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## Road show on water transport

GUWAHATI, May 17: In line with the Government of India's constant endeavour to promote economically more viable and environment-friendly mode of transport in the country, a two-day seminar cum road show will be held here from May 22 to promote inland water transport.

Of the 106 new National Waterways that were notified in April 2016 under the National Waterways Act, 2016, 19 are in the North East.

To be organised by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in association with the Department of North Eastern Region (DoNER), the seminar will showcase the potential for cargo and passenger transportation, primarily on the Brahmaputra, which is NW-2.

The event will highlight the enabling policies and the infrastructure facilities available to facilitate safe handling and transport of cargo on the river Brahmaputra (NW-2) and river Barak (NW-16) on which development works have commenced.

**AIR live talk show on May 20**

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: The Regional News Unit of AIR Guwahati will hold a live talk show, 'Dristijpat' at 8.30 pm on May 20 on the occasion of one year completion in power of the BJP-led government in Assam.

Ranjeet Kumar Dass, ex-Speaker of the State Assembly and State BJP president, will take part as the guest of the programme to be presented by BSNL.

Manas Pratim Sarma will host the show. Listeners can tune in to FM Channel 100.1 and Primary Channel 411.5 meter, an official release said.



Tributes being paid to journalist and human rights activist Parag Kumar Das on his death anniversary, in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos

## Jal Board passes buck to other agencies, natural calamities

TRIJITAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, May 17: Faced with public ire over its failure to provide adequate supply of water to its consumers, Jal Board officials have sought to pass the buck to other agencies and even natural calamities for the shortfall.

Jal Board is responsible for supplying piped water to some 7,200 consumers of RG Baruah Road, Hengrabari, Barbari, Christian Basti, Rupnagar, Sarumatoria, Jotiya etc. These localities have been divided into three zones, and each zone is provided water supply once daily – either in the morning, afternoon or evening.

Many residents in these localities have been complaining of short supply of water for the last few weeks. They have been forced to buy water from various sources.

There are allegations that the water supplying agencies have installed supply lines beyond their capacity. There are also reports of unscrupulous people extracting water from supply lines using motors (pumps), thus reducing the flow to other lines.

Jal Board officials, when contacted by this newspaper, admitted there is water scarcity

is a watershed down at Satpukhuri plant for say two hours, we tend to lose around 5 lakh litres of water," they said. However, it is learnt that the power line at its installation near the barge at Satpukhuri (Kharghuli) is reportedly a more such pumps.

Citing other reasons, the officials said the pipes of the operation scheme which was installed way back in 1996, are 25/30 years old. Wear and tear

of these pipes are a regular phenomenon, which leads to disruption in the water supply.

The officials also claimed that there have been frequent scuffles in the last few weeks, which resulted in damage to the infrastructure.

The officials also blamed erratic power supply for disruption in water supply. "If there

is a power cut at the

Satpukhuri plant for say two hours, we tend to lose around 5 lakh litres of water," they said. However, it is learnt that the power line at its installation near the barge at Satpukhuri (Kharghuli) is reportedly a more such pumps.

However, residents are not amused at the explanations given by Jal Board. "The problem is not new. Every time they give the same reasons. Why can't the government take some permanent measures to address the woes of the city residents? They are collecting the charges and tax regularly," locals felt.

the water level changes, we have to rebarge the barge to another place. For this, the pump and other systems have to be shut down," they said.

However, the officials admitted that though the installed treatment capacity of Jal Board is 12.8 MLD, it is currently treating around 7.8 MLD water per day due to infrastructural bottlenecks. In fact, Jal Board has stopped giving new connections due to capacity saturation.

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## NHRC chief for education, land rights to SC, ST people

STAFF REPORTER

by SC/STs in the two states.

"By effective implementation of the flagship programme, we will have to ensure that marginalised sections are not deprived of their basic rights and their rights are not violated.

"Since food, education and healthcare are now rights, effective co-ordination among the flagship schemes such as National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Public Distribution System and others is pivotal," Dattu said.

"It is vital that schools are provided with proper infrastructure and the Anganwadi centres function properly, vacant posts of doctors and paramedics in government hospitals are filled on schedule," he said.

Dattu, while inaugurating a two-day camp here today to address the complaints of human rights violation in Assam and Meghalaya, also suggested effective implementation of the Centre's flagship schemes.

The camp and open hearing will deal with issues related to atrocities and problems faced

up and medicines are supplied properly," he pointed out.

As many as 43 cases from the two states will be taken up by the full Commission and a division bench of the NHRC, apart from discussion with police and government officials.

The Commission will take up 12 cases in the sitting of full Commission relating to massacre of 36 villagers of Khagrabari village in lower Assam's Baksa district in 2015, grabbing of land of tribal villagers, non-issue of caste certificates, non-implementation of welfare (Central and State Government) schemes, sexual assault on minor girls by a police inspector at Ampati Police Station in Meghalaya and atrocities on scheduled castes.

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With the temperature soaring, a juice vendor doing brisk business on a street in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos

**Invitation**

Date : 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 2017  
Venue : NEMCARE Hospital  
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Time : 2.30 pm

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Shri Sarbananda Sonowal  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam

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Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam

Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty  
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Guwahati Constituency

Shri Fagan Singh Kalsi  
Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India

Shri Siddhartha Bhattacharya  
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## Meet of '56 batch matriculates of GU

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: The mid-term meet of the Confluence '56, a body of the matriculates of the 1956 batch of the Gauhati University, was held recently at a city hotel with its president Dr BR Bhuyan in the chair.

At the very outset, the members condoled the demise of their batchmate Dr Kali Prasad Saikia, retired professor and HoD of the ENT Department of the Gauhati Medical College.

The meeting also paid homage to Prof Dilip Kumar Barua, former Principal of Cotton College, and playwright Arun Sarma, and prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls. Members described all three of them as geniuses in their respective domains.

After the presentation of the half-yearly report by Prof Manjulata Das, one of the secretaries of the Confluence '56, and appraisal of up-to-date financial

position by its treasurer Dr Beena Tamuli, Hem Chandra Dass delivered a lecture describing his experience of touring the Himalayas while he was posted at Dehradun as a geologist. Members of the Confluence '56 offered greetings to their batchmate Col (Retd) Jiten Hazarika, who has been conferred with an honorary doctorate by the Gauhati University in recognition of his contribution in the field of fine arts. The meeting also thanked the University authority for selecting Col Hazarika for the honour.

Several members and their spouses, namely Giti Dutta, Gopal Krishna Hazarika, Pranati Sarma, Kalyan Dutta, Pradip Barua, Captain Robin Bordoloi, Esha Choudhury, Krishna Phukan, Binapani Gogoi, Ramesh Phukan, Hem Ch Sarma, Loka Nath Das, Manjulata Das and Col Manoranjan Goswami participated in the recitation and cultural programme.

## Govt notification on EPF withdrawals by members

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: The Government of India vide Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 351(E) dated 12.04.2017 inserted the provision under Para-68BD in the EPF Scheme, 1952, allowing contributing members of EPF to withdraw up to 90 per cent of EPF accumulations to make payment to buy houses, use their accounts for payment of EMIs of home

loans, construction of house by a group of members registered as a society, etc., an official release said.

The purposes for which withdrawal under Para-68BD is available include withdrawal of and financing from the fund for purchase of dwelling house or flat or construction of dwelling house. The eligibility criteria are that a member should have at least three years of membership of the

fund, and only one withdrawal under the scheme is available. A member should have at least Rs 20,000 balance in his/her PF account together with his/her spouse who should also be a member of the fund.

The maximum withdrawal limit will not exceed 90 per cent of the employer's share of contribution and interest thereon and employee's share of contribution and interest thereon, it added.

State BJP felicitates senior members

GUWAHATI, May 17: The state BJP today felicitated senior party members at a programme held at the Rabindra Bhawan here. Indramoni Bora, Narayan Chandra Borkakoti, Deepak Kumar Borthakur and Harekrishna Bharali were felicitated in the programme dubbed as *Jyestha Karyakarta Addressing the gathering*.

BJP state president Ranjit Kumar Dass appealed to the party workers to expand the activities of the BJP in every nook and corner of the State. He also thanked the party workers for making the programme a success.

Speaking on the occasion, State Finance Minister Hiranta Biswa Sarma said, "Making mistakes is human, but the party members need to point out our mistakes so that we can rectify these for better results."

Indramoni Bora, who was the former State BJP president, laid emphasis on carrying out developmental activities in the greater interest of the people. In this context, he addressed the party workers to devote themselves to the present government from this side.

Senior party leader Ram Madhav asked the party workers to devote themselves to expand the activities of the BJP. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was also present at the function. — A Correspondent

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# Democrat lawmaker seeks impeachment of Trump

WASHINGTON, May 17: A Democratic lawmaker has called for impeachment of US President Donald Trump for his alleged involvement in obstruction of justice, after news reports revealed that he had asked the FBI to stop investigations against former national security advisor Michael Flynn.

In fact, Congressman El Green from Texas today became the first US lawmaker to demand impeachment of Trump from the House floor.

**Christian sect attacks Congo prison, frees leader, 50 more**

KINSHASA, May 17: Christian sect members stormed a prison in Congo's capital today, freeing the leader of their movement and 50 others, Congo's justice minister said.

Bundu di Kongo movement leader Ne Mwanda Nsemi is now on the run after a 4 am attack on Malako prison in Kinshasa, Justice Minister Alexis Thambwe Mwamba told local radio station Top Congo FM.

Gunfire could be heard in the morning, but the justice minister said the situation is now under control.

"Security forces members who were sent as reinforcements have entered the prison," he said. "Ne Mwanda Nsemi is on the run, but we will soon get our hands on him."

Ne Mwanda Nsemi was arrested in March, along with many followers, after clashes between them and police. He has a strong following in south-western Congo.

Ne Mwanda Nsemi has led the sect since 1986. The group says it seeks the rehabilitation of the pre-colonial Kongo kingdom. Clashes between the sect and police in 2008 saw hundreds killed in Bas-Congo province. — AP

## Decks...

(Contd from page 1)

The setting up of the institute will not only help Assam, but also the seven neighbouring states of the Northeast. At least 85 per cent of the population of Assam is dependent on agriculture, Goyal said.

The Power and Coal Minister further reiterated that the Modi Government has accorded top priority to development of the northeastern states and the second green revolution is expected to start from the region, he added.

Meanwhile, official sources said that the IARI will be set up under DARE and ICAR schemes.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Radha Mohan Singh said the IARI-Assam would be a postgraduate institute of higher learning in agricultural education and it will have all the hallmark identities of IARI in New Delhi, including all sectors of agriculture like field crops, horticulture crops, agro-forestry, animal husbandry, fisheries, poultry, piggy, silk rearing, and honey production among others.

## Purnima...

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The Princess Royal, who is the patron of the Whiteley Fund for Nature (WFN), will formally confer the award on her at the Royal Geographical Society in London tomorrow. The award recognises "contributions to wildlife conservation made from outside the developed world, and to bring to international attention the work of deserving individuals committed to precipitating long-lasting conservation benefits on the ground."

Purnima has been working with the local communities in the villages of Dadara, Pachariya and Hingimari villages of Kamrup district to save the greater adjutant stork. The conservation saga which she had started from the scratch now enjoys mass support and the conservation initiative is further boosted by the "Hargila Army", a dedicated group of 70 local women headed by Purnima.

"I rise today Mr Speaker to call for the impeachment of the President of the United States of America for obstruction of justice. There is a belief in this country that no one is above the law. And that includes the President of the United States of America," Green said on the House floor.

The Congressman said that his call for impeachment is a position of conscience for him and asked the American people to speak up. "Each member of Con-

gress has to make his or her decision. This is where I stand, I will not be moved. The President must be impeached," Green said.

At the same time he noted that impeachment does not mean the President will be found guilty.

"Yes," he told The Hill newspaper when asked if the details of the memo if true merited impeachment. "But everybody merits a fair trial," he was quoted as saying.

However, the House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan said that he has full

confidence in Trump. "I do have confidence in Trump," he told reporters at a news conference.

He also urged the lawmakers to be sober.

"That is our job, to be sober, to be passionate and to follow the facts wherever they may lead," he said.

"It is obvious – there are some people out there who want to harm the President. We have an obligation to carry out our oversight, regardless of which party is in the

White House. That means before rushing to judgment we get all the pertinent information," Ryan said.

The White House has denied the allegations of obstruction of justice.

"While the President has repeatedly expressed his view that General Flynn is a decent man who served and protected our country, the President has never asked Mr. Flynn or anyone else to end any investigation, including any investigation involving Gener-

al Flynn," it said.

The President has the utmost respect for the law enforcement agencies, and all investigations, the White House said, adding that this is not a truthful or accurate portrayal of the conversation between the President and Comey. — PTI



Riot police walk next to flames from a petrol bomb during a 24-hour general strike against the latest round of austerity in Athens, Greece on Wednesday. — UNI

## India's longing for great power status a challenge for China'

BEIJING, May 17: Sino-Indian relations are likely to remain complicated as India's "longing" for great power status will be a challenge for China, a state-run daily said today.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India may seek to establish closer ties with the US, Japan and Australia, and promote Indian products," it said. By joining international organisations such as the China-led Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) India wants to gain a more international influence, it said.

"This is both an opportunity and a challenge for China in its relations with India, which has experienced a series of setbacks and disturbances recently."

"For a long period of time in the future, working out how to get along well with an ambitious but sensitive neighbour, as well as finding out how to efficiently cooperate with this friend and reduce mutual contradictions and disputes will be a major worthy of consideration for China," the paper said. — PTI Times said.

"The Modi administration will not greatly adjust the current diplomatic strategy, which could be generalised as going beyond the regional vision and pursuing greater power status; striking a diplomatic balance

among big powers but giving top priority to the US; creating personal security while putting its focus mainly on China and Pakistan; developing more partners and prioritising Japan and Australia," it said. By joining international organisations such as the China-led Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) India wants to gain a more international influence, it said.

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## Rains, litigations ...

(Contd from page 1) repair, restoration, etc., under these SDRMs schemes.

Initially, March 31, 2017 was fixed as the deadline for completion of these schemes and later April 30, 2017 was fixed as the revised deadline for the purpose.

In Sivasagar, some court cases have been affecting the progress of implementation of some of these schemes. Rains also have been playing the spoilsport in the district. Six schemes were taken up and implementation of one of them is delayed because of re-tendering and land-related problems.

In Dhubri district, one work remains to be completed because of heavy rainfall activities and submergence of the paddy fields from where earth was sought to be procured.

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**State forensic...**

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Interestingly, the Government also failed to extend the required facilities to the Committee formed by the High Court. The Court had ordered that the State's Home Secretary should be the Member Secretary of the Committee. But initially the Government had nominated an officer of the rank of Under Secretary to work as the member Secretary of the Committee and only after the High Court intervention, the Home Secretary was allowed to take over. The members of the Committee are yet to be paid any remuneration while the Government even did not pay the amount of Rs 10,000/- as requested by the Committee to prepare the final report.

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## Nurses lauded for dedicated service

GUWAHATI, May 17: Nurses of Swagat Hospitals here recently took part in a walkathon to create awareness about the adverse effects of smoking, tobacco, alcohol and drugs. The nurses carried various placards and marched along the street.

As part of the programme, a cultural function was also held where the nurses presented traditional folk dances of various states. Some of the nurses were also rewarded by the management for commendable service.

Dr Swagata Khamra, director of Swagat Hospitals talked about the dedication with which nurses work, at times even under lot of stress. She expected that more families would encourage their children to take up the noble profession of nursing so that the ever increasing demand for nurses is met.

Dr Khamra admired her nursing staff and stated that modern day nurses are well equipped with technology and join hand with doctors to treat and comfort the ailing humanity.

### Biker killed

JALUKBARI, May 17: One Biswojit Banik (35), who was riding a two-wheeler was killed after he was hit from behind by an unidentified vehicle near Tetelia today around 9.30 am. The police are trying to locate the vehicle. — Correspondent

# 3 passengers die on Astha tourist pilgrimage train

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: For passengers of the Astha special tourist pilgrimage train, which departed from the city on May 10 for religious spots in North India, the journey has turned out to be a harrowing experience with three of the pilgrims succumbing to ailments during the trip.

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ditions and were declared brought dead in the wee hours of May 16.

His body is being brought to Guwahati by ambulance and is scheduled to reach Guwahati by midnight today.

Rumuni Hazarika (61) of Lankeswar, Guwahati, was traveling with her neighbours. She suffered from high fever at Mathura on May 15 and was taken to Maheswari Hospital. She died the next afternoon. Her family collected her body.

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An IRCTC official told *The Assam Tribune* that the aged persons found the hot and humid con-

ditions and were suffering from high blood pressure, which, combined with the recent heat wave in North India, resulted in the tragedies.

Asked about the deaths, Northeast Frontier Railway officials refused to make any comments and said that the Astha services are being run by IRCTC.

"Some more passengers were not feeling well. The doctor was called for attending them at barrel. The doctor had checked the passengers and given necessary medication," said the IRCTC statement.

This was the second Astha train from the North East. The first such train had been flagged off on February 17. The service is intended to provide an opportunity to people to visit a mix of various popular religious destinations across the country at a reasonable rate.

## Yamin Hazarika Award to Moloya Goswami

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: The Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award-2017 will be presented to Moloya Goswami on May 21.

Goswami is the first Assamese actress to win the National Film Award for Best Actress for her performance in the Assamese film *Firingi* (1992).

The chief guest of the award function will be Dr Amrapali Choudhury, noted physicist and poet. The guest of honour will be Jayprakash Chakrabarti, Additional DGP-Writer Khan, and Diu and Duler & Nager Haveli Police Service Officer.

This award was instituted to honour Hazarika, who passed away while still in service. She was the first woman police officer from Assam.

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: The occasion. Books of three writers will be released. The winner of the award in the first year was journalist and author Indrani Raimedi. The award was bagged by athlete Tapabin Nesa in the second year.

The award, instituted by Women's Hub, a collective of women professionals, strives to celebrate the life of the trailblazing Assamese woman, the late Yamin Hazarika who rose from cancer by providing training on water hyacinth craft.

The training programme started on the BBCL campus for the patients and attendants today and it will continue till May 31. The training will be provided to 30 persons.

BBCL Director Dr Akanta Katiak inaugurated the programme and emphasised the importance of such skill development initiatives for cancer patients. He said that it was for the first time in the North East

that such a programme had been initiated for the benefit of patients in an institute. "Rehabilitation care patients is an important part of palliative care. Treating cancer patients at the terminal stages requires an interdisciplinary team approach to provide the best care for patients with life-threatening illnesses. Like

psychology, social, medical, emotional, financial and social aid to the poor and needy patients of cancer.

After cancer treatment, Dr Khatka added, patients may notice a difference in their physi-

### Rehabilitation of cancer patients

GUWAHATI, May 17: The Department of Palliative Medicine, Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCL), Guwahati, in collaboration with Inner Vision, a voluntary organisation of Duni in Darrang, has started an initiative to rehabilitate people suffering from cancer by providing training on water hyacinth craft.

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suffering of the cancer patients, the Department of Palliative Medicine, BBCL, is focusing on to a decrease in their rehabilitation in what ever it can. The purpose of rehabilitation services are undertaken in the cancer-care setting.

After cancer treatment, Dr Khatka added, patients may notice a difference in their physi-

cal, social and psychological, and water-related abilities. "Cancer rehabilitation helps a person with cancer regain and improve the abilities that may have changed after cancer treatment. The goal of rehabilitation is to help a person remain as independent and productive as possible," he said.

In order to ease the pain and

water hyacinth, which is found in abundance in water bodies of Assam and which is considered useless, has been converted to useful crafts like bags, pen stands, dining mats, hats, dustbins, etc., to provide the artisans earnings of Rs 15,000 to Rs 30,000 every month," Dr Khatka said.

Robini Deka, a cancer survivor who was treated at BBCL and who is well trained in water hyacinth craft, attended the training and lauded the initiative taken by the institute to rehabilitate cancer patients.

## Training on water hyacinth craft launched

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 17: The Department of Palliative Medicine, Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCL), Guwahati, in collaboration with Inner Vision, a voluntary organisation of Duni in Darrang, has started an initiative to rehabilitate people suffering from cancer by providing training on water hyacinth craft.

The training programme started on the BBCL campus for the patients and attendants today and it will continue till May 31. The training will be provided to 30 persons.

BBCL Director Dr Akanta Katiak inaugurated the programme and emphasised the importance of such skill development initiatives for cancer patients. He said that it was for the first time in the North East

that such a programme had been initiated for the benefit of patients in an institute. "Rehabilitation care patients is an important part of palliative care. Treating cancer patients at the terminal stages requires an interdisciplinary team approach to provide the best care for patients with life-threatening illnesses. Like

psychology, social, medical, emotional, financial and social aid to the poor and needy patients of cancer.

After cancer treatment, Dr Khatka added, patients may notice a difference in their physi-

cal, social and psychological, and water-related abilities. "Cancer rehabilitation helps a person with cancer regain and improve the abilities that may have changed after cancer treatment. The goal of rehabilitation is to help a person remain as independent and productive as possible," he said.

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Water hyacinth (*Eichornia Crassipes*), a weed which grows extensively sively on the flood plains of the North East, is neglected for several reasons. It chocks wetlands and degrades water quality and is a problem to pisciculture. However, NEDFI and the North Eastern Council (NEC) under the Ministry of Development of North East Region (DoNER) have successfully trained many rural artisans on the use of dried

water hyacinth through which brilliant artifacts and accessories of great aesthetic appeal can be created. Eye-catching bags, pen stands, dustbins and caps are being deftly created by these rural artisans.

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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*Circumstances do not make the man, they reveal him.*

— JAMES ALLEN

**The Assam Tribune****Security review**

Unlike his counterparts in the NDA's Union Cabinet, Home Minister Rajnath Singh is not chary of calling a spade a spade. Ignoring the fact that currently a number of States in the North-east, including Assam, are ruled by BJP governments, he has taken the police chiefs of the region during a security review meeting convened by his Ministry, to task for "poor quality of investigation and low prosecution and conviction rates". The meeting was attended by a number of functionaries associated with this region, including DoNER Minister Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, as well as senior officers from the Centre and States. Thus Singh's remarks, far from being of an off-the-cuff nature, possess seriousness that needs to be noted. One of his main contentions is that policing in some areas is far from adequate, despite crimes like kidnapping and extortion being rampant in them. Without naming it, let us the startling fact that in one State the prosecution rate was only 5% against all the India average of 86%, while in many others the conviction ratio was less than 1%. He has rightly asserted that such a state of affairs is due to poor police work, which in turn makes people lose faith in the forces of law and order while acting as incentive to criminal activities.

In the same context, he has also pointed out that though much of the North-east has been freed from insurgency, there has been a proliferation of illegal arms, which has led to increase in crime rate. Moreover, all the States of the region have international boundaries, through which illegal arms, narcotics and fake currency are being smuggled in. In the gravity of this problem has been enhanced due to the terrorist factor, where radicalized elements can intrude into India to engage in nefarious activities. The panacea to these issues according to him is vigorous policing, setting up of police stations in the remoter border areas, as also efficient use of forensic science which can result in more convictions. However, having accurately pinpointed the crux of the issue, and exhorted the law and order forces to act with greater dynamism, it is incumbent that the Home Minister himself takes the lead in empowering them to attain this objective. For instance, forensic facilities in the entire region are woefully inadequate and the laboratories undermanned, so that the personnel are overwhelmed with cases which require proper investigation. Similar lack of manpower and equipment is evident in the police forces – these are often repositioned for duties apart from fighting crime, so much so that the ordinary citizens hesitate to rely on them. Having correctly identified the malady, the Home Minister has also to assist those who are assigned to cure it.

**Health sector needs**

At a time when diseases like malaria and Japanese encephalitis remain a major health hazard for the State's populace taking a toll every year, the fight against the menace has taken a severe beating due to the unlikeliest of factors. The spread of a rumour originating in social media that Japanese encephalitis vaccination causes infertility, and that the vaccination drive was a conspiracy by the Government to check the growth of Muslim population, has deterred the masses from taking the vaccine in several districts of lower Assam. Indeed, the rumour has assumed such alarming proportions that the prevailing situation in those areas is one of panic and chaos, with students fleeing schools and agitated people confronting medical staff engaged in the vaccination drive. The State Government, as is its wont, failed to gauge the seriousness of the situation and consequently fell short of assuaging the people's misgivings in the urgency it deserved. The authorities need to reach out to the masses in the affected areas and diffuse the tension by disseminating the correct information that the ongoing vaccination drive can do no harm to the beneficiary and that vaccination was the only cure for the dreaded disease. The Government also needs to find out how the rumour originated and book those behind it. It has been reported that the misinformation campaign concerning the vaccination was doing the rounds in social media like Facebook and WhatsApp for three months. With social media now turning into a major tool for unscrupulous elements to spread every kind of misinformation, hate propaganda, etc., the authorities need to come down hard on the perpetrators in the interest of public good. Social media users, too, need to be more discerning as to what to believe and what not of the things circulating there.

The recurring nature of epidemics like malaria and encephalitis exposes how access to effective healthcare continues to elude a vast segment of our populace. The death toll attributable to such preventable disease is disturbing and reflects poorly on the delivery of the existing healthcare mechanism. Apparently, the Health Department fails to come up with the required preemptive intervention ahead of the monsoons. Often, we also come across reports of shortage of vaccines and medicines which contributes to the toll. Then, there have also been instances where the much-hyped encephalitis vaccination drives fall short of covering the targeted people, including children. While the foremost task before the Government is to expedite supply of life-saving drugs in all the encephalitis-vulnerable districts, screening of all suspected cases on a war footing is a must. The lacunae hindering supply of medicines should be identified and removed. In fact, the entire medicine procurement and supply chain in the State needs a revamp. The vaccination drive should also be accelerated to cover the entire populace of the State, beginning with the vulnerable areas.

**Social media: good, bad or ugly**

**rough & Tumble**  
Patricia Mukhim

Social media has become part of our consciousness. I came across a web portal, [10] Latest Social Media Facts and Stats from India-2016, that gives a graphic account of the social media world. It says India has the world's largest number of Facebook users with over 195 million, overtaking the US by over 4 million subscribers. In India, Facebook is the only social network to cross 150 million users. Interestingly the stats reveal that 76% of Facebook users are men and 24% women. This was a revelation because I never imagined that the gender ratio would be so skewed even on Facebook. Is this then an illustration that women still face barriers in accessing information technology in India? Today the top five countries accessing Facebook are India, the USA, Brazil, the UK and Germany. The demographics suggest that key Facebook users from India are in the 18-24 age group which is also the largest and fastest growing population segment. A user revisits Facebook on an average more than three times in a day. Some do it more often!

Many of us must have seen our driver's or maid's name appearing on our Facebook pages. So if our posts are public, it means they are accessing our thoughts and ideas and perhaps know more about us than we choose to reveal. Given the fact that Indian users can access Facebook in 12 languages, it makes it

even easier to connect in our respective languages. So language is today no barrier to large numbers of Facebook users. And no guesses for who is the most popular Indian on Facebook! Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads the way with 32.9 million likes as in the second quarter of 2016. Deepika Padukone comes second with 31 million likes probably after she shared her story of depression. I was amused by the fact that nearly 52% of Facebook users in India don't bother to mention their relationship status on their profiles. In my circle, I find quite a few who flaunt their relationships and why not? But to each his/her own!

Statistics also reveal that most of the active Facebook users like to keep their stories and posts to 'Only Friends'. I guess many are wary of revealing too much to an unknown crowd out there. For those of us in the media, I believe making our posts 'public' makes sense since we are out to generate more story ideas and also get views from a wide range of Facebook 'friends' on our stories/ideas. It's like bouncing our ideas to get a range of informed views on an issue or a subject matter.

Social media therefore has become an integral part of our lives.

The wide-ranging posts that one reads on a daily basis are mind-boggling. Honestly, I often suffer from information overload. Some posts however, are very informative; they tell us of events in some obscure part of the country that we

would not have otherwise known. There are funny posts too while some express grief and many others trot out their political views. Until 2013, Facebook posts were largely benign. But close on the heels of the Modi wave, social media began to hot up. There are as many people who love Modi as there are haters of the man. All of them find a convenient outlet on social media to vent their outrage and disgust as well as their unin-

tinctive but with such raw, unedited, unmediated views which pass as news is that they do not go through the normal editorial filters. Many times such news/views have the potential to inflame passions and create violence. India is a country with "undefined enemies of peace," lurking somewhere and waiting to see this country implode. Social media could unwittingly become their weapon of choice, especially seeing the speed at which WhatsApp messages are forwarded before their genuineness is verified. Since every Indian feels a sense of achievement to be the first to give out the news, even fake news is quickly disseminated and can cause incalculable damage. Hence social media is the first casualty in areas of conflict. We have seen this happen in Kashmir. Nagaland went through a similar phase during the January–February 2017 violence that claimed two lives due to the resistance movement to 33% reservation for women in urban local bodies (ULBs).

In a sense, social media has taught us the art of expressing our views crisply and lucidly in a few words (Twitter), which is a huge contrast to having to go through reams of impenetrable prose in a newspaper or magazine and not being any the wiser after that. Having said that, many newspaper articles are eminently readable and examples of fine prose.

So social media is here to stay! Much depends on our ability to self-regulate so that it does not turn bad or ugly.

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**One thing social media has done is to produce billions of 'news reporters' worldwide. Journalism is no longer a sacred domain of the few in the 'profession'. Indeed democratization of information is a reality today.**

ed support for him. Does this matter to Modi or the Prime Minister? Apparently not, because he goes about his work with the zeal of a man with a mission and hardly responds to critics. The only time that Modi reacts is when Rahul Gandhi takes a jab at him. Then you actually see Modi dishing out a few well-directed head butts of choice phrases to put the Gandhi scion in his place and expose the faltering and out-of-form leadership in the Congress party.

A professor of statistics at a renowned institution in the national capital says he finds that social media in general and Facebook in par-

ticular has reduced the quality time that people could devote to thinking more creatively and coherently. He feels that people are more inclined to give instant reaction and responses to their friend's and opponent's posts and therefore create more online conflicts. This in turn can be very disruptive. In some cases people have even lost sleep and their sense of peace. I know of many who have quit Facebook because they cannot take the heat! In a country with such glaring diversities, a remark made by someone from the North-eastern region of India on a problem in Kashmir may not necessarily be "informed" since we rely on the news and social media. But now that everyone has a view on everything, there is no shutting the floodgate of opinions.

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**Human exploration beyond solar system: future prospects**

■ Dr Sanjeev Kalita

We are living in a crucial epoch in the history of human endeavour in science. Several revolutionary findings in astrophysics have uncovered an incomprehensible and much more complex universe. Discovery of dark matter, quintessential energy in the universe, trillions of far-away galaxies, gravitational waves, black holes, more than 2000 extra-solar planets and landing of space probes on the outermost planets are few examples of previously unexpected avenues. They have been drivers of major scientific facilities which are currently under way to answer the deep questions about the universe and its origin. Irrespective of whether these findings are completely understood, the new discoveries have opened new windows to ponder about the cosmic origin.

Let us imagine a story where an extra-terrestrial civilization (intelligent lives beyond the solar system) contacts us in goodwill with their new science and technology, far different from us and asks the same questions about life and the universe we are concerned with. It is quite natural to think that their perception of the universe is completely different than that of us. They

might have looked into the cosmos through a different window which we are yet to find but might have unravelled new questions. Such a union of civilizations will then help to create a much broader and unified world view than the ones with each of the cultures. Although it sounds like an unrealistic story right now such a possibility cannot be ruled out in distant future. There are neither astronomical nor biological reasons why intelligent lives should not exist beyond our solar system, deep in interstellar space, among the extra-solar planets in the Milky Way and beyond. The basic building blocks of terrestrial life, namely carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and oxygen, are produced in profusion by Sun-like stars in our galaxy. Along with hydrogen, they form the bases for proteins, carbohydrates, RNA and DNA which are the macromolecules for life. Our search for extra-terrestrial intelligence is based on this universality of these elements in the galaxy.

Certainly we have not yet found any signature of such extra-terrestrials through observations. The search began with the project Ozma conducted by astronomer Frank Drake, the search for radio signals from advanced civilizations is still

continuing. However, we are limited by our technology. But we cannot certainly say that we have not been explored by them as we do not know at what stage of intelligence they are. It is a general philosophy of science that it is very important to rule out possibilities. It is quite likely that they are equal or far superior to us and might have already come to know about the Earth through some means not perceived by us. On the contrary, it is also probable that they might be in primitive forms of biological evolution. Possibilities are fuzzy and they depend on several environmental factors. However, human explorations are making giant leaps across the horizon.

The Pioneer 10 spacecraft launched by NASA in 1972 was targeted at studying the asteroids (giant rocks between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter) and taking close-up images of Jupiter. After ending its science goals in 1997, Pioneer 10 left the solar system during 2003 heading towards the interstellar space. It is now more than 8 billion miles away from the solar system. It is Earth's first emissary into outer space. It is carrying important messages on board into the outer space. The message from mankind was designed by Carl Sagan, his wife Linda Sagan and Frank Drake. It contained pictures of human bodies

showing the reproductive organs, pictures of the solar system and the trajectory of the spacecraft. These messages were embedded in gold plaques. In deep space devoid of erosion due to radiation and inter-planetary particles, the plaques are expected to survive for distances reaching out to some of the nearest star systems. The plaques also contain information about a radio signal with frequency 1420 MHz emitted by hydrogen atoms which are building blocks of stars in our galaxy. If an intelligent civilization intercepts this mission, it will understand our progress from certain primitive developments in biology and astronomy. As biological and astronomical processes are universal (based on molecules and stars), the intelligent civilization will know at what stage of development we are now.

After Pioneer 10, Voyager 1 and 2 were launched in 1977 with a goal to study the gas-giant planets like Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus. They finished their science goals in the 1990s. In 2012, these two space probes left the solar system and headed to the outer space – into regions between stars previously uncharted.

Both Pioneer and Voyagers are moving towards some of the nearby stars which are a few tens of light years away from us. By 2020, Voyager 1 will be 13.8 billion miles and Voyager 2 will be 11.4 billion miles away from our home – the solar system. In 40,000 years, Voyagers are expected to reach the stars. Surviving the interstellar environments, Pioneer and Voyagers are destined to wander across the galaxy.

Coming to prospects, an optimistic and ambitious future can be contemplated. If such missions are interceptable by extra-terrestrial civilizations, they will perhaps be willing to contact us through messages of their types, which, in due course of time, will be read out by mankind.

We will be able to learn how far they have advanced in culture, sciences and exploration of the universe.

Human beings are likely to colonize the galaxy by using the extra-solar planets in near future. Space technology will possibly reach extreme speed limits necessary for space travel within a short time. A new dawn in the history of life will shine.

Galactic civilizations will be able to create new knowledge, new society, new cultures, new governments and new policies – perhaps to understand the universe and life itself in new ways. If this becomes possible, these galactic civilizations will be able to collaborate among themselves for understanding the constituents of the universe found by each of them in its environment.

**Letters to the EDITOR****APSC viva-voce schedule**

than those advertised 10-11 months ago from now, is an inappropriate step. It is true that there may be some reasons for holding some interviews early, but at the same time it is also proper to refuse the fact that the candidates for other posts don't have any urgency for their interviews. The APSC should urgently publish a new updated viva-voce schedule for 2017 as early as possible. Yours etc., DR MANJIT BARMAN, Ganeshguri, Guwahati.

**Manipulation of marks**

Sir.—Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has lamented that though he was the Education Minister in the Congress regime, he was kept in the dark regarding the manipulation of marks in the HSLC exam. The SEBA is an independent body and will continue to be such as in the days to come. Several Commissions, in the past, had suggested measures to improve the functioning of the Board. Recently, the Union Human Resource Development Ministry had convened a meeting of the heads of the State education boards to take a policy decision on moderation and grace marks in examinations. Hence, Sarma's contention is unwarranted

and uncalled for. We feel that instead of dragging the SEBA into further controversy, it will be wise to allow the board to concentrate on releasing the results of the HSLC exam due soon. Yours etc., RUPAM BORA, Panbari, Guwahati.

**Means of entertainment**

Sir.—He came, he sang, he walked off on time. We leave in a civilised society and should do the right things to enjoy festivities. Do we follow the Supreme Court guidelines that the sound decibel level must be reduced to 45 dB after 10 pm? The Garba, the nine-day festival in Mumbai, is allowed to play loudspeakers for just two days only till 10 pm with a limit of 55 dB. Justin Bieber, the Canadian singer, sang and wound up the show on time in Mumbai recently. No matter what his fans insisted, he had a purpose and walked off the stage by 9.50 pm. Yours etc., KAMAL BARUAH, Rukmingini, Guwahati.

**TRP-seekers**

Sir.—Rather than being just news presenters, the electronic media has turned into TRP-seekers nowadays. For example, a woman was raped and murdered and she belonged to a Dalit community.

Rather than simply showing that a woman was raped and murdered, the media will show 'Dalit woman raped and murdered', thus, seemingly giving more importance to her community instead of the unfortunate incident. Add to that, the politicians will start playing the blame game, and there are going to be debates and quarrels everywhere. Amidst this, the main case will eventually fade out and will be replaced by some other stories. And somewhere in-between all these, the fact that a woman died and didn't get justice (or got a delayed one) will get lost. Yours etc., DUSMANTA BORGOHAIN, Guwahati.

**Primary teacher trainees**

Sir.—Notwithstanding the frequent requests made by the unemployed primary teacher trainees in respect of their appointment for the past several years, the former Education Ministers of the Tarun Gogoi-led Congress Government paid no heed to the issue due to which the trainees have been suffering hardships in respect of supporting their families till date. It may be mentioned here that there are

about 300 unemployed primary teacher trainees in Assam waiting for their appointment since 2002, even after successfully completing the two-year pre-service elementary teacher training which was introduced in 2000. Most of the trainees have already crossed their upper age (38 years) limit of getting appointment in government service. The trainees were selected on the basis of merit and the aforesaid training was conducted about 16/17 years back by the State Board of Teacher Education (SBTE), Assam, in collaboration with the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Assam, in order to improve the quality of elementary education with the adoption of the National Policy of Education 1986. We,

therefore, through your esteemed daily would like to request the Education Minister to take necessary steps in this regard so that the said trainees will be benefited. Yours etc., PULIN PATOWARY, Bahatia Chariali.

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## Tripura Govt creates 12,000 posts in Education dept

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, May 17: Tripura Council of Ministers on Wednesday created 12,000 posts in three wings of Education dept ostensibly 'accommodate' 10,323 teachers facing axe.

The created posts include academic counsellor (1,200), student counsellor (4,300), school library assistant (1,500), hostel warden (300) and school assistant (5,600). They will be paid on the basis of fixed pay.

Education Minister Tapas Chakraborty said the Cabinet has decided to create 12,000 posts in the Education department and Social Welfare and Social Development.

"The Cabinet also approved revised appointment policy which will be notified very shortly after fulfilling all officical procedure," said.

Chakraborty clarified that the department would seek applications for conducting interview for filling the posts. "While five

years' teaching experience is a must for academic counsellor, student counsellor, school library assistant and hostel warden, three years' of teaching experience is mandatory for school assistant posts," he said.

"The salary for academic counsellor will be Rs 12,000 (fixed) while Rs 10,500 will be offered to student counsellor, school library assistant, hostel warden and Rs 8,500 will be given to school assistant," he said.

**Two held**

ANN Service

KALIBOR, May 17: Customers Service satisfaction is the motto of the SBI, but it is a matter of utter surprise that two clerks at the Customers Service Center, Banuni under Kalibor SBI branch looted money deposited by the general public. The arrested clerks – Anisuz Zaman and Montu Dubey are being interrogated by the Jakhaldanga Police. The public alleged that due to the negligence of the SBI Kalibor branch authority, this incident could happen.

Senior citizens as well as the public here urged the higher authority of the SBI to look into these anomalies immediately and do the needful at an early date.

**Meet on Democracy and Civil Society**

GUWAHATI, May 17: Policy Group for Peoples' Rights (PGPR), Dibrugarh, a leading NGO of upper Assam, is holding its 4th "PGPR Symposium" on May 20 on 'Democracy and Civil Society'. This was stated in a press release by Dr Aradhana Kataki, president of PGPR.

The speakers of the forthcoming symposium will be Justice J Chelameswar of the Supreme Court of India; Dr SY Quariah, former Chief Election Commissioner of India; Nalin Kohli, eminent public figure, speaker and national spokesperson of the ruling party, and journalist Patricia Mukhuri.

The symposium will be moderated by journalist Amit Baruah. It will commence at around 3.30 pm at Dutta's Parkland Auditorium, Chowkildin, Dibrugarh.

**OBITUARY****Niren Deka**

GUWAHATI, May 17: Niren Deka, a resident of Borgaon and a businessman passed away on May 13 at the Apollo Hospital, Chennai.

Besides being a businessman, particularly in the restaurant business, he was an outspoken gentleman and extended help to the needy. Deka was also associated with many cultural and social activities in and around Guwahati and was actively associated with Lakshmandir Durga Jatra and Shiva Mandir of Borgaon.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives.

**Nripen Rai**

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, May 17: Nripen Rai, a well-known sports lover and a popular person of Baupara area and a retired employee of the Water Resource Department passed away on Tuesday at the GMCH while undergoing treatment following a brief ailment. He was 61.

His untimely demise has been widely mourned. He leaves behind his wife, a son and two married daughters among other relatives.

**Science model contest held at Dergaon**

CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, May 17: The second edition of Science Model Competition organised by Jagriti Bijhana Sangha was held at Dergaon Sankardev Shishu Niketan recently. The competition, organised with an aim to create awareness about science among the students, was inaugurated by noted scientist as well as chief adviser of Jagriti Bijhana Sangha, Dr Choudhury Nath Saikia.

The Pradhan Acharya of the school, Dipak Goswami, initiated the *smriti tor*, programme was moderated by Anang Singh and Farhana Begum, president and executive president of the Sangha, respectively.

More than 50 students with 20 models on different aspects of science participated in the competition. Retired associate professor Dr Promod Ch Dutta, retired vice-principal of DKD College Jugal Nath and nature activist as well as

**BJP blames govt officials' mindset for slow growth**

DEBAJISH BANIK

BADARPUR, May 17: All-round development in the entire Karimganj district is being affected by some government officials and bank managers who still have the Congress mentality. This was claimed by BJP's State vice-president Biswarup Bhattacharya while addressing a gathering at felicitation programme at Karimganj District Library Auditorium Hall on Monday.

Various developmental schemes of State and Central Governments are not being implemented in this district properly due to those officials, for whom the common poor people are facing problems.

In the presence of a huge gathering, Bhattacharya said, "It is a matter of deep concern that there are many government officers and various de-

partmental employees who are working with a Congress mindset for which the development works are being affected in the district. Many government welfare schemes are also not being implemented properly in the district."

"Neither the Prime Minister nor the State ministers nor the different types of financial aids have been granted by the banks," he said.

Criticising the activities of the Congress, he said that the government infrastructure from the district level to Pan-chayat level must be changed and stern action would be taken against all the corrupt government officers, departmental employees and bank managers, who are not implementing the government schemes properly.

Under the leadership of Karimganj district BJP president, Subrata Bhattacharya, the

meeting was also addressed by Patharkandi MLA Krishnendu Paul, AIDC Chairman Mission Ranjan Das, State BJP executive members Sudhansu Ranjan Das, Sipra Goon, Nilotpal Das, Swapna Bhattacharya, Saikat Dutta Choudhury, Krishna Das, Debbartha Saha, Dipak Dev, Dipankar Roy Karmakar, among others.

Talking to the ANN Service, Biswarup Bhattacharya said, "Our main duty and responsibility is to implement various public welfare schemes of the governments properly, where people get benefits from the welfare schemes."

Earlier, the State BJP vice-president was given a graceful reception in different places of Badarpur and Karimganj by a huge number of BJP leaders, workers and supporters, through colourful motorcycle and car rallies.

**Fuel shortage hits Adarani service in Nalbari hospital**

CORRESPONDENT

NALBARI, May 17: The shortage of fuel in the all five Adarani vehicles available in the Nalbari Swadhi Mukund Kakati Civil Hospital triggered an unruly situation in the hospital campus on Tuesday.

The Health Department provided five such vehicles to the district hospital to drop the

parents and their newborn babies at their homes after delivery in the hospital. A pregnant woman from Chamata area of the district was admitted to the hospital a few days ago. After giving birth to a baby, the woman and her infant were discharged by the hospital on Tuesday.

The guardian of the woman

then required an Adarani

vehicle from the hospital authority to drop them at their residence. However, the hospital authority failed to provide the facility of the Adarani only due to the shortage of fuel in all the five vehicles. The attendants of the woman protested the negligence of the Health Department creating an unruly situation on the campus.

The symposium will be moderated by journalist Amit Baruah. It will commence at around 3.30 pm at Dutta's Parkland Auditorium, Chowkildin, Dibrugarh.

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DEPARTMENT WISE STATUS OF SETTLED PENSION/FAMILY PENSION CASE DURING THE PERIOD FROM 01-APR-17 TO 30-APR-17											
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT AGRI											
Pensioner's Name	Letter Number	Date	Pensioner's Name	Letter Number	Date	Pensioner's Name	Letter Number	Date	Pensioner's Name	Letter Number	Date
ABDUL HAKIM	AGRI/NC/PEN/16/2016-17/580	21/03/17	SARSESWARI BORAH	AGRI/ESSTT/103/GB/2016-17/15	23/03/17	ALOKA GHOSH	JDH/DE/ESSTT/GR/IV/PEN/BENEFIT	03/03/17	SRIMATI BARMAN	NDFWB/ESSTT/106/PT/2016/4287	30-12-16
BALABHAUDUR CHETRI	AGRI/ESSTT/103/GB/2016-17/110	01/03/17	ABDUL CHATTER	AGR/IMC/PEN/AC/16/17/261	06/03/16	DHANESWAR TERON	KAHNPW/EPENDCRS/2017/1140	24/02/17	LALAHATIMEDH	MCH/498766	15/03-17
TAPITHAZARIKA	AGRI/ESSTT/103/THS/2016-17/12	21/03/17	MOHAN CH. SAKIA	FEA/ESSTT/103/MC/2016-17/1379	15/03/17	MAMINARAWATI SARMA	A2/ES/2016/17/302	04/03/17	RAMOLARI DEVI	JH/1033/2017/1922	26/03/17
SENCHA						SHOBHANA/DAS	A2/ANPENO/17/302	05/03/17	AMITA/PHUKUN	H/1033/2015/545	24/03/17
AHDUR RAHMAN	DAOTSKPEN/2016-17/126	27/05/16	MAHENDRA CH. DAS	AGR/ESSTT/103/MCD/2016-17/15	20/03/17	LASHMANDAS	MCH/2017/9048	21/03/17	HALADHAR/NATH	JTDHSID/PEN/2017/225	18/03/17
ABDUL GAFUR	AGR/ESSTT/103/AV/2016-17/12	20/03/17	MIZANUR RAHMAN	EE/A/GR/TEZ/ESSTT-38/CM/2016-17/935	27/02/17	DILIP CH. PAUL	EII/PEN/16/083/224	20/03/17	DIMBESWAR BORUAJH	EII/PEN/16/377/854	21-12-16
PABITRA SAKIA	AGR/ESSTT/103/S/2016-17/14	17/03/17	LUPICHANDRAMAHTA	EE/A/GR/TEZ/ESSTT-38/CM/2016-17/935	21/03/17	MAHINDRA/DAS	EII/PEN/16/073/036	20/03/17	ATOWAR RAHMAN	EII/PEN/16/32/164	23-12-16
BALEN KALITA	HDOTP/PI/101/BK/2016-17/128	03/03/17	KAMALESWAR DEKA	AGR/ESSTT/103/KD/2016-17/17	21/03/17	DWJA ROY MISRA	EII/PEN/16/38/3284	23/03/17	JITEN PHUKUN	EII/PEN/16/38/1056	24/12-16
JIBON CHANDRA GHAIN	DAOTSKPEN/JG/2016-17/888	08/02/17				TEJAMAY PAUL	EII/PEN/16/384/04	20/03/17	NABIN C. NATH	EII/PEN/16/38/0914	18/03/17
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY DEPARTMENT AHV											
STEPHEN THON	SDVH/16/216	06/03/17	PI-7693/2016-17/198	PT-757/2016-17/0439	03/03/16	SISU/RAM KONWARA	EII/PEN/16/38/035	23/02/17	GANESH/CHANDRA/NATH	EII/PEN/16/345/986	25/01-16
JOYSONG RONGHUA	KD/DE/14/2016-17/903	26/06/16	ABDUL CH. DAS	PT-757/2016-17/0439	03/03/16	SABIL/ SARAH	CSP/17/2017/99	21/03/17	BHUBAN CH. BORAH	EII/PEN/16/38/0354	18/03/17
NALIN/NATH LASKAR	PT-788/2016-17/988	03/03/17	DHARMA/HAMANTA	DUE/10/2016-17/1284	30/03/16	ASOM/CH. DAS	EII/PEN/16/38/0354	21/03/17	ASOM/CH. DAS	EII/PEN/16/38/0354	24/03/17
PROFULA KUMAR DORAH	DJUE-10/PB/2016-17/1213	27/02/17	BISNU/ PRASAD	DGLUE/16/BS/2016-17/3552	28/02/17	HIRAN BARGI	EII/PEN/16/38/0354	20/03/17	RUDRA/KANTA/BORAH	EII/PEN/16/38/0354	17/03/17
BIPIN CHANDRA DAS	PI-768/2016-17/864	18/01/17	MAZANARA RANGHI	KD/DE/14/2016-17/1675	31/03/17	KRISHNA/CHETIA	CSP/17/2017/99	20/03/17	SATISH CH. RAY	EII/PEN/16/38/3196	18/03/17
HEM KANTA DUWARAH	PI-767/2016-17/303	21/02/17	PRAFULLA CHANDRA	PTF/238/PT/17/814	12/03/17	UDAY KUMAR/VALITA	CSP/17/2017/99	10/03/17	KAJAL DAS/CUPITA	EII/PEN/17/128/0324	26/03/17
GLASUDIN AHMED	PT-764/2016-17/869	18/01/17	HAZARIKA	PTF/238/PT/17/814	12/03/17	HIRAN/BORAH	EII/PEN/16/38/2064	16/03/17	PHIKACH/ HIRA	EII/PEN/16/38/3264	16/03/17
MANIK BORAH	DJUE/10/PB/2016-17/1217	27/02/17	PROMOD/CHANDRA/KALITA	BPP/4-2016-17/515	04/03/17	LOKESWAR NATH	EII/PEN/16/38/2064	24/03/17	PODMA/TOKBIR	EII/PEN/16/38/3264	16/03/17
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PRADIP GOGOI	COOP/19/1992/148	07/06/16				BLH/BINOBAR PATROWAY	EII/PEN/16/38/2064	16/03/17	PROMOTHESH/RANJAN DAS	HMA/22/02/127/62	07/04/17
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KAMAL KALITA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	UPSAK/KANTA/BORAH	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	HIRANANDA/BORAH	EII/PEN/16/38/1134	19/03/17	HAZARAT ALI AHMED	EII/PEN/16/38/0554	20/03/17
GALEN RAJKHOWA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	SUREN MAHANTA	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	ABDUL/MUNNAH	EII/PEN/16/38/0554	29/03/17	DHARMESWAR KONWAR	EII/PEN/16/38/1404	08/12-16
GOPESWAR SAUKIA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	RAMESWAR HAZARICA	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	TAHAN DEB	EII/PEN/16/38/2004	20/03/17	NISHI KANTA/HARA	EII/PEN/16/38/3254	24/03/17
RAMA/HAZARICA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	KHAGSEWAR BORAH	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	SHUBH/CH. DAS	EII/PEN/16/38/2045	27/03/17	SUBH/CH. DAS	EII/PEN/16/38/2045	28/03/17
SABED ALI	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	BHUPENDRA/DEV	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	LAJUBIKAZUL/ROYTE	EII/PEN/16/38/1134	09/03/17	NEILESWAR CHUDHURY	EII/PEN/16/38/254	05/04-17
TOFIQUR RAHMAN	DAOD/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	SAMAP/HAZARICA	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	YALU/AJ	EII/PEN/16/38/2074	26/03/17	MOHENDRA GOGOI	EII/PEN/16/38/1194	18/03/17
MONIRAM BORGAWA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	RAMPRATHAK/PROTODEV	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	KHARGESWAR DAS	EII/PEN/16/38/1165	16/03/17	ABHISOKAR SHAH	EII/PEN/2016/38/282/COOK5	15/03/17
TRITHA/NATH DUTTA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	CHUNI/BHATTACHARJEE	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	BABU/BORAH	EII/PEN/16/38/3334	18/03/17	UDDHA/BORAH	EII/PEN/16/379/624	21/01/17
DUAL/LAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	KALIYU/KONWAR	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	TALKUDAR					
KALAYAN DEY	DAOD/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	ACHYUT/DEKA	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16						
BHOLA/RAM SAUKIA	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16	MANKI/CHANDRA/BORAH	CAD/66/2014/PT/148	13/08/16						
BORGAWA											
DIREHN D PATHAK	CA066/2014/PT/148	13/08/16									
EDUCATION [TECHNICAL] DEPARTMENT EDON											
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PREBEN/PUBAR BURAH	CH/EPN/2016/16/162	06/03/17	SCERT/AC/PT/12/2016/20	SCERT/AC/PT/12/2016/20	06/03/17	MAHENDRA CH. DEKA	ESSTT/-15PT-1555	22/02/17	JAGANWARA HAZARIKA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-16
HAROKEP/YAHU/WILUA	CH/EPN/2016/16/162	20/02/17	SAFUL ALI/HMED	AEE/18/02/16/163	06/03/17	IRAZAKIRZA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-16	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	05/02-17
JAM'RUDIN ASKAR	CH/EPN/2016/16/162	08/03/17	RATNESWAR SANKHA	CH/EPN/2016/16/162	06/03/17	DULEN/CHANDRA DAS	DDG/DC/2016/16/2624	21/02/17	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	11/02-16
GHANTHAR CH. HATH	SCERT/AC/PT/2016/2016/4	20/02/17	TONDRA/SA/BORAH	CH/EPN/2016/16/162	06/03/17	SHAMBHON/CH. DAS	SC/EP/06/2016/16/2595	22/02/17	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	11/02-16
KAMAKHYA/PRASAD DEKA	SCERT/AC/PT/2016/2016/4	27/02/17	PRABIN KUMAR/NATH	DK/EPN/2016/16/162	06/03/17	PHARIBH/CH. BILYAN	LDLN/2016/17/2926	09/03/17	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	11/02-16
JAGADANANDA SHARMA	SCERT/AC/PT/2016/2016/4	03/03/17	DIPITI/SARAH/BORAH	CH/EPN/17/2016/4048	24/03/16	MAHENDRA CH. DEKA	ESSTT/-15PT-1555	22/02/17	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	11/02-16
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JITTEN SAUKIA	AEE/83/2017/90	03/03/17	RANI/SARANG NATH	CH/EPN/2016/16/162	06/03/17	PHARIBH/CH. BILYAN	LDLN/2016/17/2926	09/03/17	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	11/02-16
THANEWSAR CHUTIA	DISPEN/97	05/03/17	GOLOK CHANDRA/CH. DAS	AA/PEN/34/2014/150	09/03/17	MAHENDRA CH. DEKA	ESSTT/-15PT-1555	22/02/17	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	11/02-16
ASHOKANANDA	CH/EPN/16/2016/16/167	17/03/17	DILIP/KUMAR THAKUR	DISPEN/33/2016/1047	09/04/17	IRAZAKIRZA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-16	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	05/02-17
TARUN CHANDRA SARNA	AHE/49/13/2013/64	22/09/16	DIMBESWAR BIZBOURAH	CH/EPN/16/2016/16/165	06/03/17	DILIP CH. PAUL	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-16	PRYAKANTA/KATAKY	IGNE/19/003/1919	05/02-17
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PRODIP BORAH	XIV/11/2011-12619	30/04/15	SARAT/BARUAH	EX/14/2013/50	15/02/17						
SUMAN PODDAR	25/73/PT/136	15/02/17									
FINANCE DEPARTMENT FIN											
NABIN/CHANDRA SARMA	FEB/106/91/281	22/02/17	PABITRA/HANDIQUE	DA/26/2017/6262	07/03/17						
BANDANA/DEVA	DA/40/2015/29	16/03/17									
FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FIS											
KAMAL BASUMATARY	AFFE/18/3/5680	05/04/17	NIRANAN KUMAR DAS	AF/E/1518/510/12,724	30/03/17						
DWIJENDRA BORAH	AF/E/16/2016/16/2021	28/03/17									
FOREST DEPARTMENT FOR											
DIGAMBAR LAHKAR	AFRO/ESSTT/103/GB/2016-17/409	04/02/17	DULIP/CH. DUTTA	BE-36/2016/2017/22	06/03/17	BOUDJ DALI	PP/10/2017/99	28/03/17	BIJU/CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17
HARGOBINDA RAY	PS/451/HARGOBINDA RAY	28/02/17	MANAS CHANDRA/BORAH	B/ODP/146/4163	20/03/17	CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17	BIJU/CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17
RAJEN SANGMA	B/OD/12/2013/233	21/02/17	PABITRA/HANDIQUE	PTF/16/2017/2014/2	06/03/17	CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17	BIJU/CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17
KAMAL CHANDRA BORAH	FNGT/16/2016/2016/14988-9	23/12/16	MANKI CHANDRA/BORAH	PSF/EP/17/2016/1088-9	06/03/17	CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17	BIJU/CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17
RAMZI HOSLI	FNGT/16/2016/2016/14988-9	23/12/16	KUTTI/ST/15/2016/14988-9	PSF/EP/17/2016/1088-9	06/03/17	CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17	BIJU/CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17
DEB/10/2016/17/1107	06/03/17	GIIRDHAR K. BORAH	FKT/16/2017/2014/2	06/03/17	CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17	BIJU/CH. DUTTA	EII/PEN/16/38/162/16	18/05-17	
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G.P.F. Final Payment Authorities Issued during the month of April* 2017 in respect of employees of Govt. of Assam on retirement/death.														
Sl. No	GPF A/C. No.	Subscribers Name	Sl. No	GPF A/C. No.	Subscribers Name	Sl. No	GPF A/C. No.	Subscribers Name	Sl. No	GPF A/C. No.	Subscribers Name	Sl. No	GPF A/C. No.	Subscribers Name
1	AGR / 5432	S C NAPEN	188	EDN / 16422	D KALUTA	375	MSC / 9711	S BARUAH	562	PED / 143405	N CARAZARY	749	PED / 209612	B C BARMAN
2	AGR / 5569	T HUSSAIN	189	EDN / 17355	R DEKA	376	MSC / 10165	A ALI	563	PED / 143486	S C MAMUD	936	PH / 3787	D K NALUNDAR
3	AGR / 6899	B KUMAR	190	EDN / 16299	R BASUMATARI	377	MSC / 10220	S CHHIMAN	564	PED / 14382	R FERDUS	937	PH / 7048	S A HADI
4	AGR / 6899	M GOVINDA	191	EDN / 16299	R BASUMATARI	378	MSC / 10220	K BORDOLOI	565	PED / 14390	K K BORDOLOI	938	PH / 8045	T KONWAR
5	AGR / 7795	P DAS	192	EDN / 18898	G C DAS	379	MSC / 10362	S K BORDOLOI	566	PED / 14612	N SUTRADHAR	940	PH / 9397	C KTHAPRA
6	AGR / 9328	R K DEKA	193	EDN / 17353	L CHAHAN	380	MSC / 10586	P DEKA	567	PED / 14658	J C RAJHOKWA	941	PH / 9978	R D DEKA
7	AGR / 9328	A K NATH	194	EDN / 19723	M CHAHAN	381	MSC / 10604	S DEKA	568	PED / 14702	P SAIKIA	942	PH / 10000	D K SHEEL
8	AGR / 10422	B C HAKARBORTY	195	EDN / 22185	S MAHATA	382	MSC / 11167	R RAJBONGSHI	569	PED / 14739	S KALITA	943	PH / 11095	H GAYAN
9	AGR / 11688	B BORAH	196	EDN / 24841	R RAJBONGSHI	383	MSC / 11588	D MELHOT	570	PED / 14770	A M TULORUA	944	PH / 12183	B DUITA
10	AGR / 12691	B HADIQUE	197	EDN / 24841	R RAJBONGSHI	384	MSC / 11674	S SEMUPUTRA	571	PED / 14894	H DEGU	945	PH / 13113	H BSEGUM
11	AGR / 13138	S ROY	198	EX / 1545	P NATH	385	MSC / 13063	D DUTTA	572	PED / 15019	I UDGIN	946	PH / 15256	S HARMAH
12	AGR / 13138	L NATH	199	EX / 2173	M C DAS	386	MSC / 13979	G GOJO	573	PED / 14740	P BHATOWAL	947	PH / 12390	A M R BARBHUIYA
13	AGR / 13138	D K CHAUDHURY	200	EX / 2173	P BORAH	387	MSC / 14004	H HAZARAKAR	574	PED / 14750	H K HAZARAKAR	948	PH / 13045	D K CHAUDHURY
14	CD / 2056	P C HODHURY	201	EX / 2620	D KALUTA	388	MSC / 16884	A CHHUMAN	575	PED / 15257	F KHATUN	949	PH / 12771	S N SARKAR
15	CD / 22625	A M SARKAR	202	FIS / 549	N BORUAH	389	MSC / 16914	C KALITA	576	PED / 15270	I RAHMAN	950	PH / 12967	P K DEKA
16	CD / 22625	K C HODHURY	203	FIS / 550	P BORAH	390	MSC / 16915	E KALITA	577	PED / 15271	N RAHMAN	951	PH / 13040	N HODHURY
17	CD / 4488	S K ROY	204	FIS / 766	D K BAIKYA	391	MSC / 17927	J R DAS	578	PED / 15275	K BARO	952	PH / 14618	N DAS
18	CD / 5779	M MILL	205	FIS / 1600	N NAHED	392	MSC / 19489	R BAIKYA	579	PED / 15275	C U DEKA	953	PH / 14745	H BARMAN
19	CD / 5779	J P DUTTA	206	FIS / 1600	S DUTTA	393	MSC / 19500	S BAIKYA	580	PED / 15275	E T DAS	954	PH / 14747	N NATH
20	CD / 6350	R K KALITA	207	FIS / 1749	J ROY	394	MSC / 20299	ADUTTA	581	PED / 15398	M THAPHA	955	PH / 15292	C K DEKA
21	CD / 7661	M C KALITA	208	FIN / 727	A C BARMAN	395	MSC / 21234	D KUTTA	582	PED / 15484	D CHAGKMAI	956	PH / 15308	G BONIA
22	CD / 7661	M C MAMUDAR	209	FIN / 727	M C DAS	396	MSC / 21235	H DEKA	583	PED / 15485	A CHHIMAN	957	PH / 15309	S C MAMUDAR
23	CD / 8088	D K BORAH	210	FIN / 1058	T C BORA	397	MSC / 2310	N NAHED	584	PED / 15214	H MOLAH	958	PH / 16240	M SONOWAL
24	CD / 8785	M A MAMUDAR	211	FIN / 1517	R HAZARAKA	398	MSC / 2458	H DEKA	585	PED / 15250	N N RABHA	959	PH / 17472	B C BORAH
25	CD / 9193	K R DEKA	212	FIN / 1518	M C DAS	399	MSC / 24580	S DUTTA	586	PED / 15251	P CHHIMAN	960	PH / 17473	G MILK
26	CD / 9193	K R ROY	213	FIN / 1527	H BURGAHAI	400	MSC / 2793	S BORAH	587	PED / 15256	A KALITA	961	PH / 16262	H HODHURY
27	CD / 10499	J KALITA	214	FIN / 6567	A MANNAN	401	MSC / 2822	F KALITA	588	PED / 15257	J GOGO	962	PH / 18160	P BEY
28	CD / 10499	N HODHURY	215	FIN / 6568	A MANNAN	402	MSC / 2823	J KALITA	589	PED / 15258	N DAS	963	PH / 18161	N HODHURY
29	CD / 699	R PHUKAN	216	FIN / 6603	R S ARSAM	403	MSC / 4000	M BORA	590	PED / 15960	F ROY	964	PH / 18162	N B C HETRY
30	CD / 1044	J MAMHATA	217	FIN / 8176	K C DAS	404	MSC / 4089	J C BARMAN	591	PED / 15764	S BASUMATARI	965	PH / 18989	PTERON
31	CD / 1044	J P DUTTA	218	FIN / 8176	M C DAS	405	MSC / 4090	J C BARMAN	592	PED / 15765	S BASUMATARI	966	PH / 19263	J DAIRAMY
32	CD / 1410	K CHAUDHURY	219	FIN / 8176	A C BORAH	406	MSC / 4599	P BASUMATARI	593	PED / 15753	N DUTTA	967	PH / 15292	C K DEKA
33	CD / 1793	B SAIKA	220	FIN / 9378	A C BORA	407	MSC / 4868	N BORUAH	594	PED / 15758	N CROV	968	PH / 19491	B C BASUMATARY
34	CD / 1793	J P DUTTA	221	FIN / 9378	A C BORA	408	MSC / 4869	N BORUAH	595	PED / 15759	N CHHIMAN	969	PH / 19822	K K KALITA
35	CD / 2500	T BOROBORA	222	FIN / 1048	H KONWAR	409	MSC / 7177	A K BARRA	596	PED / 15760	A H PRODHANI	970	PH / 22390	D K DAS
36	CD / 2610	R D LAKHAR	223	FIN / 1453	F KROY	410	MSC / 803	S SHARAKA	597	PED / 15761	R BAKTI	971	PH / 23040	K R BONGJANG
37	CD / 2610	D C BORAH	224	FIN / 1454	F KROY	411	MSC / 804	S SHARAKA	598	PED / 15762	R BAKTI	972	PH / 23439	K R BONGJANG
38	CD / 2696	M C HAKARBORTY	225	FIN / 1466	F KROY	412	MSC / 11689	N ZAMMAN	599	PED / 15763	R BAKTI	973	PH / 23439	S K BAISHYA
39	CD / 3219	N D LAHAN	226	FIN / 1467	F KROY	413	MSC / 11690	N ZAMMAN	600	PED / 15764	R BAKTI	974	PH / 23442	K C RAJABANGSHI
40	CD / 3219	R D BORAH	227	FIN / 1503	F KROY	414	MSC / 11691	D BORUAH	601	PED / 15765	R BAKTI	975	PH / 32053	M C BORAH
41	CD / 3219	R D BORAH	228	FIN / 1504	F KROY	415	MSC / 11692	D BORUAH	602	PED / 15766	R BAKTI	976	PH / 35665	P GOGO
42	CD / 4732	P TALUKDAR	229	FIN / 1504	F KROY	416	MSC / 11693	P K DAS	603	PED / 16018	P K SAHA	977	PH / 32136	K C HODHURY
43	CD / 4732	B C HAKARBORTY	230	FIN / 1504	F KROY	417	MSC / 11694	P K DAS	604	PED / 16019	P K DEKA	978	PH / 36124	P NATH
44	CD / 5115	J UBARA	231	FIN / 1504	F KROY	418	MSC / 11695	P K DAS	605	PED / 16020	P K DEKA	979	PH / 37015	H NATH
45	CD / 5143	A K KHAN	232	FIN / 1529	F KROY	419	MSC / 11696	A K KHAN	606	PED / 16021	R BARRUAH	980	PH / 37166	T DEB
46	CD / 5143	M C MAMUDAR	233	FIN / 1529	F KROY	420	MSC / 11697	A K KHAN	607	PED / 16024	S C DAS	981	PH / 38120	S R BARMAN
47	CD / 5143	P C HODHURY	234	FIN / 1529	F KROY	421	MSC / 11698	A K KHAN	608	PED / 16025	S C DAS	982	PH / 38247	S R BARMAN
48	CD / 5143	K C GOGO	235	FIN / 1721	F KROY	422	MSC / 11699	A K KHAN	609	PED / 16026	S C DAS	983	PH / 38263	S R BARMAN
49	CD / 6075	A K GOPIO	236	FIN / 1721	F KROY	423	MSC / 11700	A K KHAN	610	PED / 16027	S C DAS	984	PH / 38319	S I SLAM
50	CD / 6075	K TMLING	237	FIN / 1721	F KROY	424	MSC / 11701	A K KHAN	611	PED / 16028	S C DAS	985	PH / 38319	S I SLAM
51	CD / 6344	S K MAJUMDAR	238	FIN / 1721	F KROY	425	MSC / 11702	J KATHURA	612	PED / 16245	G SHEIKH	986	PH / 38319	N GOSWAMI
52	CD / 6344	A K BORAH	239	FIN / 1721	F KROY	426	MSC / 11703	M C DAS	613	PED / 16246	D ROKH	987	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
53	CD / 7772	B C HAKARBORTY	240	FIN / 1721	F KROY	427	MSC / 11704	M C DAS	614	PED / 16247	D ROKH	988	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
54	CD / 7772	M S RAHMAN	241	FIN / 1721	F KROY	428	MSC / 11705	M C DAS	615	PED / 16248	D ROKH	989	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
55	CD / 7772	N C BORAH	242	FIN / 1721	F KROY	429	MSC / 11706	M C DAS	616	PED / 16249	D ROKH	990	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
56	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	243	FIN / 1721	F KROY	430	MSC / 11707	M C DAS	617	PED / 16250	D ROKH	991	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
57	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	244	FIN / 1721	F KROY	431	MSC / 11708	M C DAS	618	PED / 16251	D ROKH	992	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
58	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	245	FIN / 1721	F KROY	432	MSC / 11709	M C DAS	619	PED / 16252	D ROKH	993	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
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60	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	247	FIN / 1721	F KROY	434	MSC / 11711	M C DAS	621	PED / 16254	D ROKH	995	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
61	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	248	FIN / 1721	F KROY	435	MSC / 11712	M C DAS	622	PED / 16255	D ROKH	996	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
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67	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	254	FIN / 1721	F KROY	441	MSC / 11718	M C DAS	628	PED / 16261	D ROKH	1002	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
68	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	255	FIN / 1721	F KROY	442	MSC / 11719	M C DAS	629	PED / 16262	D ROKH	1003	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
69	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	256	FIN / 1721	F KROY	443	MSC / 11720	M C DAS	630	PED / 16263	D ROKH	1004	PH / 38319	J CHTIA
70	CD / 7772	R D BORAH	257	FIN / 1721	F KROY	444	MSC / 11721							

**CAPSULE****Airtel**

NEW DELHI, May 17: Bharti Airtel today announced new plans for its home broadband users, offering up to 100 per cent more high-speed data benefits within the same monthly rentals. "Our new plans are aimed at putting India onto the digital super highway and complement our superfast broadband offerings like 'Fiber'," said Hemant Kumar Gorwani, CEO - Homes, Bharti Airtel (India). - IANS

**Hindustan Unilever**

NEW DELHI, May 17: FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd today posted 6.19 per cent increase in standalone net profit at Rs 1,183 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, driven by robust sales across various business segments. The company had posted a standalone net profit of Rs 1,114 crore in the same period of previous fiscal. Hindustan Unilever said in a BSE filing. - PTI

**Apple iPhone SE**

BENGALURU, May 17: In a bid to gain a foothold in the fast-growing Indian smartphone market, Apple today announced commencement of initial production of its popular iPhone SE model at its Bengaluru facility. "We are beginning initial production of a small number of iPhone SE in Bengaluru. iPhone SE is the most popular and powerful phone with a four-inch display in the world and we begin shipping to domestic customers this month," Apple told IANS in an email.

**Indiabulls Housing**

MUMBAI, May 17: Mortgage lender Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd today said it has reduced home loan rate by up to 15 basis points for loans up to Rs 30 lakh. The company is offering a rate of 8.35 per cent to women borrowers and 8.40 per cent to others. The new rates are applicable from today. - PTI

**Drug gaming portfolio**

NEW DELHI, May 17: Tech giant Dell today launched a new gaming portfolio in India and announced an exclusive partnership with HTC for delivering virtual reality (VR) experience to its users. The portfolio has VR-ready 'Alienware 15', 'Alienware 17' and 'Inspiron gaming laptop'. The company also introduced Alienware Aurora R6. - IANS

**Paytm**

NEW DELHI, May 17: After months of delay, Paytm is set to commence its payments bank operations from May 23, having received the final approval from the Reserve Bank of India. The digital payments and commerce firm has named Nenu Sasi as its new CEO, following the departure of Shrinivini Kumar. - PTI

**Allahabad Bank**

NEW DELHI, May 17: Public sector Allahabad Bank has swung into the black, reporting a net profit of Re 111.16 crore during the last quarter ended March 2017 as provisions for bad loans came down. The bank had posted a net loss of Rs 581.13 crore during the corresponding quarter of the preceding fiscal due to RBL's prudential norms on asset classification requiring banks to provide for a higher coverage for bad loans. - PTI

# Govt mulling to ease FDI in print media, construction, retail

NEW DELHI, May 17: The government is moving ahead with further opening of print media, construction and retail sectors to foreign investments, and detailed deliberations in this regard were held in the Finance Ministry today.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry may soon approach the Union Cabinet to get the final approval on the proposals, sources said.

According to them, the government is considering to relax foreign direct investment (FDI) norms in certain areas of print media. Currently, government allows foreign investment in areas such as printing, newspapers and publishing of scientific magazines with certain conditions and FDI caps.

There is also a proposal to ease the policy in the construction and development sector, under which an Indian company could be allowed to bring FDI even for undeveloped plots in any project.

Currently, 100 per cent FDI is allowed in the construction sector subject to various conditions.

One of the norms is that the Indian investee company is permitted to sell only developed plots, which means plots where trunk infrastructure – roads, water supply, streetlighting, drainage and sewerage – has been made available.

Sources said the government may put certain restrictions while making changes in this condition.

The whole exercise is aimed at providing an investor-friendly climate to foreign players, which in turn will attract more FDI to boost economic growth and create jobs.

The government is also mulling to ease its policy on single-brand and multi-brand retail trading.

There is a consideration to allow 100 per cent FDI in the single-brand retail sector through the automatic route with

certain conditions.

Currently, FDI up to 49 per cent is permitted under the automatic route but beyond that limit, government's nod is required.

Further, the government is weighing the option of permitting overseas retailers to open stores for selling 'Made in India' products.

Besides, Union Food Processing Minister Harshimati Kaur Badal is pitching for permission of FDI in non-food items along with food products, under the multi-brand retail policy.

She wants that foreign players should be allowed to sell non-food items along with food products processed and manufactured in India under the FDI in food policy.

The easing of the policy will be in line with the announcements made by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in the Budget for 2017-18. - PTI



Minister of State for Commerce & Industry (Ind Charge) Nirmala Sitharaman and Swedish Minister for Trade and EU Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ann Linde at the 18th Session of India-Sweden Joint Commission for Economic, Industrial and Scientific Cooperation (JCEC), in New Delhi on Wednesday. - PIB

## Price control norm violation Drug firms face NPPA action

NEW DELHI, May 17: Drug price regulator NPPA has initiated action against various firms, including Abbott Healthcare, Zydus Cadila, Dr Reddy's, for non-compliance with the provisions for new drugs under the price control regime. In a notification issued by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) said various companies have launched formulations by altering a scheduled formulation with strength dosage other than as specified in the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO) 2013. The NPPA has asked the companies, which include Alkem Laboratories, Glenmark Phar-

ma, Lupin, Novartis India, Sanofi India, Wockhardt, Unichem, Zydus Cadila, GlaxoSmithKline Pharma, among others, to furnish batch-wise production and sales details and the corresponding MRP along with reasons for non-compliance with the provisions, by June 15.

"If the replies are not received by the stipulated time, NPPA will proceed for taking further action in the matter as per the DPCO 2013 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955," the NPPA said. Accordingly, it has been decided to take action against these pharmaceutical companies under the provisions of the DPCO 2013, it added.

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## Mukesh Ambani in Forbes list of 25 'Global Game Changers'

NEW YORK, May 17: Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani is among the 25 'Global Game Changers' listed by Forbes who are transforming their industries and changing the lives of billions of people around the globe.

Forbes' second annual Global Game Changers list includes 25 "intrepid business leaders" who are "unstoppable with the status quo" and "transforming their industries and changing the lives of billions of people around the globe."

Ambani, 60, is in the list for his game changing efforts to bring the internet to India's masses.

"Oil and gas tycoon entered the country's telecommunication market with a bang, offering fast internet at dirt-cheap prices. Gained 100 million customers in six months and set off a wave of consolidation in the market," Forbes said.

It quoted Ambani as saying that "anything and everything that can go digital is going digital. India cannot afford to be left behind."

Forbes said the 25 trailblazers on the list, arranged alphabetically, are re-imaging countless facets of everyday life.

"While plenty of corporate functionaries make headlines for successful turnarounds or record profits, we sought to identify true movers and shakers who are determining the course of the future for more than just their own shareholders or employees," it said.

The list includes founder of home appliances company Dyson, James Dyson, American global investment management corporation BlackRock co-founder Larry Fink, Dy Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman, social media company Snap co-founder Evan Spiegel, Chinese ride sharing giant Didi Chuxing founder Nansen Cheng Wei and African retail tycoon Christo Wiese. — PTI

## Gunmen attack State TV in Afghanistan, 10 killed

KABUL, May 17:

Gunmen stormed the local headquarters of Afghanistan's State media in the eastern Nangarhar province today, setting off clashes that killed 10 people, officials said.

Inamullah Miakhial, a spokesman for the provincial hospital in Nangarhar, said four state TV employees and two police officers

were among those killed, and that 18 other people were wounded.

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said four attackers were killed in the assault, which began with an explosion, followed by a gun battle with Afghan security forces.

The state media building is close to the governor's compound and a police station. Video footage from Jalalabad showed hundreds of Afghan security forces fanning out across the city, where shops were closed.

It was not immediately clear who both the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate are active in Nangarhar, a mountainous province that borders Pakistan. Elsewhere in

Afghanistan, three civilians were killed in separate bomb blasts, according to officials.

Qais Qadri, spokesman for the governor of eastern Kapisa province, said two civilians were killed and two others were wounded in a bomb blast late Tuesday in the Nijrab district.

Samin Khpolwak, spokesman for the gover-

nor of the southern Kandahar province, said a civilian was killed and 10 people were wounded, including three policemen, in a double bombing in the provincial capital.

No one immediately claimed either attack. The Taliban have stepped up their attacks since announcing their spring offensive last month. — AP



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (L) shakes hands with U.S. President Donald Trump as they make statements to reporters in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, US on Tuesday. — UNI

## Trump asked ex-FBI chief to stop Flynn probe: report

WASHINGTON, May 17:

US President Donald Trump had asked sacked FBI director James Comey to end the agency's investigation into ties with his former national security adviser Mike Flynn and Russia, according to a media report.

The latest crisis to beset Trump came just 24 hours after another report accused him of sharing classified intelligence with Russia.

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Comey to end the investigation against Flynn.

"He is a good guy. I hope you can let this go," Trump is

chief's record of the meeting, as reported by the *Times*.

Comey was abruptly fired by Trump at a time when he

was leading an investigation into whether Trump's election campaign had links with Russia's alleged interference in the US polls.

Sourcing its story based on two people who read the memo, the daily claimed that Comey wrote the memo detailing his conversation with Trump immediately after the meeting, which took place a day after Flynn resigned.

A day earlier, *The Washington Post* also published a report which alleged that Trump shared "highly classified" information with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak during a White House meeting last week. — PTI

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Sealed quotations are invited affixing Court Fee stamp of 8.25 (non-refundable) from the intending registered firms for supply of Umbrellas folding type (Black (Mohendra Dutta) for the male and female Class-IV employees of Gauhati High Court, Principal Seat at Guwahati. For details visit website [www.ghconline.gov.in](http://www.ghconline.gov.in) or the High Court notice board. The tender should reach the undersigned on or before 31st of May, 2017.

Sd/- Deputy Registrar (Store)  
Gauhati High Court  
Guwahati

**CORRIDUM**  
In partial modification of this office Tender Notice No. M.CH/2017/9362 dtd. 08/05/2017, the following corridorum have been issued.  
1. Please remove the letter No. 90 94 D/10/2016 (Agra).  
2. Please read the item No. 349 (XII/10).  
3. Please include item no.354 and read as Sevone Vaporizer for Annual Rate contract for the year 2017-18.

Sd/- Superintendent  
Assam Medical College Hospital  
Dibrugarh

**ASSAM SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL (ASTEC)**  
Bigyan Bhawan, G. S. Road, Guwahati - 781005  
**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW**

Interested candidates may come for walk-in-interview for two posts of Project Scientist (one for Web GIS and one for Application of Remote Sensing & Web (GIS) and one post of IT TECHNICIAN (Networking) in the projects "BHUVA State Node" and "North East Spatial Data Repository" of ARSAC division of the Council. For details please visit our website [www.astec.gov.in](http://www.astec.gov.in).

Sd/- Director, ASTEC

**ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

The Assam Public Service Commission hereby announces the results today (17.05.2017) of the viva-voce tests conducted by it for selection to the following posts:

A. Recruitment to the post of Deputy Director (Biology Division) in the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Jorhat under Home & Political Department

The viva-voce tests for selection to the above post were conducted on 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th and 17th May, 2017 by the Interview Boards constituted for the purpose and assisted by Expert/Adviser deputed by the Govt. The Commission completed the process of selection and recommended the following candidates for the aforesaid posts, discipline wise, in order of merit:

Position Roll No. Name of candidate  
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NB: For details of the results, all concerned may logon to the APSC's website: [www.apsc.nic.in](http://www.apsc.nic.in)

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

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## Dogs can talk to humans: study

LONDON, May 17: Dogs can make humans understand what their barks and growls mean, according to a new study. We also found that women are better than men at recognising what their canine friends are trying to convey.

For the study, 40 volunteers listened to different growls recorded from 18 dogs that were guarding their food, facing a threatening stranger, or playing a tug-of-war game.

Overall, participants correctly classified 63 per cent of the growl samples — significantly more than would be expected by guesswork alone, they said. The human listeners identified 81 per cent of the "play" growls but

were less good at recognising food guarding and threatening growls.

According to the research by Tamás Farago and his team from Eotvos Lorand University in Hungary, during play, dogs produced a larger number of shorter, less threats," he said on a visit to the defence ministry, urging the South's military to adopt a "water-tight defence posture".

"We are living in the reality where there is a high possibility of military clashes" along the disputed sea border off the Korea's west coast or along the heavily fortified land frontier that divides them, he said.

Tensions between Washington and Pyongyang have ramped up in recent weeks with the Trump administration saying military action was an option

separated, growls than when they were aggressive or fearful.

Women were better than men at recognising when a dog was being playful or threatening, or feeling fear, researchers said. Play growls and food guarding growls also had distinctively different pitch characteristics. *The Telegraph* reported.

"Our results indicate that dogs communicate honestly their size and inner state in serious contest situations, where confrontation would be costly, such as during guarding of their food from another dog," the researchers wrote in the journal Royal Society Open Science. — PTI

## Macron blurs party lines in mixed Cabinet

PARIS, May 17: French President Emmanuel Macron appointed his first cabinet today mixing Socialists, centrists and rightwingers with newcomers to politics as he pressed ahead with plans to create a broad government coalition.

The new Cabinet of 22 people meets campaign pledges of being smaller than its predecessors and having gender parity, with European lawmakers Sylvie Goulard landing the prestigious defence portfolio.

France's strongest ever president wants to create a new centrist force in French politics — at the expense of the traditional Socialist and Republicans parties — which will be put to the test in parliamentary elections next month. — AFP

Other key figures instru-

### ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited in standard form along with the necessary documents for contractual engagement against the following, posts under District Health Society, Sonitpur for Urban Health Center, Jahajghat, Tezpur.

1. Medical Officer, MBBS (Full time) - 1 No.

2. Medical Officer, MBBS (Part time) - 1 No.

Last date of submission of application forms to

undersigned is 23rd May 2017.

### Sd/- Joint Director of Health Services

Cum Member Secretary,

District Health Society,

Sonitpur, Tezpur

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### Notice Inviting "Expression of Interest"

#### For Educational Service Provider

Expression of Interest is invited from Educational Service Provider for undertaking Overseas Internship Program in a foreign reputed University/Institution on turnkey basis wherein the Service Provider will have to identify or arrange a reputed University/Institution for undergoing internship by a few undergraduate engineering students. The interested Educational Service Provider may submit the EOI at Office of the Director of Technical Education, Kalihipara, Guwahati-19, within a week. The EOI format can be obtained from the office of the undersigned or downloaded from the official website.

Sd/- Director of Technical Education, Assam, Kalihipara, Guwahati-781019.

### ADVERTISEMENT

In pursuance of Govt. letter No. GAG/B/28/2014/131, dt'd. 14.07.2016 and as per advertisement of this issue issued Vdo No. SP/E/32/2009/872, Dated 14.10.2016, fresh applications are invited in Standard Form as published in Assam Gazette in Part IX from intending candidates for the post of "Administrative Officer" in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur in the scale of pay Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 87000/- + Grade Pay Rs. 11500/- (PB-3) plus other allowances as admissible as per rules.

Normal rule applies who has not rendered at least 15 (Fifteen) years of service in any Deputy Commissioner's Establishment as Sr. Assistant/Jr. Assistant and without having experience of working in different Branches in general and in the establishment branch in particular. Simultaneously the candidates have to possess Graduate Degree in any discipline from recognised University in India.

Application on Standard Form together with self certified copy of all certificates, academic certificates, professional certificates, age proof certificates, cast certificate, 2 (two) copies Photographs, experiences of working in difference branches with period of incumbency in each Branch may be submitted in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur during office hours on working days on or before 05.06.2017.

No application shall be accepted after the last date, the application sent by Post should also reach the office of the undersigned within fixed date. The undersigned is competent to decide the application.

The application should be submitted through proper channel. The selection will be made by Government of Assam, General Administration, (B) Department as per amended Rule 6 of Assam Ministerial District Establishment Service Rules, 1967.

No. TA/DA will be admissible for the journey performed in this connection.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur

### "APPEAL"

The District Commandant Home Guards, Kamrup Office is guided by the principle of clean and transparent governance and that the undersigned office is an open, tolerant, inclusive and adheres to the democratic values of the society, we always follow the principle of extensive meaningful consultation, contribution of ethical values but unfortunately the members of the Assam Home Guards Welfare Association have neither reciprocated nor complied to our ethical working culture. They have never given any meaningful suggestion till date on which we can take cognizance and on the contrary they have spewed venom in different print media on regularly basis for the last one year i.e. right from the beginning of my career in Kamrup district and on 17.05.2017 they have violated the principle of a transparent and progressive society by defaming our office working culture in fact, they are apprehensive on the working culture adopted by the undersigned office. Hence the undersigned strongly reject such misleading news article which is against the core value of a transparent society and having some prejudice, further the undersigned also disown their views and challenge their views in an open forum before the appropriate authority. It will be pertinent to say that a sizeable numbers of Home Guards Volunteers are getting their engagement every month in a transparent ways according to the advertisement which are published on monthly basis in different newspaper.

Hence, it is requested once again to all the general mass and specially the Home Guards Volunteers of Kamrup district not to come under the influence of such false propaganda having malicious intention and not to consider all the views of the Assam Home Guards Welfare Association as the mouth piece of the larger section of the Assam Home Guards Volunteers.

Sd/- District Commandant Home Guards  
Kamrup: Guwahati

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## Sharapova withdraws after French Open snub, Murray stunned



ROME, May 17: Maria Sharapova retired with injury in her second-round match in Rome, just hours after she was denied a wild card for the French Open, while defending champion Andy Murray crashed to a heavy defeat in his opener against Fabio Fognini.

Sharapova, who was wearing a bandage on her left thigh, yesterday pulled out of her contest against Croatian veteran Mirjana Lucic-Baroni while leading 4-6, 6-3, 2-1 to round out a miserable day for the five-time Grand Slam champion.

"I apologise for having to withdraw from my match with a left thigh injury," Sharapova said in a statement. "I will be getting all the necessary examinations to make sure it is not serious."

Defeat in Rome meant the 30-year-old also missed out on a chance to qualify for the main draw at Wimbledon, which she could have achieved by reaching the semifinals in the Italian capital. World number one Murray's Rome Masters title defence then ended worryingly early as he was comfortably beaten 6-2, 6-4 by local favourite Fognini after a first-round bye.

Murray limped to another premature exit with flamboyant shotmaker Fognini bashing the Scot's top seed around at will and breaking him four times.

Murray succumbed to the Italian in just over 90 minutes and has major work to do before the start of Roland Garros in less than a fortnight.

He hasn't reached the quarterfinal of a major event in 2017, with the loss to Fognini, it is his seventh of the season.

"I'm sure there were a lot of things I could have done better. He obviously started the match extremely well," said Murray. "I wasn't creating enough chances on my own. The only chance I really got was when he was making errors."

"I definitely felt a little bit better... But still not close to where I would like to be, obviously," Sharapova's exit merely intensified the spotlight on the Russian after the French tennis federation (FFT) elected not to award her a wild card into either the Roland Garros main draw or qualifying. — AFP

## WTA chief attacks Sharapova's French Open snub

PARIS, May 17: The head of women's tennis today attacked the French tennis federation's refusal to grant Maria Sharapova a wildcard for the French Open as "groundless".

The Russian former world number one was told on Tuesday that despite serving her 15-month ban for doping she would have to miss the second Grand Slam of the season.

Announcing the decision, FFT president Bernard Giudicelli said he was sorry for Sharapova but added "it is my responsibility and my mission to respect the high standards of the game to be played without any doping."

WTA chief executive Steve Simon took the issue with the FFT's hard line stance on the two-time French Open champion in a strongly worded statement. Whilst acknowledging that wild-cards are granted at a tournament's discretion, Simon said: "What I do not agree with is the basis put forward by the FFT for their decision with respect to Maria Sharapova."

"She has complied with the sanction imposed by CAS (the Court of Arbitration for Sport).

"The tennis anti-doping programme (TADP) is a uniform effort supported by the Grand Slams, WTA, ITF and ATP."

"There are no grounds for any member of the TADP to penalise any player beyond the sanctions set forth in the final decisions resolving these matters."

The five-time Grand Slam champion was banned for two years for using meldonium, with the penalty later reduced by CAS which ruled she was not an intentional doper.

After the ban expired on April 26, the Russian returned to competition at the Stuttgart Open, reaching the semifinals, and progressed to the last 32 of the Madrid Open, too late to earn herself a qualifying spot for Paris. — AFP

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#### Solution of last problem

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

## Sanchez keeps Arsenal in race, City all but there

LONDON, May 17: Alexis Sanchez sank Sunderland to keep Arsenal in the hunt for Champions League qualification on Tuesday, while Manchester City all but secured a top-four place by beating West Bromwich Albion.

Sanchez scored two late close-range goals to earn Arsenal a 2-0 home victory over relegated Sunderland, while Kevin De Bruyne starred as City comfortably defeated West Brom 3-1 at the Etihad Stadium. City climb to third in the Premier League, two points above Liverpool and three points clear of Arsenal, with only the teams finishing third and fourth assured to join Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur in the Champions League.

Arsene Wenger's Arsenal must win their final game at home to



Everton on Sunday and hope Liverpool slip up at home to relegated Middlesbrough if they are to guarantee a 20th successive season of Champions League football.

As well as their points advantage over Arsenal, Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool also have a superior goal difference (+ 33 to + 30).

A point at Watford on Sunday will guarantee a top-four place for Pep Guardiola's City, but they can secure third place – and, crucially, avoid the Champions League play-off-round – if they win.

A conspicuous number of empty seats at the Emirates Stadium articulated the apathy that has taken hold among Arsenal fans this season and Wenger's team made heavy work of beating Sunderland.

They had the best of the first half, with Hector Bellerin striking the outside of the post from one of a succession of home attacks.

But rock-bottom Sunderland twice threatened on the counter-attack, with Arsenal goalkeeper Petr Cech obliged to save from Didier Ndong and Jermaine Defoe.

Sunderland goalkeeper Jordan Pickford looked set to foil Arsenal in the second half, saving from Aaron Ramsey and substitute Danny Welbeck, but in the 72nd minute the hosts' pressure told.

Granit Xhaka's lofted pass was squared by Mesut Ozil and Sanchez volleyed in his 22nd goal of the league campaign from beneath the crossbar.

After Pickford had thwarted Sanchez, Xhaka and Alex Iwobi, Sanchez made sure of the points in the 81st minute, heading in after Pickford had blocked Olivier Giroud's volley.

City manager Guardiola is now within touching distance of securing his minimum objective of Cham-

pions League qualification following a straightforward home win over West Brom.

Aleksandar Kolarov's free-kick was pushed behind by visiting goalkeeper Ben Foster and Leroy Sane had dragged wide, City went ahead in the 27th minute with a fine team goal.

Sergio Aguero's artful back-heeled released De Bruyne, whose deflected cross from the left was tapped in by Gabriel Jesus.

De Bruyne doubled City's lead within two minutes when he shaped a half-volley inside the right-hand post from the edge of the box.

Yaya Toure added a third shortly before the hour, exchanging passes with Aguero, driving into the box and slotting home.

Guardiola used the final half-hour to offer Pablo Zabaleta a farewell appearance in City's colours. The popular Argentine right-back, who has been at the Etihad for nine years, is due to leave the club at the end of the season. Substitute Hal-Robson Kanu claimed a consolation goal for West Brom with three minutes remaining. — AFP

## France seal fifth spot from Europe for FIFA U-17 World Cup

NEW DELHI, May 17: Football powerhouse France claimed Europe's fifth and final berth for FIFA Under-17 World Cup in India after beating Hungary 1-0 in the play-off match at the UEFA U-17 European Championship in Croatia.

France had lost 2-3 to Hungary in the group phase but got their revenge in a much tighter encounter, with Amine Gouiri scoring the only goal of the game in Zagreb.

France joined England, Germany, Spain and Turkey as five representatives from Europe for the prestigious tournament to be held in six Indian cities from October 6-28. Iran, Iraq, Japan and North Korea, besides hosts India have qualified from Asia, while Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Paraguay have done so from South America.

New Zealand and New Caledonia will represent Oceania while United States, Mexico, Costa Rica and Honduras will do so from CONCACAF, continental football Confederation of North, Central America and the Caribbean. The African qualifying tournament (May 14-28) is underway in Gabon. — PTI

## Tickets of U-17 WC matches sold out in Kolkata

KOLKATA, May 17: Football crazy fans of Kolkata have once again lived up to their reputation as tickets of FIFA U-17 World Cup matches, to be held at the Salt Lake stadium here, were "sold out" in less than 12 hours.

In the first phase after its launch, the venue package tickets for Kolkata were kept at throwaway prices of Rs 480, 960 and 1920 for the 10 matches including the summit clash on October 28.

It was a limited inventory that was open for sale and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) would put up more on sale in phase one in case it gets sold out. FIFA U-17 World Cup tournament director Javie Ceppi had said.

Spanish World Cup winner Carles Puyol kickstarted the ticket sales yesterday as it went live on FIFA website at 1911 hours, in a tribute to Mohan Bagan icons who in the same year had become the first Indian team to defeat an English side (East Yorkshire Regiment) in their IFA Shield triumph.

But in 12 hours all the tickets were marked "sold out" in red in the FIFA website, even as tickets were "available" across the remaining five venues.

According to Ceppi, tickets were launched at 60 per cent discount in limited inventory to assess the football passion across the six World Cup venues.

"It's a competition. I've been told that the Bengalis like football very much, it should reflect on the ticket sales," Ceppi had said while making the announcement on May 14.

The venue package sales at 60 per cent discount is till the draw on July 7 after which individual match tickets will be available till Phase 4.

Individual match tickets will be available till July 21 at a 50 per cent discount for visiting cardholders only in Phase 2, Phase 3 will start from July 21 to October 5 at 25 per cent discount, while Phase 4 will begin in October 6 till the final at full price.

Home to Group F teams, the Salt Lake stadium will also host one round of 16 game, one quarterfinal, the third place playoff and the final. — PTI

## Tiwary credits Dhoni for decisive shift in momentum

MUMBAI, May 17: Seasoned Bengal cricketer Manoj Tiwary hailed charismatic Mahendra Singh Dhoni for providing the much-needed impetus to the Rising Pune Supergiant imnings that proved decisive in the outcome of the Qualifier I against Mumbai Indians.

Dhoni smashed five sixes in his 40-run knock that propelled Supergiant to 162 for four; Supergiant reached the final with a 20-run win.

"The momentum shifted during the last two overs. We were struggling to get that until the 18th, 19th and 20th over where Mahi bhai played some outstanding shots. It was not easy against Bumrah, but he showed why he is such a highly-talented player," said Tiwary who played a crucial knock of 58 off 48 balls before being run out.

"He has so much of ability to hit the best bowlers in the IPL. Those sixes in the crucial overs helped us to put up a good total," said Tiwary who also put on 73 runs with Dhoni for the fourth wicket. Tiwary said captain Steve Smith and coach Stephen Fleming told him and Ajinkya Rahane during the strategic time-out that a score of 160 was reachable.

"Our bowlers executed the plans very well. They lost a couple of wickets in the Powerplay and we never looked back from thereon," added Tiwary referring to rookie bowler Washington Sundar's three-wicket haul, two of which were in one over, which stymied MI's run-chase. — PTI



## Puyol backs move to popularise football



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MUMBAI, May 17: Children from schools across the metropolis had a chance to play and display their skills in front of World Cup winner Carles Puyol at the Mission XI Million festival in Mumbai Football Arena at Andheri today.

More than 500 children from various academies and schools got a chance to play exhibition games with Puyol and demonstrate the skills they had gained through the initiative in front of the former Barcelona and Spain defender.

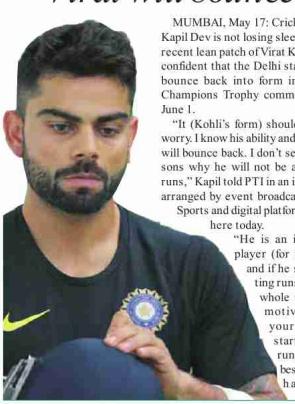
At the festival, Puyol said that for the country to dream big in the world's most popular game, the children need to start playing at a young age with the backing from parents and schools.

"For India to become a footballing nation, children need to start playing and parents, schools and other institutions have to promote the sport. Children have to practice, and they have to have fun while playing," he said.

"Mission XI Million is doing exactly that and I think it is a great step to make football in the country more popular," he said.

Tournament Director for the Local Organising Committee of the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017, Javier Ceppi said Puyol was pleased to see the passion for the game in young children. — PTI

## Virat will bounce back into form in CT: Kapil



Kapil Dev is not losing sleep over the recent lean patch of Virat Kohli and is confident that the Delhi stalwart will bounce back into form in the ICC Champions Trophy commencing on June 1.

"It (Kohli's form) should not be a worry. I know his ability and talent. He will bounce back. I don't see any reasons why he will not be among the runs," Kapil told PTI in an interaction arranged by event broadcasters Star Sports and digital platform Hotstar here today.

"He is an important player (for the team) and if he starts getting runs, then the whole team gets motivated. If your captain starts getting runs, it's the best thing that happens,"

Within himself. Whatever he wants to do, he can do," said Kapil about the Ahmedabad-born bowler.

"His mindset is better than anything else and I have started respecting him much more than what I had seen on the first day when he played an ODI match," said Kapil, who had captured 434 wickets from 131 Test matches.

Defending champions India start their campaign in the tournament, being held in England, with the much-awaited group clash against arch rivals Pakistan on June 4 in Birmingham.

Kapil, who led underdogs India to an unforgettable World Cup triumph in 1983, termed the present Indian bowling attack as the best and heaped special praise on young death-over specialist Jasprit Bumrah.

"When I saw Bumrah for the first time, I never expected (that he will rise). He has such a strong mind! When your action is not so good, it is difficult to manage to bowl such good line and length, yorkers. He has the strength

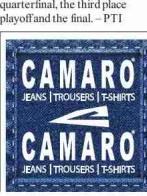
within himself," Kapil emphasised that the Indian team for the Champions Trophy looks strong on paper.

"I'll see all these players. I don't think anybody else can fit in. Bhuvnesh Kumar is very good, Umesh (Yadav) is very

good, (Mohammed) Shami is extraordinary. (Ravichandran) Ashwin will be back and (Ravindra) Jadeja. This are the best bowlers we have in the country," said Kapil, who scalped 253 wickets in 225 ODIs.

Kapil emphasised that the Indian team for the Champions Trophy looks strong on paper.

"On paper it (team) looks very good. Perhaps I know the team much better than other teams, so I can say, Indian team looks very good at this stage," the cricket legend said. — PTI



## School cricket tournament

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**GUWAHATI**, May 17: Little Star English School defeated Faculty Higher Secondary School by four wickets while Mother Merry School, Gauplura downed Little Flower School by nine wickets in two matches of the Dhan Sena Sinha Memorial 13th All Assam Inter School Cricket Tournament at Lataan playground today.

**BEST PERFORMERS**: Papon H S School 101 runs; Arun Kr Barua, Manikanta Samra 15; Hemant Choudhury 15; Abhishek Jha 30; Monish Kumar 21; Bisay Kr Prasad 21/10. **Little Star English School** 104/6 (Guernsey 22, Abhishek Jha not out 21, Manikanta Samra 2/18, Namanika Kr Barua 2/26).

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**Today's matches**: Modern English School, Kaliyara vs Noss; Assam Jatiya Bidyalaya vs Modern English School, Gitanagar.

## National armwrestling

**GUWAHATI**, May 17: The 30-member Assam team to-day left for the 41st National Armwrestling Championship to be held at New Delhi from May 18 to 21.

This year the Indian Armwrestling Federation is going to introduce competition for the southpaw players in the senior category for both men and women where Assam will also take part. From this championship the Indian team will be selected for the 39th World Armwrestling Championship to be held at Budapest, Hungary from 2 to 11.

Sidharth Malakar and Alif Husain are leading the Assam team as captain and manager respectively.

## Andy in quarterfinals

**GUWAHATI**, May 17: Andy Thaosen of Assam caused a major upset in the National Series Tennis Tournament in the boys U-12 singles event being held at MSLT Courts, Mumbai. In the pre-quarterfinal match, Andy, a trainee of North East Tennis Foundation, here, defeated six seeded Rushil Khosla of Delhi in a grueling three setter 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, stated a release issued by All Assam Tennis Association secretary Ankush Dutta.

## East Bengal pick ISL bid documents

**KOLKATA**, May 17: East Bengal today picked the bid documents to buy an Indian Super League franchise while Mohun Bagan were expected to follow suit.

"We have collected the Invitation to Bid documents in Mumbai. But this does not guarantee our participation. We can not take a plunge in the sea without assessing what's on offer. We will study it and then details will follow," East Bengal general secretary Kalyan Majumdar said.

Mohun Bagan general secretary Anjan Mitra said they're yet to decide and the discussions are on."

However, a source closely tracking the development said they have been in discussions for three months.

"They know what ITB holds for them. It's about making the call," he said, saying "two international clubs from Europe have also shown interest in ITB and had discussion with ISL office."

Football Sports Development Limited, the ISL organisers, have floated the tender through 'Invitation to Bid' on May 12 and the deadline for submission of documents is May 25. One to three teams can be chosen to take part in the ISL from this season. - PTI

## India U-17 team hold Paris outfit for a draw

**NEW DELHI**, May 17: The Indian U-17 World Cup team played out a 1-1 draw against second division club side of the Paris League, Saint Leu as part of the exposure tour of Europe.

In the first half, the Indians collated possession but lacked the necessary firepower upfront to give them the lead. In the 28th minute, Shubham's shot was saved by the opposition custodian after he latched onto a through pass by Shahajahan. Boris proved to be a threat on the flanks but his crosses in the box failed to find Indian forwards upfront.

However, in the 58th minute, the French side took the lead after Remi found the net following up on Dheeraj's clearance which did not go the distance. In the 72nd minute, Komal put India back on level terms as he latched onto a long goal-kick to score and make it 1-1. - PTI

## Harikrishna posts win in Moscow GP

**MOSCOW**, May 17: Indian Grandmaster Pental Harikrishna registered his first win at the Moscow FIDE Grand Prix after getting the better of English GM Michael Adams here at the DI Telegraph.

The Hyderabad, playing with white pieces, chose the aggressive route from the word go and the Englishman could not do much and wilted under the pressure to concede the game.

"A few inaccurate moves in the initial stage of the game by Adams, put me in a good position. From there on, I gradually improved my position and won," Harikrishna said after winning the tie. With this win, the World No. 16 Indian has now maintained his unbeaten run against Adams this year and recorded his second successive victory against him.

With a win, three draws and a loss in five games so far, Harikrishna has accumulated a total of 2.5 points and is placed 13th on the leaderboard. - PTI

## Aditi Ashok to tee up at Kingsmill golf

**WILLIAMSBURG** (Virginia), May 17: Aditi Ashok will be back in action at the USD 1.3 million Kingsmill Championship as she continues her journey on the LPGA, where she has so far made three starts this year.

The 19-year-old Aditi, who has made the cut in each of her three starts but has not contended or come close to it so far. She is coming off her best round on the LPGA this year, a four-under 68, in the Ladies Roundup a month ago. That saw her finish T-47 and she was earlier T-42 at the ANA Inspiration, her first Major appearance and T-52 at the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open.

Her sole appearance on the Ladies European Tour this year has been at Oates Victorian Open, where she was T-51 after failing to make the third round cut, though she did make the second round cut. - PTI

## Don't think last two overs cost us the game: Parthiv Patel

**MUMBAI**, May 17: Mumbai Indians had things well in control before losing the plot in the last two overs that cost them 41 overs but opener Parthiv Patel refused suggestions that it affected their chances in the Qualifier of the IPL.

"These kinds of things can happen in this format when someone like (Mahendra Singh) Dhoni is bowling to the cleaners. Patel defended. "Obviously we were in control, but I won't say it (loss) was just because of those two overs," said wicket-keeper Patel in the post-match media conference at the Wankhede Stadium.

Dhoni smashed five sixes, taking Mitchell McClenaghan and Jasprit Bumrah to the cleaners. Patel defended. Bumrah for bowing short of a length instead of yorkers in the first four balls of the last over.

"If you see the last couple of games or even last year, he had been successful against Dhoni with the kind of length he was bowling. He obviously is a good player and has been bowling brilliantly throughout the tournament. You got to sometimes give credit to the batsman.

"(After) one odd game like this you have to give credit to someone (Dhoni) who has played so many knocks like this," Bumrah bowed successive dot-ball yorkers to Dhoni to end the aver and the innings.

Patel did not agree to the suggestion that resting some key players in the previous game, which was MI's last of the round-robin phase, had taken away some edge off their intensity as he felt the break was needed for all to recharge.

"Not really. I had niggles and stayed back. I really played with niggles in the last three or four games. (It) break was needed and rightly so and we were sure of the first or second position," said the pint-sized keeper-batsman who top-scored for his side with a 52-run knock. Patel was of the opinion that the 160-odd that the Super-giant scored was "par score" on the Wankhede track.

"We were thinking 160, but we lost too many wickets after six overs," he said referring to Super-giant rookie slow bowler Washington Sundar's triple strike early on that had Mum-

bai stuttering 51 for 4 after 8 overs. Sundar's victims included MI captain Rohit Sharma and two other seasoned players – Ambati Rayudu and Kieron Pollard.

Patel also backed the team management's decision to drop MI's highly successful and experienced off-spinner Harbhajan Singh from the game.

"You can't afford to let it in both ways. Seeing all right-handers it was decided to go with two going (spinning bowlers)," said Patel on the decision to leave out Harbhajan and let left-arm Krunal Pandya.

All is not lost for MI in their quest for the title, pointed out Patel and said the key now ahead of the Eliminator in Bengaluru on May 19 was to put the loss to Super-giant on the back burner.

"We got to believe in ourselves. We got another chance because we played well throughout the tournament. That's the reason we got another chance of playing the Eliminator. It's very important for us to forget what has happened in the semi-final." - PTI

## Harbhajan requests Kumble to look into Ranji fees

**NEW DELHI**, May 17: Time

away from national team has given Harbhajan Singh a fresh perspective about the condition of average domestic cricketer, prompting him to request chief national coach Anil Kumble to raise the issue of their match fees with the COA.

Kumble is set to give a presentation to the Committee of Administrators (COA) on May 21 about the revised pay structure of the contracted Indian cricketers with an eye on substantial hike on current central contract. The grades are Rs 2 crore, Rs 1 crore and Rs 50 lakh.

While the elite Indian cricketers are a sorted lot along with a handful of off-class players, who have IPL contracts, an average domestic cricketer still needs a match fee of Rs 1.5 lakh (first XI player) for a first-class game (Ranji Trophy and Duodecim Trophy) compared to the Rs 15 lakh for a Test match.

One of India's finest spinners, Harbhajan has recently written to Kumble about the financial insecurities of domestic cricketers.

The letter, accessed by PTI, has



Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan making an emotional plea to Kumble.

"It's been last 2/3 years (that) I am playing Ranji Trophy. I hate that I've found constant struggle around me in the financial situation [my first-class] teammates. Even though Ranji Trophy is hosted by the richest cricket board in the world, I appeal to you as a player, who is an inspiration and role model for all Ranji players," Harbhajan wrote to Kumble.

"I request you to please take this up with the top brass of BCCI and players like Sachin, Rahul, Laxman, Viru to ensure that a change is brought about in the pay structure, in the amounts they get paid," Harbhajan wrote. - PTI

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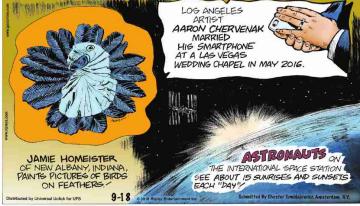
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## Why? What?

### Where is the Juilliard School?

The Juilliard School is one of the world's premier performing arts conservatories, located in New York City. The school was named after the family of Julius and Ethelreda Juilliard, who was formed by the joining of the Institute of Musical Art and merged with the Juilliard Graduate School. The school is known for its students, including American conductor Frank Damrosch and the American pianist-impresario James Levine in 1965; the Juilliard Graduate School was founded by the American music patron Augustus D. Juilliard in 1905, a man who had studied at the Juilliard School. In 1969, the school's name was changed to The Juilliard School, and the school was moved into the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Graduates of Juilliard include actor Robin Williams, opera singer Leontyne Price, violinist Itzhak Perlman, jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, and dancer and choreographer Paul Taylor.



## My viewpoint

What is the future of Kaziranga?

Kaziranga is a national park for which Assam is famous. It is home to the one-horned rhino, which is a rare species, and is found here and it is the main attraction for tourists. The future of Kaziranga is at stake. Poachers can kill rhinos here at any moment, and the area has been occupied by illegal migrants. Annual floods during the monsoons are another threat to Kaziranga. Some rare species have already become extinct. All has to be done to save this Park from further destruction.



Chandana Kishorep,  
Class XI, Rongali  
Academy, Nalbari.

If we, humans, kill the innocent one-horned rhino for our selfish motives, the future of Kaziranga will be ruined. The Kaziranga will soon lose this rare animal. It will be left with no flora and fauna. But, the situation is not so bad. If we take some strong steps now, we can make a real bright future for Kaziranga and even for the animals living there. It is now upto us to save this land!



Khushboo Das,  
Class V, Manas Public  
School, Guwahati.

Kaziranga is a gift of Nature. It is famous for its one-horned rhinos. You can also find a variety of flora and fauna in Kaziranga. Every year a number of foreign tourists visit Kaziranga. But in the last decade, rhinos have been killed by poachers; also, more and more people are encroaching the land of Kaziranga. Even the tourist attractions are decreasing. If these problems are not solved, there will come a time when Kaziranga will be completely destroyed.

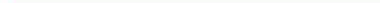


Pangri Samra,  
Class XII, Assam  
Residential  
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Pathasila.

A lot of care, love and attention can bring about a change to the obvious future of Kaziranga. The decreasing number of decreases in the number of Indian one-horned rhinos and there is really a need to take care of them. There will also be a decrease in the number of tourists. This will adversely affect the economy of Assam. But if we careful steps can make a huge difference and can ensure a bright future for the National Park.

# PLANET YOUNG

GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017



## The first guest

T he locality is not easily visible from our room.

Every day, the boy visits every house in the locality, early in the morning. He is the first guest to every home. Everyone waits for him. Because he brings along a very precious thing for all the people who are eager to know what is happening in the world. Unlike the other guests, people do not invite him home; they do not offer him tea. He just walks up to the gate, gives him a smile and then leaves.

Who is he? The newspaper hawker – the first guest of the day!

For example, this young boy of 13, cute and well-mannered. His family is not financially sound. After the demise of his father, his mother and older brother had to leave the place because of running their home. A year ago, he thought he, too, had grown up enough to pitch in. That is when he started his work as a newspaper hawker. He took up the job of a paperboy. The work is interesting, according to him. Moreover, it does not require any skill. He enjoys the work very much and always tries to perform his duty without any mistake.

He wakes up early in the morning and goes to the newspaper agency, come rain or shine. He arranges the newspapers there. He also puts in the news items and then carries the news items into each newspaper. There are about 40 families in the locality. It takes an hour to distribute the papers. He distributes the papers to the newsagents. But, sometimes, he disappears into the grove of bamboo trees. His bicycle is old and needs to be repaired. He does not have the money to do so. He does not mind riding the bell to let people know that he has come, because the sound of his bicycle is enough for that. He shares all his daily experiences with his mother and sister in the

evening.

When he first started his work, he made a couple of mistakes. He got confused and distributed the wrong news items. One day, it rained. On rainy days, he would throw the newspapers onto the verandahs from the gate in order to send them to the houses. He would wait for the rain to stop, but if the paper did not reach the verandah, that day, that particular family would get a late news item. He got scolded by the newspaper agency and many people scolded him for that. Initially, he complained about it and cried in front of his mother. She told him to learn from his mistake and slowly learnt how to deal with such situations. Now, he always reaches on time, before the papers are distributed. He also distributes the news items to the newsagents. He also distributes monthly magazines and weekly newspapers.

Even today, he is up and about, doing his duty.

Early in the morning, like any other day. He does not mind the rain or the sun. He does not go inside the house after that. He directly goes inside the house to wear his school uniform. How do I know so much about him? Because he is my brother – Mitu.

— Jyotishmita Kalita, Class-X,  
Anuradha Borborah Academy, Pathasila.

Illustration: Chirag

## I, ME, MYSELF

Sushanta Talukdar is a well-known journalist. He edits nezne.com, an online publication.



The person who has influenced me the most.

She is my wife Ratna Bharali Talukdar. She inspired me to take journalism seriously. She is concerned about people.

The biggest turning point of my life. When I joined the Hindu as a special correspondent. This gave a new direction to my work.

The happiest moment in my life. When we launched nezne.com on July 11, 2011.

The changes that I would like to see in the society.

People should take the pain to find out informative news. They should be well-informed citizens of our country.

My message for today's youth. Focus on your goals and be committed to telling the truth. Believe me, nothing is ever achieved without dedication.



## Winners All

CONTRIBUTOR  
OF THE WEEK  
Jyotishmita Kalita,  
Pathasila

POEM  
OF THE WEEK  
Astreyee Saikia,  
Jorhat

SKETCH  
OF THE WEEK  
S. S. Prasad,  
Guwahati



**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
My problem is that I lie all the time. Most of them are white lies and I have no need to utter them. Why am I behaving like this?

—Julie

**Dear Auntie,**  
I feel you have written to me. This shows that you are willing to change. Everyone will, you ought to confess the truth. It won't be easy, but do it. You will have to believe about changing yourself. And then, Good luck, dear fibber!

**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
I am always late for school. This gets me into a lot of trouble. Please advise.

—Ruchika

**Dear Ruchika,**  
A little bit of planning will see you through. Pack your school bag the previous night. Get your uniform ready and your shoes polished. Set your alarm in your clock or phone. Believe me, you will get quite a headstart.

**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
I like reading story books, but they are too expensive. What should I do?

—Prabodh

**Dear Prabodh,**  
This is a good way out. Form a book club with your classmates. Exchange books and read them. After that, you can discuss each book. That way, you will be able to read books for free. Clever is it a try.

### JUNIOR PUZZLES

1) Was Professor H's grandfather Lola Lane, Tinker Bell, or Maid Marion?



2) Which of the following is the odd one out – the rain gauge, sun dial, hour glass, or the cuckoo clock?



3) Did Davy Crockett, Buffalo Bill or John Howard wear a hat with an animal tail hanging down the back?



**DID YOU KNOW**  
by John Martin

In Star Trek, Captain Kirk never said, "Beam me up, Scotty". He usually said, "Beam me up, Mister Scott".

Anupam, Class-VIII, Modern High School, Guwahati

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**THIS WEEK'S WINNER** **PicSpeak** **NEXT WEEK'S PICTURE**

Gargi Gohain, Class-XI, Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati.

■ Please collect your certificate from our office.  
Send your entries to PicA, Young Assam@outlook.com

**Mini M@ths**

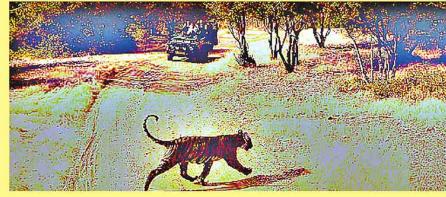
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## Tiger tiger, burning bright



- Jahnabi Dutta, Class-IX,  
Maharishi Vidya Mandir Public School,  
Panikhaiti.

Head and two others were Noor and Aisha. We, on the whole, spotted 10 tigers during our safaris.

This trip has been one worth remembering. Though it ended, but

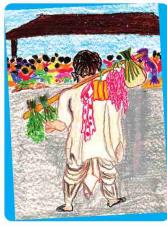
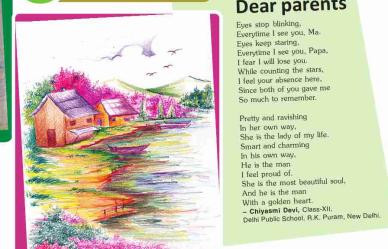
This trip has been one worth remembering. Though it ended, but along with it, began a long and tough journey to protect wildlife. It's a journey which no one can complete but if we all start to do our bit, then saving such a majestic beast will not be an impossible task. So, the pledge that I took there was:  
*"Apna farz nibhayenge, Tiger ko bachayenge."*

## Everyday heroes

Dear Bhairty, Bhontu,  
Very often in life, we come across everyday heroes. They don't have six-pack abs, mighty weapons and superhuman powers. They are just people who do the best they can, carrying out their duties quietly, without complaint. That is why you are certain to love Jyotishmita Kalita's beautiful story "The first guest", which wonderfully illustrates this fact.

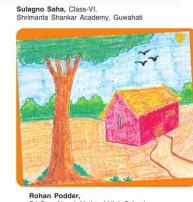
*With love, as always,*

Kakaiden

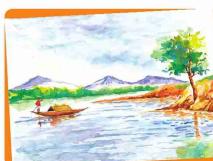
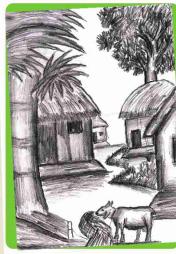
Kira Basu, Class-II  
Kendriya Vidyalaya, Central University, TezpurArindom Bordoloi, Class-V  
Springdale High School, Jorhat**SKETCH OF THE WEEK**S. Sai Prasad, Class-XII,  
B. Borooah College, Guwahati.**Dear parents**

Eyes stop blinking,  
Everytime I see you, Ma.  
Eyes keep staring,  
Everytime I see you, Papa,  
I love you, I will love you.  
While counting the stars,  
I feel more love for both of you,  
Since both of you gave me  
So much to remember.

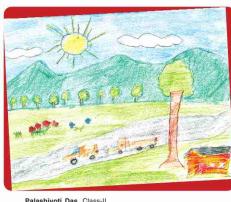
Pretty and ravishing  
In her own way,  
She is the joy of my life.  
Sweet and charming  
In his own way,  
He is the most  
I look up to her,  
She is the most beautiful soul,  
And she is the man  
With a golden heart.

— Chrysanti Devi, Class-XII  
Dewi Public School, N.R. Puram, New Delhi.Sulegnra Saha, Class-VI  
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, GuwahatiAritree Dey, Class-VI  
Christ Jyoti School, NagaonRohan Podder,  
St. Gons Handicraft National School,  
GuwahatiAnubhav Sharma Nath, Class-III,  
Shiksha - The Gurukul, Tinsukia**POEM OF THE WEEK****poems & sketches****POEM OF THE WEEK**— Astreyee Saikia, Class-X,  
Springdale High School, Jorhat.**The future Earth**

Have you ever wondered,  
How would the Earth look like?  
Look at the world in the future?  
Not mentioned in any book,  
Will there be conflicts among nations?  
Will we have peace around?  
Or will every human devoid the emotions  
Towards our wretched environment?  
Will we carry plants elsewhere?  
Will every animal survive?  
Or will every person  
Plan to live in space instead?  
Will there be robots all around?  
Will humans be endangered?  
Or will robots and humans create a bond?  
To help the victims and injured?  
Hope in the future, after 100 years,  
Peace will come.  
Hope we have the ability to bring peace  
To Mother Earth, so dear.

Kishalay Kasthipro, Class-VIII,  
The East Indian School, Biswanath CharialiAnupama Choudhury, Class-VI,  
Modem High School, GauhatiAnwesha Saha, Class-VII,  
Sonding Vidyalya, Central University,  
Tezpur**Tour the world**

Continued  
I don't know what to do.  
Should I stay at home?  
Or...  
Take a cool... wearing my new pair of shoes?  
I cannot decide what to watch on TV.  
Should I enjoy cartoons?  
Or...  
Watch a movie?  
I have forgotten which two colours make green.  
Is it yellow and blue?  
Or...  
Red...  
Or...  
Should I forgive and ignore?  
I think I know what food I like.  
It is pizza... no, burger.  
Or...  
Anything that tastes nice!  
I don't know what others may think.  
What may be the word 'confused'?  
But for me, it is...  
Like very big terrors!  
— Niharika Baruah, Class-VII  
Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nabar, Nagaon

Yuktasmita Sarma, Class-IV,  
Little Flowers School, NagaonPalashyoti Das, Class-II,  
St. Clare School, BorjharSneha Das, Class-VII,  
Kendriya Vidyalaya, Morigaon