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NEWS CAPSULE

Online voting

NEW DELHI, May 20: Online voting is not feasible keeping in mind the security systems required to maintain its integrity. Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi said today. The EC had formed a committee to examine the issue and the report was submitted to the Supreme Court and Law Ministry. – PTI

Molesters held

MORIGAON, May 20: Two teenagers – Sanak Das and Nitayananda Das – were today arrested here on charges of molesting a girl. It was said, the girl's family in an FIR alleged that four boys had abducted her. The girl was rescued by the inhabitants of Ward No. 6 here.

– Correspondent

Tejas Express

NEW DELHI, May 20: Fares of Tejas Express train will be 20 per cent more than that of the Shatabdi Express. Equipped with modern facilities, Tejas Express will be flagged off from Mumbai for Goa on May 22 by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu. – PTI

Cash looted

RANGIYA, May 20: Unidentified miscreants looted around Rs 4.5 lakh from one Ranu Ali, an employee of a motorcycle dealer, on the Union Bank of India premises here today. – Correspondent



Zubeen Gary performing at a cultural function at Boko on Friday night. – UB Photos

Fight against corruption to continue: CM

R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

GUWAHATI, May 20: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today asserted that the war against corruption would continue and no one found to be indulging in corruption would be spared. He also said that bringing the system back on track was a major challenge faced by the BJP-led government in the State and admitted that they have miles to go to bring back work culture among all sections of government employees.

Talking to *The Assam Tribune*,

“In the first Cabinet meeting, we took a decision to take immediate steps to abolish the illegal check gates, while recently, we took a decision that no one would interfere with the functioning of the agencies involved in dealing with corruption. Perhaps for the first time,

a state government has taken such a decision in the Cabinet and we wanted to send across a strong message to everyone,” he said.

Sonowal pointed out that a number of people, including senior officers of various departments including police, were put behind the bars for their involvement in the corruption, while the chairman of the Assam Public Service Commission and members of the Commission were arrested. Now efforts are on to nab those who got into government jobs through illegal

means. He also said that the investigating agencies have also been directed to look into assets of officers, which are disproportionate to their known sources of income.

The Chief Minister said efforts are on to strengthen the vigilance and anti-corruption wing and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Assam Police with additional manpower and equipment, while the Chief Minister's Vigilance Cell has been activated. As the forensic science plays a key role not only in

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Caution against Chinese transgression

GANGTOK, May 20: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today asked border guarding force ITBP and governments of Himalayan states to remain ‘very vigilant’ against Chinese transgression along the Sino-Indian border saying such incidents take place due to perceptual differences.

Addressing the first ever meeting of chief ministers of five Himalayan states, Singh also asked Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh governments to undertake developmental activities along the 3,488-km-long Sino-Indian border so

that people living in these areas do not have to migrate.

“Due to perceptual differences, there have been transgression by the Chinese PLA in the past. Such incidents have come down now. Sometimes armies of both the countries come face to face which we call face-off. Such incidents are resolved through the existing mechanism,” he said.

The meeting comes days after India

refused to participate in China’s silk road project ‘One Belt, One Road’ conference in Beijing and a month after the diplomatic tussle over the Dalai Lama’s visit to Arunachal Pradesh.

Chief ministers of Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh Trivendra Singh Rawat, Pawan Kumar Chamling and Pema Khandu respectively and representatives of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh attended the meeting.

“As we are aware the India-China border is undermanned, we have to be very vigilant while guarding the borders. The (See page 13)

Rajnath meets CMs of Himalayan states

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New NE industrial package on the anvil

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, May 20: A draft Cabinet note proposing a new industrial package for the Northeast is being finalised. Circulation, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Nirmala Sitharaman said today.

Addressing a press conference today, the Union Minister said the new policy would be more effective and robust. Currently the NITI Aayog and the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion are engaged in giving it a final shape, she said adding, a note would then be drafted and circulated among members before being approved by the Cabinet.

As reported, the North East

introduced the policy, many of the incentives under the policy had been diluted. The NEIPPI 2007 was suspended from December 1, 2014 to November 22, last. During that period almost all new investments were kept on hold.

FOOD FRAUD CASES IN STATE

Govt plans to set up state-of-art lab

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, May 20: Last year, of the 49 milk samples tested at the State Public Health Laboratory, nine were found to be substandard. Likewise, four of the 11 packaged drinking water samples were found to be unsafe for consumption and eight of the 32 milk products (ghee, ice cream, butter) were stated to be of substandard quality. Also, of the 79 beverage brands tested, five were found to be ‘misbranded’, eight substandard and three unsafe.

Admitting that food fraud cases have been increasing, sources in the Commissionerate of Food Safety said most of the food adulteration cases are found in case of packaged drinking water, edible oil, milk and milk products and food grains. Around 610 samples of various food products were tested at the laboratory last year, and of them as many as 42 were found to be of substandard quality. 13 misbranded and 12 categorised as unsafe. Adulteration has been detected in even reputed brands, they said. (See page 13)

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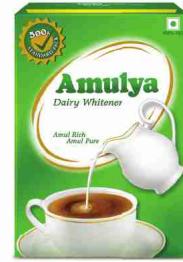
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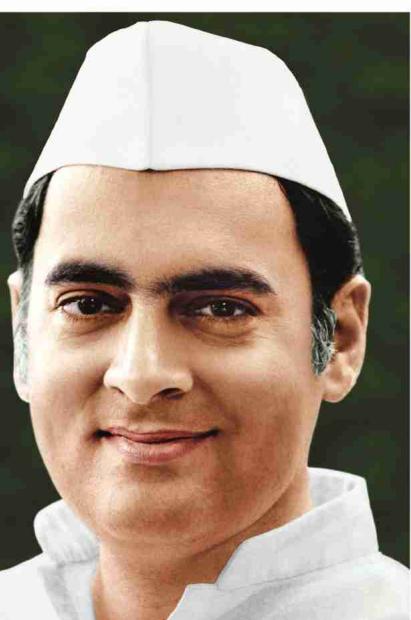
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MESSAGE FORTODAY

In this world nothing is certain except death and taxes.

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

The Assam Tribune

Four slab surprise

It speaks volumes for the slow pace with which things move in India that all the important Goods and Services Tax (GST) bill, first mooted during the UPA rule when Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister, had been hanging fire for so long because Parliament was not allowed to function. But, finally, sense did seem to enter our legislators and the GST is in the process of becoming a reality. Economists are unanimous that considering the global as well as national economic slowdown and lethargic industrial growth, the GST bill is the most important reform measure India has taken since independence. It envisons a uniform tax structure all over India, thereby bringing simplification in the system and doing away with practices like double-taxation. Since the Centre and the States will not be in cross purposes in fiscal matters the complexities which now bedevil India's revenue collection methods will be diluted. Impediments towards smooth transport and conveyance of goods such as check-gates, which have always been a source of corruption and growth of extortionist mafias, will be removed. However, economists have been surprised that the GST Council responsible for placing goods and services in different taxation brackets, have opted for four slabs instead of the expected two. They have expressed apprehension that the multiplicity of slabs might destroy the objective of simplification of tax structure which the measure aims at.

Apparently, the four slabs of 5, 12, 18 and 28 percent were required to keep GST rates on goods and services as close to the existing rates of taxation. Thus the dramatic benefits to consumers which had been prognosticated might not materialize, though, as the Union Finance Minister has emphasized, neither will it bring about abnormal inflationary pressures. Multiple slabs were also perhaps required to align the economy to India's socialist ideals. For example, given the importance of budget airliners for ordinary travellers, economy class air-liner tickets will now be taxed at 5 percent while it had been 6 percent earlier. Occasionally, individuals in the higher income group too will benefit – for instance, five-star hotels have been placed in the 28 percent slab, less than the 35 percent they attract right now. Though the Council has adopted a pragmatic stance in exempting health-care and education from the GST regime, there are certain negative aspects to the proposed rules which need recalibration. With mobile phone services playing a crucial role in communication in India, placing telecom services in the 18 percent bracket instead of the present 15 percent might raise phone bill payments. Similarly, the print media has received the short end of the stick in the proposed GST regime. Notwithstanding the reality that it is under tremendous financial constraints, the Council has not done it a "service" by placing space selling for advertisement in the 5 percent slab!

Growing demand

Despite the growing demand for egg, chicken and meat in the State, Assam is miles away from attaining self-sufficiency in the poultry and livestock sectors. Promoting poultry and livestock development, especially among the unemployed youths, would have also opened up new vistas of entrepreneurship, thereby benefiting the economy. As per official figures, the State imports 33 lakh eggs every day from States like Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Similarly, some 20,000 kg broiler chicken is imported every day from Bengal and Bihar. Also abysmal has been the availability of eggs in Assam at 15 per person per year, whereas the National Nutrition Institute stipulates that this should be about 180 eggs per person per year. Therefore, the stagnating poultry and livestock sectors are affecting our nutrition levels as well in an adverse manner. This needs to change. With more Central funds coming up for developing the livestock sector, the need of our government authorities is to engage with unemployment youths in a meaningful manner so as to attract them to this sector teeming with potential. It is good to see the Assam Livestock and Poultry Development Corporation set a target of empowering 10,000 unemployed youths through these sectors. To realize this goal, the corporations need to be proactive and ensure professional discharge of its responsibility. The selection of the intended beneficiaries should be done through a transparent process. If the authorities succeed in the mission, it will have the twin benefit of providing livelihoods to local youths besides facilitating self-sufficiency in the production of eggs, meat and chicken. Another disturbing concern regarding the poultry and livestock sectors happens to be the unhygienic conditions in which the consumables reach the masses. The condition of our slaughter houses leaves a lot to be desired and the meat of the slaughtered animals are generally sold in unhygienic conditions. This can be prevented by proper implementation of the slaughter house rules and norms by the municipal bodies across the State. The growing demand for meat and chicken in the State warrants that we have modern slaughter houses in sufficient numbers.

The Assam Tribune

From THE PAST

FEDERAL PLAN**NO IMPOSITION AGAINST WISHES OF PEOPLE**

Chavan's Appeal For Co-operation To Find out Solution

By A Staff Reporter

GAUHATI, May 20: The Union Home Minister, Sri Y.B. Chavan, said here today that the Government of India had not come to a final decision regarding the proposed reorganization of Assam and urged upon all to be clear in their minds that the federal plan was not going to be imposed against the wishes of the people of Assam.

The Union Home Minister who was addressing a meeting of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee at the Congress Bhawan today stated that the Hill problem was a "tricky, complex and urgent" one and appealed to the APCC members to cooperate with him in finding a solution to it. "It is a problem in reality; let us face it and not ignore it," he emphasized. Sri Chavan stated that the Centre was looking at the problem in the national interest and added that the proposal for federal reorganization of Assam was given special consideration "to keep the entire region together."

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967

Historic verdict for Indian women

■ Dr Rituparna Bhattacharyya, Dr Lonima Sarma

On 5 May, the honourable Apex Court awarded capital punishment to the four convicts involved in the 2012 Nirbhaya (fearless) gangrape case, where the 23-year-old woman was brutally gang raped by six men and then left in a vegetative state (who later died), when she was returning home from that fatal December night. Amongst the six men, one committed suicide in March 2013 in Tihar jail, while the other was a juvenile at the time when the crime was committed, therefore, was bestowed three-year-punishment in a remand home, and later released in 2015.

The historic 429-page judgement against the appellants has been considered to have created 'tsunami of shocks' amongst public consciousness and labelled the incident as the 'rarest of rare' case. Although, this is neither the first nor the last reported incident of brutal rape. Indeed, there are many reported incidents which could be seemingly labelled as 'rarest of rare' but which await/s/ have waited for decades to receive justice. For instance, on the eve of the Nirbhaya judgment, that is, on May 4, 2017 the Bombay High Court upheld life imprisonment to the 12 perpetrators in the Bilkis Banu Gang rape case, while awarding acquittal to seven others including the doctors and police officers. The family of Bilkis Banu became victims of post-Godhra riots when a mob of people attacked and killed seven members of her family (including her three-year-old daughter) at their village Randhipur near Ahmedabad, when Bilkis herself was five-month-pregnant. Evidently, only 4% of the perpetrators of rape (and attempted to rape) are convicted while approximately 85% cases remain pending in courts across India; markedly indicating that power remains in favour of the perpetrators and not the victims.

Varied incidents of violence against women (VAW) have rotten our society to the core displaying apparent disrespect for women. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2015, a total of 3,27,394 cases of VAW were reported across the country as compared to 3,37,922 in 2014, a slight decline by 3.1%. NCRB (2015) also reported staggering 34,651 and 4,434 cases of rape and attempt to rape respectively committed on victims (aged children younger than six years old to even women aged 60 years and over). Ironically, in 95% of cases, the victims knew the perpetrators. Alongside, NCRB (2015) also unravelled 82,422 cases of assault on women with intent to outrage her/their modesty and 3685 cases of insult to the modesty of women. The reported cases of rape and insult to the modesty of women have fallen respectively by 5.7% and 10.8% over 2014 but during the same period, cases of attempt to rape and assault on women to insult modesty have rose by 4.8% and 0.2% respectively.

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the perpetrators of sex-crime, measures that are far more stringent are needed to escalate everyday women's safety. Importantly, most cases of VAW often go unreported for various reasons – threat from the perpetrator, embarrassment, insensitivity on the part of the police to tackle sex-crime, complex medical and judiciary processes etc. Most importantly, most cases of VAW are so deeply embedded in the patriarchal structure and misogyny that the onus of being sexually assaulted lies on the victims rather than the perpetrators. In a country where death penalty is awarded for 'rarest of the rare' categories, perhaps, for ensuring everyday women's safety, we need to think of a legislation, which castrates convicted rapists. Of course, there has to be ironclad debates considering its pros and cons and the issues of medical ethics entailed. By having a piece of powerful legislation such as this will perhaps, rigorously deter and reduce sex-crime.

The post-Nirbhaya budget sessions since 2013, initiated by the UPA government has allocated Rs 1000-crore corpus fund for escalation of women's safety. Although, the fund remains unspent until now, in 2015-16, the fund was divided into two schemes – Rs 653-crore for increasing women's safety on public road transport and Rs 79.6-crore for the Nirbhaya Project. Under the Nirbhaya Project, we urge upon the Home Ministry to act in synchronization with the respective state gov-

Terror never triumphs

■ Bobbeeta Sharma

She reached across , held both my hands in hers and said , Tell me everything , tell me what he said , what mood he was in , what were his last moments like . I want to hear it from you , every tiny detail . Was he happy , was he tense , what were his last words...?

Tears streaming down her cheeks – I realised, mind too- and still holding on to my hands, she listened as I recounted the last forty-five minutes of India's youngest prime minister's life ; his unexpected death closing the chapter on India's all too brief Camelot . "Neena Gopal , The Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi , 2016 .

Rajiv Gandhi was just 46 years old when he was assassinated on 21st May 1991 and the above exchange was between his equally young widow Sonia Gandhi and the Neena Gopal who was the last journalist to have interviewed Rajiv Gandhi just before he died. In her Neena Gopal questions about the security lapses and the withdrawal of 2 security cover of Rajiv Gandhi by the Governments of VP Singh and Chandrashekhar when he clearly faced threats to his life and was vulnerable. With only one lone bodyguard accompanying him Rajiv Gandhi went to Sripurimburudur to meet Sam Pitroda about the IT revolution in India in the early 1990's - that gave us our personal computers and mobile phones in every household.

The lowering of the voting age from 21 to 18 was a landmark step to involve the youth of India in the democratic process and take decisions for the future of the country. Had Rajiv Gandhi been alive today the history of India would have been another new chapter.

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is an old country but a young nation; and like the young everywhere in India are impatient. I am young and I too have a dream. I dream of an INDIA strong, independent and self-reliant and in the front rank of the nations of the world in the service of mankind".

If there was a problem he wanted a solution and would go all out to solve it as quickly as possible. The Punjab Accord , the Assam Accord , the Mizoram Accord were in quick succession. That he wanted peace at any cost is evident when he made his own Congress Chief Ministers resign in Assam and Mizoram to pave the way for popular sentiment. For him installing a Congress government in a state at any cost was not the sole motive or political agenda.

His actions had a vision for the future of the country. The Panchayati Raj Act brought de-centralisation of power at grassroots , 33 % Reservation for Women in Panchayats opened doors for women participation in decision making at grassroots , the new Industrial Policy giving thrust on de-licensing paved the way for the economic liberalisation, the time bound responsibility entrusted to the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) under the leadership of telecom engineer Sam Pitroda brought about the IT revolution in India in the early 1990's - that gave us our personal computers and mobile phones in every household.

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Prabhakaran for devolution of power were tried to be met with without compromising the territorial integrity of Sri Lanka. It was thus a daunting task allegedly made complicated due to wily political machinations of President Jayawardene and uncompromising stand off on the part of Prabhakaran. Rajiv Gandhi's commitment to keep the territorial integrity of Sri Lanka intact which ran contrary to Prabhakaran's goal of a separate Tamil state carved out of Sri Lanka was deemed to be the primary motive for the conspiracy and assassination.

The mastermind of the assassination LTTE chief Prabhakaran was killed in a violent death in 2009 , eighteen years after the death of Rajiv Gandhi. It was believed that Prabhakaran conspired to assassinate Rajiv Gandhi fearing that his return to power would undermine their interests of having a separate Tamil state. Ironically even with Rajiv Gandhi out of the way more than a decade later too the desire of a Tamil state remained a distant dream. Today the Sri Lankan Tamil situation is stabilised. Years of violence have been its toll. Terror can never be a cause of triumph. Terror begets terror and the perpetrators of terror always face a gory end. History never forgives them nor do they earn any mourning.

Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary on 21st May is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day all over India to promote harmony and unity among people and prevent any acts of violence and terror. It is also observed to mourn the death of victims of terrorism along with a pledge - "We the people of India, having abiding faith in our country's tradition of non-violence and tolerance , hereby solemnly affirm to oppose with our strength , all forms of terrorism and violence. We pledge to uphold and promote peace, social harmony , and understanding among all fellow human beings and fight the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values".

(Published on the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day today.)

Voices of the WEEK



Courtesy: THE HINDU

"We demand the government to stop political influence on SEBA. The education board has its own authority over exam related matters.... It is a conspiracy of the BJP-led government, mostly against the vernacular medium schools affiliated to SEBA." — AKHIL GOGOI, adviser, KMSS

★ ★

"No words, games, or actions will ever stop me from reaching my own dreams and I have many." — MARIA SHARAPOV, tennis player

★ ★

"The Dholi-Sadiya bridge is a vital link from the defence point of view." — SARABANDA SONOWAL, Chief Minister, Assam

★ ★

"Big corporate houses will occupy the space by producing goods at very low costs, which will harm our cottage industry." — TARUN GOGOI, ex-CM, Assam on GST

★ ★

"Parents should try to know about the educational progress of their children. The boys had failed in exams but their parents were not aware. How is it possible?" — HIREN CHANDRA NATH, city police commissioner

★ ★

"After so many decades we begin a new era in the hills. The hills are smiling." — MAMATA BANERJEE, Chief Minister, West Bengal

★ ★

"BJP has no courage to suppress Lalu's voice... if Lalu's voice will be suppressed thousands of Lalu would rise in the country." — LALU PRASAD YADAV, RJD chief

★ ★

"The country's development depends on the progress of the States." — M VENKAIAH NAIDU, Union Minister

★ ★

"Guns, stones have only brought destruction, snatched best minds like Umar Fayaz." — MEHBOOBA MUFTI, Chief Minister, J&K

★ ★

"You cannot remain the role model to the world simply because of the size of your electorate." — PRANAB MUKHERJEE, President, India

An egg-cellent venture

My downfall began on the day I sent for a set of pamphlets on poultry. My restive spirit had rebelled against becoming a mere cog in the scheme of things and I resolved on going into business for myself and poultry seemed a promising line. My reasoning seemed logical enough – growing population needed protein and eggs were the cheapest source of that protein acceptable even to the finicky vegans.

I knew I had it in me to make it big in the poultry business and I could imagine banner headlines on the commercial pages – Egg Emperor to go

multinational and Chicken Czar to add 1,000 birds to flock.

The pamphlets were divided into four chapters – Introducing you to poultry, Building a coop, Selection of birds and Economics of egg production and marketing. Wanting to save on overheads, I decided to build the coop myself and I looked around for discarded nine sheets and armed with a hammer and a few rusty nails I went to work and when the hardwork was complete, I looked heavenward and delivered a silent prayer of thanks-giving that my mak-

er had decided to make me a 'Home Sapien' and not a chicken and future occupant of my coop.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of birds and pamphlet No. 3 recommended that I go in for Pearl-bro Samrats for they were "prolific layers." A quick trip to the market and I was well provisioned with the Samrats and returning home I ceremonially pushed them into their coop.

The next morning I found me sitting eagerly in front of the coop waiting for the birds to start laying their eggs

which I would collect and sell at usurious profit, but instead of going about their business of laying eggs, they kept pecking listlessly at their feed. Alarmed I sent away for a vet who diagnosed that the birds had contracted coccidiosis and that their throats needed immediate "painting".

My dreams shattered, my poultry business is now in the hands of a receiver, but I have a consolation of sorts – my poultry business, if not the birds has "laid an egg."

I am now again looking for an alternate business startup to fulfil my dream to become a business czar.

Rly ticket counter opened

GUWAHATI. May 20: The first 'Yatri Ticket Subidha Kendra' at the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) zone was inaugurated at Abigaon here on Thursday by Promod Kumar Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Lumding Division of NFR.

This is an outsourcing scheme of the Indian Railways and allows entrepreneurs to set up railway ticket sale counters and to sell both reserved and unreserved tickets. The Ministry of Railways has come up with this scheme with a view to expanding facilities for issue of railway tickets through computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS)-eum-Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) terminals which are called 'Yatri Ticket Subidha Kendras'.

In view to reduce crowding at the reservation counters and to provide tickets to the passengers in the market easily instead of their having to go to the station, this is an attempt to decentralise the ticket dispensing process. Tickets obtained at the Yatri Ticket Subidha Kendra can be cancelled in any railway station. - Staff Reporter



NOTICE OF A POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARING

Sab: Draft AERC (Grid Interactive Solar PV Systems) Regulations, 2015 (First Amendment), 2017.

It is for information to all concerned that, the scheduled hearing on draft AERC (Grid Interactive Solar PV Systems) Regulations, 2015 (First Amendment), 2017 on 31-05-2017 is deferred due to some unavoidable circumstances and is rescheduled on 12-06-2017 at 11:00 AM in the Court Room of the Commission. This publication may also be treated as notice for hearing of objections.

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT

(High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Dated, Guwahati, the 19th May, 2017

Quotations are invited from interested/experienced firms/enterprises to carry out beautification works at Block No. 3 situated at the south eastern side of the compound of the Bungalow of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, M.G. Road, Guwahati- covering an area of 4195.64 sq.ft. Details may be downloaded from the High court website www.phconline.gov.in.

By order,
Sgt. Mr. K. Kalita
Registrar
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati



NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. CGM/PPD/APDCL/AP/2016-17/PATGACN-S8-LINE/91 dt: 19-05-2017

The Chief General Manager (PP&D), APDCL, Bijules Bawhan, Paltanbarz, Guwahati-1, invites e-tenders from valid Electrical Contractors holding license up to 33 KV issued by the competent authority for Construction of New 33/11KV, 2x5 MVA Patgaon Sub-Station along with construction of new 9.0 km 33KV line within the jurisdiction of Kokrajhar Electrical Division, on turnkey mode.

Details may be seen in the website https://apdcl.etenders.in & www.apdcl.gov.in

Sgt.-Chief General Manager (PP&D)
APDCL, 6th floor, Bijules Bawhan, Guwahati-1

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NIT NO. CGM (PP&D)/APDCL/AP/2016-17/L

Matia-Morni Line-2 dt/dt: 19-05-2017

The Chief General Manager (PP&D), APDCL, Bijules Bawhan, Paltanbarz, Guwahati-1, invites e-tenders from valid Electrical Contractors holding license up to 33 KV issued by the competent authority for Construction of single cat.3.5 KM length suspension type 33 KV Line with AACW conductor on SP-76 GI Tubular & 9.8 mtr PSC Double pole structure from Matia GSS to 33/11KV Monorail substation within the jurisdiction of Goalpara Electrical Division on turnkey mode.

Details may be seen in the website https://apdcl.etenders.in & www.apdcl.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Dated, Guwahati, the 19th May, 2017

Sealed tenders are invited offering Court Fee Stamp of Rs.25 (Rupees Eight and paise Twenty Five only) in prescribed formats in triplicate within 2 (Two) weeks validity from the due date of opening from reputed dealers for supply of Toners and Cartridges for printers for 12 months in phased manner as per our requirement. The signed authorized dealer certificate of the manufacturer and his supplier must be enclosed with detailed particulars and price under each sealed cover respectively. The NIT No. will be received up to 13:30 hours of 19-05-2017 or if the next working day in case the due date is a holiday. The bid will be opened on the same date at 14:30 hrs. in presence of intending tenderers or their authorized representatives. Bids received after the due date and hours shall be rejected outright. The interested firm may collect the detailed documents from 22/05/2017 onwards from the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission during the office hours or download from the website www.aerc.gov.in. Bids sent through FAX or Email shall not be considered.

Secretary
Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission



REGISTED OFFICE: DABANGHAR, G.S. ROAD, GUWAHATI - 781007
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh)

MFA Appeal No. 107 of 2004

The Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd.,.....Petitioner/Appellant

- Versus -

Sri Sukumar Baisya & Anr.,.....Opposite Parties/Respondents

To,

Respondent No. 1
SRI SUKUMAR BAISYA, SID- Late L. Baisya, Village- Khetri, P.S. Khetri, District- Kamrup, Assam; At present TB Road, Tezpur, Near Bharati Press, P.O.-Kacharagon, District- Sonitpur, Assam; C/o- Jatin Neog

Take Notice that the above named appellant has preferred the above notice against the Court before the judgment and order dated 14.05.2004 passed by the Commissioner, Workmen's Compensation Zone-III, Tezpur in W.C. Case No. 37/2001 and the said appeal has been fixed for appearance before this Hon'ble Court on 21.05.2017.

You are hereby asked to appear before this Court either personally or through your advocate by law on or before your 'call' date 10.05.2017 at 10:30 A.M. precisely and to show cause, if any.

If no appearance is made on your behalf, the matter shall be heard and decided ex parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on the 16th day of May, 2017 at Guwahati.

Sdr., Dy. Registrar (J-II)
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.

CITY

Upgradation of Cotton College into varsity hailed

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI. May 20: The Cotton College Teachers' Association (CCTA) has welcomed the decision and announcement of the State government to upgrade Cotton College into university with effect from July 1, 2017.

CCTA general secretary Dr Arup Kumar Hazarika told this newspaper here today that the Cotton family also wants the State government to appoint an able administrator with excellent academic background as mentor Vice Chancellor of the university, until it gets a permanent VC, to make the transition period of the university in true sense.

The 2011 legislation provided for separate existence of both Cotton College and Cotton College State University (CCSU) and gave an impression that Cotton College, which was running Post Graduate classes since 1929, would survive only as an undergraduate college.

It is heartening that a search committee has been formed to select the permanent VC of the university, he said. He informed that the entire Cotton family is now determined to work unitedly to make Cotton a world class university.

It needs mention here that since 1992, the Cotton family has been persistently raising the demand for upgrading Cotton College into a university in the true sense.

CM felicitates crusader against witch-hunting

STAFF REPORTER

sense of the term.

The present executive body of the CCTA, immediately after taking over charge, met the then Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and Education Minister Sarad Bortukoly on several occasions with the plea to remove the hurdles on the way of upgrading Cotton College into a university in the true sense of the term.

But at that time, the State government was found to be keen on separating the college and the university as two independent entities and led to a virtual standstill of activity in both the institutions, said Dr Hazarika.

The CCTA thanked the present State government, and, particularly, Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma for forming an eight-member expert committee with Tezpur University VC Prof Mihir Kant Choudhury as its head, to settle the issue once for all. Prof Choudhury individually met the teachers and office-bearers of the Cotton College Alumni Association and held long discussions with them on several occasions.

Fire at Beltola

GUWAHATI. May 20: A fire gutted a house and three single-room rented accommodations at Beltola this morning. Police said the incident took place around 11 am. No one was injured. Fire and emergency personnel reported that three cylinders exploded in the fire, while other four were shifted to a safer place. — Staff Reporter

Mangoes destroyed

GUWAHATI. May 20: Food inspectors seized 45 cartons of mangoes from a godown near Jalukbari bus stand today. Officials said the mangoes were being ripened using calcium carbide. Packets of the chemical were found in each carton. The mangoes were later destroyed. — Staff Reporter

3 buses, 2 gas tankers gutted in fire

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI. May 20: A fire broke out at the workshop of Abhishek Motors near Jalukbari flyover around 2 am today in which three night super buses and two gas tankers were gutted.

As many as six fire tenders were engaged in dousing the flames that were finally brought under control after half an hour of the incident. No one was hurt in the incident.

Police sources said an inquiry would be conducted to find out the cause of the fire.



Photo: JALUKBARI Correspondent

APCC takes on Patowary over investment offer claim

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI. May 20: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) today dared Industries Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary to disprove its claim that there is not a grain of truth in the claim he had made on Friday that 2,317 industries of various sizes have come forward with offers to invest in the State during the one-year rule of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in the State.

These industries came to the State under the congenial atmosphere created by provisions of the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIPP) effected by the UPA government at the Centre since April 2007. But the NDA government led by the BJP revoked this policy, which virtually closed the door for industrial investment in the State.

The NDA government reintroduced the NEIPP between December 2016 and March 2017 only to facilitate Baba Ramdev's Patanjali to set up its unit at Balipara in Sonitpur district, said the APCC and dared Patowary to make public the Industrial Entrepreneurs' Memorandum-I and II of the industries which are named by him as coming forward with the offer to invest in the State.

The APCC said in a statement that in fact, about 99 percent of the industries referred to by the Industries Minister in this respect had made their offers during the rule of the Congress-led government in the State that functioned under the leadership of Tarun Gogoi.

Patowary had claimed that the industries had come forward with offers to invest in the State during the one-year rule of the BJP government in the State.

Saying that the development schemes for *char areas* must be implemented at a fast pace for equally developing the *charas* of the State, Sonowal urged the department to ensure basic facilities like safe drinking water and housing for the people living on *charas* through various schemes.

Directing the department to liaise with the Union Ministry for Minority Affairs regarding all issues of Haj pilgrims from the State, Sonowal said the government is committed to ensuring equal development of all sections of society.

Sonowal directed the minority welfare and development department to prepare a list of issues that need to be taken up with the Centre so that he can personally discuss these issues with the Union Ministry for Minority Affairs on a priority basis. He also said that there will not be any dearth of fund for the Haj pilgrimage.

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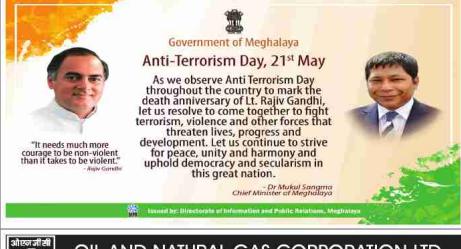
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Youth missing

JALUKBARI. May 20: A search is underway for a missing 20-year-old youth of Salbari, Rani, who disappeared after he had left the makeshift kiosk he and his mother had put up at the venue of a Bihu function. His mother today lodged an FIR at the Azara PS. Police investigation is on. — Correspondent



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Advertisement No. 1/2017

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR CONTRACTUAL FIELD MEDICAL OFFICERS

ONGC Assam & Assam Arakan Basin, Jorhat invites competent Doctors to appear in Walk-in-Interview on 27-05-2017 (Saturday), at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Officer's Club, ONGC, Cinnamara Complex, Jorhat - 785704 for engagement on full time contract basis for a period up to 2018-2019, as detailed under:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of Pos(s)	Category	Qualifications	Consolidated Honarium (Per Month)
1	Field Medical Officer	2 (Two)	OB/C SC-1 SC-2	MBBS with valid registration with State Medical Council or Medical Council of India	₹75,000/-

Terms & Conditions:

1. The engagement of above doctor shall be purely temporary, on contract basis for the period up to 30-06-2018 or till required lasts, whichever is earlier, for which an agreement is to be executed on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of appropriate value.
2. No claim for regularization in ONGC shall be entertained by virtue of this contract agreement and contractual engagement can be terminated by giving one month's notice from either side.
3. The contract shall be re-terminated/furthered mainly at various Field Installations/ Refinery/ Gas Compressor Station of ONGC for 14 days on/off duty pattern or duty pattern maintained by ONGC Dispensaries situated at Jorhat or any other district of Assam, where Basin/Asset is operating, at the discretion of ONGC.
4. No TADA will be paid by ONGC for attending the interview.
5. Only Indian Nationals possessing above qualifications need to apply.
6. Engagement on contract is subject to Medical Fitness.
7. Candidature of candidates submitting false certificates or suppression/submission of incorrect information shall be liable for disqualification/rejection at any stage.

General:

Date, time & Venue 27-05-2017 (Saturday), from 08.30 AM to 12.30 PM, at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Officer's Club, ONGC, Cinnamara Complex, Jorhat-785704

2. Contact Phone number: 0376-7078117.

3. Applicants must bring all relevant certificates in original along with 2 sets of self attested photocopies of testimonials.

4. An application format typed in A4 size paper covering the following information is to be submitted by the applicants along with the above mentioned documents:

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Bid to keep Darjeeling Himalayan Railways alive as functioning heritage site

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 20: Mafgaon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) with Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd (HECL), a Government of India enterprise under the Department of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, under which HECL has agreed to manufacture and develop items and equipment for the world heritage Darjeeling Himalayan Railways (DHR).

The MoU is for a period of five years for supply of items including spares of Narrow Gauge Steam locomotives and development of steam boiler for Narrow Gauge Steam locomotives to NFR. The MoU can be extended after completion of five years.

The MoU was signed on Friday at NFR's Mafgaon headquarters by NFR General Manager Chhatay Ray and HECL's CMD Avijit Ghosh. Minister of State for Railways Rajen Golain was present on the occasion.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee had declared DHR as a World Heritage Site in 1999. DHR comes under NFR.

Speaking on the occasion, Golain said that the MoU will help in keeping alive the DHR as a

"functioning heritage site". He said that spare parts for steam locomotives are very rare to come by the MoU will ensure that such spare parts are made available to NFR by a public sector firm.



Ram, in his speech, described DHR as a "jewel" for NFR and added that it is the only working heritage railway in the world.

"It's lucky to have this asset and it is our responsibility to keep it running. The last steam locomotives were made in 1925 and the challenge is to keep them operating. So we approached HECL

to save this pride of our nation and to ensure regular supply of spare parts for DHR," Ram said. The NFR GM added that earnings from DHR touched Rs 7.6 crore in the 2016-17 fiscal as against Rs 5 crore in 2015-16 and the target for the current financial year is Rs 10 crore. "Our aim is to make DHR financially viable by March 2020," Ram said.

He added that NFR will start receiving parts from HECL within six months. "Within the next one week we also expect to introduce daily service from New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling under DHR," Ram said.

HECL's Ghosh said that the PSU will soon send its design team to NFR to figure out the designs and requirements for DHR and ensured that a time bound action plan will be put in place.

"We are committed to meet the requirement of NFR," Ghosh said.

There are 13 'B' class steam locomotives available in DHR at present and majority of them are over a hundred years old. "Keeping them operational and keeping the original features of the locos intact pose a big challenge for DHR as most of the original manufacturers no longer produce such locos or spare. The mission of NFR is to conserve the DHR heritage by keeping the steam traction alive for people to get a feel of the glorious past," said an NFR official.

Body recovered at Karara

ANN Service

BAIHATA CHARIALI, May 20: Sensation prevailed in Karara area under Bahlata Chariali police station of Kamrup district following the recovery of the body of a local youth.

According to reports, a number of persons going for morning walks saw the body of the youth near the Karara Higher Secondary School. The local public immediately informed the matter to the local police station. Police identified the body as that of Mukul Deka (32), son of Late Bipin Deka of Karara (Monapara) village and sent the body to the GMCH for post mortem.

One found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, May 20: Body of a middle-aged person was recovered at his residential premises on Friday in Chengela village of west Jorhat revenue circle. The deceased was identified as Dipak Saikia who was allegedly involved in many disturbances at the locality.

Nat'l seminar at Morigaon College

GUWAHATI, May 20: A national seminar on 'Higher Education and Skill Development for faster Economic Development with special reference to North East India' will be held on June 28 and 29 at Morigaon College under the sponsorship of UGC, a press release stated.

The papers (maximum word limit-3000) along with abstracts of 300 words stating the theme of the paper, contact address with contact number and email addresses with institutional affiliation of the author(s) must reach the Seminar Committee before June 15 on this address: Dr. Budhen Kumar Saikia, Head, Dept. of Economics, Morigaon College, Morigaon, Email: budhen35@rediffmail.com/or bksaikia123@gmail.com.

Lady officer heads Sualkuchi PS

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, May 20: The police station of Sualkuchi, the Manchester of the East created a new history on Thursday as it has become the lone police station in the State to be run by a lady Officer in Charge.

On Thursday, Sub Inspector Twinkle Goswami joined the Police Station as its Officer in Charge. According to the information received here, Superintendent of Police, Kamrup (Rural) District Partha Santhi Mahanta reposing faith on the efficient

work of the young lady officer posted her at Sualkuchi after transferring her from Bahlata Chariali Police Station where she was serving as the officiating Officer in Charge. Meanwhile, according to highly placed sources in the Assam Police, Jengrial Police Station in Majuli was the first Police Station where a lady Officer in Charge was appointed, whereas the 'All Women Police Station' at Panbazar, Guwahati is an exception as it is the only Police Station to be run only by lady police officers and staff.

However setting aside the case of this special women Police Station, presently

Sualkuchi happens to be the lone Police Station in the State to be functional under a lady Officer in Charge.

It may be mentioned here that a Sub Inspector of Police of the 49th batch (2008) of Assam Police from the Police Training College at Dergaon, Twinkle Goswami had earlier proved her efficiency, courage and skill while serving in many capacities in Mangaldai Sadar Police Station including as the second officer of the Sader Police Station, in charge of the Traffic wing and in charge of the Town branch under the Police Station.

3 arrested in dacoity case, stolen car seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, May 20: In a sensational midnight dacoity three youths who had hired an Indica car (AS 23 F 8712) in Tinsukia district's Bordubums town to travel to Nadouwa in Dibrugarh district, tried to steal away the car by strangulating the driver and then strangling him into the tea bushes in Nadouwa.

However, the driver who had actually fainted gained consciousness after about four hours. He then walked towards nearby Langlakhowa and informed the chowkidar there. The chowkidar informed his boss and probably police was informed, Bubi Sonowal, the driver said.

On being tipped off, a Dibrugarh patrol police team waylaid the Indica car near

Circus House here and apprehended the three at around 3 am. The miscreants have been identified as Alexios Orion (19), son of Johan Orion of Hatiyan TE (Dulajan), Kishan Paharia (22), son of Ashok Paharia of Raja Ali TE (Dulajan) and Mahesh Munda (29), son of Badho Munda of Rabibusuk, near son of Rabiul.

The Indica car belongs to one Tuniram Konwar, a trader of Bordubums. The three miscreants had tried to contact one Raja in the town here to sell the stolen car.

The car was being driven by Alexios Orion. Mahesh Munda said that he knows Raja. He said that Raja purchases such stolen vehicles.

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A large turnout of people



A view of Pramathesh Barua's royal residence at Gaupur and (inset) the man himself.

Subrata Barua: a tribute



Perhaps one of the most significant contributions of Subrata Barua to Assam, and to the North East in general, is the Burn Care Unit which was opened under her initiative as a part of the Nemicare Hospital. It is well known that Subrata Barua was also the founder chairperson of this hospital until she died on May 11. Her contribution to this hospital was immense, and she was revered and loved by the entire staff from the highest to the lowest. It was her unique quality that she inspired this respectful affection in all who met her.

Subrata Barua's father was Late Uma Kanta Goswami, DPI of undivided Assam and later Principal of Cotton College, and her mother was Pratibha Devi, the elder daughter of the eminent educationist and writer of Assam, Late Samanta Chandra Goswami. She was married to Late Kamalaswar Barua, Chief Engineer of the Assam PWD. Subrata was brought

up under the active tutelage of her maternal grandfather Saran Chandra Goswami, who inculcated in her from a very early age, a love of books and the habit of reading, which she pursued till her last days. Her house in Kanchan Path, Ulubari, is full of books – on fiction, religious and spiritual writings etc. – in Assamese, Bengali and English. Subrata Barua was highly educated, being a Triple MA. She was not only a prodigious reader, but was also a prolific writer. She wrote articles on a variety of subjects, and was a skilled translator. Her most important translated work was the rendition of the *Thai Ramayan* into Assamese. As a recognition of the importance of this work, Her Royal Highness, the Queen of Thailand had invited her to Bangkok and felicitated her personally in Bangkok in the year 2012.

Bardeo will always be remembered as a philanthropist and social worker of the highest order. She had, during her lifetime, do-

nated almost all she possessed to various institutions and organisations. She gave away her maternal grandfather's large property in Panbari; to the Vivekananda Kendra, and the house she lived in till her death, to the Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan. The Shishu Kalayn Sadan in Juhulbari and the Old Age Home, Amaar Ghar, were but two of the many organisations that were recipients of her philanthropy. She donated a plot of land and the funds for a school in the remote village of Dangapara. Bardeo was also deeply associated with numerous other organisations like the ICCW, Kasturba Gandhi Ashram, the Asam Sahitya Sabha etc.

It was my privilege to have had Subrata Barua as my *baido*. She was not only my beloved older sister, but also and in every sense, my friend, philosopher and guide. It will not be possible to fit the whole of her left behind.

Tutu baido was at peace, wherever you may find her.

– Gayatri Bhattacharya

Jadab Barthakur



GUWAHATI, May 20: Jadab Barthakur, a distinguished citizen of Rubinigao here passed away on May 11 at his residence. He was 84.

Starting his career as a teacher at Diniy Hazarimal High School, Chabua, he later joined the Department of Economics & Statistics, Government of Assam. He retired as the Deputy Director Department of Agriculture, Assam.

He was also actively involved in the Assam Agitation. A sincere and honest person, he will be remembered for his amiable nature and herphil attitude. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives.

Manikut donated by NRI inaugurated

SANJOY KR. HAZARIKA

DERGAON, May 20: At a

time when the question of our roots is looming large, a positive initiative is always more welcome. It is widely accepted that members of the new generation are indifferent to their origins.

But NRI Gitanjali Goswami alias Rasascada, originally hailing from Jorhat and presently a resident of New York Central Island, USA donated the *manikut* of the historic Missamara Khanikar Puthi Naamghar. The *manikut* donated by the NRI was constructed under the aegis of Golghat Goswami Family Me-

orial Trust in the fond memory of Aswini Kr Goswami and Snehlata Goswami.

The newly-constructed *manikut* was inaugurated by Agriculture Minister Atul Bora at a function held on the occasion on Sunday. The minister praised the social responsibility of NRI Gitanjali Goswami. It is pertinent to mention that Gitanjali is a fashion designer and her *post-muga* dresses are widely popular in the USA. Associated with Missing cinema, she along with producer Narayan Seal has also financially helped several cancer patients.

On Sunday morning, the *Giru aashan* donated by Dilip

Saikia was set up at the *manikut* by noted devotee Vaishnavite leader Chandra Hazarika.

The minister also released a book on the life and activities of Snehlata Goswami *Smriti shraddha aru snchnoyee ma* edited by Prasenjit Kr. Goswami. Popi Dutta Neog presented a *horgit* in the programme. Cinema producer Nurul Sultan donated a sum of Rs 10,000 for the development of the *naamghar*. The meeting was also attended by Ratneswar Dutta, Biren Thakur, Puranjy Goswami, Rajib Goswami, Dr Lukumon Seini Goswami and Narayan Seal among others.

Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council polls

BJP workers up in arms over candidates' selection

CORRESPONDENT

Bhattrai termed the list of BJP nominees as shocking and unacceptable.

"It is nothing but an extension of present Executive Committee of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) and a strong recommendation for indulging in extreme form of corruption, nepotism and scandals in the Council. This anti-people bluetongue targeting the citizens of Sixth Schedule areas at the play of change (*parivartan*) is very unfortunate and cannot be accepted at any cost. Rather it deserves mass condemnation," the leader mentioned.

A large number of BJP workers and leaders of Lumbajong MAC constituency has

reached out to the party office. Out of the 28 polling stations of Phuloni, 22 polling stations' basic level BJP committee leaders are determined to quit BJP and show up the regional party Hill State Demand Committee. BJP workers on Wednesday torched the effigy of Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at National Highway 34 passing through Phuloni in protest.

The sitting Executive Members of the council of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) who couldn't manage party tickets fashioned a new organisation, Karbi Anglong Democratic Forum.

Rich tributes paid to language martyrs in Barak Valley

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 20: A sea of people erupted on the streets of Silchar on the occasion of Bhasha Shaheen Divas to pay their tributes to the 11 martyrs who laid down their lives in 1961.

Various organisations across the district observed the day with reverence recalling the mighty sacrifices made by the martyrs.

All roads led to the Silchar Railway station where people gathered in large numbers to pay their tributes. People from all walks of lives gathered to pay their heartfelt tributes.

A large turnout of people was observed at the Silchar Crematorium. People gathered there with rallies under

the banner of various organisations. Many prominent personalities including PWD Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, Silchar MP Susmita Dev, Deputy Speaker Dilip Kumar Paul and others were seen offering tributes.

Asked on the recent controversy regarding alleged deletion of May 19 as observance day from the Academic Calendar of the Department of Education, the PWD Minister said that the Government is trying to bind people of the State into one thread of events. But it is just a year old and respects the sentiments of diverse cultures within the State. People of Barak Valley need not to worry henceforth as the Govern-

ment has taken stock of the local holidays to be observed here," the Minister assured.

On the other hand, Silchar MP Susmita Dev said, "with the weather remaining mostly sunny, we are happy to see the turnout at various places to observe the day. This will send a positive message across communities."

Later, as the day progressed, crowd assembled at the Ghandi Park to offer tributes at the Saeed Smriti Souba. People thronged the park and observed the day amidst poems, dance, paintings etc.

In the evening, prayers were made in the memory of the language martyrs by lighting candles at every home, shops and other establishments across the valley.

Rapist arrested CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, May 20: One Raj Kumar Sahani (27) was arrested last night for allegedly raping a minor girl at his residence under Chandmari outpost here on Wednesday night.

He was sent to judicial custody today. According to Upen Sarma, investigating officer of Chandmari police outpost, the accused, a resident of Ouguri Hills here, picked up the victim while she was returning to her home around 7 pm. He then took her to his house and raped her.

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STATE CM asks DCs to gear up ahead of flood season

STAFF REPORTER

requested the district administration of Golaghat, Sivasagar and Jorhat to take the fringe areas of the Kaziranga National Park into confidence and take their help in completing the highlands for an all exigencies before the onset of monsoon.

Interacting over a video conference with the DCs in the conference room of his office in Jorhat here today, Sonowal also directed the DCs to be on their toes to undertake relief and rehabilitation works, including reaching out to the flood-affected people on a real-time basis, said an official press release.

He directed the DCs to put in place all mechanisms for releasing ex-gratia to the flood victims within 48 hours, and, on special circumstances, within 24 hours. He also directed the DCs to furnish flood bulletins to the disaster management cell by 2 pm on 24x7 basis.

The Chief Minister asked the DC and the SP of Golaghat to earmark and complete the highlands for the shelter of wild animals. He was present during the conference.

Ex-Jorhat ADC
Lekharu sent to
judicial custody
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zonal Office Jorhat invites sealed tender from reputed Contractor for construction of RSETI Rural Self Employment Training Institute Building at Mangaldoi under Darrang district, Assam.

Last date for submission of application is 11.06.2017 within 11.00 a.m. For details kindly visit our website www.ucobank.com.

Jorhat

Zonal Manager
Date: 21-05-2017

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4. Estimated Cost : ₹13,80,600/-

5. Cost of Tender form : ₹1,150/-

6. Date of issue of Tender Forms: 25/05/2017 to 04/06/2017 from 11.00 Hrs to 16.30 Hrs.

7. Last date of submission of duly filled tender forms: 05/06/2017 up to 14.30 hrs.

8. Mode of payment of E-Tender document could be purchased online by Down load cheque drawn in favour of A/O (Cash) BSNL O/o GM Telecom, Dist: Dibrugarh.

9. The tender is invited through e-tendering process, hence physical copy of tender will not be available for sale.

10. For any technical help regarding filling up of e-tender: call 9796501633.

Tender can be downloaded from website: <http://tenderwizard.com/BSNL> and can be viewed in our website www.assam.bsnl.co.in.

Sd/-, Asst. General Manager (Pig)
O/o the GMTD, BSNL, Dibrugarh

NOTICE

The Govt. of Assam, Cooperation Department has since 2016-17 undertaken an ambitious programme to construct storage godowns for food materials at the Gaon Panchayat Samabaya Samiti level in phases taking GPSS engaged in PDS commodities as priority. 116 nos. of Godowns have been completed so far. The work has been entrusted to HOUSEFED. All concerned Assistant Registrar of Coop: Societies are to inspect and certify that the godowns are made as per requirement and specifications in the interest of expeditious completion of the work. Public Complaints if any may kindly be brought to the notice of the concerned Assistant Registrar of Coop: Societies and to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies at phone numbers 70860-56499 and 98640-78738.

Sd/- Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati - 22.

Notice Inviting EOI

Sealed tenders affixing court fee of Rs. 8.25 are invited in two bid system from reputed Govt. registered contractors for construction of the following works on EOI system in Bongaigaon Polytechnic, under NEQP (Phase III) project.

The tender documents may be downloaded from www.bonpoly.org or collected from O/o The Principal Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon w.e.f 19.05.2017. The last date of submission of tender will be up to 12.30 PM. of 30.05.2017. Earnest Money @2% (1% for SC/ST) of quoted value and Rs. 1000/- (Non Refundable) as cost of tender document must be deposited in the form of two separate DD in favour of Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon. Any corrigendum and addendum shall be published on our website regarding this work.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Brief description of work	Approx. value of work	Time of Completion
1	Renovation work of departmental staff rooms.	Dismantling, fitting and fixing Galvanized corrugated iron roof, window, reconstruction of floor, window glass pan etc.	7.27Lakh	45 days

Sd/- Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon.

No. CMaint/ARMF/2016/2016/ PRESS NOTICE RE-INVITING TENDER

Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam re-invites bid from approved and Class-II Contractors registered with Assam PWD (Roads) or Contractors registered with other State/ Central Government Departments, Institutions, Undertakings and Authorities of the works under Assam Road Maintenance Fund (PRMF) for the year 2016-17 for 30(Three) years duration of 2 Nos. packages of Jorhat District of Assam total amounting to Rs.780.40Lakhs (Approx) as stated in the table below.

Table

Sl. No.	District	Name of Works	NIT Value (Rs. In Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. In Lakh)	Bid Cost (In Rs.)
1	Jorhat	Repair & Maintenance of Borpara Road from Ch.0.00 m to Ch.1286.00 m under Assam Road Maintenance Fund for 2016-17	410.40	8.21	10,000
2	Jorhat	Repair & Maintenance of A.T. Road from Ch.0.00 m to Ch.7400.00 m under Assam Road Maintenance Fund for 2016-17	370.00	7.40	10,000

Details may be seen at website apwdr.tenders.in and also at the office of the undersigned in the "Maintenance Cell" from 03.06.2017 to 08.06.2017 during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

Forest Minister inspects highland work at KNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

moment to save the life of the person after their car hit him from behind, police investigation has revealed. However, the investigators are yet to ascertain whether the driver had any hidden motive behind it.

It was mentioned that in the past few weeks, several localities, including Kendupuri, Tarajan, Bongalukphuri, Choladaha, etc. have witnessed some night-time road accidents caused by reckless driving. Even during evening hours, unlikly bikers often cause panic among pedestrians, but the Jorhat police is not being proactive when it comes to tackling the violation of road safety rules by these bikers.

"The accused has confessed to his crime," said a police officer of Jorhat.

Neither the driver nor the passenger onboard the vehicle, had thought to wait for a

frequent erosion that was taking place inside the Park from time to time.

When pointed out about the immediate measures to be taken to check the erosion, the Director said the Forest Minister had stated that she would soon take up the issue at the government level in this regard.

It is worth mentioning that large areas of the Kaziranga National Park have been eroded by the river Brahmaputra, the Arimora point of Kaziranga, informed Park Director Satyendra Singh today, adding that the Minister expressed concern about the

years back.

Last night, the Minister visited the Jakhelabanda police station and expressed satisfaction over the arrest of six poachers two days back. The poachers confessed before the minister that they had sold rhino horns at Dimapur at a huge amount of money.

Three bikes, one Tata vehicle, one 303 rifle, one magazine, one silencer, live ammunition and six mobile handsets had been recovered from the poachers' possession.



WEATHER NORTHEAST

Forecast for North Eastern States:
Moderate rainfall/torrential shower is very likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Temperatures :

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	25.2	22.2
Tezpur	33.5	25.5
Silchar	31.8	22.4
Dibr	33.0	22.8
Jorhat	29.9	24.6
N Lakhimpur	25.2	21.4
Shillong	26.7	15.6
Imphal	26.8	18.3
Itanagar	25.7	21.4
Aizawl	30.6	15.3
Agartala	36.3	26.8
Kohima	24.5	16.2
Pasighat	27.5	22.2
Cherrapunji	23.8	16.3

MNF threatens to call bandh

AIZAWL, May 20: The main Opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) threatened to call statewide total bandh unless Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is called in to probe into the alleged multi-crore rupee lottery and a controversial Mizo Carbon Product scam.

MNF president Zoramthanga while addressing a political session at Mizo Hman Ru said that the Opposition party would resort to "aggressive means" unless Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla invites CBI to probe into the scandals.

"We are waiting for the Chief Minister to take action," he said while adding, "We would resort to either total bandh or picketing if the Chief Minister does not react to the appeal made by the Opposition to call in CBI for probe," Zoramthanga said. Zoramthanga further added that MNF had on Wednesday submitted a letter to Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla urging him for a CBI enquiry. — Newmail News

Organic outlet

GUWAHATI, May 20: An exclusive organic store of the Northeast was inaugurated in New Delhi recently by the Union Agriculture Minister in collaboration with the Ministry of DoNER.

The outlet will showcase exclusive products of the region. The NERACOM exclusive organic store is located at Delhi *Haut* under the brand name ONE (Org NE) and many varieties of organic products of the region are available in the store, said an official statement issued here today. —Staff Reporter

PDS rice seized

TURA, May 20: A truck full of rice, meant for distribution under the state's PDS scheme, was caught by policemen while it was making suspicious rounds near the Dikopore area. The truck bearing registration number AS 01 DD 9874 was seen by policemen on May 15. Following the suspicious movement of the truck, the police conducted a raid in a private warehouse at Burny Hills where a total of 420 bags of PDS rice was recovered.

West Garo Hills police later registered a case in this connection.

"We have not made any arrests as yet and the matter is currently under investigation. Detailed questioning is being done before further action is taken in the matter," said SP MGR Kumar. — Correspondent

Forest official suspended

IMPHAL, May 20: The state government has suspended a deputy ranger of the state forest department for negligence of his duty. The officer Md Altaf Ali Khan, who was the deputy ranger of Molnoi Forest Beat Office, Chandel Forest Division, has been placed under suspension due to his failure in checking timber smuggling. — Correspondent

Sikkim monks meet Rajnath

GANGTOK, May 20: A delegation of monks of various monasteries of Sikkim met Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh urging early permission for Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje to visit the state.

The monks called on Singh, who is on a two-day visit here, at the Raj Bhawan last evening, officials said.

They submitted the resolution taken after a peace rally here on May 18 which urged the Government of India to grant one of the "most important demand and aspiration" of the Buddhists of Sikkim seeking early permission for the Karmapa to visit Sikkim. The delegation was led by the

Sangha MLA Sonam Kelyon Lama, who is the elected political representative of the monks in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, the officials added.

A Central Government order bans entry of all the three Karmapa claimants to the title of Karmapa at Rumtek monastery near East Sikkim since 1994.

The Sikkim government has written several times and passed resolutions requesting the Centre to allow Ogyen Trinley to make his claim as the 17th Karmapa. The Centre has, however, not given any decision on it.

Ogen Trinley Dorje, head of the Karma Kagyu (Black Hat) tradition of Tibetan Buddhism,

was born in Tibet and had escaped to India through Nepal at the age of 14. He reached the Tibetan exile quarters at McLeod Ganj on January 5, 2000. He presently lives in Dharamsala and is also recognized by the Dalai Lama.

SKM submits memo to Home Minister: The women's wing of the major Opposition party in Sikkim has submitted a memorandum to Union Minister Rajnath Singh seeking protection and security to the people of the North-east in the National Capital Region.

Nari Morcha leaders of the Sikhs Kranikar Morcha (SKM), represented by Kala Rai, Mingma Tamang and Junu

Chettri, met the Union Home Minister here yesterday and submitted a memorandum seeking justice in the alleged rape of a Sikkim woman in Gurigram.

The 22-year old woman from Sikkim, mother of a six year old child, had alleged that she was forcefully dragged into a car and raped by three men in the moving vehicle for nearly three hours and then thrown on the road.

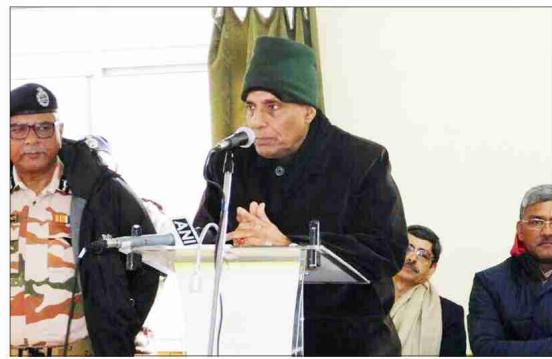
The Morcha leaders also highlighted the suspicious death of a Darjeeling girl, Teresa Rai, in Delhi. They raised the issues concerning repeated instances of violence against women from the Northeast in the national capital. — PTI

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications in prescribed form affixing non-re-refundable Court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight & paise twenty five) only are hereby invited from Departmental Contractors/persons willing to register for renewal/up-gradation/registration for the year 2017-18, jointly under A.H. & Vety. Deptt., Assam, Chenikuthi, Guwahati-3 and Dairy Development Department, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 and the same will be received by the Executive Engineer (HQ), A. H. & Vety. Deptt., Assam, Chenikuthi, Guwahati-3 upto 4.00 p.m. on 10-07-2017. The applications must be accompanied by self attested up-to-date VAT Clearance Certificate/ Tax Clearance Certificate, Labour Licence, copy of last Registration Certificate and other relevant documents alongwith 2(two) copies of pass-port size photographs (in case of fresh registration).

Intending persons may gather the required prescribed form and information regarding details of terms and conditions for renewal/up-gradation/registration, if any, from the Engineering Cell, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Deptt., Assam, Chenikuthi, Guwahati-3 during the Office hour.

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Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh addressing a 'Sainik Sabha' during his visit to Sherathang near Nathu La in Sikkim on Saturday. —PIB

New party launch will help us: NPF

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, May 20: Shrugging off the "threat" by the formation of Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) by the political stalwarts and some prominent new faces in Nagaland, the ruling Naga Peoples' Front (NPF) said it is hardly bothered and threatened by the formation of the new party.

"In fact, it will help us and consolidate the party because it has 'filtered' the party in its functioning, party system and even for the upcoming elections," NPF spokesperson Achumbeno Kikon said while addressing a press conference.

Citing the example of the AGP (Progressive) in Assam formed by former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta which had lost in the previous elections, Kikon considered the newly formed party a coincidence in naming its party "Progressive," and said no aspiring candidate would vie for this party's ticket.

Asked about the absence of Lok Sabha MP Neiphiu Rio from the programme at Nathu Resort Dimapur, Kikon reiterated that Rio was definitely involved in the formation of DPP going by the sequence of events that began after the January–February 2016 Soma crise. During the Soma episode, Kikon said the dissidents attempted to "snatch" NPF by choosing Noke Wangmo as their party president". However today NPF has been forgotten and instead, another leader in the form of Chingwang Konkay has been elected he said.

Kikon said people from eastern Nagaland would introspect the motive behind choice of the leaders from their area.

When queried if NPF is contemplating any move to oust Rio from the party as t he party said it is well aware of his anti-party activities, Kikon said there is a reason for inaction. He explained that for the "time being, suspension serves our purpose better than expulsion." — PTI



Japanese Ambassador to India Kenji Hiramatsu during his visit to Imphal, Manipur on Saturday.

One-night stay must for ministers visiting NE

NEW DELHI, 20 May: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has now made one-night stays mandatory for the Union Ministers who visit the north-eastern states—an effort to send out a message that the insurgency-hit region is safe for all.

The directive comes two years after the Prime Minister's Office planned fortnightly visits of Union Ministers to the region.

Tourism and Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma said linking tourism and development in the North-east and making it a tourist destination for

the people from all over the world is the "Prime Minister's dream".

"To ensure that, he has asked all the Union Ministers to not only take trips to the North-east states, but also to stay the night there," he said.

Sources in the Tourism Ministry say the government is keen to change the popular perception about the North-east as a "security nightmare" plagued with insurgency.

"And what better way to showcase its safety than to have senior Union Ministers stay there overnight," a source said.

Anti-Terrorism Day observed in Manipur

IMPHAL, May 20 : Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh today said that suspension of operation with various militant groups in the state is a failure.

The failure of the suspension of operation is due to the ignorance of those in authority and security forces "were not serious in their undertakings, particularly as far as dialogues were concerned," he said at a function here on the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day.

The suspension of operation was signed by the Centre, Manipur government and two conglomerates of Kuki militant outfits - Kuki National Organisations (KNO) and United Peoples' Front (UPF). The pact was first signed in 2008 and extended periodically.

The Chief Minister expressed concern over the frequent violation of agreements by the militants and said many of them who are part of the agreements roam at their will, do not stay in their designated camps and are not properly monitored.

Without proper rehabilitation packages and surrender policy it would be hard to contain militancy in the border state, he said and urged for better policies including provisions of better livelihood to ensure that normalize returned in Manipur.

The programme concluded with a pledge by top police officers and civil officers to stand firm against terrorism of any sort. — PTI

HAJ-2017 APPLICATION FOR KHADIM-UL-HUJJAJ

Applications are invited from intending candidates of Assam for selection of Khadim-ul-Hujaj for Haj-2017. The Khadim-ul-Hujaj will assist, guide and take care of the pilgrims throughout the pilgrimage. The eligibility criteria for selection of Khadim-ul-Hujaj are as detailed below:-

- (a) Only male applicants of age 25-58 years as on 01-07-2017 are eligible. The age limit is relaxed in case of service officials of State Haj Committees.
- (b) Applicants, who are married and eligible Haj or Umrah will only be eligible. They should have good knowledge of Haj related activities.
- (c) Preference shall be given to applicants having knowledge of Arabic language.
- (d) Applicants must be active persons of sound health with experience of management of public functions. They have to submit medical certificate to this effect from a Government Hospital. Certificate issuing authority will be held responsible if information furnished is found to be false or incorrect.
- (e) It is compulsory for the selected Khadim-ul-Hujaj to attend the Training organized by Haj Committee of India for Khadim-ul-Hujaj failing which, their selection will be cancelled.
- (f) Applicants must be employees of Government Public Sector Units / Statutory bodies. Employees working on Temporary / Part-time Seasonal / Contractual / Ad-hoc basis are not eligible. Senior officers like Class A officers of Central or State Government or equivalent are also not eligible. Employees having field experience in departments like Police, Home Guards, Forest, Revenue shall be given preference.
- (g) No objection certificate from the employer may be submitted by the applicants.
- (h) The names of the Haj Committee Khadim-ul-Hujaj are to be determined from the employees of respective State Haj Committee and State Wakf Board.
- (i) For overseeing the work of Khadim-ul-Hujaj of their respective States/UTs the State Haj Committees may depute their serving officials on the basis of following criteria:-

 - i) States/UTs having quota of upto 5000 Haj seats One Official
 - ii) States/UTs having quota of more than 5000 Haj seats Two Officials
 - iii) States/UTs having quota of more than 15000 Haj seats Three Officials

- It may be noted that these officials will be counted against the quota of Khadim-ul-Hujaj of their respective State Haj Committee.
- (j) No family member can accompany a Khadim-ul-Hujaj on Haj pilgrimage.
- (k) No Khadim-ul-Hujaj should have any connection with any Saudi Tawaf Establishment (Moallim).
- (l) The Khadim-ul-Hujaj cannot accept any financial or other consideration from any pilgrim as they are expected to render free social service.
- (m) A person who has once served as a Khadim-ul-Hujaj and against whom there are adverse comments by the Haj Committee shall not be eligible.
- (n) Eligible candidates will have to appear before Board, date of which will be intimated in due course for final selection.

The application in prescribed format along with the supporting documents of Age / Qualification / Medical Certificate from a Government Hospital / performing Haj or Umra / No Objection Certificate from the Employer etc. should be submitted to the undersigned on or before 03rd June, 2017. Applications received thereafter will not be accepted in any case.

Application Format / Role, Duties & Responsibilities of Khadim-ul-Hujaj and other details are given in Haj Committee of India's Circular No. 12 dated 8th May, 2017 on www.hajcommittee.gov.in.

Application Format can be collected from this office during office hours or downloaded from the above website.

The candidature of an applicant who do not fulfill the eligibility criteria and do not submit any of the documents will be summarily rejected.

**Sd/- Executive Officer & Secretary
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Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland etc.
Dispur, Guwahati- 781 006**
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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SDP) of Assam Police Radio Organization (APRO)

Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO) has taken initiative for conducting short term "Skill Development Programme (SDP)" viz- Inverter and Battery Maintenance, Earthing and Lightning Arrestor Basics and Soldering Techniques. In this regard, the Department of Electronics and Communication Technology, Gauhati University has accredited the programme and will also be collaborating with the APRO Training School for its successful implementation. The first batch of 50 (fifty) candidates have already been selected for undergoing the programme.

Keeping in view the State Government's newly laid policy on Skill Development, the training programmes have been specifically designed and crafted with a view to impart operating and maintenance skills in the identified areas. These sustainable skills, will not only empower the trainees most of whom come from low socio-economic and educational backgrounds but will also enhance their employment prospects in the near future.

The programme will be inaugurated on 22nd May, 2017 by Shri V.K. Pipersenia, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam as Chief Guest. Shri Mukesh Sahay, IPS, Director General of Police, Assam and Prof. (Dr.) Tulsi Bezbarua, HoD, Deptt. of Electronics and Communication Technology, Gauhati University will grace the occasion as Guests of Honour.

**Shri R. Chandranathan, IPS,
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Beautiful Assamee, ST, 29, MA/ B.Ed (GU), Govt. Teacher in Guwahati, Caste no bar. 9127023992. Mat/GP/D/10227/1

Beautiful Assamee, OBC, 26, B.Tech (Chennai), Engineer in (HCL) Pune, 9127023992. Mat/GP/10228/1

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Beautiful Assamee/ Kalita/ 28/ 5'7"/ MB/ BA. Working in reputed MNC at Metro. Mat/GP/A196/1

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(1) Assamee, Hindu, 27, 55%, BE, white complexion, slim, good girl at MNC in Guwahati seeks suitable match. Contact parents directly : 9435012451. Mat/GP/10107/1

Beautiful Brahmin, 30, B.Arch/ M.Phil (Ahmedabad), Assistant Professor (reputed Engineering College) in Guwahati. 9127023992.

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Assamese Hindu 31, 55%, BE, white complexion, slim, good girl at MNC in Guwahati. *ADAMS (M) 985403196. Mat/BP/10114/1

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IAF Chief asks officers to be operation ready at short notice

NEW DELHI, May 20: Indian Air Force Chief BS Dhanoa has written a personal letter to officers of the force, asking them to be prepared for operations at a "very short notice" to effectively deal with security challenges, including sub-conventional threat, to the country.

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Shah confident of BJP win in 2019 polls

CHANDIGARH, May 20: BJP president Amit Shah today exuded confidence that his party would win the 2019 Lok Sabha polls with an even bigger mandate than what it got in 2014.

Praising the Narendra Modi Government, he said it had sent out a positive message to the people that the BJP-led regime was decisive. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as the most popular leader of the country after the country's Independence, there is no doubt in this," he told reporters during a press conference.

"It was a personal letter the IAF Chief wrote to the officers covering a wide range of issues that he felt were important," a senior IAF official said. In the letter, written three months after he took charge as the IAF Chief, Dhanoa also stressed the need to mould the IAF's training programme considering the evolving security scenario. - PTI

it the world's biggest political party.

The BJP president said the party had done well in the recent Assembly polls in the States. With the BJP-led NDA Government soon completing three years in office, Shah said, "Dynasty, casteism and appeasement had been monetising the country's politics for a long time. The nation's politics has moved forward under the BJP leadership to get rid of these ills."

Shah said that the results of the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where the BJP got the absolute majority, "has proved that the people have wholeheartedly accepted and appreciated the three-year rule of the Modi Government."

"We have been in power for nearly three years now, but even our political opponents have not been able to point any finger at us on corruption, which is

the biggest achievement of our Government," he said.

The BJP chief said the NDA Government worked for the uplift of the poor, downtrodden, workers and farmers and also took bold steps like demonetisation to contain the spread of black money to a large extent and boost the country's economy.

Shah described as "a very big achievement" of the Government the order of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which stayed the execution of former naval officer Kulbhushan Jayaram.

Further, when asked about the Jadhav case in the ICJ, he said, "I feel that Harish Salve presented the side of Kulbhushan Jayaram and the Government convincingly at the international forum and it is a very big relief for the family of Jadhav and for the country. I feel that it is a very big achievement of the Gov-

ernment of India."

Asked about the farmers' suicide in the recent past, Shah said, "The Central Government is committed to save the country's farmers. But the deterioration that had taken place (over past several years) could not be set right in one day."

On the allegations of tampering of electronic voting machines (EVMs) by the AAP, Shah said, "I want to ask the AAP leaders that they got 67 seats out of 70 (in the Delhi Assembly polls) from which EVMs."

Shah added that from the north to the south, the BJP is increasing its base. "In Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal and Tripura, we are concentrating on these States and we have been able to garner the people's support there," he said. - PTI

Uttarakhand landslide

1,200 pilgrims still stranded

DEHRADUN, May 20: Of the around 2,000 people stranded after a landslide in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, 800 have resumed their journey and work is on to clear the debris, officials said today.

The Rishikesh-Badrinath National Highway was closed near Vishnuprayag, one of the five confluences of the Alaknanda river, between Joshimath (also known as Jyotirmath) and Badrinath, the famous pilgrimage spot in the state. Huge boulders had rolled down the Hathi Pathar

mountain yesterday afternoon, blocking the highway.

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has directed the Secretary of the Disaster Management Department, Amit Negi, to monitor the situation. Chamoli District Magistrate Ashish Joshi said that around 2,000 people were affected due to the landslide and of these 800 have resumed their onward journey.

As of now, 1,200 people are still stranded at different places in Vishnuprayag, Pandukeshwar and Govindghat. An of-

ficial said that arrangements

for food and lodging have been made for the stranded people.

Border Roads Organisation (BRO) personnel have been working on a road footing to clear the debris since yesterday afternoon and according to senior officials, the highway will be reopened for traffic soon.

Meanwhile, Joshi said media reports claiming that around 15,000 people are stranded due to the landslide are "absolutely wrong."

"Only 2,000 people have been affected," he asserted. - PTI

Kerala woman chops off man's genitals to check rape bid

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, May 20: A 23-year-old law student chopped off the genitals of a man whom he allegedly tried to rape her at her home in Peta, Reattach, the police said today.

Reattaching to the news, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan hailed the woman's act as "brave" and "courageous."

"It was a courageous step, no doubt about it," he told reporters here promising all support to the woman.

According to a complaint filed by the woman, the 54-year-old man had been harassing her for many years. When the man tried to abuse her last night at her home in Peta, she protested and chopped off his genitals with a knife, the police said.

According to the woman, the suspect had been known to her family for the past few years and used to frequent her house to perform *pujas* and had left midway. - PTI

UPA hired Pak's ICJ lawyer to represent India in 2004: BJP

NEW DELHI, May 20: The Pakistani-origin lawyer who represented Pakistan in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) had been hired by the UPA Government in 2004 for an arbitration case, the BJP said today.

Accusing the Congress of being Pakistan's voice on a host of issues, BJP spokesperson GVL Narimsa Rao said his party must explain why its Government hired Khawar Qureshi in the "very sensitive" ICJ case.

The Congress-led UPA Government had changed the legal team representing India in the arbitration case against the US firm over the controversial Dabhol project, he said.

What was the compulsion that the UPA Government hired Qureshi?...Over the last few years we have seen several incidents of the Congress speaking in support of Pakistan. It was speaking in Pakistan's voice on the surgical strike as well," Rao told reporters.

Citing the example of Harish Salve, who was the lead counsel for India at the ICJ this week, he said it was surprising that the UPA Government

could not find an Indian lawyer to represent the country in such a sensitive case. Rao named Congress leaders Salman Khurshid and Mani Shankar Ayastha as instances of Congress leaders allegedly speaking in support of Pakistan.

The ICJ this week stayed the execution of Indian national Kulbhushan Jayaram, who was arrested by Pakistan on charges of espionage and subversive activities. While Pakistan claims he was nabbed from Balochistan, India maintains that he was kidnapped from Iran where he had business interests after retiring from the Indian Navy. - PTI

Chautala appeared in Class X exam, clarifies NIOS

CHANDIGARH, May 20: INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala's son may have passed his 82-year-old father, who is in jail, has passed the Class XII examination, but documents speak otherwise.

Recently, the former Haryana Chief Minister's younger son and INLD secretary general Abhay Chautala had claimed that his father passed the higher secondary examination in the first division while serving a 10-year sentence in Delhi's Tihar jail.

However, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has clarified that Chautala had appeared for Class X

and not Class XII exams and neither of the results has been declared.

Documents show that Chautala had appeared for the Class X exams in the subjects of Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Hindi, Indian Culture and Heritage and Business Studies. He took the exams at Delhi's Tihar jail from April 6 to April 24.

On being contacted, Abhay said he had told the media whatever he was informed about.

Also, an affidavit filed by Chautala for contesting the 2005 Haryana Assembly election set up for prisoners at Tihar Jail. The last examination was held on April 23. - PTI

Stallone apprehensive about Indian remake of Rambo

MUMBAI, May 20: Hollywood star Sylvester Stallone has expressed his concern over the Hindi remake of his iconic film *Rambo*, saying "hope they don't wreck it."

Stallone originally played the action character John Rambo, the Hollywood film series consisting of *First Blood*, *Rambo: First Blood Part II*, *Rambo III* and *Rambo*.

Tiger Shroff, who is known for his martial art prowess, has been finalised to reprise Stallone's role in the Indian version of the movie.

Taking to Twitter, Stallone promised that he would not let him down. "Humbled and blessed to be walking the road you lay down, you are

irreplaceable and I hope I don't let you down sir. *The Slystallone's Rambo Remake*," the *Baaghi* star wrote.

The Indian *Rambo* will follow the last surviving member of an elite covert unit of the Indian armed forces who returns home to discover a war waging in his own land. Tiger also shared his final look, where he appeared fierce and intense.

"Grew up on this character, humbled and blessed to step into his shoes years later. #RamboRemake," he captioned the picture.

The remake will be helmed by *Bang Bang* director Siddharth Anand. - PTI

Fight against ...

(Contd from page 1) section of the laboratory will also be upgraded.

The Commission said emphasis is also being laid on capacity building of the food inspectors and special training to deal with the menace. Under the Rs 8.05-crore project, sophisticated equipment will be installed at the Public Health Laboratory located at Bamunimaidam. Civil and electrical renovation of the laboratory is also part of the project. The microbiology

titled as Food Analyst to the government of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Sikkim. The sanctioned strength of the lab is 135. However, the men in position are around 90. Sources said process is on to fill up the vacancies.

Asked about the recent rumour regarding surfacing of 'plastic' eggs and food grains, the food safety experts said they have not come across any such instance.

Caution against ...

(Contd from page 1) ITBP has been guarding the Indo-China border since 2004. They are performing their duty with great courage and alacrity," Singh said.

The Home Minister said in his statement that the border forces patrolling despite these odds the security forces were doing a great job. He hoped that future action plan on border security will be chalked out after analysing key outcome of independent panel planning along the boundary.

Singh said the problem of connectivity in border areas pose several challenges which

need to overcome. The

home minister said thinning of population and migration from the border areas is a cause of concern.

"We need to strengthen basic infrastructure in border areas so that people don't migrate to other places looking for better opportunities," he said.

The Home Minister said obstacles should remove obstacles in border infrastructure and problems pertaining to land acquisition and clearances need to be resolved. The state governments should send senior officers every six months to border areas to review and imple-

mentation works in the villages.

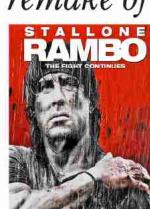
Singh said in the first stage the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is building 27 roads near the border which will be completed by 2019-20. Approval is being given to 48 other roads, he added.

The objective of the meeting is to strengthen the coordination between the Union Home Ministry and the five states along the Sino-Indian border to improve the overall border security. The Home Ministry has said the states were also partners in maintenance of security along the border. - PTI

immense help to the poor people, while a health insurance scheme for poor people has also been launched.

About six lakh students were given free admission in colleges and the number will grow in the days to come, while scholarships have been increased manifold, the Chief Minister said. "To keep education out of politics, I have decided to step down from the post of Chancellor of five universities, including Cotton University and from now on, the State Governor will be the Chancellor of the universities," he added.

Asked whether he has any regrets when he looks back at his first year as the Chief Minister, Sonowal said that he has no regrets. "We tried our best with the help and cooperation of the people of the State but we still have miles to go," he added.

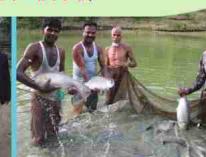


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GST to help improve India's export growth: Nirmala

NEW DELHI, May 20: Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today said the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will help improve India's export growth.

"The way the fitting discussions have happened in the GST Council and the way commodities and services have been treated, GST is only going to help in improving exports," she said after a briefing on three years of initiatives and achievements of the Commerce Ministry.

India's total exports rebounded with a growth of 4.95 per cent in 2016-17 despite a negative growth in services.

Merchandise exports touched \$276.5 billion and rebounded with a growth of 5.44 per cent in 2016-17 after two years of non-positive growth.

"Because of GST, exporters will benefit. Export taxation under GST is zero per cent. They will also get input credit. Taxation structure will simplify and cascading effect will be reduced. Tax incidence will be reduced. There would be simplification of taxes under GST, so good returns for exporters," she added.

Hailing GST as a big-ticket reform, Sitharaman said that by way of input credits, the goods are going to cost less and benefit exporters.

"The smoothness with which GST has been brought about is a big-ticket reform. Since the input credits have been worked out for exporters, the raw materials for any form of commodity are going to cost lesser," she said.

Meanwhile, in a bid to ease apprehensions of the IT industry over the H1B visas, Sitharaman said that India will get the same number of visas, though only the category of people to whom these awards may undergo a change.

"Whatever number of H1B visas we get, that number is same. The type of people selected will change but the numbers will not be cut," she said.

"Only in place of lottery system, there will be some other system to give visas. But, there will be no cut in numbers," she added.

The minister said that with the change in system of giving out visas, only the category of people will undergo a change with an increase in the "high-end workers".

She said that the IT industry is ready to address the issue and there is no need to panic as the fear was more out of the uncertainty on the number of visas getting affected. - IANS

GST rate of 28% 'huge setback' for film industry: Film producers' body

MUMBAI, May 20: The government's decision to put cinema tickets under the 28 per cent tax bracket in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is a major setback for the film industry, feels Siddharth Roy Kapoor, President of the Film and Television Producers' Guild of India.

"The GST rate of 28 per cent announced on cinema tickets is a huge setback for the film industry. The industry had proposed a rate of 5 per cent in our representations to the government, in order to revive a business which has been struggling from lack of fresh investments in new cinema screens and a significant increase in online piracy," Kapoor said in a statement. The GST Council on Friday decided a four-slab tax rate for services. The GST regime will roll out from July 1.

"In the existing tax regime, the cinema exhibition sector was exempted from service tax and State VAT (value-added tax), and

entertainment tax was the only tax imposed on cinema tickets by States and local bodies," he added.

"The average entertainment tax collected nationally by the government across all States and languages was in the range of 8-10 per cent of gross box office revenue. Hence, logically the GST rate should not have been more than 12 per cent, in order to avoid any exchequer loss," Kapoor said.

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Actress Kalki Koechlin during the launch of 'Gillette Venus Breeze' in New Delhi. - UNI

CAPSULE

Forex reserves

MUMBAI, May 20: India's foreign exchange (Forex) reserves declined by \$443.6 million as on May 12, 2017. The Foreign Wing of India's weekly statistical supplement released on Friday showed that the overall Forex reserves decreased to \$375.71 billion from \$375.71 billion reported for the week ended May 5. - IANS

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Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders affixing court fee of Rs. 8.25 are invited in two bid system from manufacturer/distributor/dealer/supplier for modernization of Existing Building of Bongaigaon Polytechnic, for modernization under NEQP-I project.

Interested manufacturer/distributor/supplier may download the tender document from the institute website www.bonpoly.org or may collect from O/O the Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon from 19th May/2017 on working days.

The last date of submission of tender papers up to 12:30 P.M. on 26/05/2017. Earnest money Rs. 1200/- (Rs.900/- for SC/ST) and cost of tender document Rs. 500/- (Non Refundable) must be deposited in the form of two separate DD in favour of Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon payable at SBI Mulaiganj. Any corrigendum and addendum shall be published on our website regarding this work. Supply Order will be issued subject to availability of fund.

Sd/- Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM FINANCE (BUDGET) DEPARTMENT DISPUR, GUWAHATI-06 PRESS COMMUNIQUE

No.BW.04/2017

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of 6.52% Assam State Development Loan, 2017 issued in terms of the Government of Assam, Finance Department's Notification, No.BW.3/2007 dated June 14, 2007, will be repaid at par on June 20, 2017 with interest due up to and including June 19, 2017. In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by the Government of Assam under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in this State on the previous working day. No interest will accrue on the loan from and after June 20, 2017.

2. As per Sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007, payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receiving funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India or its subsidiary Banks where they are enfraged/registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account/mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of 6.52% Assam State Development Loan, 2017, should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse thereof as under:-

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate".

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury is not done by a branch of the State Bank of India or any of its associate banks, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfraged for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India or its associate bank conducting Government Treasury work in the State of Assam.

Sd/- Dr. Ravi Kota, IAS
Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
Finance Department

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Prospect of service sector growth in North-east

A dominant sector in the country, the service sector contributes more than 60 per cent to India's GDP. With an average growth of 10 per cent per annum, it meets 50 per cent of India's current account deficit by way

of export of service.

According to DIPP, the Indian service sector, which includes financial, banking, insurance R&D, courier, real estate, retail, etc., has attracted the highest FDI equity inflow from April 2000 to December

2016 amounting to about \$58 billion.

The North-East India is on the radar of private investors and there are many good reasons for that. Every State in the Northeast has an international boundary and slowly the potential of the neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal is increasing, providing us a huge market to tap. The Government of India has taken several initiatives, both at the local and national levels, to mobilise the region's immense geographical advantage.

The industry body Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) strongly believes that the proximity of the region to South and South-East Asia makes it a prime candidate to become a potential hub for investment for manufacturing and more so in the service industry. The Central Government has announced a number of mega projects and allocated funds to improve connectivity, communication and telecom network. Today, all ministries in the Government of India have minimum one plan/scheme specifically for the North-East and CII, as an industry body, can fully engage. This will encourage many leading IT players to consider it as a rewarding investment destination.

The region can also be a hub of educational institutions. Currently, engineering and medical colleges in the North-east are few and far between compared to other regions. CII advocates focused measures to fill the gap on promotion of education for people from this region and also the neighbouring South and South-East Asian countries, particularly Bhutan and Myanmar. Over the last three years, we have observed that a number of leading universities from India and abroad have approached local governments in the North-East seeking assistance for establishing educational institutions. This is a very welcome development.

In addition, there is also potential for developing skill-based, labour-based service industry which include transport, R&D, consultancy service, house-keeping, healthcare, nursing service, etc. We have spent a lot of time discussing challenges in the North-East and now time has come for us to build the same. The North-east can indeed become a service-oriented economy.

As on today 70 per cent people in the North-East are engaged in agriculture while a large chunk of younger generation professionals have based themselves outside the region and are engaged in various service sector indus-

tries. While on the one hand this has enhanced their competencies, it has also led to growth of disposable income of their family members, which have helped expand the consumer base in this region. While mobile phone, internet providers, retail, hospitality, airlines, fashion and clothing industry are slowly becoming established businesses, certain services like real estate, logistics and storage, educational support, etc., are not present at all in this region and thus have a great potential to grow.

Making things better, the region is among the top ten on the literacy chart. While Tripura has achieved 100 per cent literacy rate, Mizoram is only 8 per cent short of the coveted mark. As service sector is a major component in the knowledge economy where human resources are the key, the North-East has a big advantage. This explains why this region can become a thriving hub not just of tourism, but other service industries like IT & ITeS, education and healthcare. What it urgently requires is a stimulus from the Central Government which can move a sizeable amount of IT workers to the North-East region. The six IT hubs of the North-East need to aggressively market its incubation space so that this vast pool of English-speaking IT professionals can be fully engaged. This will encourage many leading IT players to consider it as a rewarding investment destination.

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(The author is Director, Finance, NRI and Chairman of CII Assam State Council)

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Director, Secondary Education, Assam

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Application form is to be returned at the following address :

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Date of issue of Application form : 22 May, 2017

Last date of submission of Application form : 20 June, 2017

Date of written test and interview (time: 10 am) : 22 June, 2017

Declaration of list of selected candidates : 22 June, 2017

Classes will start from : 1 August, 2017

Date of admission will be notified on 22-06-2017

Sd/- Chief Coordinator, CMCJ
& Principal, Cotton College, Guwahati

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Firing 'nut job' Comey eased pressure, Trump told Russians

WASHINGTON, May 20: US President Donald Trump told Russian officials at an Oval Office meeting last week that firing FBI Director James Comey eased pressure on him as he was a "real nut job" and "crazy," a media report claimed today.

"I just fired the head of the FBI. He was crazy, a real nut job," Trump told Russian Minister Sergei Lavrov and the country's Ambassador to the US, the Times reported, citing minutes of the meeting between Trump and the Russians.

According to the US daily, the quotes and other excerpts from the minutes were redacted to its correspondent by a Trump administration official.

Another condition of anonymity confirmed the quotes from the said document. "I faced great pressure because of Russia. That's taken off. I am not under investigation," he was quoted as saying by the daily. The White House did not comment on the authenticity of Trump's conversation with the Russian officials in the Oval Office on May 9.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer told The New York Times in a statement that Comey had behaved politically and put unnecessary pressure on the president's ability to conduct diplomacy with Russia on matters such as Syria, Ukraine and the Islamic State.

"By grandstanding and politicising the investigation into Russia's actions, James Comey created unnecessary pressure on our ability to engage and negotiate with Russia," Spicer said.

He said the investigation would have always continued, and the termination of Comey would not have ended it.

"Once again, the real story is that our national security has been undermined by the leaking of private and highly classified conversations," he added.

According to the daily, a Trump administration official defended president's purported conversation with the Russians as he wanted to create a "sense of obligation" with them and to coax concessions out of them on Syria, Ukraine, and other issues.

The latest crisis to beset Trump comes days after an another revelation by the daily which claimed that the president has asked sacked FBI director James Comey to end the agency's investigation into ties between his former national security adviser Mike Flynn and Russia. —PTI

141 killed in south Libya airbase attack

TRIPOLI, May 20: An attack on an airbase in south Libya has killed 141 people, mostly soldiers loyal to military strongman Khalifa Haftar, a spokesman for his forces said on Friday.

Members of the Third Force militia loyal to the UN-backed Government of National Accord in Tripoli yesterday attacked the base used by Haftar's self-proclaimed Libyan National Army (LNA), military sources said earlier.

LNA spokesman Ahmad al-Mesmari late today said the victims included civilians who worked at the Brak al-Shati airbase or were in the nearby area, also reporting that sum-

mary executions took place.

"The soldiers were returning from a military parade. They weren't armed. Most of them were executed," he said.

The GNA said in a statement late today a commission of inquiry had been set up to investigate the attack.

It said it had decided to suspend its defence minister, al-Mahdi al-Barghati, and the head of the Third Force from their duties until those responsible were identified.

Both the GNA and defence ministry earlier condemned the assault and said they had not ordered any such action.

The unity government, the rival administration in eastern Libya and their respective backers are battling for influence in the North African country which has been wracked by chaos since the fall of dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011.

The LNA does not recognise the authority of the GNA, and instead supports the rival authorities based in the east.

The UN envoy to Libya earlier on Friday voiced alarm at reports of the attack on the base, 650 kilometres (400 miles) south of Tripoli.

"I am outraged by reports of significant numbers of fatalities, includ-

ing civilians and by reports that summary executions may have taken place," UN envoy Martin Kobler said in a statement.

Britain's ambassador to Libya, Peter Millett, also denounced the assault.

"Disgusted by attack on Brak al-Shati & reports of mass executions. Perpetrators must be brought to justice," he wrote on Twitter.

The incident at the base in Wadi al-Shati district comes a month after an attack by the LNA on the Tamerhant airbase controlled by the Third Force near the south's main city of Sebha. —AFP

ISIS-claimed suicide bombs kill 35 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, May 20: Suicide bombings at checkpoints in Baghdad and south Iraq claimed by the ISIS group killed at least 35 people and wounded dozens more, officials said today.

The bombings, which hit Iraq the previous night, came as Iraqi forces battle IS in Mosul in a massive operation launched more than seven months ago to retake the country's second city from the jihadists.

In Baghdad, suicide car bombers attacked in the area of a checkpoint in the city's southern Abu Disheer area, killing 24 people and wounding 20, Brigadier General Saad Maan told AFP.

Security forces were able to kill one of the attackers, but the second blew up his car bomb, Maan said.

IS issued a statement claiming the attack but gave a different account of how it unfolded, saying that one soldier used a light weapon before detonating an explosive belt, after which a second blew up a car bomb.

And in south Iraq, a suicide bomber blew up an explosives-rigged vehicle at a checkpoint on the outskirts of the city of Basra, killing 11 people and wounding 30, according to Riyadh Abdulkarim, the head of Basra province health department.

Another militant who left a second explosives-rigged vehicle was killed by security forces, the Basra Operations Command said. IS also claimed the Basra attack, but said that both bombs were successfully detonated. —AFP



Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud meets with US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump during a reception ceremony in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Saturday. —UNI

Iran's Rouhani sweeps to second term



TEHRAN, May 20: Iranian President Hassan Rouhani won a resounding re-election victory today as voters overwhelmingly backed his efforts to reach out to the world and rebuild the

struggling economy.

Rouhani, a 68-year-old moderate cleric who spearheaded a 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, took 23.5 million votes – 57 per cent – compared to 15.8 million – 38.3 per cent – for hardline challenger Ebrahim Raisi.

But Iran's efforts to open up to the world face a stark challenge from US President Donald Trump, who has threatened to tear up the nuclear deal and is currently visiting its bitter regional rival Saudi Arabia. Iranians nonetheless flocked to the polls, with turnout hitting 73 per cent.

Election organisers were forced to extend polling by several hours yesterday, as they

struggled to adapt to a population explosion that has added 20 million names to the voting rolls in the past two decades.

"Already last night we had the feeling we were heading for a landslide, and it came true," said Farid Dehdili, an adviser for the Iranian Privatisation Organisation, who worked on Rouhani's campaign.

"Our people reaffirmed their confidence in President Rouhani and their support for engagement with the world," he added. Raisi, 56, had positioned himself as a defender of the poor and called for a much tougher line with the West.

But his revolutionary rhetoric and efforts to win over working class voters with

promises of increased handouts gained limited traction.

"Rouhani's vote, particularly in rural areas, shows that Iran's people no longer believe in economic populism and radical change," said Ali Vaez, Iran analyst for the International Crisis Group, a think tank.

They have the maturity to understand that the solution to their country's predicaments are in competent management of the economy and moderation in international relations," Vaez told AFP.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, a staunch ally of Iran in the Syrian conflict on the side of the Damascus regime, was among the first leaders to congratulate Rouhani. —AFP

Army, ISI enemies of Pak

WASHINGTON, May 20: Pakistan would vanish from the world map if the country's army continues to violate the rights of Mohajirs and Balochs, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement leader Altaf Hussain has warned.

In the name of counter-teror operation, the Pakistan Army started operation in Balochistan several years ago and murdered thousands of

Baloch men, he alleged.

"Sindh, Punjab and Punjab wadars (landlords) Khans and Chaudharys have surrendered to the army for personal favours," he said in a video message to his supporters.

He asked the army to "stop military operations" in Karachi and Balochistan. Hussain' MQM is the fourth largest political party in Pakistan. —PTI

অসম চৰকাৰ উপায়ুক্ত কাৰ্যালয়ের (বিকল্পীকৃত পৰিবহন শাখা) Phone: 03672-23185 (O)/23222/232193 (F) Email: dc-nagaon@nic.in নথি নং. ফি. নথি (ডি.সি.) ১৮১ /১০০৯/১৮৩-১/১৪ তাৰিখ: ১৫.০৫.২০১৭ জনসন্যোগ (প্ৰক্ৰিয়াকৰণ কৰিব আৰু উত্তোলন কৰিব)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRM SELECTION) INDIA ASSAM STATE ROADS PROJECT Loan No: IBRD 8136 IN Consultancy Service for Road Safety Audit and Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Road Safety Measures on State Highways and Major District Roads under ASRP No: CEASRP/95/2017/05 This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the general procurement notice for this project published in the Assam Tribune dated 19.04.2017. The Government of Assam has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) toward the cost of Assam State Roads Project, and intends to apply for funding under the World Bank's International Development Association (IDA). It proposes conducting Road Safety Audit and preparation of Detailed Project Report to improve road safety on 241 KM of SH and MDR network where rehabilitation work is in progress under the Project. The objective of the Project is to reduce the number of road deaths and injuries by incorporating installation of all types of road signs, road markings, design and drainage for improvement of road intersections, road geometries, traffic calming devices, etc. conforming to applicable IRC codes and MCGR standards. The Government of Assam has invited a few firms from India to submit expressions of interest. Interested Firms are requested to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the relevant qualifications and experience to carry out the work in accordance with the requirements of the contract and tasks undertaken during the last three years, availability of qualified and experienced professionals and annual turnover. Expressions of interest will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, revised in July 2014 based on Quality and Cost Bases (QCB) method set out in the above Guidelines. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 19 of the above Guidelines setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (IST) on working days. Prospective bidders are requested to submit their expressions of interest in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail not later than 12.06.2017. Sd/- Chief Engineer (ARABS) & R.R.D. Gogoi Project Director, World Bank Aided Roads Project, Assam Fatlali Ambart, Guwahati-25 Email: csa.apwd@nic.in Janasanayog/498/17

SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION Inviting sealed quotation affixing Court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and Paise Twenty Five) only from interesting firms/undertakings engaged in the construction of roads to supply the following materials food stuffs/animal feed to be used for G.R. for flood affected people and livestock during 2017-18 flood. The quotation will be received by the office of the undersigned in Tender Box at Relief & DM Branch during the office time up to 29th May 2017 and will be opened on the same day (3:30 PM) by the Committee chaired by Branch Officer (Disaster Management Branch) Titabar formed for the purpose. The intending Bidders or their representatives may remain present at the time of opening of the said quotations. The Quotation may be submitted as per the format given below.

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2	Mosur Dal(Big)	Good Quality	Per quintal
3	Arahar Dal	-do-	Per quintal
4	Salt (Pkt)	Iodized	Per quintal
5	M. Oil	Good Quality	Per quintal
6	Chira	Good Quality	Per quintal
7	Gur	Good Quality	Per quintal
8	Wheat Bran	Good Quality	Per quintal
9	Tarpaulin (Medium Quality)	Size-12X15 Sq. ft.	Per Piece
10	Polythene	Good quality	Per sqr. ft.
11	Rice Bran	-do-	
12	Baby Food (1Kg & 1/2 kg)	-do-	Per Pkt
13	Soap	-do-	Per piece
14	Biscuit/Bread	-do-	Per Pkt
15	Empty Cement Bags	-do-	Per 100 pcs
16	Candip	-do-	Per Pkt of 6 pcts
17	Phenyle	-do-	1 Lts. Jar
18	Mosquito Coil	-do-	Per Pkt
19	Disposable Glass/Plate	-do-	Per 100 pcs
20	Mosquito Net	-do-	Per pcs
21	Potato	-do-	Per quintal

Terms & Conditions

- The Firms should be registered and having Municipality Trade Licence etc.
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- The quotator will leave to quote their rates against each item both figures and words.
- No ground like worker strike/shortage of material in the market etc. and other ground for failure of supply the material will be considered.
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Sd/- ADC, I/c Titabar Civil Sub-Division
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Indian wins top science award in US

WASHINGTON, May 20: An Indian boy has won the world's largest pre-college science competition in the US in the environmental engineering category for his project on biodegradation of pesticides.

Prashant Ranganathan, a 12th grader from Jamsedpur, along with over 20 high school students from various parts of India, participated in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

"My project will actually help farmers in biodegrading the pesticide which is plagu-



Participants throw coloured powder as they take part in the Get Rainbowed run in Prague, Czech Republic on Saturday. —UNI

Emboldened Trump starts foreign tour with Saudi arms deal

RIYADH, May 20: The White House announced a huge arms deal with Saudi Arabia today as President Donald Trump took his first steps on the world stage, looking to leave mounting troubles behind at home.

Air Force One had barely taken off when it was announced yesterday that James Comey, the former FBI chief fired by Trump, had agreed to testify publicly about Russian interference in the US elections.

Reports also emerged that Trump had called Comey "a nut job" and that the FBI had

identified a senior White House official as a "significant person of interest" in its probe of Russian meddling.

The president and first lady Melania Trump were welcomed by Saudi King Salman as they disembarked at King Khalid International Airport in this morning.

Trump and his wife, who dressed conservatively in black but did not cover her hair as Saudi women are required to do, walked side-by-side to the tarmac where they both shook hands with the 81-year-old king.

After a welcoming coffee ceremony, Trump and his entourage were brought to the royal court where the president was awarded the Collar of Abdulaziz Al Saud, Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour.

The arms sale agreement was just one of a series of deals to be announced during the visit, with US conglomerate General Electric saying it had also signed agreements and memorandums of understanding worth \$15 billion. —AFP



From bridesmaid to bride for Prince William's sis-in-law Pippa

ENGLEFIELD, May 20: After turning heads at her sister Kate's wedding to Prince William, Pippa Middleton was today graduating from bridesmaid to bride at what the British media were dubbing the society wedding of the decade.

The 33-year-old Pippa made global headlines with a figure-hugging outfit when Kate, now the Duchess of Cambridge, married William, second in line to the throne, in 2011.

She was today on her way to exchange vows with wealthy financier James Matthews, 41, at a lavish wedding where William and Kate's young children, Prince George and Princess Charlotte, are expected to play a starring role.

The ceremony is taking place at St Mary's Church in the Berkshire countryside west of London, near the Middleton

family home.

The event will reportedly feature a flypast by a World War II-era Spitfire plane and a party afterwards in a 100,000 pounds (USD 130,000, 115,000 euro) glass marquee.

The presence of senior royals means security is expected to be tight, and no-fly zones banning aircraft including drones have been imposed around the area.

William and Kate's three-year-old son Prince George – Queen Elizabeth II's great-grandson and third in line to the throne, was to be a page boy.

Princess Charlotte, two, will be a bridesmaid. William's younger brother Prince Harry is also expected to attend the wedding, likely with his actress girlfriend Meghan Markle.

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Food for brain!

Omega-3 foods may help prevent Alzheimer's disease, says a study

Eating foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids may raise blood flow to areas in the brain associated with memory and learning, thus reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease, a study has showed.

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that destroys memory and other important mental functions.

Omega-3 fatty acids commonly found in flaxseed oil, walnuts, salmon, soybeans, and spinach – have shown anti-amyloid, anti-tau and anti-inflammatory actions in the brains of animals.

The study showed positive relationships between omega-3 EPA+DHA status, brain perfusion, and cognition.

"This is very important research because it shows a correlation between lower omega-3 fatty acid levels and reduced brain blood flow to regions important for learning, memory, depression and dementia," said lead author Daniel G Amen, CEO, the Amen Clinics Inc in the US.

Further, the study also demonstrates the

value of nutritional intervention for brain health by using the latest brain imaging technique known as single photon emission computed tomography, or SPECT, which can measure blood perfusion in the brain.

"This study opens the door to the possibility that relatively simple dietary changes could favourably impact cognitive function," added William S Harris, from the University of South Dakota.

In the study, appearing in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, the images acquired from participants performing various cognitive tasks will show higher blood flow in specific brain regions involved with memory, and neurocognitive testing.

In addition, they also found that omega-3 levels also correlated with various psychological feelings of the participants. – IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 21, 2017:

This year you communicate what you want. Though you likely won't be upset if your request is not fulfilled, you will have little patience for people who are not responsive. If you are single, you might meet someone who is available next weekend. Make sure you are committed to this person. If you are attached, two of you will have many intense interactions. You will become a lot closer to each other than you have been in the past. ARIES nearly encourages you to take risks.

The Star Sign for Sunday Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Possessive; 3-Achiever; 2-Social; 1-Efficient.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You seem to move in sync with others in your day-to-day environment that seems to focus on group get-togethers. You might be surprised by how easily communication flows, even when you encounter a rough moment or two. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite dinner spot.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**** You are likely to float from one topic to the next, especially if you find yourself in a quiet place with no one around. You might not be in the mood to act on a strong punch. You will be happiest relaxing and just going along with the moment. Tonight: Make it your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

**** Your usual voice might sound a little overbearing, but have some fun with your mate. You can't always openly share some time with the person with whom you want to share your news. Don't be disappointed if his or her reaction is not what you anticipated. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

**** Your mate's voice might sound a little overbearing, but have some fun with your mate. You can't always openly share some time with the person with whom you want to share your news. Don't be disappointed if his or her reaction is not what you anticipated. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** A friendship means more to you than you might realize. You and your mate could upset you much more than you had expected it to. Don't forget to return calls to a loved one at a distance. Know when to let it right. Tonight: You can't say "no" to a seductive invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Take the time to check in or visit with an older relative. You might be surprised by how important person is as a foundation in your life. Cultivate a tendency to be overly attentive around certain friends. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You might want to consider what is best for you and a loved one. Even though you and a friend might not share the same vision or point-of-view, there is no problem having a good time together. Listen to what this person has to say. Tonight: Go along with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might want to consider what is best for you and a loved one. Even though you and a friend might not share the same vision or point-of-view, there is no problem having a good time together. Listen to what this person has to say. Tonight: Go along with the program.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Dealing with a do-it-yourself project at home. Though you and your party involved might disagree on how the situation should play out, you both seem to have a good time discussing the matter. Go along with this person's ideas once in a while. Tonight: Relax and let go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You might want to resist joining in on a fun event, but you can't seem to say "no." Your inner child gets into the moment and has the time of his or her life. Settling in or returning to reality won't be particularly appealing. Tonight: At a favorite place with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You might be concerned about raining on someone else's parade. You could be wondering what would be the best way to proceed. Share some of your ideas in a non-confrontational way. As a result, you'll get a better response. Tonight: Try to stay on the path of moderation.

Thought for the day

Love cures people – both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.

– KARL A MENNINGER

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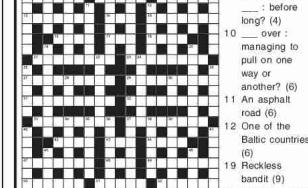


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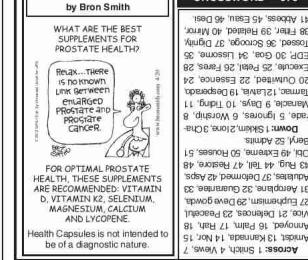
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- 1 Slang word for "steal" (6)
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- 14 Conjunction meaning "and nor" (3)
- 15 Alleged or lied (7)
- 16 Tropical tree (4)
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- 18 Wickedness (4)
- 21 Fortifications (6)
- 23 Tranquill or serene (8)
- 27 Mild agreeable expression (9)
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MOOSE AND MOLLY



Indian archers hit gold in World Cup

SHANGHAI, May 20: India clinched a compound team gold medal to conclude their Archery World Cup Stage I campaign here today.

In the first major competition after last year's Rio Olympics, the recurve archers failed to make much progress with Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari making quarterfinal exits in their respective rounds.

But it was the non-Olympic compound section that brought back smiles in the camp with a superlative show from fourth seeded Abhishek Verma, Raju Chima Srithee and debutant Amanjeet Singh.

Competing as the first time, India defeated 10th seeded Colombia's Camilo Cardona, Daniel Munoz and Jose Carlos Ospina 226-

221 in a one-sided final this morning. Earlier, the fourth seeded ousted Vietnam, World Champion Iran and top-ranked USA to make the finals against Colombia.

"Before coming here, we planned every detail to make it work. We all shot well throughout the week and what we really want is to create a good impression of us in front of other teams," Verma said after winning his first team gold, and second overall in the World Cup.

The Asian Games Incheon-2014 silver medallist had a heartbreak in store in the afternoon session when he along with Jyothi Surekha Venam lost the bronze playoff to Reo Wilde and Jamie van Natta by a slender 151-153.

The 27-year-old Delhi lad Verma has previously won an individual gold in the World Cup Stage 3 Wroclaw-2015. He also has a mixed pair silver in the World Cup Stage 4 Wroclaw-2014, and a team bronze at the World Cup Stage 1 Shanghai-2015.

The Indian trio of Cardona, Ospina and Munoz were no match to the Indians, who began with four perfect 10s including one closest to the centre (X) to open up a 58-57 lead in the first end.

With yet another four perfect 10s including one X from a possible six, the Indian team clinched the second end 58-56 to stretch their lead to three points (116-113).

By their own standards, Verma, Srithee and Singh had the poorest

display in the third end but Colombia failed to capitalise as it saw a 52-all tie which was enough to maintain their three-point lead (116-116).

The Verma-led team put up another flawless display to cap the fourth end with four 10s including one X route to 58 out of possible 60 as Colombia failed in comparison with a 56 to slip to a big deficit.

"There are so many strong compound men's team around the world and, considering the worlds in Mexico later this year, we need to keep shooting as we did here to get a good result there," Verma said.

Verma is the most decorated member of the team, which has 33-year-old Services archer Srithee and 23-year-old Singh, who made his

World Cup debut.

"Right now our team is made up of three men with different experience but our training is showing we're doing well. We are all the same; we all talk, make decisions together and matter how long we've been shooting for, what we've achieved," Verma added.

In the bronze play-off, Verma and Jyothi trashed 38-39 against Wilde and Jamie in the first end and failed to catch up.

They matched their opponents 38-all and 39-all in the second and third ends as they were trailing 115-116 before the final end.

Needed to win by two points, India posted 36 against USA's 37 which was enough to settle the issue. - PTI

Assam karatekas in Indian team

GUWAHATI, May 20: After the selection of Jyotirman Kashyap in Indian team for the World School Games Karate Championship, three more sub-junior players of Assam have been selected for the Indian karate team for the World Karate Federation's (WKF) Youth Cup Karate Championship and Camp to be held at Umag, Croatia from June 26 to July 2.



Hemphu



Saurav



Sarhan

Hemphu Bongiang, Saurav Kumar Gogoi and Sarhan Rasul will take part in the international karate event.

UKAA secretary Nager Bongiang and coach Sunil Gogoi will accompany the Indian team, stated a release.

School cricket tourney

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 20: In two one-sided group league matches of the 13th All Assam Prize-money Inter School Cricket Tournament for the Dhan Sena Sini Trophy at the Latasil playground here today, Assam Jatiya Bidyalay posted 8-wicket victory against Pragyojish English School while Gurukul Grammar Senior Secondary School outplayed Don Bosco School by 9 wickets.

In the low scoring first match Pragyojish English School could score only 64 for eight in 20 overs and in reply Assam Jatiya Bidyalaya hit up 65 for the loss of two wickets in 8.5 overs.

Don Bosco scored 103 for seven after batting first in the second encounter and later Gurukul Grammar boys chased down the target in 9.2 overs losing a wicket.

Pragyojish English School 64/8 (Anup Rajbenghi 5, Gharib Hossain 4, Md. Rajibongshi 2/2); Assam Jatiya Bidyalay 65/2 (Braj Patgiri 2/6).

Don Bosco 103/7 (Ramez Hussain 23, Anubhab Talukdar 17, Nabaran Talukdar 15, Biran Kalita 2/13, Kapil Banik 2/17), Gurukul 104/1 (Athigyan Gogoi not out 44, Nabani Sarma 41).

Today's matches: South Point School vs LOG Hindi High School; Happy Montessori School vs NOS.



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Bharnabon Sandhya, a student of Delhi Public School has won gold medals in sub junior Kyorung, poomsae pair and poomsae team events and a bronze medal in individual event in the Indian International Taekwondo Championship held at the Takkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi from May 16 to 18.

Indian eves whitewashed by NZ in hockey series

HAMILTON (New Zealand), May 20: There was no end to the Indian women's hockey team's misery as it went down 2-6 to New Zealand in the final match for a 0-5 whitewash in the series, which concluded here today.

The Black Sticks were untroubled from the start with Olivia Merry converting a splendid field goal in the fourth minute of the first quarter.

She starred in the first 15 minutes as she came up with another field goal in the 15th minute to give her team a strong start with a 2-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw India make strong attempts, earning a PC in the 22nd minute. Deep Elka was successful in converting the PC with an improvised flick to earn India's first goal of the match.

This was Grace's second successful PC in the Five-Match Series. New Zealand fought back with Pippa Hayward earning the third goal for the hosts in the 27th minute to take their score to 3-1 at the end of the second quarter.

India began the third quar-

Mexican boxer David killed in car crash

MEXICO CITY (Mexico), May 20: Authorities say former boxing champion David "Tornado" Sanchez and his brother were killed in a car crash in northern Mexico.

The World Boxing Association says Sanchez was 25 years old when he died Friday. In an online statement, it called him a "great gladiator who still had a long way ahead."

Mexican newspaper El Universal reports that Sanchez's brother Jonathan was also killed in the morning crash in Hermosillo, Sonora state.

The Hermosillo city government says via Twitter that "we regret the death of (Sanchez) and Jonathan. Without a doubt we will miss you in Hermosillo, champion."

According to the WBA, Sanchez was at an interim championship at the 115-lb. Weight class. He had a record of 31 wins, 23 by knockout, four losses and two draws. - AP

India showed resilience in the final 15 minutes, trying to find a gap in the striking circle. While India matched New Zealand's challenge with pace, good skill work and improvised ball possession could not quite make it count in the 25 yards mark. - PTI

India need to go full throttle for Sudirman Cup

GOLD COAST (Australia), May 20: Spearheaded by Olympic silver-medallist PV Sindhu, India are in for a tough challenge as they seek to end the agonising wait for a medal at the Sudirman Cup mixed team championship beginning here tomorrow.

India, ranked ninth, have managed to reach the knockout stage of the tournament only once during the 2011 edition, while in the last two editions they couldn't even cross the group stage.

Led by Sindhu and world No.13 Jayaram, India will have their task cut out this time when they take on Denmark and Indonesia in Group 1 D.

India will open their campaign against two-time runners-up Denmark on Monday and will face former champions and six-time runners-up Indonesia on Wednesday.

For India, the onus will be on singles to win their respective matches, while they would be hoping one of their doubles pair pull off one match at least.

London Olympics bronze-medallist Saina Nehwal pulled

Halep enters Indian Open final

ROME, May 20 (IANS) Romanian tennis player Simona Halep, world no. 4, advanced to the final of the Italian Open tennis tournament after beating Dutch Kiki Bertens here Saturday.

The Romanian player, who recently claimed the title at the Madrid Open on May 13, staged another high-level performance on Saturday to beat her Dutch opponent 7-5, 6-1, reports EFE.

In the match that opened Saturday's programme on the main court, Halep initially had to suffer to gain an advantage over a tough Bertens. - IANS

Bopanna, Sania knocked out

ROME, May 20: Rohan Bopanna made a quarterfinal exit from the ATP Rome Masters while Sania Mirza exited from the WTA event, being run simultaneously following a semifinal defeat here.

Bopanna and his partner Pablo Cuevas went down to Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut 6-7(5), 7-6(2), 10-12, while Sania Mirza and Yaroslava Shvedova beaten by Jung Chan and Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-7(7) in the semifinals. - PTI

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Giants from Mumbai face Pune's Supergiant in IPL final

HYDERABAD. May 20: Aiming to complete a hat-trick of titles, the formidable Mumbai Indians will face an imposing challenge from the Rising Pune Supergiant in what promises to be a riveting 'Finals' after the 10th Indian Premier League, here tomorrow.

Billed as 'Maharashtra Derby', the summit clash is set to be a bit more than an inter-city battle with huge reputations of big stars at stake.

Even on paper, there is not much to choose, especially with Pune beating MI thrice this season includ-

ing a comprehensive victory in Qualifier 1. But final is a new day and MI can always be fourth time lucky.

Two-time champions Mumbai will be playing their fourth final and should have been termed as clear favourites had it not been for a certain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who was playing a record seventh IPL final.

Some of the MI stars, like skipper Rohit Sharma, Kieron Pollard, Harbhajan Singh and Ambati Rayudu, have a fair idea of how to win a mega final as they have been a part of the victorious 2013 and 2015 sides.

MI's strength has been their bench with like for replacements. When Jos Buttler left, they had Lendl Simmons to fill up for him. Similarly, Mitchell McClenaghan (19 wickets) can cool his heels with Mitchell Johnson tormenting the batsmen.

But when it comes to 'MSD', the cash-rich league has been his playground since its inception in 2008.

He has played six finals between 2008 and 2015 for the Chennai Super Kings, winning the 2010 and '11 editions.

The former India captain knows more than a thing or two about IPL finals. Pune

Nitish Rana (333 runs) has been one of the finds but when Ambati Rayudu came back from injury, he was equally effective.

Harbhajan Singh has been economical as ever but the team management had faith in leg-spinner Krunal Pandya who crushed the KKR batting during the second Qualifier. In Malinga and Bumrah – they have the best death bowlers in the business. Prolific hits big and is a live-wire on the field.

Pandya brothers – Krunal and Hardik – provide the all-round balance and above all there is Rohit, who can single-handedly turn the match on his head.

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skipper Steve Smith will be banking on Dhoni's experience with an aim to emulate Shane Warne, Adam Gilchrist, David Warner – the Aussies who have lifted the silverware.

In terms of performance, Dhoni hasn't exactly set the stage on fire but his contribution in two of the victories has had a telling impact.

The tricky chase against Sunrisers Hyderabad during a league game was one match in which Supergiant witnessed the 'Master Finisher' come to the fore. It was a match Pune needed to win in order to get some momentum going.

And then the five sixes of the last two overs during the Qualifier 1 at Wankhede – a match that was till then in MI's grip.

It's highly likely that Dhoni will be seen in his favourite 'Canary Yellow' jersey from next season as Supergiant won't be getting an extension as per current rules.

The emergence of Rahul Tripathi

But the legend must not have forgotten how he was unceremoniously removed from captaincy and a memorable knock in the final will only be an icing on the cake.

After a forgettable last season, Pune under Smith have found their combination this time round.

Ben Stokes has been one of those rare players, who has justified the big bucks (Rs 14.5 crore) spent on him by Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Before leaving for England (where England is having a pre-Champions Trophy camp), Stokes' 316 runs and 12 wickets had a huge role to play in ensuring a smooth passage to the play-offs.

The century against Gujarat Lions, while battling cramps, and brilliant overs at the death made it easier for Smith.

The emergence of Rahul Tripathi

athi (388 runs) – son of an Army Major – who had for sometime quit cricket while staying in Kashmir, has been one of the most enduring IPL stories of this year.

Not to forget the reticent Washington Sundar, who held his own bowling in Powerplay, to some of the best T20 exponent.

Skipper Smith (421) also had a good start before some quiet matches towards the business end. Manoj Tiwary (317) has also played his part to perfection. – PTI



Match starts at 8 pm.



Real Madrid go to Malaga looking for decisive point

MADRID. May 20: Real Madrid travel to Malaga on Sunday knowing that a point will make them La Liga champions for 2016-17, giving them their first Spanish football league title in five seasons.

Wednesday's midweek win over Celta Vigo put Real Madrid three points clear of FC Barcelona going into the last weekend of the campaign, although the Catalan side's superior head-to-head goal difference would be the deciding factor if the two sides end Sunday level on points, reports Xinhua news agency.

As well as a draw in the La Rosaleda Stadium is enough for Madrid to start the celebrations for the first time since 2012 and to tee up a Liga and Champions League double, ahead of the Champions League final on June 3rd.

Forward Gareth Bale and right-back Dani Carvajal are both out injured still, meaning that attacking midfielder Isco will once again play a key role against the side which sold him to Madrid in 2013.

It has been pointed out in the Catalan press that part of the deal that took Isco to Madrid included several incentive clauses – one of which states Madrid would have to pay Malaga an extra million euro for the Spain international if he helped them win a league title, hinting at a conflict of interest nobody could have envisaged four years ago. – IANS

Mourinho backs Pogba to cope with father's death

MANCHESTER. May 20: Jose Mourinho has praised Paul Pogba for his response to his father's death as he prepares to recall him for Manchester United's final Premier League game of the campaign.

Mourinho has promised to make sweeping changes for Sunday's fixture against Crystal Palace, ahead of United's Europa League final date with Dutch side Ajax in Stockholm on Wednesday.

But the United manager has confirmed the world's most expensive footballer will be in the starting line-up despite the death of his father this week.

"Paul Pogba is fine," Mourinho said. "A strong guy, strong mentality. He's learning how to live after his father passed away. He is strong."

"He knows that he needs to play on Sunday because he hasn't played or trained for a long time and he needs these minutes on the pitch, so he plays against Palace."

Pogba has not appeared for United since helping them reach the Europa League final in a home draw with Celta Vigo 10 days ago and Mourinho clearly feels the French midfielder deserves a chance to play after attending to his family tragedy.

Belgian midfielder Marouane Fellaini, who injured his hamstring in the midweek draw at Southampton, is not expected to play as he battles to be fit. – AFP

'Will seek details before sending anyone to Olympics'

NEW DELHI. May 20: Union Sports Minister Vijay Goel, while taking note of reports that doctors without requisite qualifications were sent to the Rio Olympics, said on Saturday the government will seek complete details before sending anyone to such events in future.

"We will ask the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to submit resumes, expertise of contingents and other details of the people accompanying Indian athletes. We will examine whether the person fulfills the criteria before permitting them for events like the Olympics," Goel told Times Now news channel.

He said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is probing two doctors, Pawan Deep Singh and R.S. Negi, who were allegedly sent to last year's Olympics with the 11-member Indian contingent without having the required qualifications.

The CBI has already registered a preliminary inquiry against Singh and Negi. – IANS

Thiem sends Nadal packing

ROME. May 20: Austria's Dominic Thiem sent Rafael Nadal crashing out of the Rome Masters on Friday with a 6-4, 6-3 quarterfinal victory, ending the Spaniard's 17-match winning run.

Nadal, a former seven-time champion in the Italian capital, had dominated Thiem to win the Madrid Masters final last week.

But the 30-year-old, seeded fourth in Rome and building up for an assault on a 10th French Open title, was outplayed throughout a thrilling encounter on centre court.

Thiem, the eighth seed, will now meet the winner of the quarterfinal clash between four-time winner Novak Djokovic, seeded second, and unseeded Argentinian Juan Martin del Potro.

The tie was suspended for the night after torrential rain swept the city. Four-time Djokovic was leading 6-1, 1-2 when play was halted. – AFP

Sports ministry to launch talent search portal

NEW DELHI. May 20: The Union Sports Ministry will launch a portal to search for young talent in different Olympic disciplines, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Vijay Goel said here on Saturday.

In an interaction with the media here, Goel said that when he came across a case where a young talented sportsman was denied entry to a stadium on the ground that the facility was used only by established players, he said he immediately ordered the setting up of a sports ministry talent search portal.

"The English and Hindi versions of the portal are ready and will be launched soon while other language versions are also being developed," he said.

"Now, any child with talent of eight years and above can post his or her video on the portal showcasing the talent along with a bio-data," he said. "It will be our duty to pick

that young talented sportsman," he said, while pointing out that the talent should be in any of the Olympic disciplines.

Talking about development of sports in the country in general, Goel said different disciplines were being run by different federations.

"We have ended all conflict between the ministry and the federations," he said.

"We have also ended infighting within various federations and we want transparency and accountability from them."

Given Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interest, Goel said the focus of his ministry would be mostly on the northeastern states with Assam as the sporting hub.

He said that Guwahati, Golaghat, Kokrajhar and Tinsukia in Assam already have sports hostels with extension centres in Dibrugarh, Majuli and Jorhat.

Other northeastern states to have sports hostels are Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim.

"We are taking a lot of inputs from Australia for the sports university in Manipur."

Goel will be visiting Guwahati on May 23 where he, accompanied by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, will inspect the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, one of the venues of the FIRA Under-17 World Cup to be hosted by India in October this year. – IANS

Vikas deposes before BFI disciplinary panel

NEW DELHI. May 20: Indian boxer Vikas Krishan, who had forfeited his semifinal bout in the Asian Championships, today appeared before a disciplinary committee to explain his position and said he was satisfied with the hearing given to him.

Regarding the National Sports University in Manipur announced during the 2014-15 Union Budget, he said that land allotted by the earlier state government was found to be very low lying and far away from the city of Imphal.

"However, we have now finalized a plot of land (at Koutruk village) that is closer to the city," he said.

"We are taking a lot of inputs from Australia for the sports university in Manipur."

Goel will be visiting Guwahati on May 23 where he, accompanied by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, will inspect the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, one of the venues of the FIRA Under-17 World Cup to be hosted by India in October this year. – IANS

"I have given my version of the happenings, I am satisfied with the opportunity I was given to explain things. I have told the committee members that whoever is guilty of what happened deserves to be punished," Vikas told PTI but did not divulge the exact contents of his deposition.

The middleweight boxer, who was the top seed in the Asian meet, had given a walkover in the semifinal against Korean Lee Dongyun earlier this month in Tashkent. The reasons for his decision have not yet been officially revealed.

It is learnt that the boxer, who had a World Series of Boxing (WSB) bout on May 11, 2015, got caught up in a confusion over his travel plans, which led to his decision to forfeit the Asian Championship bout. Subsequently, he was not allowed to compete in the WSB bout either.

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) constituted a three-member disciplinary committee to conduct an inquiry into the matter.

The committee, headed by Asst Banerjee and comprising Rajesh Bhandari and Nirwan Mukherjee, met Vikas in its first hearing today.

"I have been told by the committee members that I should now join back training and start preparing for the World Championships. I think the committee members are empathetic towards whatever happened," Vikas said.

Vikas is among the most decorated boxers in India. A two-time Olympian, he became the first Indian to be adjudged the best boxer by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) at its annual gala last year. – PTI

League defeats won't affect our final show, Karn

BENGALURU. May 20: Mumbai Indians' Karn Sharma is confident of winning the IPL final against Rising Pune Supergiant even though they had lost all three league matches against them.

"We are fully prepared and we will win the finals. That is for sure. The losses were in the past," he told reporters in post-match press conference here.

Mumbai had lost all the three matches against Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Steve Smith's side in league stages.

Asked was there any pressure on him justify his selection over Harbhajan Singh, the Railways leg-break bowler said that the decision is not in his hands and gets motivated by the thought of performing well and winning match for the team.

"That is not in my hands. The team needs me at that time and I just want to bowl well and win the match for them. That's more important."

I am working hard even when I am not playing. The main motivation when I get a game is to perform for the team and help the team win," Sharma said. – PTI

Djokovic enters Italian Open semis



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns the ball to Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina during their quarterfinal match of the Italian Open tennis tournament at the Foro Italico in Rome, on Friday.

ROME. May 20: Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic, world no. 2, qualified for the Italian Open semifinal after his victory over Argentine Juan Martin del Potro here on Saturday.

The four-time Serbian champion defeated his Argentine rival 6-1, 6-4, after the game was suspended on Friday due to torrential rain, reports Efe.

Djokovic is to play the semi-final later on Saturday against Australian Dominic Thiem, world no. 7, who defeated Spanish Rafael Nadal on Friday.

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The fans of course hope for a rousing battle. These are the gladiators who have sliced everyone in sight. There is no running away from the theatre. The world is watching. – TCM

SU DO KU

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Solution of last problem

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



Ravi Shastri

Twice a champion in the first, Steve Smith danced like a devi in his style and deposited balls into stands from unseeable angles. In another, Mahendra Singh Dhoni summoned his prime for a couple of overs to shift the tide. There usually is one



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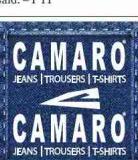
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Pune – Ben Stokes and Imran Tahir – didn't take the field on the grand evening. Stokes was worth every rupee million spent on him. Be it with bat or ball, he



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Lots in a name

The Assam Tribune Sunday



City by the sea

A tour manager will include only London in your itinerary, where there are lots of interesting places, museums, historical museums, etc. But they will perhaps not include Weymouth City, where the happy holidaymakers of England make a bee-line for the golden sands of its coast, the safe and shallow waters of the English Channel, the pretty and stately harbour with its fabulous family attractions of sports and eateries.

It was a warm August morning in Kimberley, Berkshire, England. The summer rain was pouring heavily since morning. My wife and I had been invited by an English family Jason and Mitali Nubeckus, and their parents Ralf and Liz to visit England. We had planned to travel to Weymouth, the South Coast of England where Jason's parents live. It was to be a two-and-a-half hour journey at a set 70 mph (120 kph) in his Jaguar. As expected, the journey was quite comfortable, except for the splashing rains on the road and the shallow puddles on the smooth road. I often switched on my seat warmer to comfort my aching back.

We followed A323 from Brecknell and caught the six-lane highway M2, which would carry us to the Dorset dual carriage, leading to our destination. Surprises awaited us as we sped down South on M2. We saw hundreds of jammed campers and car-

Weymouth has a picturesque charm that is typically English, writes DR. RATNESWAR SARMA.

Getting around

- ◆ Go for a nice, rambling walk along the Webb Memorial State Park.
- ◆ Treat yourself to a rejuvenating spa at the Oasis Day Spa. There's no place like the Barrel House Z for beer and music where you are likely to bump into friendly locals.
- ◆ Hang out at JP Greers for a variety of pizzas and wholesome snacks.
- ◆ Bask in the sunshine at the Weymouth Harbour. Fishing boats provide a picturesque sight.

avans of frustrated tourists turning back. They could not enjoy their long weekend at Weymouth as the campers and caravans, with families of different sizes, had to return from the coast that had been plundered by the heavy summer rains. These camper vehicles, towed by cars, are homes in itself, complete with a living space, a kitchen and a water closet, which the owners park at the coast or at any of the other favourable places. They do,

however, remember to bring back the waste and garbage to the rental stations. No one dumps their garbage at the places where they camp.

The arrived at Jason's parents' house a little after noon. His father Ralf, stepmother Liz were preparing a sumptuous lunch of buttered tiger breads, roasted subzongues fried with egg and cream, lentil fritters and potato kebabs. From Ralf's home we drove to Portland, the source of Portland limestone, which was used to build London some four centuries ago. A word of caution, if you ever visit Portland, do not utter the word "rabbit". It's a taboo; brings bad luck, they say. Even local fishermen would refuse to go to sea if the word is uttered. If you are to mention the creature at all, call it a bunny.

The Highland is a small peninsula connected to the mainland by the narrow 19-mile long stretch of road. From the parking lot at a height, we could see the famous Jurassic coast, a UNESCO Heritage Site, where large spiral conch shell fossils, remains of dinosaurs, etc., were found. The 95-mile coastline in the East of Dorset is the only place in the world where the geological exposure, exposed in cliffs for all to see, is a near continuous sequence of

rocks revealing 185 million years of earth's history through the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods of geological time. It is still a place of delight for fossil hunters, despite its dangerous location. We saw some fossils from this site preserved at the British Natural History Museum in London. Parts of the coast, especially around Portland, can be dangerous, and shipwrecks have been a feature of the coast. In January, 2007, the coast experienced its most environmentally damaging wreck of a container ship spilling its load of oil and cargo.

From Portland, we came directly to the Luggers Inn, owned by Ralf. It is, as I could deduce from the wall hangings, a 300-year-old establishment. A fire, some 100 years ago, devastated this thatched roof house and was later restored to its present shape. The carpeted wooden floor rooms with the English toilets were quite comfortable. We rested for about an hour or two and hired a taxi to Minghaw, a Chinese restaurant managed by Chinese waitresses, including its owner, Jason's mother Celia, now separated from Ralf, hosted our dinner. The food was quite good and truly Chinese, not like the fare in the Chinese joints of our city. The dishes had the right amount of pepper with a dash of vinegar to tickle the taste buds. We finished our dinner at about 7.30 p.m., with about an hour of daylight left of the August English summer. We called it a night after presenting Celia with an *err-muga*, a decorative bamboo basket with a packet of factory-fresh Assam tea.

Next morning, before we came down to the dining hall, we found Ralf and Liz ready (with their aprons on) to cook breakfast for us, even though they had a chef in the inn. After breakfast we took leave of the Ralts, in spite of their repeated requests to spend a few more days with them. In the city harbour-cum-car parking lot, we parked our car to enjoy the golden beach lit up by the morning sun.

During the Second World War, Weymouth and Portland were the targets of heavy bombing. Most warships had moved north as Portland was within enemy striking range across the Channel. Portland was a major embarkation point for Allied forces on D-Day in April, 1944. The 24-hour museum gives a vivid description about how Weymouth also featured prominently in the participation of the D-Day landings in Normandy with many British and American soldiers having left the shores of England here. A memorial erected on the esplanade, opposite the Royal Hotel, records that 5,17816 troops and 144,093 vehicles crossed at Weymouth between June 6, 1944, and May 7, 1945.

We left Weymouth with a heavy heart during noon and took a late lunch at a fish and chips diner in the market of Kimberley, near Jason and Mita's home.

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Udit Bhanu Barthakur

Birthplace, a delicate and heart-touching word for everyone, as people get nostalgic when they go back to the place where they were born and revisit the sweet memories linked to that place. Being associated with the tourism industry for many years now, I have met many foreign tourists, especially from England, who were born in different parts of India during the time of the Raj and they come back to trace the roots of their birthplace, though many do not have records as to where exactly they were born as there was not much documentation during the '40s and '50s. I have encountered many interesting tourists from all over the world and most of them are in love with India. Once they visit Assam, their fascination automatically becomes Assam-centric and they cannot help appreciating the warm hospitality and diversity of the people.

In the month of March, I was honoured to be associated in a tour with two eminent tourists from New Zealand – Dr. John Douglas Monin, retired Professor of International Business Studies and Dr. Nanette Monin, retired Professor of English Literature of the prestigious Massey University, New Zealand. John was eager to come to Assam because he was born in St. Luke's Hospital, Chabua, in

April 7, 1944. The excitement of John and Nanette was at its peak as the date was getting closer for them to reach Assam. It is natural to be excited and nostalgic to go to its birthplace after 73 years, and especially in a hospital which is one of the oldest medical institutions in Assam during the era of the British Raj. St. Luke's Hospital is a rural charitable Christian medical institution established in 1923. This 50-bed hospital was established in the then undivided Lakhimpur district. It is worth mentioning that this charitable hospital was formed under the patronage of Christian Missionaries to cater to the medical needs of the poor and needy and especially of the tea garden labour as the area was surrounded by tea estates like the present-day Chabua. The hospital has a lot of historical significance. A nurse, named Helen Slawson, a well-trained and caring girl was sent from London to St. Luke's Hospital in 1923 by Bishop Packenham Walsh to start the necessary work in the hospital. So, St. Luke's Hospital has a rich historical background attached with the history of Assam.

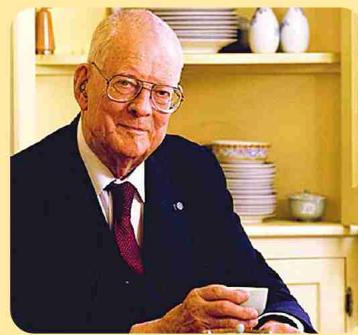
Tracing one's roots

I was really fascinated to host this fantastic couple and especially felt honoured to helping John revisit his birthplace after so many years. Dr. John Douglas got emotional when he saw the maternity ward of the hospital, the same old beds, the same old green curtains. Nothing had changed, except the inclusion of some new machines, as we were informed by a senior nurse of the hospital. The operation theatre where Dr. John thinks he was born is no longer in use, as we were told, and a new operation theatre with modern facilities is now in action. The well-maintained chapel inside the hospital spreads the message of love, mutual brotherhood and peace for all, which makes St. Luke's Hospital a sacred place to serve humanity. But the most heartening aspect about the hospital is that the management committee of St. Luke's Hospital has very safely preserved their old buildings and architecture, which is definitely a



part of the history and architectural heritage of Assam.

The next place that Dr. John and Dr. Nanette wanted to visit was the Sandang Tea Estate at Dooomdoma. John's father was working there as an engineer of the factory from 1942 to 1946. This tea estate is one of the most beautiful tea gar-



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DR. W. EDWARDS DEMING is known as the Prophet of the New Economic Age.

I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.

— Confucius

It was at Birmingham, in April, 1992. The venue was the famous Motor Cycle Museum. In a huge meeting hall, more than 300 high-profile business managers, executives, CEOs and management teachers and students were gathered to learn at the feet of the Master, Dr. W. Edwards Deming.

I was deliriously happy, as for decades, I had been waiting to see the great man, termed as the "Prophet of the New Economic Age" in flesh and blood. He was conducting his seminars from a wheelchair, fitted with an oxygen cylinder, and yet, was actively teaching for four days at the age of 93.

The American President, in 1988, while honouring him, described this man as the "Father of the Third Industrial Revolution", responsible for resurrecting Japan from the debris of the World War II. I quote below a commentary from the famed video film, *Deming of America*, aired by the PBS in the USA, in 1991:

"In 1960, the Prime Minister of Japan, acting on behalf of Emperor Hirohito, awarded Dr. Deming Japan's Second Order Medal of the Sacred Treasure. The citation on the medal attributes Japan's rebirth and worldwide success to Dr. W. Edwards Deming. No honour among businessmen and industrialists in Japan is more coveted."

Dr. Deming, an American, was invited by the Japanese business and industrial leaders and he came there in the mid-1950s, with an aim to help the devastated nation rebuild itself in a unique way. The Japanese people, industries and the government listened to him, took his words seriously, undertook massive training under him in an unprecedented manner and applied his teachings in practice in total sincerity. The rest, as they say, is history.

Dr. W. Edwards Deming had a Ph.D. degree in Mathematical Physics and later on, also took a short-term course in Statistics, guided by the great Professor Fisher, in London. In the mid-1960s, as a student in London, for the first time, I realised the massive impact of this Japanese miracle. Well-known British and European motorcycles, cars, cameras, watches were quickly disappearing. More and more "Made in Japan" stuff were filling up the stores and burning the roads. The quiet invasion was a big success.

The economies of the USA and the Western European nations began showing a steady decline since 1968, but then they failed to realise its consequences. The western world began losing in the marketplace only due to their self-inflicted injuries. Today, "Made in Japan" is synonymous with high quality, lower cost and easy availability throughout the globe and the relentless engine of progress is still in full swing.

We have an advantage in India – we have a large population of young people, the knowledge of the English language and a functioning democracy. So, if only we could change our mindset from the archaic old Indian feudalistic attitude and western management methods, and accept the proven principles and methods of management developed by Dr. W.E. Deming in 1950, in Japan, I believe we have a great opportunity in this current century.

dens in Upper Assam and is now managed and run by Williamson Major Group. So, we had a walk along the tea garden and felt the beauty of the scene.

Tourism is such an industry that it can incorporate all walks of life and this tour with this lovely couple is one such example. Prof. Dr. John Douglas Monin mailed me a few days after the tour, saying, "Udit, thank you very much for your historical knowledge and especially for your extreme help in locating my place of birth and residence in Assam." It is an immense pleasure for all tourism professionals when tourists happily go back home with sweet memories of the tour.

That encourages us to promote Assam and the North-East with renewed vigour.

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WOMEN PLUS

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Miami calling!

PRIYANA KALITA is heading for foreign shores to polish her tennis skills.

Sports is one discipline that, perhaps, calls for the highest level of dedication – physically and mentally. And to reach the highest levels of sporting excellence, one must start young. Now to expect tennis-like devotion and dedication in one so young is rare. Indeed, players are a rare breed, whatever sport they take up. Their mental make-up is beyond what we non-players can ever gauge.



All of 19 now, Priyana has been at it since the age of 10, winning tournaments all over the country. And now this Guwahati girl will be shifting to the US on a tennis scholarship to Miami University.



And in a country like India, where sportspersons are still second-class citizens, it's harder to break the ceiling. In such a scenario, we have a young tennis talent in Priyana Kalita, who has been quietly scaling the heights, since a very young age.

All of 19 now, Priyana has been at it since the age of 10, winning tournaments all over the country. And now this Guwahati girl will be shifting to the US on a tennis scholarship to Miami University. With no financial help whatsoever from the government or the private companies, Priyana knew at a very young age that she had to land up in America to keep her passion alive. "I have always been realistic. I

knew that there's no scope for me to make it big in tennis if I stayed in India, as it's really very tough to get sponsors and I knew that my family could support me, but in a limited way. I made up my mind to go to the USA, as I knew there are scholarship opportunities there. I was in Class IX then," says Priyana.

In a country like the USA, tennis players are a dime a dozen, so to get a tennis scholarship in an American university isn't that easy. Priyana had to crack into the top 500 in the junior international rankings for that. "I rose from 1800s in the rankings to 490 in 10

months. Because my father and I knew that being in the top 500s would open up my chances to get into a good American college, as the rankings matter a lot to college coaches in the US. My father put all his money on me just for the sake of this," she says. She also had to upload a video of her playing tennis, because college coaches check out a player's game on YouTube before offering them any scholarship. Priyana will be leaving for the US on August 13.

Despite tennis being her main interest, Priyana admits to having never ignored her studies. It has been hard balancing both, but she has been at the top of it since her primary school days. "When I was a kid, my mother would go to school and collect notes for me. As I grew older, I would use the tiffin-breaks or the Games period to complete my notes. I rarely went out of my class at school. And yes, I always carry my books with me when I travel. Sometimes I pay excess baggage fee because of all my books," she says, laughing.

At 19, for most, life is only starting out, but in the sporting arena, especially in the tennis world, this is the age when most world-class players start peaking. What then can Priyana expect from herself? I ask. "This may sound a little weird but I don't expect anything from myself; expectations mount unnecessary pressure and stress which hampers the body, which in turn hampers the game. I have been through it... I set both short and long-term goals. I believe that achieving short-term goals will make you achieve your long-term goal."

And Priyana's current short-term goal is to get into college and achieve a national rank in the American National Collegiate Circuit within her first year, and her ultimate goal is to become a top-five singles player in the world. Miami might just be her ticket to tennis glory.

They help each other grow

One of the most hurtful things in the world? When a person you love takes no interest in your personal hopes and dreams. If your partner is exploring an exciting job opportunity, support them. If your partner is training hard to become super fit, cheer them on. Be excited for your partner's achievements as if they are your own.

They don't hold grudges

We are all human, and we all make mistakes. A bad day at work, nasty illness, or personal stress could make any of us say hurtful things we don't really mean. As Marilyn Monroe said, "...if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best."

They express love

"I love you" is a powerful expression that needs to be said daily. No matter how long you have been together, those three words will make your partner smile.

They compliment each other

When it is the last time you told your wife how sexy she looks in that red dress? Have you told your husband that he looks like a real stud in that super fine suit, lately? Without the occasional compliment, it's easy to feel unattractive and under-appreciated.

interesting, find common hobbies and interests to pursue. If you don't have much in common, explore something that is new to both of you.



Coupling!

They compromise

We can't have everything we want. If your boyfriend took you to a romantic movie he wasn't that into, snuggle up with him during a cricket match to return the favour.

They listen

Do you really listen to your partner or are you just waiting for your turn to speak? Let them finish their thoughts

They deal with confrontation

Fights are no fun but there is no point in delaying the inevitable. Putting off a confrontation will merely extend the duration (and unpleasantness) of an argument. If you did something wrong, damage control is best performed as fast as possible, so admit your wrong and explain yourself ASAP.

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RELATIONSHIP

Daniel Wallen

Not all relationships are created equally. If you'd like to spice up your relationship with a dose of fun, consider some of the following things happy couples do differently:

They care about each other's day

It is easy to get so caught up in our own lives that we forget all about our partner's. Before going off on a rant about what a jerk your boss is, give your partner a hug or kiss and ask, "How was your day?"

They embrace trust and avoid jealousy

Our schools and workplaces aren't segregated by gender, so how could we expect a person to not have friends of the opposite gender? Recall the tried-and-true statement "innocent until proven guilty". If you accuse your partner of cheating without cause, what incentive do they have to be faithful when they feel like you don't trust them no matter what?

They find common ground

That initial spark is a glorious thing, but there's no denying that it can be fleeting. To keep your relationship in-

Baby potato with sesame

- Lemon juice or to taste 1 tbsp
- Coriander leaves, chopped 2 tsps
- Mustard oil 3 tsps
- Salt to taste

Method:

Scrub potatoes; do not peel. Cook in water and cover until tender but still firm.

Drain, set aside until cool enough to handle, and then peel the potatoes.

Heat the sesame seeds in a dry pan over medium heat, until they emit a nutty aroma. Remove and grind the sesame seeds to a coarse powder.

Heat oil in a small frying pan, over medium heat.

Add the curried seeds and green chillies and sauté briefly.

Skin the sliced onion, ginger and garlic, and fry until aromatic.

Add the potatoes, turmeric powder and coriander powder.

Mix in sesame paste, cashew paste and stir until combined. Add a few tablespoons of water if required.

Remove to a serving dish. Mix in lemon juice.

Garnish with fresh coriander and serve cold.

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| ● Baby potato | 250 gms |
| ● Ginger paste | 1 tsp |
| ● Garlic paste | 1 tsp |
| ● Cumin seeds | ½ tsp |
| ● Coriander powder | ½ tsp |
| ● Turmeric powder | ¼ tsp |
| ● Onion, sliced | 1 |
| ● Green chillies, chopped | 2 |
| ● Lemon juice | 4 tsps |
| ● White sesame seeds | 3 tsps |
| ● Cashew paste | 1 tsp |



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Mutton chop with egg**Ingredients:**

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| ● Hard boiled eggs | 2 |
| ● Minced meat | 200 gms |
| ● Potato (boiled), mashed | 1 |
| ● Onion, chopped | 1 |
| ● Ginger-garlic paste | 1 tsp |
| ● Bayleaf | 1 |
| ● Coriander leaves | 1 |
| ● Garam masala | ½ tsp |
| ● Cumin powder | ½ tsp |
| ● Coriander leaves, chopped | 1 tbsp |
| ● Green chilli, chopped | 1 |
| ● Breadcrumbs | ½ cup |
| ● Egg, beaten | 1 |
| ● Flour | for dusting |
| ● Oil | to taste |
| ● Pepper | to taste |
| ● Salt | to taste |

Method:

Heat two tablespoons of oil in a pan. Add the bay leaf and cinnamon, ginger-garlic paste and fry until aromatic.

Add the onions and sauté until the onions are transparent.

Stir in the minced meat, salt, pepper and garam masala.

Lower heat and cook until the meat is done.

Remove the meat to a food processor bowl and add the mashed potatoes, green chillies, coriander leaves and process to a smooth paste. Let the paste cool completely.

Cut the eggs into halves and coat lightly with flour. Divide the meat mixture into four portions and flatten each out into oval shapes.

Place the egg halves into the meat balls, then wrap the meat around each egg. Make sure the coating is smooth and completely covers each egg.

Roll the coated eggs in the beaten egg.

Dip the coated eggs once more in the egg, then again in the breadcrumbs.

Heat oil in a deep heavy-bottomed pan.

Carefully place each into the hot oil and fry, until golden and crisp.

Remove from oil with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper.

Serve hot as a snack with ketchup and mustard sauce.



ALPHALIFE

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Wheel to deal with

end up like a lady's umbrella folded up three-folds to go into her designer clutch. And your head will forever remain bowed in reverence, to no one in particular.

But hey, may proudly stand at four feet nine and hence think of a small car with a low roof. Right? Wrong! Because, don't you drive around with your family of three grown-up kids, one spouse and two labradors? Think, before you deal with what wheels to own. But when you go for a spacious car, also see that your feet reach the clutch, the brake and the accelerator pedals. Providence be blessed, cars nowadays come with seats whose height and distance from the controls can be adjusted according to requirement.

These days, most dwelling apartments come with basement parking areas for owners' vehicles. These spaces are earmarked and often, large pillars supporting the building determine the size of the parking space. Take these into account. You wouldn't like your car's nose barging into the parking space in front, nor would you like the car's behind butting into the space at the back. Well, even if you like it, owners of those concerned parking spaces will definitely not!

Of course, for long, leisurely drives along roads that run free of traffic, wide of lane and fine of surface, throw to the winds your tension about ground clearance, parking space and giving way to a passing car. At least here pick your wheel as you wish. Then put on your favourite song and glide away. *Country roads...*

**CATCH POINTS**

- ▶ Learn to drive a car. Not being able to drive is as good as being illiterate, he told her.
- ▶ Also, look into mileage and accessories. And get the optimum of whatever accessories come with your car.
- ▶ Even if no 'law' guy is watching, stick to safety norms. These don't exist just to tweak a penny by way of a fine out of you. These exist to keep your life in your body so you may continue to deal with the wheel.

ALPHA CATCH POINT

- ▶ No wheel? No big deal. Just flip out that smartphone, install Uber or Ola and... Ooo La La ... there you go !

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Grimy, tired, she sat under the flyover looking at the cars zipping by. A bundle containing her worldly possessions was beside her. She used it as a pillow to rest her hunched back. The black sandals that she had pulled out of the rubbish heap the other day adorned her hurt and swollen feet. What was her name? She couldn't remember, but whenever somebody addressed her as *Baleu* or *Khuri*, her weather-beaten face broke out into a smile. She was dressed in a faded yellow sari. If one took the time and effort to peer into her face, look deep beneath the grime, one would realise that in her youth, she must have been a pretty woman. But who would take the trouble to do that? The people of Jawahar Nagar area had got used to her presence. She seemed harmless enough. The fruit-sellers would often give some fruits to her and the roadside vendors would, out of pity offer her some food and water occasionally. All this she would accept gratefully. Besides, the big garbage bins were always there, in case she ran out of food. People crossing the area would often see her walking aimlessly, always carrying her precious bundle, shaking her head and talking to herself.

She realised she was hungry. Taking out the newspaper wrapped *rotis* someone had given her in the morning, she hungrily devoured them; taking sips of water from the plastic bottle she had filled from the tap near the temple. Shaking her sandals off, she lay down, resting her head on the bundle and fell into a sleep. What did she dream of that made herumble, cry and sometimes laugh? Images of a small boy running to hug her, a house with a verandah, someone beating her mercilessly, a dog chasing her and countless other images flashed before her eyes like scenes from a movie that has not been edited. But at last she fell into a slumber so deep that the images grew dim and vanished. A dog sniffling at her bag woke her from her sleep. She shooed it away and picking up her bundle, started walking towards the road. A honking car made her hobble across the road and soon she found herself walking on the flyover. It was getting dark, the street lights had come on and she looked at them in awe as she continued on her journey to an unknown destination. Her feet ached and she seemed scared. Where was the place she usually took refuge in at night? Everything seemed unfamiliar, but she carried on, trudging painfully, mile after mile. When she was exhausted she just lay down by the side of the road and slept, shaking nervously whenever a truck sped



Lost

by. Early morning found her wandering outside the numerous *dhabas* that dotted the roadside at Sonapur.

Rajat Dutta sat in the driver's seat in his dusty Bolero outside 'Sunshine Dhaba', wearing a crisp light green shirt. A thick gold chain visible around his neck proclaimed his status. His wife, son and friend's family had gone inside. Since it was a Sunday, they had all decided to come and have lunch at their favourite *dhaba*. He had made a business call. His garment export business was really doing well and he never missed any opportunity to capitalise on the gains. Seema, his glamorous and beautiful wife had her own boutique at Parbazan and Ronnie, his son, was four years old and studied in a reputed English medium school in Guwahati. Life was good. After making the call, he got down from the vehicle and realised someone was staring at him. A shudder went through him when he saw the old lady, carrying a dirty bundle, standing near him. Avoiding looking at her he continued walking, when he felt someone clutch at his sleeve. He was shocked to see the old woman looking at him with a smile on her face. "Baba", she said again and again, trying to touch him. Recalling, he decided to give her some money. Taking out a ten rupee note he thrust it towards her, praying his wife would not come out and see them with her. She shook her head and started babbling as though trying to explain something. Seema, who had come out to check what was taking him so long, came to his rescue. She sternly told the woman to keep back and saw her staring at them with a very perplexed look on her face. During lunch, Rajat was quiet and lost

in thought. When they came out and got into the car, he furtively looked around and saw the woman sitting under a tree looking in their direction. He reversed the car and saw in the rear view mirror she was waving at them. His wife had noticed her too and grumbled that the government should do something to keep mad people off the roads.

That evening, Rajat did not take any business calls. He seemed preoccupied, smoking cigarette after cigarette. When Seema enquired if it was some business problem he just mumbled something and shook his head. Getting up from the bed he looked at the clock. It was one in the morning. Frowning, he tried to focus on what he had decided to do. He stealthily opened his cupboard and took out an old album that was kept with some files in a drawer. Taking the album he went to the dining table and started flipping through it. There were black and white photographs of him as a baby, a toddler and a teenager. There were pictures of his storm-looking father with oiled hair standing with him. He impatiently went through some more pages until he came across a thin looking woman sitting on a chair with him on his lap in the verandah of their ancestral village home. Then there was another of him as a scrawny teenager with the same woman standing in front of the village school holding her matriculation report card. There were no other photographs of the lady who was his mother. He was now sure that the old woman who had tried to talk to him had been his mother. Childhood memories haunted him. His mother calling out to him, "Baba, come and have your food," chasing him with a cane for breaking a

windowpane while playing, waving at him when he left for school on his bicycle, oiling his hair and trying to save him from getting beaten whenever his father would come home drunk. Her name was Jaya and he remembered how one day without any reason, she had started behaving in a strange manner, crying loudly at times and leaving the house at night, aimlessly wandering in the village. His relatives said she had gone mad. They had taken her to the witch doctor for treatment, but her condition only seemed to deteriorate. Whenever she returned, his father would thrash her for being so irresponsible. He remembered crying with her on many such occasions. One day, she left and never returned. No one really took the trouble to find her. He looked for her and missed her but with so many preoccupations of his own, slowly he too, stopped. All the family members seemed more relieved than worried, especially his father. They gave her up for dead. With time the memory of his doting mother numified, only a dull ache remained. He went to the city for higher education, got married, started his business and settled there. He did not talk about her with his wife because he was scared of her reaction if she realised that his mother had suffered from mental illness. He touched the photograph and realised it was wet, wet with the tears that were falling uncontrollably. He washed his face, changed and reached out for his car keys. It was early morning. He woke Seema up and told her he had to visit some important place.

As he drove his car, he wondered what he would say if he found her? How would he explain everything to Seema? So many thoughts plagued his troubled mind. At last, he was there. It was 7 a.m. and the *dhabas* were slowly opening for the day's business. He parked the car near 'Sunshine Dhaba', looking frantically, but she was not there. He asked the boy who worked at the canteen if he had seen the old woman, but he was unaware. He went to the tree under which he had last seen her. There was no one, except a pair of torn black plastic sandals. One strap had come off and it lay uselessly just like the numerous homeless people we see by the roadside, living a hopeless life and dying unmounted and nameless. He rushed towards the highway, scouring it as far as his eyes could see, but there was only dust which billowed due to the cars and trucks speeding by. Rajat Dutta, the prosperous businessman did what he had not done for years. He sat in his car and wept bitterly for the mother he had lost, who had loved and doted on him, so much so that she had recognised him even in her state of mental haziness after all these years. Gathering himself he started the car, determined to find her as he knew if he did not, he too would remain lost forever.

MIND MIRROR

■ What is hypomania?

— Jairaj Sarma

Ans: A mild to moderate level of mania is called hypomania. Hypomania may feel good to the person who experiences it and may even be associated with good functioning and enhanced productivity. Thus, even when family and friends learn to recognise the mood swings as possible bipolar disorder, the person may deny that anything is wrong. Without proper treatment, however, hypomania can become severe mania in some people or can switch into depression.

■ How does insomnia affect our health?

— Abhishek Bora

Ans: Almost everyone goes through bouts of sleeplessness from time to time. It happens to

Chasing sleep



the average person about once a year. That's the cost of being human and having the capacity to worry about the future and chew over the past.

Chronic insomnia, however, is marked by difficulty in falling asleep or staying asleep, or waking up too early. If it takes you 30 minutes or more to fall asleep, or you're awake for 30 minutes or more during the night at least three times a week — for a month or more —

sometimes report premenstrual symptoms of irritability, tension, dysphoria (a feeling of low mood, irritability, anxiety and/or despair) and instability of mood which seriously interfere with their lifestyle and relationships. Premenstrual symptoms in this small group of women are so disruptive that a series of research diagnostic criteria for what is now labelled premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) have been developed and published (DSM-IV). Approximately, two-thirds of women who meet the diagnostic criteria for PMDD do not usually respond to conservative and conventional interventions and they often seek out the expertise of a health professional.

Some studies say that this occurs for three to eight per cent of all women in reproductive ages, other studies report that it occurs for 75 per cent of them.

■ What is PMDD?

— Neha Saikia

Ans: Women of reproductive age

MY SPACE

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I was the day I desperately wanted to run. Run to the shadow of new hopes. I never thought life could have hurt me so badly. I kept on running until I ended up in a shop where I saw everyone was busy with themselves. Boozing, talking and laughing. It was a place I rarely visited. It was a place where tea was offered from a hot flask, not prepared from the kitchen. I took a seat in the corner, near the broken walls made of mud. The tables were dirty. I managed to clean some space on one of the dirty tables and sat down covering my face with my bare hands. I was silent. I was trying to search for peace in a

space of chaos. Suddenly, a voice spoke to me. A voice so intriguing, I started searching for that voice. Then, I saw a boy, sitting right opposite me, reading a book in that gloomy room where you could hardly recognise someone's face. Only his beard was visible in the blurry light. Without any form of shyness, he started talking to me; asking me how a girl like me had ended up in such a place. I was numb, and I simply smiled at him. He started talking to me without even noticing that I was not interested. He said to me —

Life is so complicated. Why do we always end up doing things we never want to do.

I went numb again. I was busy

Anonymous

I was listening to him. He was such an intriguing personality. He was not handsome but his words were powerful. But, they made me feel uncomfortable. His eyes, though, seemed to sparkle with honesty. I said – I am nobody to judge you. If you are happy with what you are doing, then probably you are right.

People Speak

Today's topic

“How vulnerable is the pedestrian in the city traffic?”

Sunday Reading invites all readers to speak out on vital issues that touch their lives. Our next topic is — “Why are educated people duped by quacks, promising cures?” Send us your response, not exceeding 100 words, enclosing your name and address, latest by May 30, addressed to: **People Speak, SUNDAY READING, The Assam Tribune, Chandmari, Guwahati-781003 or e-mail us at sundayreading@assamtibune.com**

The pedestrians are the most vulnerable road users. They become victims of road accidents due to speeding vehicles and lack of various safety features on the roads. Therefore, it becomes our prime duty to improve their safety. In view to improve pedestrian's safety, Guwahati Traffic Police launched a special programme called 'Friends of Pedestrians'. The Traffic officers, as Friends of Pedestrians help elderly citizens, children and others in need to cross the road safely. At present, Friends of Pedestrians are extending their help at ten busy locations in Guwahati city. At other junctions, the traffic constables and officers on duty always try to help the citizens cross the road. We as citizens must always be alert to each other's needs on the road. Vehicle drivers must be sensitive to the pedestrians. Vehicles need to slow down at intersections and busy areas to avoid accidents. We definitely need more user-friendly under-passes and over-head bridges to improve pedestrian's safety. Citizens must also avoid a busy road

when an overhead passage is available. It may take a little long to cross, but it's safer. There is a lot that needs to be done to improve road safety of pedestrians. Road designs and engineering must cater to the needs and safety of the pedestrians, apart from reducing accidents.

— Amanjit Kaur, IPS, DCP Traffic, Guwahati.

With the increasing number of vehicles on the road, it has become quite difficult for pedestrians to walk freely and without hesitation. An average pedestrian is always surrounded by the potential threat of an accident. In the city, matters are much worse. The narrow roads, irresponsible driving, lack of proper footpaths, etc., are some matters of concern. Nowadays, the zebra crossings have become more of a showpiece than a necessity. Keeping the safety of the pedestrian in mind, footbridges must be built on broader roads so that people can cross the roads safely and quickly. Besides, we ourselves must be careful enough not to break traffic rules and give way to pedestrians. The traffic rules are made for our safety. Henceforth, we must obey them and ensure the safety of all concerned.

— Shahil Ahmed, Guwahati.

Traffic rules and regulations are to ensure the smooth flow of vehicles. We must make safety on roads a priority. But, they are never implemented in good spirit. The police adopts simplistic methods while fixing responsibility. We do not have a scientific accident investigation agency. Our city grows with tangled plans. The infrastructure has not kept pace with time. There is systemic corruption in transport departments and poor monitoring of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles. The challenge is now to make transport infrastructure up to the demand. With thorough knowledge of traffic signs and markings for drivers and road users, it can reduce accidents, and thus, establish a healthy and organised traffic system.

— Kamal Baruah, Guwahati.

Nowadays, rash driving by youngsters and cases of drink and drive have taken a toll on the safety of pedestrians. Moreover, it is difficult for even a young and healthy person to cross a road, as drivers don't have the patience to let someone do so. I fear for the aged people who often go out on walks. It's good that in Guwahati, footpath have been constructed but some people drive their vehicles over them too.

There is no guarantee today that a person who has gone out will be back home safely. Walking is the best thing for health, but with this chaos, and the increasing number of vehicles not having time to stop, life has become difficult for pedestrians. Things have to be done for the safety of pedestrians, mainly keeping in view the aged people.

— Animesh Borkotoky, Guwahati.

Guwahati is getting densely populated as people are coming in for more opportunities, and four-wheelers and two-wheelers have become a necessity, or a status symbol for most of us. Road rage among youth has also been rising. Pedestrians are the most vulnerable lot, as they face the wrath of speeding vehicles that cause road accidents. Also, during floods, open drains on footpaths have led to many pedestrian deaths. Moreover, usage of public transport should be given importance.

— Aruna Krishna Deka, Guwahati.

struggling with my own problems. How could I be interested in his?

He continued...

I am in a relationship with my aunt. You know, my mother's sister. Don't judge me for that. She is a divorcee and after my breakup, she was the only one who gave me solace. I know, our relationship will not be accepted by the society but I don't care, as I love her and she loves me.

I was listening to him. He was such an intriguing personality. He was not handsome but his words were powerful. But, they made me feel uncomfortable. His eyes, though, seemed to sparkle with honesty.

I said – I am nobody to judge you. If you are happy with what you are doing, then probably you are right. At the end of the day what matters is our happiness, for which we

crave our entire life.

I decided to leave that place. I was not in a mood to indulge in talking with an unknown person and listen to his problems. I got up from my seat and smiled at him. I added – nice knowing you, to which he replied looking into my eyes – hope we don't meet again. Those last lines were so intense that I was able to feel his desire to meet me again. And I moved out from that place with an intention not to meet him again.

While I was returning to my room, I was relieved. I never realised how he was able to make me forget my grief. I never met him again. I barely remember his face but his depression in my life was so refreshing that sometimes it still amazes like a dream. And wonder if that person whom I met; does he really exist?

Lots in a name

What, one may ask, is in a name? After all, according to no less a personage than the Bard of Avon himself, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Well, yes. But then names can also be fraught with significances, meanings and agendas, which may seethe beneath its seemingly innocent surface.

Perhaps, then, Shakespeare lived in simpler times, when ideological differences were settled with swords and guns. In those times, though, things are different. It is thoughts, and emotions, that do battle, and those in power try their best to wrest control of the minds of the people through the seemingly simple, but actually very potent means of changing the names of public places.

There is, therefore, plenty in a name. A person's name overwhelmingly signifies so many things besides the preferences of her parents. In our country, with its vast diversity of ethnicities, religions and so much else, especially, a person's name is a proclamation of his lineage.

Names are also, in our country and indeed, in several others, declarations of political power. It is almost expected, these days, that once political power goes to the hands of a group of people, one of the first things they will do is change the names of public places and roads. Past leaders of the previous party in power, after whom perhaps the streets were named, are "toppled" ruthlessly and replaced with the names of people who are significant to the new group. In the larger life of the nation, these are all temporary things. Once some other party comes in, the name-changing game continues.

Street names and the names of landmarks are high up in the consciousness of a people. In the course of the day, we need to utter these names several times. Where do you live? Where are you going?" The answer to all of these is: names. We may not even be aware of it, but the constant repetition of these new names means that gradually, we forget those leaders whose names have been displaced. Along with that, we also forget a particular slice of history, which those previous personages were associated with. And then, when election time comes around again, this proves to be a very important way of wresting control of the voters' minds.

There is also the question of costs. Signboards have to be changed, and these days it's

not exactly cheap to do so. Postal authorities, courier services have to get their act together. Government notifications have to be taken out. What a waste, one would think, of time and money. But then all political parties, at least in our country, are to a greater or lesser degree guilty of this. However, usually, what is renamed is a street here, a Chowk there, or a public building somewhere else. People are given time to get used to a particular change before another

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Mitra Phukan



In any case, why do the existing roads have to be renamed? Ours is a congested city, which urgently needs new roads. Once built, these could have been given the new names.

One is brought in. It is not that common to change the names of a bunch of streets and places, all in one go, to the utter bewilderment of the general public.

When a large cluster of important landmarks and roads are renamed, the authorities also run the danger of being accused of being partial. To exclude the names of the heroes of important ethnic groups in our land that has such huge ethnic diversity, is indeed unfair. Why? So and so, when Such and Such's contributions are just as important for the land in which she lived?

In this land of great gender inequality, public places that proudly bear the names of women are rare indeed. But even so, when a large re-naming exercise is carried out in these times, one expects that at least one or two women should be "thought worthy". No? That is sad indeed.

It is seen that in this latest renaming exercise that has taken place in the capital city of the

State, many of the new names are those of religious personages. Yes, of two religions, but even so, they are names we associate with religion. Why, one wonders, is that? We are a secular democracy, not a theocracy. One name here or there, preferably to a road going to a temple, church, or mosque, would have sufficed. But to name arterial roads that have no connection with places of worship after saints is mind-bogglingly irrelevant.

It is true that the respected Satradhikars have gone on record to say that they have no objection to roads being named after saints. But other people do believe that the names of saints should not be bandied about so carelessly. They feel that by walking on this street now, they are showing disrespect to them. G.S. Road, now renamed after a revered Saint, is a commercial area, full of bars and restaurants also. The character of the street that is being renamed should definitely have been taken into account before this was done. In any case, G.S. Road is very much a part of the history of our State. This road commemorates the time when it connected to the then political capital, Shillong, to Gauhati, the commercial capital of the state, which was then Undivided Assam. Now, with this renaming, that important slice of history is sought to be made irrelevant.

There is also the question of renaming a road already commemorating a respected Chief Minister of the State, Bimal Prasad Chaliha. This is rude and discourteous in the extreme. But who's listening?

In any case, why do the existing roads have to be renamed? Ours is a congested city, which urgently needs new roads. Once built, these could have been given the new names. The condition of most of the potholed and bumpy roads of this capital city of the State is going from bad to worse. Surely the time and effort of the Government would have been better utilised in getting the roads repaired, rather than in renaming them.

All Things Considered, one can only hope and pray that the next Government notification will not order citizens to wear only ethnic clothing on alternate Saturdays of the month, while walking on these renamed streets.

5 THINGS / Go green!

"It is important to cut down on your share of garbage"

Conservationist MUBINA AKHTAR shares some 'green living' tips.

1 Become "water conservers", not 'water consumers'



Increasing global threat to water scarcity in the face of both climatic and socio-economic changes, added by unequal control by various sectors as well as unequal consumption, demand urgent action for the reuse and recycle of available water resources. So, remember to turn off the tap while brushing your teeth – a running tap wastes over six litres per minute. You can also minimise your water use by reusing your bathwater (grey water) to water your flower pots or kitchen garden.

2 Unplug at least once a day

I personally emphasise on buying compact fluorescent bulbs, which reduce energy use by up to 75 per cent, and turn off the lights and unplug the TV when not in use. Televisions draw power constantly for the instant-on functionality. Unplug at least once a day so that you can enjoy Nature and the environment around you!

3 Cut down on your share of garbage

Simple tips like – hanging clothes on a clothesline to dry or recycling aluminium cans, glass bottles, plastic, cardboard and newspapers contribute in saving energy. Using recycled materials in manufacturing consumes less energy than using virgin materials. It is important to cut down on your share of garbage. Segregate the garbage at home and use kitchen wastes to make compost and contribute towards a cleaner and greener environment.

4 Opt for paperless billing

Print documents as little as possible. Opt for paperless billing. If possible, landscape your own yard with native plants and herbs and try to revive the knowledge and practice associated with them.

5 Public transportation is the key

To save on fuel and bring down pollution levels in the atmosphere, public transportation is the key. When you take out your car, don't forget to combine multiple errands into one trip. Further, a walk or a ride on your bicycle would not only get you some sunlight and fresh air, but also contribute positively in reducing our country's carbon emission levels.

(As told to Bidisha Singh)

FORECAST

MAY 22–28, 2017

ARIES



(MAR 21–APR 19)
You will positively revel in stirring up the temperature in discussions, but watch out, so that you don't cause more trouble than it's worth.

TAURUS



(APR 20–MAY 20)
You will want cash for security and to buy the better things in life. You don't always find it easy to get close in intimate situations since you are holding part of yourself back in reserve.

GEMINI



(MAY 21–JUN 20)
To be truthful, you will enjoy leaping into controversies. If your temper sometimes gets you into trouble, that is just the price you pay for the thrill of saying or doing precisely what you please.

CANCER



(JUN 21–JUL 20)
You may not be able to stamp your foot and issue ultimatums at the moment, but you can work well behind the scenes and pull strings effectively. The roundabout route may well be the best one at the moment.

LEO



(JUL 21–AUG 20)
Children or loved ones may be landing heavier responsibilities on you than usual. In response, you may find yourself constantly setting rules and regulations for them, and becoming too strict.

VIRGO



(AUG 21–SEP 20)
Others are respecting your courage, though sometimes, they are irritated or intimidated by your competitive approach. You want to be in the leadership role, and can be bossy, at times.

LIBRA



(SEP 21–OCT 20)
Because you are very determined and more deliberate than usual when it comes to mental work, you are understanding serious subjects which were once a mystery to you.

SCORPIO



(OCT 21–NOV 20)
If there are crises around, you will handle them well, since you can muster up a good deal of courage and a cool head. Just watch a tendency to be too stubborn.

SAGITTARIUS



(NOV 21–DEC 20)
You have a strong instinct for fairness and justice at the moment, and are keen to fight to protect those who are weaker or disadvantaged. You will have a positively military discipline about getting things done.

CAPRICORN



(DEC 21–JAN 20)
There will be moments when you feel you are not getting the ego boosts or recognition you deserve, but crack on anyway. Your moment will come.

AQUARIUS



(JAN 21–FEB 19)
You'll be passionate about enjoying yourself. No one will interfere with what you want to do without finding out how short your fuse can be. Your leadership talents will be on display.

PISCES



(FEB 20–MAR 19)
You may be noisier, and slightly more accident-prone than usual. Retreat into your shell when irritated or hurt. You will be hypersensitive to the slightest emotional change. This weekend, learn to relax.

MOVIE WATCH

Bidisha Singh

The Zookeeper's Wife

Cast: Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh, Daniel Brühl.
Director: Niki Caro.

This is another WWII drama based on the non-fiction book written by Diana Ackerman and also drawing heavily from the author's use of the diaries of Antonina Zabinski, the protagonist. It is 1939. Antonina and her husband Dr. Jan are the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, and their country gets invaded by the Nazis, forcing the couple to report to "Hitler's zoologist".

As the Jews get persecuted all over Poland, the zookeepers start working for the Resistance and make plans to save the lot from the Warsaw Ghetto.

Weekly Top Grossers

- Guardians of the Galaxy
- Snatched
- King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
- The Fate of the Furious
5. Baahubali 2: The Conclusion

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales

Cast: Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Javier Bardem.
Directors: Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg.

Johnny Depp is back in his most popular avatar as the quirky pirate Jack Sparrow in this fifth installment of Disney's popular pirate series. Even Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley will be reprising their original roles as Will and Elizabeth, as the makers cited the first film (*The Curse of the Black Pearl*) as the inspiration for this new script. With a new nemesis in Armando Salazar (the dishy Spanish actor Javier Bardem), Sparrow must get to the Trident of Poseidon, a powerful artifact, to stop Salazar's ghost crew. While this franchise has become rather hackneyed over the years, die-hard fans might still want to keep their date with their favourite pirate.



ALL IS WELL

Benny Timbers

Active ageing

T he concept of wellness moves the definition of health and well-being away from a mindset based in the management of disease and into the areas of prevention and proactive strategies.

Active ageing embodies the philosophy that individuals can live as fully as possible within these dimensions of wellness mentioned below:



Emotional

Feelings are the lens through which people view the world, and the ability to be aware of and direct one's feelings helps to create balance in life. Coping with challenges and behaving in trustworthy and respectful ways signal emotional wellness, attributes that can be encouraged through peer counselling, stress management, humour/laughter and personal histories.



Intellectual/cognitive

Engaging in creative pursuits and intellectually stimulating activities is a proven approach in keeping minds alert and interested. There are many ways to stay intellectually active, including taking courses, painting or joining a theatre company, and challenging oneself with games and puzzles.



"I use one ear to hear what you say and the other ear to hear what you mean."



Social

Social interactions with family, friends, neighbours and chosen peer groups can be valuable for maintaining health. Personal contact by joining clubs, travelling, visiting friends and family, engaging in intergenerational experiences is beneficial for everyone.



Physical

The goal of living independently is one shared by many people, and physical wellness is necessary to achieve this. Lifestyle choices that can maintain or improve health and functional ability include engaging in physical activity, choosing healthy foods with adequate nutrition, getting adequate sleep, managing stress, limiting alcohol intake, not smoking, making appointments for check-ups and following medical recommendations.



Spiritual

Living with a meaning and purpose in life, guided by personal values, is key to the feelings of well-being and connection to the larger world. Group and individual faith-based activities, personal meditation, mindful exercise (yoga, etc.) and experiencing Nature can create the opportunity for spiritual growth.



Environmental

Surrounded by natural and man-made environment, good stewardship means respecting resources by choosing "green" processes that re-use and recycle goods. It also means looking at ways to bring people into the natural environment and encouraging active living through property designs that emphasise walking paths, meditation and vegetable gardens and similar options.

