil Sing is scheduled to attend the open session as appointed speaker while Sudhakar Sing, Superintendent of Police, Lakhimpur, Debasish Baishya, SDO (Civil), Dhakuakhana, national-level cultural worker Dayal Krishna Nath, Dhakuakhana Election Officer Kartik Kalita and Cheniram Saikia, Sub-divisional Police Officer, Dhakuakhana will participate in the open session as invited guests. The celebration committee has solicited the presence and cooperation of all the people to make the Bihu celebration a grand success.



Artis on way to participate in a cultural programme on the occasion of the All Moran Students' Union golden jubilee celebration, in Dibrugarh on Friday. — UB Photos

OBITUARY

Jyoti Nath



GUWAHATI, May 5: The Boro Anchalik Committee of the ABSU has expressed its dissatisfaction over the Education Department's alleged discrimination in filling up the vacant posts in various Boro medium schools.

She was a simple and pious lady. She leaves behind two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Karunakanta Baishya

OBITUARY

NALBARI, May 5: Noted playwright Karunakanta Baishya of Shimaliya village near Chamata in Nalbari district passed away on May 4 due to old-age ailments. He was 76.

Baishya wrote a good number of popular plays for mobile theatre groups. A most popular play *Chambalar Abhishek* performed by Suradevi Theatre was written by Karunakanta Baishya. 'Mancha Sunya' Dharani Barman had enacted the role of Man Singh in this play. The other popular plays written by Baishya include *Deoguri Devata, Manor Abramam, Kshonita Chambal* among others.

Born in 1942, Baishya also worked at the Textbook Printing and Publishing Corporation from 1966 to 1970. His death was widely mourned by various organisations of the district.

Alok Sankar Dutta

OBITUARY

SILCHAR, May 5: Former Additional SP of Cachar, Alok Sankar Dutta passed away at his residence at Nag Naha Lane after prolonged illness on Thursday. He was 78.

Son of former advocate Late Devendra Sankar Dutta and Shailabala Dutta, Alok Sankar Dutta joined the police service at Jorhat in 1964.

For his commendable services, Alok Sankar Dutta was conferred with the President's Award in 1993. After retirement, Dutta was actively involved in politics and was a frontline Congress leader.

His mortal remains were taken to Silchar DSA where members of the sports association offered their last tributes. Later, tributes were offered to Alok Sankar at the Congress Bhawan. Silchar MP Sumitra Dev and new president of Silchar District Congress Committee, Pradip Dey along with other cadres paid their tributes.

He is survived by his wife Bijaya Dutta, a son and two daughters.

Anomalies alleged in teachers' appointment

SHAMBHU BORO

TEZPUR, May 5: The Boro Anchalik Committee of the ABSU has expressed its dissatisfaction over the Education Department's alleged discrimination in filling up the vacant posts in various Boro medium schools.

Urging the authority concerned to rectify the mismanagement in appointing new teachers against the vacancies of the Boro medium schools, the Boro primary unit of Boro Sahitya Saba submitted a memorandum to the District Elementary Education Officer, Prasanna Baruah. The memorandum also forwarded to the media here stated that at a time when along with the rest of the State, the existence of Boro medium schools in Babori

area is at stake, due to various problems including shortage of teachers, lack of proper infrastructure etc., some of the LP schools in Babori area are faced with the problem of mismanagement in the appointment process conducted by the Government.

"Purni Ghata LP School, Tamulbari LP School, 1 No. Kokalbhagi LP School and Garakha Pukhuri LP School under the office of the District Elementary Education Officer, Sonitpur have been suffering from teacher-shortage problem for the last couple of years, after the retirement of some teachers. But there is no initiative by the department concerned to fill up those vacant Boro medium posts, hurting the educational development of a number of children belonging

to the Boro community. However, so far we have come to know that the department concerned has appointed two Assamese medium candidates (who are not acquainted with the Boro language and culture) against the vacancies at Garakha Pukhuri LP School and Purni Ghata LP School," the memorandum stated adding it a violation of the Right to Education Act 2009 as these teachers would undoubtedly fail to fulfil the interest of the Boro medium students.

The literary body also urged through the memorandum to rectify the entire process by replacing the newly-appointed teachers by Boro knowing candidates so that the Boro medium school going children can be benefited.

Minor rescued

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, May 5: One minor girl was snatched on Wednesday from Nikamul area here under Tezpur PS by one Moni Muktab Ali alias Sanjib Rai, an inhabitant of Bongigaon's Manipuk area. According to family members, the abductor Moni Muktab Ali introduced himself as Sanjib Rai to the girl and having made intimate relations with her fled with her. In her passing away the Catholic community of Guwahati has lost a most senior dynamic leader whose pioneering and selfless contribution towards the welfare of the community would always be remembered.

Police sources said that the girl was rescued by police personnel from Soribog Police station in Barpeta district and handed over to her family members. However, the accused is yet to be nabbed.

CBI probe demanded

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, May 5: The People's Council for Peace and Development (PCPD) central committee has demanded a CBI investigation into the Rs 3376-crore renewal project contract to a consortium of companies viz., M/s Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd, M/s Sri Rama Engineering Enterprise and M/s VNGS, Hyderabad by theONGC, Vasaram Asset.

The PCPD alleged that the consortium of companies failed to implement the project within the stipulated time resulting in heavy losses incurred by the ONGC. It was alleged that M/s Megha Engineering could not complete the Rs 38.88 crore Desiter Plant in ONGC Ahmedabad on time and yet due to vested interests of a section of officers,

the company was given a new contract of Rs 173 crore (Ref no DLH/OES/MM/6PLRP-AA/XII NC 14001/2014). Further, the ONGC has awarded the three companies the EPC Contract for Effect Treatment Plant.

A release signed by Diganta Konwar, president and Arjun Gopal, vice-president, PCPD demanded *interdict* to speedily implementation of the Rs 300 crore Super Speciality ONGC Hospital at Rajapuri near Sivasagar resumption of works at Palasoni on Rajiv Gandhi Petroleum Institute, repairing and preservation of all historical monuments in Upper Assam and reconstruction of dilapidated roads and bridges in Upper Assam with one sixth of the Rs 6000 crore due royalty the State Government received from the Centre.

Probe ordered into pay cut

CORRESPONDENT

before the DC, Morigaon that they were discharging their Education department's Guernotary duties at the DC court premises on April 17 as per the Government's standing order. But, their college principal took punitive measures showing unauthorised absence of the professors in the college and issued the pay cut order on April 17.

According to Ananta Gogoi, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education), Morigaon who conducted the inquiry against the Principal of Morigaon College, the four Associate Professors of the College submitted a complaint

Inquiry urged

CORRESPONDENT

official allegedly took bribe in lieu of some unknown services and they lamented that no investigation has been carried out by any anti-corruption agencies till now.

In the meantime, the public while condemning all acts of corruption and frauds have condemned the Government for not taking up at least a *suo moto* case and now they have demanded immediate investigation into the whole incident as they are apprehensive that some people with vested interests have been trying to cover up the whole issue.

National seminar at Lumding College

ANN Service

LUMDING, May 5: The Faculty of Geology, Lumding College, Lumding is organising a CBO-sponsored national seminar on 'Impact of Pollution: Assessment, Awareness and Prevention' in collaboration with 'Oozaru', an environmental NGO of Lumding.

Academics, research scholars and students from different colleges and universities of the country are expected to participate in this seminar. For details, intending participants may contact the joint convener, Dr Nivedita Dutta and Dr Sujata Sen, Seminar Organizing Committee or the Principal, Lumding College, Lumding on or before May 20, 2017.

Gauripur Public Library loses its glory

CORRESPONDENT

donated a large number of important books as the zamindar family had a good rapport with the authority of the

the people of Gauripur hailed his initiative. After completion of construction of the building (ground floor) in

Rs 24,53,310 was spent for the construction of the ground floor from the funds provided by Rayja Sabha members Indramani Bora, UV Brahman, Dr Arun Sharma and the then State Minister, Mahibul Haque and MLA Banendra Kumar Musahary. Rs 20,07,936 was spent for construction of the auditorium hall but it was not completed, for reasons best known to the concerned authorities. For provision of supply of water Rs 68,651 and for electricity Rs 1,13,831 was also spent.

Two wide rooms were allotted – one to the Gauripur Sports Association and the other to the Gauripur Branch Sahitya Sabha and the incomplete auditorium has now turned into a marriage hall. At the time of pulling down of the old house of the library, many valuable books were stocked there which are now either lost or taken away. Nowadays, readers do not visit the library, which remains deserted. The culturally rich Gauripur town has presently become a place of degraded culture and nobody seems to be aware of the present situation. The younger generation lacks the reading habit causing concern among the enlightened and educated sections of the people of Gauripur.

But due to lack of sincerity and inaction of the town committee used to open the library every day and the readers visited the library on almost all days and could read the books stocked in a number of almirahs and the readers were greatly benefited. Even the National Library at Kolkata

record period of two years, four months and 18 days, the library building was opened by him on September 22, 2005. A large number of people attended the inaugural ceremony and were happy that the library would certainly cater to the needs of the book lovers.

Mega Mission Society
Chief Executive Officer
Guru Utsavayojan
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NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
Send Quotations for the office of Mega Mission Society, CMSGU. Complete NQJ Document can be downloaded from MMS-CMSGU's website www.mmscmsguy.assam.gov.in. Last date for submission- till 5 pm on 27th May, 2017.

Sd/- CEO
MMS-CMSGU

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Executive Engineer, Dhubri/Rural Road Division on behalf of Governor of Assam invites Bid for "Maintenance & Repairing of roads for the works under Assam Road Maintenance Fund" (PRMC) for the Financial Year 2016-17 for 37 items located in 27 Districts and 100 tehsils of Dhubri District of Assam amounting to Rs. 657,943 Lakh (Approx). Details may be seen at the office of the undersigned from 11.05.2017 to 15.05.2017 during office hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer P.W.D.
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Notice - Request for Proposal

Chief Executive Officer, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from Agencies/Individuals/Firms(Bidders) for conduct of Statutory Audit for the Financial Years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18. RFP will be available at the office of Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) Ancillary Block, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati, 781006. Complete RFP documents are also available on official website of ASDMA at www.asdma.gov.in

Date of Commencement of issue of RFP : 6th May, 2017
Last date and time for submission of RFP : 22nd May 2017 (4:00 PM)

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer

Assam State Disaster Management Authority
Janasanyog/321/17

Short Re-Quotation Notice

No. SME/LJMCH/2008/201/11060 Date: 29/04/2017
Sealed quotations are invited from Manufacturers/ Firms/ Dealers/ Suppliers for supply of Essential Reagents, Laboratory Items, Chemicals and Museum Jar (Glass Jar) for Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat.

Last date & time of submission of bids 11.00 AM of 19.05.2017
Date & Time of Opening bids 12.00 PM of 19.05.2017

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An uprooted tree, which fell on two dwelling houses following a thunderstorm in Golaghat on Friday. — UB Photos

5 injured as hailstorm lashes Morigaon

CORRESPONDENT

has been completely disrupted due to the damage caused to powerlines.

EROSION: Erosion by river Brahmaputra at several places under Lahorhat and Bhuragron revenue circles took a grim turn in the last two days rendering 59 families homeless. The Kathong LP School under Lahorhat circle and Gumal LP School under Bhuragron Circle were washed away by the mighty river affecting the schoolchildren of the areas. Standing crops and vegetables on around 1,200 hectares of land have been destroyed due to the erosion. The alarming trend in Bhuragron is threatening thousands of bighas crop land, several schools, temples, health centres, markets, etc.

The storm levelled hundreds of dwelling houses in villages like Manjupuri, Duwan, Gasurguri, Chepar, Gerua, Bamurri, Japori, etc.

At least five persons were injured seriously when uprooted trees crushed on the houses of two families in Chepar village. Road communication from Morigaon to Bhuragron was paralysed due to the blockade caused by the uprooted trees at several places along the roads. The power supply

Woman dies in Sarupathar hailstorm

CORRESPONDENT

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Lightning kills 1 in Tinsukia

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, May 5: Thunderstorm that hit Tinsukia in the morning today took the life of one Hiru Baruah (29) of Natu Motapang Ronagora Gaon, Gujira area under Tinsukia Police Station.

Lightning also injured five other persons, namely Priyanka Gogoi, Bandita Grophalia, Mridul Gogoi, Nuku Grophalia and Jamu Gogoi in the same area. Locals said the lightning struck when they were fishing in Motapang Maguri Beel. The injured have been sent to AMCH, Dibrugarh.

On the other hand cyclone and hailstorm ravaged Panitola area damaging several houses, cattle sheds, etc.

Storm lashes Rangiya

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The storm blew away the tin roof of the Moktab LP School at Tiluri several hundred metres away, besides causing similar damages to many houses in the nearby areas. Several houses in Tamul, Goribitor, Balagon, Chirakundi, Chikbari and other areas were also damaged. A number of big trees and electric poles were uprooted and damaged. Some uprooted trees damaged the PHC properties at Dwarukuchi.



Heavy erosion by river Subansiri at Kholiamari village in Lakhimpur district on Friday. — UB Photos

Silchar named third cleanest city in State

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 5: Even as the list of top 10 clean cities of the country, the Cachar District administration feel there is a lot of positives to take from the survey results.

It may be mentioned that Silchar secured 280th spot in the list of 500 cities across India under the Swachha Survekshan 2017, the results of which were announced on May 4.

The Deputy Commissioner

Congress block presidents appointed

BISWANATH CHARIALI, May 5: Ram Prasad Borthakur was appointed as president of the Sankomata Block Congress Committee under Biswanath Constituency, Dipak Sarma as president of Behali BCC under Behali Constituency and Jatin Baruah as president of Pub Chaudhuri BCC under Gohpur Constituency along with the other office-bearers of Biswanath District Congress Committee by APCC president Ripun Bora with immediate effect, a press release said. — Correspondent

EDUCATIONAL NOTICE ISSUE OF ADMIT CARD FOR POLYTECHNIC ADMISSION TEST (PAT)-2017

All candidates who have applied for appearing in PAT-2017 for admission into various Diploma Courses in Government Polytechnic Institutions of the State (to be held on 21.05.2017) including Modern Office Management (MOM) course (to be held on 28.05.2017) in PCPS Girls Polytechnic, Guwahati are requested to download their Admit Card and Check the Centers allotted. The Admit Cards will be made available online from 12.05.2017.

PROCEDURE TO DOWNLOAD THE ADMIT CARD

1. Log on to www.dteassam.in and click on Online Application for PAT-2017. In the next page click on "Applicant Log in" present in the top Menu Bar, an applicant Login Screen will appear. Login to your account using your "Application Number" your "Date of Birth". You will be taken to the Application Login Page.
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Director of Technical Education, Assam
Kahilpara, Guwahati-19
Janasanyog/1254/17

Department of Higher Education Government of Assam Kahilpara, Guwahati-19

Means cum Merit Scholarship

The Higher Education Department, Assam invites online applications for the 'Means cum Merit Scholarship' scheme that aims at providing one-time financial assistance to the poor but meritorious students of the State to pursue their higher studies.

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How to apply:

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 - Income certificate of parents from Circle Officer
 - HS (10+2) final mark sheet
 - Self declaration certificate of not availing any other scholarship.
 - 1st page of Bank passbook displaying Bank Name, IFSC Code, Account Holder Name, Account No.
4. Click the 'Submit' button for submission of the online form.

The last date of submission of the online forms is 31st May, 2017. The final Selection Committee shall have every right to finalize the number of students as per availability of fund during current financial year.

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Advertisement for Asstt. Librarian/ Jr.Asstt./Grade IV/Lab. Bearer/ Lib. Bearer/ Chowkidar for Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya at Tulinia, District : Bongaigaon

Deputy Commissioner, Bongaigaon District in the capacity of Chairman of Governing Body of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya at Tulinia, Bongaigaon invites applications from Indian Nationals having proficiency in local language for the post of Asstt. Librarian/ Jr. Asstt./ Grade IV/Lab. Bearer/ Lib. Bearer/ Chowkidar as detailed below. Eligible candidates may submit applications within stipulated date.

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1	Asstt. Librarian	—	—
2	Jr. Asstt.	2	1
3	Gr. IV	2	1
4	Lib. Bearer	1	—
5	Lab. Bearer	3	2
6	Chowkidar	1	2

Qualification, Terms and Conditions to apply :

1. Age : Age of the candidate should not be more than 43 years as on 01.01.2017. (five) year relaxation for SCST candidates.
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5. Application Fee : Rs. 100.00 to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft in the name of Deputy Commissioner, Bongaigaon District.
6. Last Date of Receipt of Application : 18.05.2017 till 5.00 P.M.
7. Other : Candidate must be Indian Citizen having proficiency in local language. Candidates serving elsewhere must apply with an NOC from the employer, if no NOC from present employer submitted, application is liable to be rejected. NOC can be produced on the date of interview.
8. How to apply : In Standard Form to be delivered in the Deputy Commissioner, Bongaigaon

No TA/DA will be provided to the candidates appearing in the interview

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner
Bongaigaon
Janasanyog/215/17

Khandu flags off Mt Kangto expedition

ITANAGAR, May 5: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today flagged off the Mt Kangto Exploration Arunachal Team 2017 in a ceremony here at his office.

The team is headed by Everester Tapi Mra with members Tame Bagang, who had also scaled Mt Everest, mountaineers Tagit Sorang and Taru Hui, a release from the CMO said.

Mt Kangto, with an altitude of 7,042 metres, is the highest peak of Arunachal Pradesh and is yet to be scaled. Covered in snow throughout the year, the virgin peak is the source of Pachuk river, one of the main tributaries of the Kameng river in East Kameng district. – PTI

61 APCS officers recruited in Arunachal

ITANAGAR, May 5: In a move to strengthen the administrative setup, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today cleared the deck for recruitment of 61 entry grade Arunachal Pradesh Civil Service (APCS) officers through Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission.

People have been facing lot of problems due to the absence of regular administrative officers in many administrative headquarters, which will now be resolved with the recruitment of these officers, an official communiqué said quoting the Chief Minister. – PTI

2 bullet-riddled bodies recovered in Manipur

IMPHAL, May 5: Two persons were killed after sustaining bullet injuries at a place in Kangpokpi district of Manipur, police said today.

The two bullet-riddled bodies, which are yet to be identified, were found near the fringes of a nearby forest by locals today following which the nearby Sapeimana police station was alerted. The bodies were being brought to Imphal for post-mortem, from the site, which is located 47 km from the State capital.

Locals said that the two persons were killed in a factional fight between suspected Kuki militant outfits.

Last month, two transporters were injured after gunmen fired at a convoy of Imphal-bound oil tankers in two separate incidents. – PTI

Nagaland Govt urged to implement Disabilities Act

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, May 5: Maintaining that people with disabilities have remained ignored and marginalised with their rights violated by Nagaland Government and society at large, Connect Ability Network-Nagaland (CAN-N) has appealed to the State Government to implement the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (RPWD Act 2016) which had come into force on April 19, 2017.

"This unconscionable failure cannot and must not be repeated with the RPWD Act 2016," in the organisation demanded. In a representation to the Nagaland Chief Minister, CAN-N executive director and member National Committee on Rights of PwDs, Diethromo Nakrho said that as per Census 2011, there were 29,631 people with disabilities in Nagaland, with 26 per cent below 18 years.

The representative further said the Nagaland Economic Survey 2016-17 tabled in the recently concluded Assembly session had quoted the same

2011 figure indicating that there had been no effort to collect data on disability in the State. CAN-N underlined that the number of people with disabilities in the State would have increased considerably by now. It said the RPWD Act 2016 was much more robust than the 1995 Act which is focused to protect the rights of people with disabilities and provide punishment for their violation.

The organisation also cited the April 25 Supreme Court directive, asking all States and Union Territories to take immediate steps to comply with the requirements of the Disability Act and file compliance reports. The court also directed that Special Courts be set up in each district within three months to conduct trial of offences committed against them. In this regard, CAN-N said Nagaland Government must ensure that these SCs do not remain paper tigers.

It has significantly improved its sanitation ranking in 2017 over the year 2016 when it was declared third dirtiest city of the country after Asansol in West Bengal and Dhanbad in Jharkhand.

As per the Swachh Survey 2017, the results of which were announced by Union Minister of Urban Development Venkaiah Naidu today, Itanagar has been ranked as 216th cleanest city in India among 434 cities surveyed across the country. From amongst the 12 Northeastern cities/towns, Itanagar holds the 7th position.



Hundreds of students under the banner of All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union staging a protest rally against Central & State Governments for not fulfilling its charter of demands, in Ranaghat on Friday. – UB Photos

BSF to install alarm system along unfenced border in Meghalaya

SHILLONG, May 5: The BSF will soon install intruder detection alarm system along the unfenced border areas in Meghalaya to prevent infiltration and cattle smuggling, its Director General KK Sharma said today.

"Very soon we will be installing the intruder detection alarm system which will make it possible for our troops to detect any intrusion in those areas," he told reporters here.

"There are some areas which are not yet fenced, but I must assure you that we are covering those gaps with technological solutions," said Sharma, who was here to inaugurate the BSF's 8th Annual Medical Conference.

Meghalaya has over 100 "gaps" con-

sisting of streams, rivers and drains apart from the 90 km unfenced portion along the 443 km border with Bangladesh.

In the past one year, he said, the BSF made its record seizure of cattle from the border and in the process 16 smugglers were also killed.

In the past three years, four BSF personnel were killed fighting smugglers, he said.

Commenting on the support from their counterparts in Bangladesh, the BSF DG said, "we have a good coordination with BGB. 'BGB' has taken action against those hideouts of Indian militants based on information provided by the BSF. It (Bangladesh) is no longer a safe haven for terrorists," he said.

Heating unsoldierly: The BSF said. – PTI

Director General termed the beheading of two Indian jawans by Pakistani Army as "unsoldierly" and said he hoped that such incident would never happen again.

"The action of the Pak Army was unsoldierly because they mutilated the body and beheaded them. I wish such things should not happen again," Sharma told reporters.

Stating that BSF and Indian Army are prepared for any eventuality, Sharma said, "we will give them a befitting reply to any misadventure on their part."

"They (Pakistan Army) keep on sending terrorists and we keep on fighting them and so far we have successfully countered all their nefarious attempts," he said.

– PTI

Central health scheme launched in Manipur

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, May 5: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh launched the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadi Parivaha (PMBPJ) by opening the first Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PAK) of the State at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences here on Friday. The scheme was launched to ensure access to good quality medicines at cheap price.

Union Minister of State for Chemical and Fertilisers Mansukh L Mandaviya and State Health and Family Welfare Minister L Jayantakumar also attended the function.

Speaking on the occasion,

Singh said that the Central Government is committed to providing quality medicines at an affordable price to the people of the country. People would now get generic medicines, which have same compositions with branded drugs, at a much cheaper price from PAKs, he added.

Regarding his Government's commitment towards bringing egalitarian development in the State, the Chief Minister said that he would continue review meetings of developmental works and projects being undertaken in all the districts regularly.

Union MoS Mandaviya stated that the Central Government had vowed to take on the mantle of making healthcare affordable to the middle class and poor people of the country.

Saying that people need not worry about the quality of generic medicines available under PMBJP, the Union Minister clarified that these medicines/drugs has been tested at multiple levels and certified by WHO.

Health and Family Welfare Minister L Jayantakumar expressed hope that the medical fraternity of the State would join hand with the Government in making PMBJP a success. It may be mentioned that the Government provides more than 600 medicines and 154 medical devices at an affordable price through PMBJKs.

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ago sector in the State.

PL Thanga said that his experience in NEC would come in handy in executing projects, and promoting investments, agro ventures and partnership as public-private, public-public and private-private.

Dr MJ Khan, Chairman ICFA announced its launch, a statement said. Dr Khan said that it is the first regional working group of the Council and "we have chosen the North East to due to overall national priority for the country and its emerging strategic importance with the Act East Policy of Government of India."

He added that with opening

of the eastern trade corridor with the neighbouring countries, the Northeastern region (NER) would become a very important engine of trade and economic growth. He said that the working group on NER would facilitate growth of trade and economic opportunities and promote trade, technologies and agri ventures in the region, creating jobs and entrepreneurship.

Director General of ICFA, Alok Sinha said that ICFA would mobilise national and global resources, investments and partnerships through its various national councils for the overall development of agri, horti and livestock sectors in the region, aimed at providing greater market access, value addition and self-employment opportunities in

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Shah will take stock of the party's organisational work in meetings with State BJP leaders and hold a public rally on Sunday.

With BJP and RSS activists allegedly at the receiving end of violence by the ruling Left, traditionally seen as an ideological foe by saffron groups in Kerala and Tripura, the BJP chief has been devoting considerable time to strengthen the organisation in the two States.

Having forfeited security deposit in 47 of the 50 seats it contested in Tripura in the 2013 Assembly election, the BJP has increased its vote share and its candidates finished sec-

ond to winning CPI-M nominees in three byolls held there since.

BJP leaders claim the party has

emerged as the principal challenger to the Left and pointed to the recent defection of a top Trinamool Congress leader and some others to the party.

Less than a week after the BJP

formed government in neighbouring Manipur, virtually the entire State unit of the Trinamool Congress in Tripura had joined the saffron party.

The revolt was led by Ratan Chakrabarty, chairman of the State TMC coordination committee. Chakrabarty had joined BJP with 15 other mem-

bers of the State committee.

BJP has emerged as a strong alter-

native in the State. It is seen by

people as a symbol of development

and hope as the State has witnessed

no progress and the Left has used or-

ganised violence to target us," its

national media head Anil Baluni said.

The party has increased the

number of its primary members to

two lakh in the State from 15,000 in

2014, he said.

The saffron rise has prompted the

Left cadres to attack its workers more

and more, the BJP leader said, citing

10 such instances recently.

The Left leaders have, however,

consistently denied the allegations

and instead blamed the BJP for fan-

ning violence.

CPI-M's Manik Sarkar has been

the State's Chief Minister since 1998.

In 2013, he led his party to a resounding win in 50 out of the State's 60

Assembly seats with the Congress pocketing the rest.

However, the Congress' tie-up

with the Left in West Bengal led to a

mass desertion in its ranks in Tripura.

A nation-wide surge in BJP's vote

share has given the saffron party hope

that it can repeat the success in Tripura when it goes to the polls early next year. – PTI

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4. The tender which do not fulfill all terms and condition of tender notice will be summarily rejected.
5. The tender should be clearly typed or neatly written and the size should be both in figure & words. There should not be any overwriting/glosses in the size quoted.
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Industry hails banking regulation ordinance

NEW DELHI, May 5: The industry and banking sector today hailed the steps taken by the Government and Reserve Bank of India to address the issue of rising non-performing assets (NPA).

"Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act, coming on the heels of the enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and amendments to the SARFAESI and Debt Recovery Tribunal Acts indicate the Government's firm commitment to find a satisfactory solution to the NPA resolution problem," said Arunachal Bhattacharya, Chairman of SBI.

"Empowering the RBI with an explicit mandate should reward various stakeholders for effective NPA resolution. The country and its banking system needs to move quickly and decisively to take benefits of these enabling provisions," she added.

An ordinance empowering the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to tackle bad loans of banks got the presidential nod.

The ordinance, signed by President Pranab Mukherjee today has a provision under which the Central Government may authorise the Reserve Bank of India to issue directions to any banking company to initiate insolvency in respect of a default under the provision of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

It also has provisions for empowering the RBI to issue directions to banking companies for resolution of stressed assets.

The RBI may specify one or more authorities or committees to which it will appoint members to advise banks on resolution of stressed assets.

The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 passed by the Cabinet and promulgated by the office

of President of India is a major step forward towards resolving the NPA menace in a time-bound manner, industry chamber Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) said.

"PICC is fully supportive of the efforts of the Government and has always maintained that in all cases where there is a clear indication of wilful default or malfeasance, the law of land should prevail and firm action should be taken," said A Didar Singh, Secretary General of FICCI.

Reacting to the developments, the ordinance is expected to facilitate banks to adopt resolutions for NPA (non-performing assets) accounts, a banker said today.

State Bank of India's Chief General Manager (Kolkata Circle) Partha Pratim Sengupta said: "In most of the large

accounts it was a difficult task for bankers to take a resolution. With the ordinance, the Reserve Bank of India is expected to ease that problem."

A clear picture will emerge once the details of the ordinance come out, he said on the sidelines of an event organised by Bengal National Chamber of Commerce. Having completed the merger of five associate banks and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank with it, the SBI will rationalise 24 of its branches in Kolkata circle by September, he said.

Kolkata circle comprises Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

"As many as 49 branches of associate banks and three branches of the Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) were merged in the Kolkata circle. Twenty-four branches will be rationalised," Chief General Manager (Kolkata Circle) Partha Pratim Sengupta said. — IANS



Union Textiles Minister Smriti Zubin Irani with her deputy Ajay Tamta presenting awards during a national workshop on 'Promotion of Unique Textiles and Handicrafts for Geographical Indication (GI) and Post-GI Initiatives', in New Delhi on Friday. — UNI

CAPSULE

QuikrServices

MUMBAI, May 5: Online classifieds company QuikrServices today announced the acquisition of Zimber, an on-demand household services provider to further scale its hyperlocal household services business. — PTI

JLR sales

NEW DELHI, May 5: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) today reported retail sales of 40,365 units for April, down 2.3 per cent from the same month last year. — PTI

Strides Shasan

NEW DELHI, May 5: Drug firm Strides Shasan has not made any observations after inspection of its manufacturing unit in Puducherry. — PTI

FICCI Flo

GUWAHATI, May 5: In a recently-held function, Prabidita Bharati took over as chairperson of FICCI Flo North East chapter for the term 2017-18. FLO is the wing of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry which is a 90-year-old business organisation, a press release received here stated.

PTC India

NEW DELHI, May 5: Power trading solution provider PTC India has announced execution of agreements with seven State utilities for sale of wind energy for a total 1049.9 mw. — PTI

India Ratings

NEW DELHI, May 5: Domestic rating agency India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) today said that volatile cooking oil prices may keep the steel sector spread under pressure in the ongoing financial year. — PTI

Rolls-Royce

NEW DELHI, May 5: Rolls-Royce has inked a pact with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) under which the former's MTU Series 4000 engines will be assembled at GRSE's Ranchi facility and later installed in naval vessels. — PTI

India Cements

NEW DELHI, May 5: India Cements Capital Ltd, part of India Cements group, today said it will surrender its registration for non-banking finance company to banking regulator RBI. — PTI

Morgan Stanley

NEW DELHI, May 5: India's economic recovery is expected to pick up pace from the April-June quarter on account of consumption demand revival amid waning demonetisation impact, says a Morgan Stanley report. — PTI

Maruti Suzuki

NEW DELHI, May 5: The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has commenced bookings for its all-new Dzire compact sedan at over 2,000 dealerships across the country. — PTI

Tata Motors

NEW DELHI, May 5: Shares of Tata Motors fell by nearly 4 per cent, wiping out Rs 4,835 crore from its market valuation today after Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) retail sales went down in April. — PTI

AirAsia X

NEW DELHI, May 5: AirAsia X, the long-haul budget arm of the Malaysian airline group AirAsia, will roll out this month a new flight connecting Mumbai with Bali. — PTI

Royal Enfield

NEW DELHI, May 5: Niche bike maker Royal Enfield plans to invest Rs 800 crore during this fiscal on various activities, including its upcoming manufacturing unit near Chennai and new product development. — PTI

Greaves Cotton Ltd

MUMBAI, May 5: Greaves Cotton Ltd today registered 20 per cent jump in net profit at Rs 47 crore for the quarter-ended March 2017 as against Rs 39 crore in the same period last year. — PTI

HUDCO IPO

NEW DELHI, May 5: The Government plans to raise up to Rs 1,224 crore by selling equity shares in the HUDCO's initial public offer (IPO) that will hit the capital market on Monday. — PTI

Tea industry nervy on GST roll-out eve

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, May 5: The tea industry is keeping its fingers crossed amid apprehensions that buyers may avoid purchases during the GST transition period due to the confusion over the modus operandi of the new tax regime which is expected to come into effect from July 1.

The jitters come at a time when the second flush — said to be more bolder and superior among the teas harvested in the State — is set to come to the market. The Central government is preparing to launch the GST, which will change the concept of levy of indirect taxes from July 1.

Secretary of the Guwahati Tea Auction Buyers' Association Dinesh Bihari told *The Assam Tribune* that many issues surrounding the new tax regime are still unclear. "Buyers are in doubt if they would

get the input tax credit on their stocks brought before the GST is officially rolled out. They are also not sure who should make the bills

— whether the garden owners or brokers — and how. Many things, including those regarding the taxation system, are still not clear," Bihari said.

The industry fears that the confu-

sion over such issues may prompt buyers to avoid purchases.

This in turn, sources said, may bring down the demand as well as the prices.

Traders have communicated the issues to the tax authorities, but that has not helped much in clearing the confusion, source said.

Dipanjal Deka, secretary of Tea Association of India (TAI), admitted that there are apprehensions among the buyers in this transition period.

"The worst part is that this (May-end, June) is the time when the second flush comes to the market. The industry is very worried," Deka said.

In 2016, Assam produced 642.18 million kg in comparison to 631.22 million kg in 2015.

Facing tough competition in the world market from Kenyan tea, tea exports from India had gone down 2.46 per cent during the period January to November 2016.

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Bank credit demand rises 7-8% in FY18, bond mkt at 22%

MUMBAI, May 5: A 419.1 per cent in March 2016 of the banking system to aggregate credit growth, low investment demand grows 12 per cent in fiscal 2018 even though the bank credit is seen only growing by 7-8 per cent in the year, said a report.

"We expect the annual growth of corporate bonds to remain significant at 20-22 per cent in fiscal 2018 taking the gross corporate bond issuance to Rs 8.5 trillion from Rs 7.02 trillion in fiscal 2017," Karthik Srinivasan of ICRA said.

As against this, "credit growth of banks is likely to remain muted at 7-8 per cent in the current financial year, as poor capital base of State-run banks

will not pull credit growth, low investment demand from corporates and on top of it if debt markets continue to offer attractive pricing as against bank rates," he said.

As can be noted that bank credit slowed to a 63-year low of 5.1 per cent in fiscal 2017. But higher demand for bonds and CPs resulted in the aggregate lending growth to 12.5 per cent for the year from 12.4 per cent in the previous year.

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Commercial paper (CP) issuances in the March quarter of fiscal 2017 rose by 27 per cent and the CP outstanding recorded a 53 per cent increase to Rs 3.97 trillion at the end of March 2017, he said. — PTI

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According to SEBI data, growth of corporate bond issuances marginally declined in percentage terms to 20.2 per cent in fiscal 2017 to Rs 7.02 trillion

from a higher 22.1 per cent in fiscal 2016, led private placements accounting for the vast majority of 96 per cent of bond issuances with the balance 4 per cent through public offerings.

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Besides rituals, dance is an integral part in all the religious festivals of Meghalaya. It is the only form of community worship among those who still believe in the indigenous religion, *Niam Khas-Niam Tre*. Otherwise, prayer is a personal communication between man and God, *U Blei*, in the simplest of language anywhere, any time. The Khasis believe that every inch of the earth is prayer-worthy and every good word, thought and deed is an offering to *U Blei* and a form of worship unsurpassed by any other.

Dance is the truest form of expression of a community. To understand a people, one must be part of their festivals and watch and understand their dance. Among the important festivals in Meghalaya, we have the *Chijah* Dance and *Bekdehkhram* of the Pras, the *Shad Nokrek* and the *Shad Sui Maw* of the Khasis, and the *Wangdah* Festival of the Garos. This article focuses on the *Shad Suk Mymsion* of the Khasis or the *Garo*. This article focuses on the *Shad Suk Mymsion* of the Khasis or the *Garo*.

This spectacular dance, *Shad Suk Mymsion*, is celebrated in Shillong and all over the State the months of April and May, every year. The first one is held in Shillong, in Lympung

The dance of peaceful hearts



Weiking. The maidens, gloriously attired in traditional finery, dance to the music of drums, flutes and cymbals. Their movement is slow and studied, their eyes cast down, their feet firmly gripping the ground, their faces calm and peaceful. It is a dance of worship.

The female dancers are all virgins and they symbolise purity – the single most important aspect in every sphere of our earthly life. The men, as grandly attired, dance around the maidens, their movement confident and energetic as they wave their yak tail whisks and flashing swords. They symbolise protection, protection of the purity of the entire race. *Ka jin-*

gim ka khuid ka suba, a life that is clean and unblemished is the highest aim of every Khasi. The maidens are referred to as '*thei sotii* – *thei* means 'girl' and *sotii* is 'pure'. This is meant to remind us of the Age of Innocence and Truth – *Sotii Juk*, a period in the history of mankind that one must try to recapture to the best of one's ability and to nurture the divinity within each one of us, which is essential for leading a life of honour and integrity. This is the essence of this annual, after-harvest, Thanksgiving dance. In one visual sweep, as one watches the dance, the philosophy of

an entire community is unravelled. During the three days of the festival, the people show their gratitude to *U Blei* for all the blessings that He has showered on them throughout the year, for the abundant yield of crops and rich harvest, for all the fine clothes, gold and silver that they wear during the dance.

Each item, they believe, is a sign of His love and generosity. His reward for their hard and sincere work and efforts. That is why one sees the extravagance and lavish display of the most exquisite jewellery and clothing. Traditionally, the Khasis are not attuned to displaying

their material wealth. It is not, traditionally, part of their culture and way of life and thought. This dance gives them an opportunity to do so as a mark of respect and gratitude to God. The festival commences with a prayer said by an elder at the *Seng Khasi* Hall in Mawkhar, Shillong. This is followed by the collective prayer in which each one gathered there declares himself a good Khasi "who is well-versed about one's cognates and agnates" and who will adhere to the rules and regulations of tradition as they set forth to worship *U Blei* in a dance of reverence and jubilation.

After the collective prayer by all

those present, the flag carriers lead the procession, the musicians play the *Ksing Lynti*, as the dancers and the rest of those present walk behind the flag and musicians till they reach the venue, Lympung Weiking, one-and-a-half kilometres away. Once they reach Lympung Weiking, the procession takes three full rounds of the grounds, after which a prayer is said and the *Seng Khasi* flag is hoisted. The musicians then play the beat, *Ksing Lum Paid* to announce that the dance is ready to begin. This is followed by the *Ksing Mastieh* as the male dancers dance, while the maidens are engaged in the final touching up of their costume, hair and make-up and then slowly make their way to the ground. The dance then begins with the *Ksing Padish*. There are six different kinds of beats, *Ksing Nalai*, *Ksing Padish*, *Ksing Dium Dium*, *Ksing Klong*, *Ksing Mastieh* and *Ksing Lynti*.

The *Shad Suk Mymsion* in Shillong is followed by dances in the village greens all over these hills. Though these dances are on a smaller scale, the fervour and energy is made more special by the picturesque settings. There they dance "like no one's watching/ like no one's listening/ like they have never been hurt/ like it's heaven on earth".

Soulful music

The Assamese music industry, of late, has been criticised for its musical creations that have been branded as cheap. But the industry seems to be reviving with the advent of three quality music videos. Be it the lyrics, the soothing soulful music or the visionary direction, these songs are marking their mark among the discerning viewers and listeners.

In March, a talented young artiste, Nilopthal Bora released his album *Pincham* at the Pragjyoti ITA, Guwahati and also released his single – *Majuli*, on YouTube, which then went viral in no time at all. The song is a sincere effort to emotive the spirit and lifeblood of the people of Majuli amidst joy and forlorn. It also encapsulates the essence of Majuli, a cultural hub still clapping on to the Vaishnavite cultural heritage of Assam, giving an insight into the countryside through a breathtaking cinematic eye. The direction and

Arindam Barooah

cinematography by Aniruddha Bora is laudable. The music is very impressive with a steady flow of melodious emotions, and the lyric penned by Santanu Rowmuria is heartwarming.



Namami Brahmaputra, sung by an illustrious list of singers, both in the Assamese and Hindi version was released by Assam's Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal and the compos-

er Angaraag (Papon) Mahanta as the anthem for the Namami Brahmaputra River Festival. Both the versions directed by Parasher Baruah speak of the mighty Brahmaputra as powerful, and has a striking attribute that celebrates 'Brahmaputra' and the art, heritage and culture of Assam.

Tok deku yaa by Abhisruti Bezhbarua is another beautiful song to watch out. Abhisruti is a promising artiste in the field of Hindustani classical vocal music. The song heralds the festival of Rongali Bihu celebrated with every moment of joy and merriment. It has been made using live ambient sounds like – chirping of birds, rustling of leaves, surrounding ambience, etc. and ethnic instruments like – the *dhol*, *pepa*, *taal*, *toka* etc., fusing it with electronic elements. Diganta Bharati as composer knits the music so integrally

and beautifully that they emotify that it is full of melody. It has already become hugely popular among the masses; especially the soundtracks, and people are swooning to the tunes and beats of the music.

One of the highlights of the play was the market scene where the young ones did a wonderful job of creating a market ambience. Be it the one who gave religious succour for a price; or the different vendors who sold their fare at the market for the price of a rupee. The musical presentation of the scene was, indeed, delightful. The teat of the play was, of course, the king, who really lived his role to the hilt and was also careful enough not to stoop to caricature. The director is the captain of the ship and this man truly steered his ship to jubilation.

In fool's paradise

They are the "Spring" of the human seasons. And they put up a very entertaining show. Children, indeed, put up a good show on April 25, at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati. The play they produced was *Aandha Nagar Barkot Roja*, under the aegis of Aamkapor, the Sangeet Natak Akademi and the Department of Cultural Affairs, Assam. The play was originally written in Hindi – *Another Nagari Choupat Roja*, and it was ably translated into Assamese by Anupam Kumar. Kumar has been involved with translation for quite some time and in the present play, he has done a good job. He has retained the favour of the original. Even the director has done a good job in creating the right ambience and backdrop of the play in Assamese. The music of the play is a highlight, which has helped to bridge the gap that a translated work sometimes brings to the stage.

The play follows a very simple narrative: a *Sadhu* and his two followers arrive at a place where the price of everything is just a rupee. One of his followers expresses the desire to live in this city where one can have whatever one desires for one rupee. But as one says, the wise "sees" what the ignorant never "foresees". So the holy man realises that to stay back in this land is not without its dangers. But the follower pays no heed to his guru's words of caution. The rest follows a familiar pattern. The city is ruled by a foolish, corrupt and childish ruler. For him, there is no difference between the valuable and the valueless. The court is a bed of deceit and lies and justice is made a mockery of.

So, one day, when a lady comes demanding justice, it is again at stake. The story goes that the victim's goats were killed when a wall fell down on them. So the foolish king tries to pin the blame on different people. And finally, the blame stops at the holy man's follower's doorstep. The verdict is the hanging of the innocent man. By a twist of fate, however, the holy man happens to pass by that way and saves his follower in the nick of time.

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Dhiraj Kumar, the director, is a sincere theatre worker who is tirelessly working to forward the cause. Often, he speaks of working on a shoestring budget, but in spite of that, never quite gives up. So when you see this presentation, your respect for the director grows. Not only for doing a commendable job, but also because he is one of the few who is continuing to focus on theatre involving children and youth. On hindsight, one would still like to add that plays like this can sometime add issues which are current, contemporary to its narrative so as to make it more relevant. And children's theatre can sometimes become a very good medium to push the envelope and it will add layers to the narrative. Theatre can be a good instrument to educate them and sensitise them to become responsible world citizens.



Kangana Ranaut prepping for *Lakshmi*

From prepping up for Ketan Mehta's biopic of Rani Lakshmi to moving on to Telugu director Krish's version of the story, penned by KV Vijayendra Prasad (*Baahubali* fame), actor Kangana Ranaut has already brought enough drama to the big screen adaptation of the warrior queen's life. Now, that the movie, titled *Manikarnika – The Queen of Jhansi*, has finally begun rolling, Kangana wants to do everything that brings attention to her next film in the right way possible.

After reassessing her look from the movie, the actor is now set to unveil its poster, which is said to be 20-feet long, at a press meet in Varanasi. Rani Lakshmi, whose birth name was Manikarnika, was born in Varanasi, in 1828, to a Marathi-Brahmin family, hence, the makers thought it befitting to choose the city on the banks of Ganga to launch its poster. Kangana will also be seen performing the famous Ganga aarti with the film's team. This is Krish's second Hindi film after Akshay Kumar-starrer *Gabbar Is Back*, in 2015. The dialogue and lyrics for *Manikarnika – The Queen of Jhansi* have been penned by Prafull Joshi.

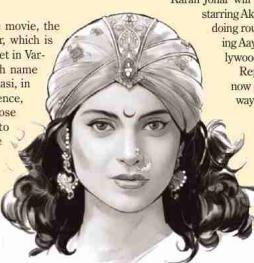
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Salman Khan planning debut for Aayush Sharma

As we all know, Salman Khan's brother-in-law Aayush Sharma was always inclined to join Bollywood. He was always spotted on Salman's sets of *Bajrangi Bhaijaan*, *Sultan* and *Tubelight*. During the shooting of *Prem Ratan Dhan Payo* and *Bajrangi Bhaijaan*, Aayush had learned the ropes of acting and filmmaking. As we had earlier informed, Salman Khan and Karan Johar will be jointly producing a movie starring Aayush Kumar. Now rumours are doing rounds that the duo will be helping Aayush Sharma to get his big Bollywood debut, too.

Reportedly, Aayush Sharma is now going to be launched in a big way by none other than the two biggies, Salman and Karan. It's also said that a solo film is being planned for Aayush, and the pre-production is expected to start from July this year.

The said film will have Karan Johar as the director and producer, along with Salman Khan's production house.



New committee of Natasurjya formed

They he executive committee of a premier cultural organisation Natasurjya, formed after legendary actor-director-playwright Phani Sarma, has recently been formed. The oath-taking ceremony of the 24-member new committee was held at the Guwahati Press Club. The committee was formed with president Pranjal Saikia, working president Pulak Banerjee, vice presidents Upakul Bordoloi, Purima Saikia, Chandrapriya Saikia, Ramkrishna Sarma, general secretary Basanta Barua, joint secretary – Anupam Laskar and Monmoto Barua, besides producer Manoj Das, and publicity secretary Montu Saikia. It needs mention that Natasurjya has been organising a drama festival in the city on August 1 for the last several years, making an invaluable contribution towards the dramatic movement in the State.



Foundation Day of Gauhati Cine Club

On the occasion of its 52nd Foundation Day, the Gauhati Cine Club organised a programme on April 26 at the Kamalabari Auditorium of the Assam State Museum. In the programme, a lecture was delivered by Rajen Rakjhora, well-known sound engineer and film director, on the topic "Sound – the life of film in chronology". In his lecture, Rakjhora stated that films can be termed as *jugalbandi* of art and technology. In fact, a major role is played by Aniksha Phukan – a first for her – who has earned fame through her scripts for telefilms and serials. Incidentally, *Gangs of North East* is also the debut film for Rupak Gogoi, who has previously worked at Zee TV, Star Jalsha, etc., in Mumbai.

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Number of new generation short-film makers have earned fame, exhibiting their films through different mediums. Seven such films were screened at a programme held at the Guwahati Press Club, on April 30. The films have been made on day-to-day events happening around us, but presented in a subtle way. The seven films are – *The Crown*, *Succrates*, *Room No 45*, *A Day in A City*, *Water*, *Sukkriti (Not Done Yet)* and *Daily Soap*. The films have all been scripted by the respective directors.

Short films screened

Gangs of North East, a bi-lingual feature film in Hindi and Khasi language, co-produced by Sanjiv Narain and Benny Lyngdoh, directed by Rupak Gogoi, is nearing completion and awaiting release. The film is made with artesians and technicians from all the Seven Sister states – a first of its kind from the North-East. The story and script are by Aniksha Phukan – a first for her – who has earned fame through her scripts for telefilms and serials. Incidentally, *Gangs of North East* is also the debut film for Rupak Gogoi, who has previously worked at Zee TV, Star Jalsha, etc., in Mumbai.

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

– Features Editor

Politics in poetry

Poetry is voice and the poet is the owner of that voice. When a poet writes a poem, he delivers a new hope for the people of his land. Poetry speaks of, in its best possible way, about land without borders, about river and sky, without an ending, about people without their identity.

Poetry is voice and the poet the chronicler of our dead and live histories.

Sananta Tanty is one of the foremost voices in Assamese poetry. It was 1981 — a year before I was born, when his first collection of poems had come out; Assamese poetry got a new lease of life. Along with the emergence of another strong voice, Sameer Tanty, he had taken the dimension and reach of Assamese poetry to a new level. Although Assamese poetry is always routed, and lyrical, Sananta Tanty has dug below the routes and made Assamese poetry more lyrical as well as political.

Prof Ananda Borumodhi, the well-known critic, had once written: "Political awareness has always been there in Assamese poetry but the politically committed poets were seen as a separate group till the '60s. The '60s saw the convergence of two parallel streams. In the '70s, a new group of young poets began to raise their voices of protest. They were Samir Tanty, Sananta Tanty, Inan Puzaari, Jatin Das, Kumar Borgohain and a few others."

For a general reader of Assamese poetry, Sananta and 'protest' is synonymous, often, by virtue of its new idiom, structure and language. Sananta is highly political, in its sense and language. Every poem Sananta writes, he writes for the people, for

the masses. He speaks of the agony and misery of his own people, and at the same time, he can talk about the injustice towards the Africans elsewhere. He takes off from his own coolie line, along with his own, and may land up anywhere, to echo the voices of the oppressed.

Dr Kamal Kumar Tanti

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Those who are progressive, liberal in thought, democratic in attitude and put a firm stand against communism have recognised the Ten Tribes or the Adivasis as one of the most important communities contributing to the formation of the greater Assamese society. It is equally true

that the Tea Tribes or the Adivasis of Assam are a branch of the greater Adivasi society of the country. And Sananta Tanty has given the Adivasis of Assam a new and rooted identity.

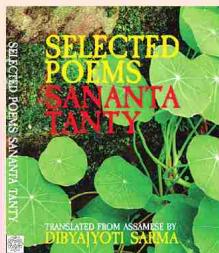
Reading Sananta Tanty in Assamese is a different experience

fragmented identities of the 'Assamese'. After those years, the term Assamese has never been the same, although the formation of a greater Assamese nationality was on the verge. And this is the reason why he picked up a new political language, and adopted the same in his verses. And that makes Sananta Tanty a rare, distinct poet of his times.

His poems also portray the two lost centuries of migration and the after-lives of the Adivasi immigrants in the new soil of Assam. In the post-colonial era of Assam, it's interesting to observe the rise and growth of subaltern voices in Assamese literature, and a subsequent amount of literature is either written on or by the most oppressed community during the colonial period. After Independence, there have been a few committed and literate writers from the Adivasi community who started writing on their contemporary lives and culture. Although there are chances that they could have started writing protest poetry and other literatures, but this actually started in the late '70s, during a period of Leftist Movements in Assam.

Sananta was a close observer of the turbulent times in the '80s and '90s of the last century, which was the most happening period of Assam history. And his poems are a close portrayal of these times. The reflections of different themes and perspectives of the contemporary times, made the verses of Sananta timeless and boundary-less. It was his rare voice coming through his poetry that made us read and re-read his poems over and over again, in the last several decades.

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altogether, in the sense that, he adopted the language in his youth, and expressed himself in it, without any hesitation. It is a fact that he spoke a very different Assamese, in its tone and language, in the times, when Assamese nationalism was at its peak, and slowly taking pace for

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The Lord in verse

There was a time when religious and numerous other writings were penned and published in verse-style. The modern Assamese language which we speak and write today is said to have originated from the Assamese *Borgowali* language, polarised by *Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva* through his versified writings in the language, which appears to be on the wane. With a view to keeping *Borgowali* alive, writer Dinesh Kakati Nath, after realising that roots and heritage are always important for survival, took it upon himself as a duty to try and keep the language alive for eternity.

Dinesh Kakati Nath's recently published 500-page book *Sri Sri Krishnar Gokul-Brindaban Lila* is just a small part of the Holy book *Srimad Bhagawat Puran*, authored by Ved Vyas. Writer Kakati Nath has beautifully used *Pada*, *Lachari*, *Dulori*, *Tripodhi*, *Muktauli*, *Poyer*, *Jhula*, among other styles of verse to express and compile this 200-chapter volume.

Kakati Nath vividly describes Lord Sri Krishna's *Lila* and *Mahima* since His birth and tries to give a glimpse of the *Srimad Bhagawat*. The writer is aided by his deep knowledge of the books – *Haribhakta Puran*, *Brahmaboidya Puran*, *Kirtan Ghosa*, *Naam Ghosha*, *Sri Krishna Prem Tarangini*, *Geta Govind*, *Jayadevkruti*, *Sri Krishna's Kirtan* and *Sandu Das*.

Killing the mighty and cruel King Kansa, his own uncle, Baby Krishna brings peace to earth. Age after age, there has been appearance of God in human form in the planet to kill the demons and establish peace on earth. Lord Krishna did not come to Earth just to kill Kan-



Kasturi Borgohain Das

sa. During the Dwarop *Yug*, Lord Krishna heralds an era of peace and tranquillity by removing the misfortunes that prevailed on earth and spreading love and kindness among the people. The relevance of *Mahakavya Mahabharata* is still there and will be there forever, as the wise opine.

In the Kurukshetra War, Arjuna was accompanied by his beloved friend Sri Krishna. Although, Lord Krishna did not carry any weap-

on during the course of the entire war, the whole war was fought with Krishna's intelligence and strategy. The main aim of the war was to fight injustice and to establish justice, peace and religion. The holy book *Gita* contains nothing but the *Anuradha* (Holy utterings) made by Sri Krishna to Arjuna at the beginning and in the middle of the Kurukshetra War.

Writer Kakati Nath laboured hard to complete this voluminous book. Because only thorough research on many holy books like the *Mahabharata*, *Srimad Bhagawat Geeta*, among others, and dedicated hard work one can hope to complete a volume like the present one in a near-easier language like *Brajawali*. Small wonder that it took Kakati Nath nearly seven arduous years to complete *Sri Sri Krishnar Gokul-Brindaban Lila*.

Noted litterateur and former Asam Sahitya Sabha president Kanak Sen Deka, in his foreword to the book writes, it's a "result of long duration of research", while in his preface to the book poet and litterateur Ram Goswamee describes the effort of writer Kakati Nath as Herculean, especially when there has been hardly any effort from anyone to write in the ancient Assamese language, amidst the popularity that modern Assamese language is enjoying, despite the fact that Assamese *Brajawali* is the main foundation of our language and literature.

Therefore, as long as we remember and do our bit for *Brajawali*, it will be like doing our duty for the cause of our own ancient Assamese language and literature.

prelude

The Union Territory of Puducherry, known for its French culture and heritage, is host to the annual Villianur Temple Car Festival. This festival is a major one for the region and a classic example of the eclectic mix of Tamil and French culture. It is a Hindu festival which celebrates the local deity Thirumangai Alvar. On this day, a long procession takes the deity on an ornately decorated chariot up to the temple of the same name in Villianur, Puducherry. Hundreds of devotees throng and accompany the chariot as it makes its way through the streets. Along the way, they distribute curd, buttermilk, rice and other items to the crowds. You'll also find several tourists in attendance, curiously looking at the procession and sometimes partaking in it. The date of the festival is determined by the local calendar, a full moon day.

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harmonisers

From Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat –

- 2) This weapon is called a spear-like disk which had 108 pointed edges used by the Hindu God Vishnu. The weapon was used by Krishna to behead Shishupala at the *Rajasuya Yagna* of Emperor Yudhisthira. Which weapon?
- 3) *Karchi Puja* is one of the most popular festivals and a week-long *puja* which falls in the month of July on the eighth day of the New Moon. It is celebrated in the temple premises of 14 gods. In which Northeastern State of India is this festival celebrated?
- 4) Which famous painter painted *The Battle of Anghiari*, a battle fought between Florence and Milan in 1440?
- 5) In Buddhism, the word *Dharma* is mentioned often and is symbolised by a wheel. What is *Dharma*?

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■ Neelopal Deka

side screen

1) Picture Clue: Known as the father of bibliography, he was also a Swiss naturalist, botanist, physician and classical linguist. Just name him. (Sangeeta Roy, Dispur College, Guwahati)



unities

From Partha Jyoti Baruah, Tangla College –

- 6) Released in November, 2016, what is unusual about the filming method of *Tangerine*?
- 7) Raj Kapoor-Nargis starer *Chori Chori* was inspired from which Hollywood classic?
- 8) Who played Superman in the Hindi version of the film, in 1987?

do-re-me

- 9) In Japan, what is a *Hina-Matsuri* festival? (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)
- 10) Name the first Bollywood film of Sridevi. (Jyoti Nath, Sipajhar)
- 11) Which musician was known as Satchmo? (Tushi Das, Dimapur, Nagaland)

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A fitting tribute

RD Goswami

Oja Sanbadik, Sahitya-Kandari Lakshmi Nath Phookan encapsulates the life and work of the premier journalist of Assam – in a series of articles by noted personalities. That Phookan, in addition to being a journalist, being the founding editor of the premier English newspaper of North-East India, *The Assam Tribune* from 1939 to 1964, when he retired, was also a sensitive writer of Assamese poetry and prose, is a fact unknown to many. Joykanta Sarma, a veteran journalist himself and the editor of the book under review, aptly summarises Phookan in these opening words, "Lakshmi Nath Phookan (1894-1975) is a legend in the field of journalism in Assam". Carrying out his responsibilities in the midst of life's vicissitudes, struggles for life and livelihood, in a career spanning more than 50 years, he was probably the first 'professional' Assamese journalist.

Articles shedding light on various facets of the life and work of Lakshmi Nath Phookan, by eminent personalities like Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, Navakanta Barua, Chandraprasad Saikia, Rabindranath Borooah, Ajit Kumar Sarma, Naren Chandra Rajphau, Prafulla Chandra Barua, Atulamanda Goswami, Dr Gobinda Prasad Sarma, Dr Benikanta Kakoti and Nilamani Phukan have been included in the book.

Phookan began his journalistic career in 1915 in a newspaper called *Alochoni* and retired as the Editor of *The Assam Tribune* on July 31, 1964. "We only know that he worked with *Alochoni*, *Amrit Bazar Patrika*, *Forward*, *Sadanya Asomya*, *Dinik Barati*, *Nutan Parashu*, *Hindustan Standard* and lastly at *The Assam Tribune*. He became well-versed with reporting and editing. He also wrote for famous papers like *Modern Review*, *East and West*, *New India Pioneer*", says Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya.

He acquired enough knowledge and expertise to handle all the work a journalist should be able to – from correcting proofs to editing, writing news, editorials to making the layout of the pages and followed all the rules and ethics of the profession to the T. He was an idealist and whatever he learnt and acquired, he taught his colleagues and subordinates too at *The Assam Tribune*.

Phookan also wrote five story collections – *Mama, Uphealding, Moromor Madhuri*, *Aakash Uthillo Pran* and *Anando Nodhore Hyia*. Navakanta Barua says that Lakshmi Nath's stories centred around the middle class people's experiences, ironies, etc., but he never tried to cross the line. He had also penned a novel and a poetry collection. He also had a journalistic work to his credit, *Mahatmar Pora Rupkoneuordoi*, which won him a Sahitya Akademi award.

The book, in fact, was first published as a collection of speeches delivered by some of the personalities at a memorial meeting held on the 15th death anniversary of Phookan on April 4, 1991, at the Guwahati Press Club. Some more articles were later included and the book was again published as a tribute to the founding Editor of *The Assam Tribune* on its Platinum Jubilee. It is, indeed, a fitting tribute to the first professional journalist of Assam.

Enriching experience

Chayanika Bhuyan

Once again, the Assamese poetry has been enriched with a new ocean of human emotions in its language of rhythm – through a voluminous work, a collection of more than 500 poems by Gitali Baruah, a versatile writer from Bilashpara. As in her other literary works, a beautiful picture of this mythologically vibrant region of the country gets reflected in many of her poems, too. A strong sense of belongingness to the soil of her origin is evident in poems like *Netai Dhunbir Ghatai*, *Satis December*, *Jogighor Pora Pancharatra*, etc.

One can discover the hidden beauty of the poems as one keeps on unveiling the images, metaphors, personifications lying on them, layer after layer. *Nirbasita Kobita* embraces in itself a variety of subjects. Everywhere we can feel the creator's emotions forming a mental journey of thought and emotions in the readers. Poetry does not follow rules and presumptions. Gitali Baruah's poems, too, do not seem to fit firmly into the framework of modern poetry, but her poems are a spontaneous overflow of emotions.

Instinctive and emotional themes come to the surface. The poet never fails to portray the very essence of all serenity in human existence. Going through her poetry, the readers would be able to discover the meaning of beauty, in general. And in the whole process, Gitali Baruah has done justice in her lucid and vivid way of poetic expression.

- 12) What is the name of the taxi driver played by Robert De Niro in the 1976 film *Taxi Driver*? (Niranjan Baruah, Lakhimpur)

- 13) Name the first Hindi movie to receive the National Award. (Partha Jyoti Baruah, Tangla)

- 14) What was the original name of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, before it was upgraded and made into the first full-fledged medical college in North-East India? (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)

crescendo

- 15) In addition to Assamese, which other language from Assam has been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India? (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)

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Brexit a tragedy and EU partly to blame: Juncker

FLORENCE (Italy), May 5: European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker today described Brexit as a "tragedy" that had happened partly as a result of the European Union's past mistakes.

In a speech in Florence, the head of the EU's executive arm warned of rough negotiations to come but also struck a more conciliatory tone after the first round of contacts on a Brexit deal degenerated into a cross-Channel war of words.

"Our British friends have decided to leave, which is a tragedy," the former Luxembourg Prime Minister told the European University Institute's State of the Union conference.

"I don't want anyone to underestimate the real importance of this sovereign decision of the British people. It is not a small thing but we must and will negotiate in all 'fairness' with our British friends."

"But I would like to recall here that there should be no doubt that it is not the EU abandoning the UK, it is the opposite. They are abandoning the EU and this is a difference of status that must and will be felt over the next few years."

9 killed, 45 hurt as Afghan forces fire on Pak census team

KARACHI, May 5: Afghan border forces today opened fire on Pakistani security personnel guarding a census team in the border town of Chaman in restive Balochistan province, killing nine people and injuring 45 others, Pak Army said.

The Afghan border forces started shelling at Kali Lughman and Kali Jahangir areas early this morning targeting security personnel guarding a census team in Chaman area, Army spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor said.

Five children and three women were among those killed, while four Frontier Corps personnel are among the 45 injured.

The Pakistani army said the Afghan border guards' opened fire despite the fact that Afghan authorities had been informed in advance about the census exercise in Pakistan.

"Since April 30, Afghan Border Police had been creating hurdles in [the] conduct of census in divided villages of Kili Lughman and Kili Jhangir in Chaman area, the Pakistani side of the border," the military's media wing said.

Additional contingents of

Eman Ahmed admitted to Abu Dhabi hospital

ABU DHABI, May 5: Eman Ahmed, the Egyptian belle who has been the world's heaviest woman, was admitted to a hospital here to undergo year-long physical and psychological rehabilitation after shedding over 300kg in a drastic weight-loss operation in India.

Ahmed, 37, weighed about 500 kilogrammes when she went for surgery in Mumbai in February, but has shed an astonishing 323 kg since undergoing a series of medical procedures. With her weight now at 176.6kg, she will begin a year-long course of physiotherapy at VPS Burjeel Hospital in Abu Dhabi.

Yesterd... Ahmed had a comfortable flight from Mumbai to Abu Dhabi, Yassin El Shahat, the hospital's chief medical officer, said.

"I asked her personally how the journey was and she said she was very happy and it went very smooth," said El Shahat.

"Twenty doctors and specialists have been assigned to make a proper assessment and come up with a proper management plan, both short and long term," said El Shahat. Sanet Meyer, director of medical evacuation at Burjeel, said the hospital "arranged for a hydraulic stretcher from Italy for Eman's journey".

According to reports, the room in which she has been kept has a tailor-made toilet that can bear the patient's weight.

"She is confined to the bed now. But after considering weight loss and when she becomes mobile, our intention is to train her to use the toilet," CEO of Burjeel Hospital Raja Gujju was quoted as saying by the Khaleej Times. - PTI



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects the defence detachment on Jangjae Islet and the Hera Defence Detachment on Mu Islet located in the southernmost part of the waters off the southwest front, on Friday. - UNI

200 Indonesian prisoners flee jail

JAKARTA, May 5: About 200 inmates broke out of an overcrowded prison in western Indonesia today, rushing out of the jail after they were let out of their cells to pray, officials said.

Almost 80 were quickly recaptured after the incident, which occurred when prison guards allowed inmates to take part in Friday prayers in the Muslim-majority nation.

Police have put road blocks in the city and launched a massive hunt for the inmates still on the loose. Dusak said the trigger was discontent over the head guard, whom prisoners want replaced.

The male-only prison has a capacity of 300 people but was holding 1,870 inmates, with only five guards and a porter on duty at any one time, Dusak said. - AFP

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"About 200 escaped, but at least 77 people have been re-captured," local police spokesman Gunter Aryo Tejo told AFP.

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South Asian leaders hail India

NEW DELHI, May 5: South Asian leaders on Friday hailed India for the successful launch of its India-initiated South Asia Satellite.

"On today's auspicious occasion, I congratulate the Government of India (for the successful launch)," Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was quoted as saying by the Indian Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

"Happy to be able to talk to PM Narendra Modi and other esteemed leaders," she said, according to a series of tweets by the PMO.

An Indian rocket with the over two-tonne South Asia Satellite or GSAT-9, intended to address the region's "economic and developmental priorities," blasted off from the Sriharikota spaceport on Friday evening.

Precisely at 1.57 pm, the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F09) rose into the sky from the second launch pad at the

Satellite launch

Satish Dhawan Space Centre at the spaceport in Andhra Pradesh.

The 49 metre-tall, 415-tonne rocket will sling into orbit, the 2,230 kg South Asia Satellite, intended as an Indian Gift for use by its fellow South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations

save Pakistan, which had opted out, stating

"it's own space programme".

In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had tasked the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to develop a satellite for use by the SAARC countries.

Hasina also said that betterment of our people happen through fruitful engagement".

Stating that development must be citizen centric, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said

Friday's development "is child centred and women centred, it makes governance accessible."

"Through this cooperation, we have to work for the poor and the deprived," the PMO quoted Ghani as saying.

Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay said: "Launch of this satellite, our satellites, augurs well for our region and for nations like Bhutan."

He expressed his gratitude to "visionary leader" Modi "for dedicating it to the common progress of the South Asian region."

"This gift from India is an example of true friendship and cooperation. It will bring common progress of our region," Tobgay said.

"Launch of the South Asia Satellite (is a) his

toric moment for the world, it ushers in a new era of regional cooperation."

"Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas", says President Abubula Yameen," the PMO cited the Maldives President as saying.

The PMO also quoted Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena as saying that this initiative would "support people in all regions, enhance economic conditions and help in eliminating poverty".

"This initiative will provide assistance to many priority areas of the region," Sirisena said.

"It is an honour to congratulate you on this historic occasion," he told Modi.

Costing around Rs 235 crore, the satellite was initially known as the SAARC Satellite but with Pakistan deciding to keep out, it is now called the South Asia Satellite. Its life span is over 12 years. - IANS

14 killed, 28 injured in UP

ETAH (UP), May 5: Fourteen people were today killed and 28 others injured when a truck carrying a marriage party fell into a canal here.

The incident occurred near Sarai Neem in Jalesar area at around 3 AM when the truck was returning from Agra, the police said.

Etah is four hours drive from the national capital.

Condoling the loss of lives in the accident, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the kin of each those killed and Rs 50,000 each for those seriously injured in the accident.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also announced Rs 2 lakh compensation to the next of kin of the deceased, Rs 50,000 to the seriously injured and Rs 25,000 to those with minor injuries. The injured were rushed to hospital.

"My thoughts are with all those who lost their loved ones in the accident in Etah, UP. May those injured in the accident recover quickly," the Prime Minister said.

In January, 15 children were killed and 20 injured when their school bus collided with a lorry amid dense fog on Aliganj-Patali road in the district. - PTI

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVIDING MANPOWER SERVICES ON OUTSOURCING BASIS

Expression Of Interest (EOI)s are invited from Government registered agencies fulfilling all terms and conditions for providing manpower services (Security Guard, Attendant & Cleaner/Sweepers on outsourcing basis at (1) Government of Assam, (2) State Capital Development Authority, Dibrugarh (4) Banks Polytechnic, Bokakhat (5) Kamrup Polytechnic, Barakhat Chariali (6) Dhemaji Polytechnic, Silchar (7) Sonitpur Polytechnic, Dhekaijuli (8) Golaghat Polytechnic, Forkating (9) Lakhimpur Polytechnic, Bhipuri (10) Sibsagar Polytechnic, Dimapur (11) Kaliabari Polytechnic, Nagaon (12) Dibrugarh Polytechnic, Dibrugarh Engineering College, Karimganj for a period of 1 (one) year. The EOI documents may be downloaded from the website www.dteassam.in on 08/05/2017. Interested agencies fulfilling all the terms and conditions may apply for the EOI documents for the period of 08/05/2017 to 10/05/2017 during the office hours in the Office of the Director of Technical Education, Assam, Kaliabari, Guwahati-19 (a separate box for submission of EOIs will be placed at the office of DTE). The EOI sent by Post / Courier Email shall not be accepted. The date of issue of the required EOI documents is 08/05/2017 up to 2.00 P.M. The Technical Bid & Commercial bid will be opened on the same day i.e. 29.05.2017 at 3.00 P.M. in the presence of agencies who wish to be present on the same day, but the opening of financial bids will be done at a later date.

Important note: All the EOs in its two separate covers—First cover superscribed as—Technical Bid — Envelope A" containing Annexure I, II & III and other supporting documents and second cover superscribed as "Financial bid—Envelope B" containing Annexure IV. Both the EOs shall be submitted in one envelope. The EOs should never be submitted in two separate envelopes. The EOs should be superscribed as "EOI FOR PROVIDING MANPOWER SERVICES ON OUTSOURCING BASIS" and addressed to the Director of Technical Education, Assam, Kaliabari, Guwahati-19. The EOI should not be put in the cover containing "Financial Bid" Envelope B.

Sd/- Director of Technical Education, Assam
Janaansyog/499/19
Kaliabari, Guwahati-19

NOTICE TO Bidders

1. Sealed quotation on plain papers affixing non-refundable Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paisa) only are invited from interested Suppliers, Dealers, Distributors, Manufacturers or their authorized agents for supply of miscellaneous articles for Assam Industrial Security Force, Br-II, Chabua, DBR during the current financial year 2016-17. (List enclosed).

2. The quotation must reach the undermentioned on or before 20.05.2017 up to 12.30 P.M. tender submitted thereafter will not be accepted under any circumstances.

3. Tender will be open on the same day at same time in the office of the Commandant Assam Industrial Security Force, Br-II, Chabua, DBR in presence of intending tenderers or their authorized representatives by the undersigned in the Br. HQ.

4. The date and time of opening of tenders and condition of tender notice will be summarily rejected.

a) The tender should be clearly typed or neatly written and the rate should be both in figure & words. There should be no any overwriting/erasures in the rates and words.

b) The tender containing the tender should be superscripted at the top as "TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES".

(i) The name and address of the authorized dealer (i.e. (v) Price of the items, (ii) Reference of the items no. of the tender, (iv) Name of the manufacturer, (v) Items fall under GDS-II and Br-II contract must be clearly mentioned.

c) The tenderer who must furnish a registration certificate of the institution of Finance.

All tenderers must submit the following documents Photostat copy and duly attested by Gazetted Govt. officer along with their tender.

1. Income tax clearance certificate for last year.

2. Up-to-date sales tax clearance certificates.

3. State valid Municipal Trade License.

4. PAN card.

5. VAT registration certificate and Tin no.

6. Commercial Registration certificate from recognized Bank.

7. The accepted tenders must deposit security money of Rs. 5000.00 (Five thousand) Rs. 3000.00 (rupees three thousand) only in case of SC/ST, in the form of Brash draft in favour of the Commandant Assam Industrial Security Force, Br-II, Chabua, DBR.

8. An agreement must be signed in writing in first party i.e. Commandant Assam Industrial Security Force, Br-II, Chabua, DBR and the 2nd party the tenderer whose tender is accepted for supply of the materials.

9. The tenderer will have to be made by the selected supplier at their cost at the Br-II office, Chabua.

10. TheCommandant Assam Industrial Security Force, Br-II, Chabua, DBR reserve the right to place any order for supply of the articles even after acceptance of the formal contract agreement on which no claim or compensation whatsoever will be entertained an to the lowest rate.

11. The rate quoted by the tenderers will remain operative for entire financial year 2017-18 and it will be binding on the part of contractor to supply the articles as per quoted rates if accepted by the Department.

12. No representation to the tenders of any kind whatsoever directly or indirectly tantamount to canvassing in their favour will be considered and such representation may result in summary in rejection of such tender.

13. TheCommandant Assam Industrial Security Force, Br-II, Chabua, DBR, reserve the right to reject any tender(s) or any item(s) in a tender without assigning any reason. The decision of the Commandant will be final and binding in this regard.

Sd/-Commandant
A.I.S.F. Br-II, Niz-Chabua,
P.O. Chabua, Dist. Dibrugarh,
Pin No.785104 Assam.

Janaansyog/483/17



Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi during a discussion with a Sikh delegation in New Delhi on Friday. - UNI

Nancy Pelosi to meet Dalai Lama

DHARAMSALA, May 5: A US delegation led by Democratic Party leader in the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi will meet the Dalai Lama next week in this Indian town, an official said on Friday.

US Congressmen are accompanying Pelosi, a long-time supporter of the Tibetan cause. They are Jim Sensenbrenner, Eliot Engel, Jim McGovern, Judy Chu, Joyce Beatty and Pramila Jayapal.

China views the Dalai Lama as a hostile element bent on splitting Tibet from China.

The Congressmen will be welcome the first visit by a high-level bipartisan delegation of the US

Government-in-exile on May 9-10, a Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) spokesperson told IANS.

Besides meeting the Dalai Lama, they will meet CTA functionaries, a prime minister in-exile and Prime Minister-in-exile Lobsang Sangay.

The CTA is organising a public felicitation in honour of the Congressional delegation's visit. The Dalai Lama will grace the public felicitation on May 10 at the Tsuglagkhang temple, located close to the spiritual leader's palace.

The Dalai Lama lives in exile along with some 100,000 Tibetans, over 100,000 of them in India.

Over six million Tibetans live in Tibet.

The Tibetan exile administration is not recognised by any country. - IANS

Rajasthan Govt transfers 77 IAS, 46 IPS officers

JAIPUR, May 5: In a major reshuffle, the Rajasthan government today transferred 77 IAS officers, including 16 district collectors, and 46 IPS officers.

Seven districts have got a new collector and superintendent of police.

Chairman of the Rajasthan Housing Board A Mukhopadhyay will head the Rajasthan Civil Service Appellate Tribunal.

Umesh Kumar currently posted as the additional chief secretary - industries, DMIC, will replace Mukhopadhyay.

Rajibans Upadhyay, additional chief secretary in the Department of Higher and Technical Education, has been shifted to the Higher and Sanskrit Education Department.

Additional Chief Secretaries Vipin Chandra

Sharma and Rajiv Swaroop, Principal Secretaries Sanjay Dixit, Subodh Agrawal and Raj Kumar Mishra were among other senior officers who have been given new assignments.

District collectors in Bikkaner, Bhilwara, Jalore, Sikar, Kota, Dungarpur, Jaipur, Jhunjhunu, Udaipur, Bundi, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Alwar, Rajsamand and Pali have also been transferred.

Additional District Generals of Police Sunil Kumar Mehrotra, D S Dinkar, Ravi Prakash Mehera; Inspector Generals of Police Sanjiv Kumar Narayan and S Sengathir; Deputy Inspector Generals of Police B L Meena, Hari Prasad Sharma and Mahesh Kumar Goyal are among the 46 IFS officers who have been replaced, according to an order issued by the Department of Personnel. - PTI

PIA to suspend Mumbai-Karachi flight

MUMBAI, May 5: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), which operates a weekly flight between Mumbai and Karachi, will suspend its service from May 11.

The national flag carrier of Pakistan operates the flight on Thursday.

"Pakistan International Airlines, in a communication to authorities concerned, has said that its Karachi-Mumbai flight will not be open for sale (bookings) from May 11," a company associated with the flight operation told PTI here.

However, the PIA communication did not specify the reason for suspension of its flight service, a company official said. - PTI

EXAMINATION NOTICE FOR THE POSTS OF LDA/COPYIST/TYPIST

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI (The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur)

A common Written Test (objective type/multiple choices) on Answer scripts in connection with direct recruitment of LDA/Copyist/Typist for the subordinate Courts of Assam including Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong Districts (advertisement dated 10/11/2016 and 29/03/2017) will be held on 11/06/2017 (Sunday). Candidates are advised to go through the advertisement and rules and regulations available on the official website of the High Court w.e.f. 30/05/2017.

Other details of the examination such as selection process, details of the written test, provisional list of candidates, etc can be seen in the relevant notification published in the official website www.gchonline.gov.in & Notice Board of the Gauhati High Court.

By Order,
Sd/- M.K. Kalita
Registrar (Admin)-cum-In Charge,
Centralized Recruitment,
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
Janaansyog/1252/17

INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR COMMISSIONING OF WEB APPLICATION

No. 05/2017-18
The Mission Directorate, Swach Bharat Mission - Gramin, Government of Assam invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Software Consultancy firms/companies for designing, developing, testing and implementing a web application to monitor the activities and outcomes of Swach Bharat Mission - Gramin - Assam.

Interested firms/companies may submit detail proposal for the above assignment, as per the brief contained in the Annexure-I (Terms of Reference). The proposals have to be submitted in two parts system (Technical & Financial). The Technical bid may be accompanied by Annexure-3 (Financial bid) to be submitted separately. The address referred to Annexure-3 (Financial bid) will be the address of The Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation* payable at SBI, Guwahati and should also be accompanied by a court fee of Rs. 8.25/- (Rupees eight and Twenty Five Paisa only). The details of the EOI may be downloaded from www.aphe.gov.in.

The address referred to above is:
The Mission Directorate, SSB (G), Assam
Office (The Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation,
Hengrabari, Guwahati-35
Janaansyog/469/17

Sd/- Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation,
Hengrabari, Guwahati-35
Chamrani, Guwahati-3

Note:- Any modification of tender may be seen in the P.W.D. portal www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.
Guwahati Building Circle-II,
Chamrani, Guwahati-3

Date : 05/06/2017

PRESS NOTICE

The Engineering, PWD, Guwahati Building Circle-II on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids for the following works involving of similar nature work from APNO registered Class-A / B & C Contractors. Details of the works being carried out are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Approx. Value of Work	Approx. Date of Completion	Delivery Schedule	Bid Security	Delivery Period
1.	Construction/Renovation of Conference Hall including accommodation for the Office of the State Vigilance Commissioner, Assam, located in the O/o at Laddo Building, Parbatpur.	Rs. 62,11,349.00	Rs. 1,84,227.00 for General Construction, Rs. 92,11,349.00 for reserved category	EE PWD, Guwahati Building Division-J, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-1	06 (six) months	Rs. 3,000.00

Note:- Any modification of tender may be seen in the P.W.D. portal www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.
Guwahati Building Circle-II,
Chamrani, Guwahati-3

Date : 05/06/2017

INVITATION FOR E-BID (FB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

e-Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in from the intending manufacturer/Accredited Dealers for supply Permanent Pacemaker for use in Medical College Hospital of Assam, under the Health & F & W Department, Govt. of Assam e-Tender in two Bid System affixed Court Fee Stamp Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paisa) only (for local Tenders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten only) (in case of Tenders to be conducted outside the state of Assam) in favour of "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Siem Reap, Cambodia, Khamphang, Assam, Guwahati-781022".

Important dates of the e-Tender

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e-Tender Publishing	06-05-2017	10 AM	-NA-	-NA-
2.	e-Tender download	12-05-2017	11 AM	25-05-2017	1 P.M
3.	Date & time for Bid Submission	12-05-2017	1 P.M	26-05-2017	3 P.M

4. Brief Schedule

Sl. No.	Description (Name of the Items)	Bid Security (E.M.D.)	Delivery schedule/Completion Period	Tender fees in Rs.	Eligibility
1.	Supply of Permanent pacemaker	Rs. 5,000/- Lakh	10 days	Rs. 5,000/-	Manufacturer accredited Dealer

The detailed information of Bidding documents are available in online through e-procurement system i.e. through website www.assamtenders.gov.in only. The bidders would be required to register in the website for submission of the bids. The bidders are required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. As per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, the bidders are required to register with the e-procurement portal available on the website indicated above. The tender fees is non refundable and payable in favour of the "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Siem Reap, Cambodia, Khamphang, Assam, Guwahati-781022".

The bid document can be downloaded from www.assamtenders.gov.in. The Bidder who has downloaded the tender documents containing the tender details and terms and conditions from the website shall submit their bid online on the website <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in> in the prescribed manner. The Bidder shall pay the bid amount in the form of payment of EMD of Rs. 4,00,000/- in the form of crossed Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of Member-Secretary, SLMA on any Nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati only. For successful bidder EMD will be converted to Security Deposit and shall be returned on the date of award of contract. The Bidder shall pay the bid amount in the form of payment of EMD of Rs. 4,00,000/- in the form of crossed Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of Member-Secretary, SLMA on any Nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati only. The bidder cover should be superseded with the details of the tender and other clauses mentioned in the tender document.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement, the bidder should have the valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II scrip to be registered in the portal <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in> by the bidders themselves.

Sub letting of the bid-contract is strictly prohibited and liable for cancellation if detected at any stage.

SCHEDULE TO THE INVITATION OF TENDER:

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	Tender publishing	11-05-2017	10 AM	-NA-	-NA-
2.	Tender download	12-05-2017	11 AM	25-05-2017	1 P.M
3.	Date & time for Bid Submission	12-05-2017	1 P.M	26-05-2017	3 P.M
4.	(Technical) Bid opening	29-05-2017	11 AM	-NA-	-NA-

5. Document Fee Re. 5000/- DD/ Banker Cheque in favour of Member-Secretary, SLMA on any Nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted online to the website <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in> before the last date and time of submission of tender. The bidder cover should be superseded with the details of the tender and other clauses mentioned in the tender document.

6. EMD Re. 4,00,000/- DD/ Banker Cheque in favour of Member-Secretary, SLMA on any Nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati only.

Sd/- Member Secretary, SLMA.

Date : 03-05-2017

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Member-Secretary, SLMA and Commissioner & Secretary - Secondary Education Department invites e-Tender for supply of Permanent Pacemaker for use in Medical College Hospital of Assam, under the Health & F & W Department, Govt. of Assam e-Tender in two Bid System affixed Court Fee Stamp Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paisa) only (for local Tenders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten only) (in case of Tenders to be conducted outside the state of Assam) in favour of "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Siem Reap, Cambodia, Khamphang, Assam, Guwahati-781022".

Important dates of the e-Tender

Pelosi leads Congressional team to India, Nepal

WASHINGTON, May 5: Top Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi is leading a bipartisan Congressional delegation to India and Nepal focusing on strengthening bilateral economic and security relations, her office has said.

The delegation will also visit Germany and Belgium with an aim to focus on global economy, bilateral and multilateral relations and human rights.

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, the first Indian-American woman to be elected to the US House of Representative, will be accompanying Pelosi on the trip, a statement said yesterday.

"Our bipartisan delegation travels at a vital time in the US relationship with India, Nepal and our NATO partners," said Pelosi, who is also former Speaker of the US House of Representatives.

"Our delegation looks forward to meetings on how we can strengthen our economic and security relationships, as well as addressing challenges ranging from regional Russian aggression to global human rights." Pelosi said in a statement, without giving the details of the trip.

Other members of the Congressional delegation are Jim Sensenbrenner, Eliot Engel, Jim McGovern, Betty McCollum, Judy Chu and Joyce Beatty. - PTI

N Korea accuses CIA of plot to assassinate Kim Jong-Un

SEOUL, May 5: North Korea today accused the CIA and Seoul's intelligence services of conspiring to assassinate the isolated country's leader Kim Jong-Un with a biochemical weapon, amid heightened tensions in the region.

That follows the killing of Kim's estranged half-brother Kim Jong-Nan by two women using the banned nerve agent VX at Kuala Lumpur international airport.

Both Malaysia and South Korea have blamed the North for the assassination, which retorts that the accusations are an attempt to smear it. The security ministry statement, carried on the North's

programmes, and as Washington considers whether to re-designate Pyongyang as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Possible locations included the Pyongyang where Kim Jong-Un's father and grandfather - the North's founder - lie in state, or a military parade.

Such an operation would be extremely difficult to prepare and carry out successfully. The North's leader is surrounded by

tight security at all times, and Pyongyang maintains a gigantic surveillance system over its own population that is ingrained at every level of society, where dissent is unknown. The CIA told its agent Kim it had access to radioactive and "nano poisonous" substances whose lethal results would appear only after six to 12 months, the statement said.

Kim - described as "human scum" - received payments totaling at least USD 740,000 and was given satellite transceivers and

other materials and equipment, it said. He had multiple contacts with South Korean intelligence personnel, and an accomplice who had a Chinese-sounding name, Xu Guanghai of the Qingdao Naza Trade Co.

Checks on China's National Enterprise Credit Information system show that a company of that name was formed March 7 this year, with Xu Guanghai named as its legal representative, and business areas including "chemical products". - AFP



Emmanuel Macron, head of the political movement *En Marche!*, or Onwards!, and candidate for the 2017 presidential election, speaks with supporters during a campaign visit in Rodez, France on Friday. - UNI

Macron, Le Pen make final push for votes

PARIS, May 5: Independent centrist Emmanuel Macron and far-right nationalist Marine Le Pen are making a final push for votes on Friday, the last day of campaigning ahead of the French presidential runoff on Sunday, the media reported.

Macron - who has a substantial lead in opinion polls - is set to visit the southern city of Rodez to campaign later in the day, the BBC reported. They started their day with separate interviews on France's RTL radio station where

Le Pen said with European Union rules in place, banks can tap into people's savings accounts to bail themselves out.

Macron, on the other hand, told the radio station that Le Pen "exploits fear and hate", Efe news reported. An opinion poll, carried out by Elabe for BFMTV and L'Express magazine, found support for Macron has risen to 62 per cent, compared to 38 per cent for his far-right rival.

An separate poll by the Odoxa Institute for France Info predict-

ed Sunday's election would have the lowest turnout of any second-round presidential vote in France since 1969. The institute reported that far-left voters were particularly unlikely to vote.

Meanwhile Macron has filed a lawsuit over online rumors that he had a secret bank account in the Caribbean, reports the BBC.

He has strongly denied the allegations, which were mentioned by Le Pen during Wednesday evening's final TV debate between the two contenders that

saw both trading insults.

While Macron branded Le Pen ill-informed, corrupt, dangerously nationalistic and a "late-filled" liar who "fed off France's misery" and would bring "civil war" to France, *The Guardian* reported.

She in turn called the former Economy Minister an arrogant, snobbish, cold-eyed, "smirking banker" who was colluding with Islamists, complacent on terrorism and intent on "butcher[ing] France" in favor of "big economic interests". - IANS

Five dead in suicide attack in northeast Nigeria: police

MAIDUGURI (Nigeria), May 5: Five people were killed in two suicide bombings in northeast Nigeria, police said today, in the latest attacks blamed on Boko Haram jihadists.

Borno state police spokesman Murtala Ibrahim said two women with explosives strapped to their bodies blew themselves up in the Konduga area last night, "killing themselves and five others".

"Six persons sustained various degrees of injuries," he said in a statement about the attack, which happened at about 10:45 pm (local time) in the Mandarari area.

According to a member of the civilian militia enforcing security, the first bomber detonated her explosives near a group of people, killing four and injuring six.

A young girl was killed in the second explosion, he told AFP.

Boko Haram has increasingly resorted to suicide attacks against civilians and security positions, as it has been weakened by a summed military counter-insurgency.

Checkpoints, camps for the displaced and "soft" targets such as mosques have been repeatedly hit in recent months, particularly in the Borno state capital, Maiduguri.

Many of the attackers who have tried to get through security at the city limits have come from the direction of Konduga, which is about 35 kilometres (22 miles) away by road. - AFP

Russia says Syria safe zones closed to US-coalition jets



MOSCOW, May 5: Jets from the US-led coalition are barred from proposed safe zones in Syria set to be created under a deal inked by Russia, Iran and Turkey, Moscow's envoy said today.

"In terms of their actions in the de-escalation zones then from this moment these zones are closed for their flights," the Kremlin's envoy to peace talks in Kazakhstan Alexander Lavrentiev was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency.

"Aviation operations, especially by the international coalition forces, are absolutely not envisaged," he said.

Regime backers Russia and Iran and rebel supporter Turkey on Thursday signed a deal at talks in Kazakhstan to set up four safe zones in the war-torn country. The agreement did not explicitly mention the US-led coalition, which has been targeting jihadists from the Islamic State group, but Lavrentiev insisted that "flights cease over these territories."

"We as guarantors will closely monitor all operations," he said.

Moscow's envoy said this means coalition air power can now only focus on "Islamist State targets that are located in the area of Raqa, some populated areas in the region of the Euphrates, Deir Ezzor and further on to the territory of Iraq."

The exact boundaries of the proposed safe zones in Syria are yet to be defined but they are meant to focus on rebel-held territory. - AFP

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India



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Manchester United ride Rashford goal to beat Celta Vigo

VIGO, May 5: Marcus Rashford's stunning free-kick 23 minutes from time put Manchester United on the brink of reaching the Europa League final with a hard-fought 1-0 win at Celta Vigo on Thursday.

The victory puts United on course for this month's final with Ajax Amsterdam the most likely opponents after they beat visitors Olympique Lyonnais 4-1 in their first leg on Wednesday.

Celtas' goalkeeper Sergio Alvarez had stopped the Spaniards in the tie before half-time with a string of saves to deny Rashford, Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Jesse Lingard.

Despite the victory, coach Jose Mourinho was frustrated with his side's inability to take their chances and knows there is still a job to do in the return leg at Old Trafford next week.

"We played well enough to have the result closed but we have to go and play at Old Trafford.... We tried to win the match but we missed chances, but the team played well. They were compact against a side who are difficult to play against."

Mourinho hailed his wonder kid who has stepped up in the absence of star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic due to cruciate ligament damage.

"He's a 19-year-old kid in love with



Manchester United's Marcus Rashford (2nd L) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Celta Vigo during the UEFA Europa semifinal first leg at the Balaidos Stadium in Vigo, on Thursday.

football," said Mourinho. "He works, he's mature and what matters is not his age but his quality."

Rashford's 11th goal of the season was just reward for United's superiority as they close in on not just the prestige of winning the Europa League for the first time, but also the prize of guaranteed Champions League foot-

ball next season it would bring.

"In the first-half Sergio had a couple of very important saves and the way we started the game and controlled the game in the first half I think we deserved a better result," added Mourinho.

"But the opposition was difficult, the stadium was difficult, so I cannot be happier with the players and their work."

– Agencies

Sarma sees India as a badminton superpower

NEW DELHI, May 5: Newly-appointed Badminton Association of India president Himanta Biswa Sarma today laid out his vision to make India a world superpower of the game by next Olympic, with plans of setting up of five new national academies and making domestic circuit stronger.

Sarma, who was appointed as the interim head last month following the sudden demise of former president Akhil Das Gupta, also touched upon issues such as age fraud, team selection, dearth of infrastructure and

lack of participation of top players in domestic circuit. "BAI fraternity is looking for an Olympic gold, so we have prepared a roadmap taking into consideration all the views of top players, coaches and also taking the game to grassroot," he said at a conclusive organised by the BAI.

Top Indian shuttlers have given a miss to the National Championship over the last few years and Sarma said he had interacted with the players regarding the issue and they have agreed to participate in one of the events in a year.



BAI president Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma felicitates ace shuttler Saina Nehwal in New Delhi, on Friday.

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In pursuance of Govt. sanction letter No. TAD/BC/37/2016/53 dated 21st February, 2017 the following 11 (eleven) nos. of SHG/FMC have been approved by the District Level Selection Committee (DLSC) and State Level Selection Committee (SLSC) for distribution of Tractors MAHINDRA 475 DI NMK DLXLT 42 HP, 4 Cylinder Tractor including Rotovator, Tractor, Cagewheel, accessories etc. under the Development Scheme for the year 2016-17 of APDTC Ltd.

Sl.No.	Name of Branch	Sl.No.	Name of SHG/FMC	President/Secretary	Address
1	Bashbari Branch	1	Mouti harja SHG	Vill. Bashbari, P.O. Goyar, Pre. Sri Mirkhang Gayery, Secy.	Vill. Bashbari, P.O. Goyar, Pre. Sri Mirkhang Dist. Kokrajhar
2	Kokrajhar Branch	2	Dwahersri SHG	Sri Rabram Basumatary, Pre. Sri Lalithar Basumatary, Secy.	Vill.&P.O. Alleaon Dist. Kokrajhar
3	Golaghat Branch	3	Seuj Dhartri PPS	Sri Rajkumar Pegu, Pre. Sri Biju Loying, Secy.	Vill. Gufungao, P.O. Mohunrukh Dist. Golaghat
4	Goalpara Branch	4	Sivam Agjar SHG	Sri Bhumati Rabi, Pre. Sri Tiotama Rabi, Secy.	Vill. Sijukan, P.O. Dohapur Dist. Goalpara
5	Nalbari Branch	5	Alaishree SHG	Smti. Khamta Swargany, Pre. Smti. Babita Boro, Secy.	Vill. Ghogmari, P.O. Kachabari Dist. Nalbari
		6	Anjali SHG	Sri Pratima Daiman, Pre. Sri Rokul Basumatary, Secy.	Vill. Chiribhola P.O. Telesiba, Dist. Baksa Nalbari
6	Gohpur Branch	7	Sewali SHG	Smti. Debagani Pegu, Pre. Smti. Measi Pegu, Secy.	Vill. Komking, P.O. Lohimukh Dist. Bishwanath
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The Tractors allotted from vide this order is subject to the fulfillment of the following Terms & Conditions.

- The Tractors will be registered in the name of the SHG/FMCs and the SHG/FMC shall not transfer/sell the same to another party. On detection of such cases the Tractors will be confiscated immediately without prior notice.
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- The SHG/FMC will submit the beneficiary share at the rate ascertained by the Govt. for receiving the Tractor. Submission of beneficiary share within 7(Seven) days lead to de-allocation of the Tractor.

Further, SHGs willing to apply for the grant may download the guidelines and forms from the website www.diprasam.gov.in and approach their Branch Offices, Assam Plains Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

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Shiva in final, Vikas settles for bronze

TASHKENT, May 5: Fourth seed Shiva Thapa (60kg) stunned Olympic bronze-medallist and top seed Dorjambuu Ogondalai of Mongolia to enter the Asian Boxing Championships final here today.

However, middleweight (75kg) top seed Vikas Krishan settled for a bronze medal after he gave a walkover in the semifinal to fourth-seeded Korean Lee Dongyun.

"Vikas Krishan was not there in the weigh-in today morning, therefore his South Korean opponent walked over to the final," an Asian Boxing Confederation official told PTI.

It is not yet known as to why Vikas gave a walkover in the bout.

The day, however, belonged to Shiva, who notched up a massive win.

The Indian, who is also a World Championships bronze-medallist prevailed in a split verdict against the Mongolian, who is also an Asian Games gold-medallist.

Shiva will next be up against Uzbekistan's Elshur Abduraimov, who defeated China's Jun Shan in his semifinal bout.

Shiva, a two-time Olympian, was off to a guarded start and spent some time getting measure of his rival.

In fact, both the boxers seemed hesitant to launch the first attack in the opening three minutes.

However, the Indian shifted gears in the second round and dominated with combination punches, which scored on both accuracy and impact.

The third round was a more evenly-matched affair with Mongolian also hitting the aggressive mode. But Shiva's sharp reflexes helped him stave off the challenge and get a favourable verdict after an exhausting contest.

The 23-year-old Assam boxer had won India's last gold medal at the event in 2013 when he was competing in the bantam-weight category. He is now one win away from becoming the first Indian boxer to claim two Asian Championship gold medals. – PTI



Barcelona face tough Villarreal in La Liga

BARCELONA, May 5: Barcelona will face Villarreal on Saturday as the Catalans look to maintain their leadership in the La Liga.

The side, coached by Luis Enrique, is level on points with Real Madrid but have played one more game. As a result, they have to win their three remaining matches while hoping Madrid slip up between now and the end of the campaign, reports Xinhua news agency.

With Madrid facing an already relegated Granada on Saturday in a game where they are clear favourites to take an easy win, the pressure on Barcelona is even greater as they host a Villarreal side with their own ambitions for the season.

The visitors are currently fifth on the table and battling for a place in next season's Europa League. However, they are just five points behind Sevilla, who are still to visit Real Madrid. If they can win and Sevilla lose in Madrid and in another of their remaining matches, they could still repeat last season's top four finish. – IANS



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Fairyland Cricket Academy win

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: In a rain disturbed match of the 7th Sitaram Agarwala Memorial U-17 Inter School/Organisation Cricket Tournament, organised by Bud Cricket Club in Association with Assam Cricket Association at the Baraspara stadium here today, Fairyland Cricket Academy edged past Jorhat Cricket Coaching Centre on Bowled Out system.

The match had to be called off after 21 overs when Jorhat CCC team was batting at 97 for five. With the consent of both the captains Bowled Out system was applied in order to bring out the result where Fairyland emerged winners.

Guwahati chess team named

GUWAHATI, May 5: A 5-member team will represent the Guwahati Chess Association in the 40th All Assam Inter District Chess Championship for U-19 and U-17 categories.

The championship will be organised by the Cachar District Chess Association at Silchar from May 20 to 24.

The selected players are: (U-19, boy) Punit Basu, (girls) Simran Ahmed, Shreya Banik; (U-17, boys) Uddipta Kakati, Pallab Bhattacharjee, stated a release.

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Karate meet tomorrow

GUWAHATI, May 5: The Greater Guwahati Karate-Do Association, an affiliated unit of UKAA, will organise its 3rd edition of the Kamrup (M) District Karate Championship at the Bhogeswari Phukanani Indoor Stadium here on May 7.

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