

## NEWS CAPSULE

### High-level meet

NEW DELHI, June 30: A high-level meeting today reviewed the situation in the Sikkim sector where tensions have flared up between Indian and Chinese troops over construction of a road by China near the Sino-Indian border. The meeting was attended by Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat and NSA Ajit Doval, among others. — PTI

### Floods claim 1

GUWAHATI, June 30: The floods in Assam today claimed one life as over 1,52 lakh people of five districts were affected by over 1000 landslides or rivers in Brahmaputra and Barak valley. One person got drowned at Karimganj, headquarters of Karimganj district, the official flood bulletin said. — PTI

### Compartmental

GUWAHATI, June 30: The HSLC compartmental examination will be held from July 27 to 31. SEBA sources said 77,417 candidates will appear for the exams, the results of which are likely to be announced by August 20. The exam will be held in 68 centres. — Staff Reporter

### GST benefit

GUWAHATI, June 30: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that the GST regime being rolled out tonight would bring a paradigm shift in the tax system, replacing most of the indirect taxes with a single point single tax that would benefit consumers. — Staff Reporter

### One killed

NEW DELHI, June 30: One person died from injuries received on his head from a stray bullet after police fired in the air to disperse a group of protesters who staged a blockade on the NH-37 at the Nararayani Setu point around 11:30 am today. — Correspondent

The Assam Tribune on Internet  
<http://www.assamtribune.com> &  
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### Sikkim stand-off

## Road construction has serious implications, India tells China

Talks only after India withdraws troops: China

NEW DELHI, June 30: The government today expressed deep concern over China constructing a road in the disputed Doklam area near Sikkim, and said it had conveyed to Beijing that such an action would represent a significant change of status quo with "serious" security implications.

The ministry also narrated the se-

the Chinese government that such construction would represent a significant change of status quo with serious security implications for India," MEA asserted in a press release.

"In coordination with the Royal Government of Bhutan, Indian personnel, who were present at general area Dokla La, approached the Chinese construction party and urged them to desist from changing the status quo. These efforts continue," the ministry said.

In keeping with their tradition of maintaining close consultation on matters of mutual interest, Bhutan and India had been in continuous contact through the unfolding of these developments, it said.

As far as the boundary in the Sikkim sector was concerned, India and China had reached an understanding in 2012 confirming their mutual agreement on the "basis of the alignment," the ministry said.

Further discussions regarding finalisation of the boundary had been taking place under the Special Representatives framework, it added.

While India referred to the June 26 statement by the Chinese foreign ministry – that Indian border troops crossed the boundary line in the Sikkim sector of the China-India boundary and entered Chinese territory – it did not react to the allegations directly. — PTI



## Japan keen on NE infra projects

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by Japan, Thailand and Myanmar – using the free and open Indian-Pacific ocean region. The Northeast's direct connectivity with the SEZ would also mean enhanced economic activity in the region, sources added.

Though the Northeast is a landlocked territory, the possibility of Bangladesh opening its Chittagong port is bright given the improved relations between India and Bangladesh.

India is also developing the Sit-

te port in Myanmar. India also entered into a framework agreement with Myanmar in April 2006 to facilitate implementation of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project.

Though sources were silent, Japan's apparent interest in getting involved in the Northeast is to counter China, which is the region's next door neighbour.

Meanwhile, sources said that Japan is keen to get involved in more initiatives, including "viable connectivity

projects" in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur. Currently, Japan is funding two major projects in Assam – one sewage project and the other relating to supply of clean water in Guwahati. The country is also eyeing road projects in Meghalaya and Mizoram.

Sources said Japan is also in talks with the Government of India for securing infrastructure projects in other northeastern states. "Connectivity (See page 4)

My job itself is lucrative ... Taking bribe is not my fault!" (See page 4)

## GST rollout will be very smooth, assures Jaitley

NEW DELHI, June 30: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today held out the assurance of a "very smooth" transition into the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, promising that the administration will be very liberal and not implement it "very strictly" in the first two months.

Acknowledging that there will be some minor problems when a massive change takes place, he said that things will smoothen out in the times to come.

"I think the roll-out will be very smooth, as smooth as possible. All systems are in place. When massive changes take place there is an element of uncertainty of the unknown developments," he said.

Jaitley said that the July 1 roll-out date was not his decision. It was the GST Council's decision.

"Last year's constitutional amendment was valid till September 15. After September (See page 4)

### India of 2017 different from 1962: Jaitley

NEW DELHI, June 30: The India of 2017 is different from what it was in 1962, Union Defence Minister Arun Jaitley today, hitting out at China for asking the Indian Army to learn from "historical lessons".

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## Security personnel attacked, trucker dead

DARJEELING, June 30: Five security force personnel were seriously injured in an attack by suspected GJM activists in the Darjeeling Hills, while a 20-year-old truck driver injured in an incident earlier died in Kolkata today.

Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) activists set fire several houses and offices across the hills on the 16th day of the indefinite bandh, called by it to press its demand for a separate State.

Life was crippled due to the bandh in Darjeeling where Internet services were shut.

The attack on the security personnel took place last night when they had gone to a village near Teesta Valley, 40 km from Darjeeling, to conduct a search operation.

A mob targeted the security personnel with stones and "kukri" (traditional Nepali dagger), injuring five of them seriously.

The injured police and CRPF personnel were later rescued and admitted to a hospital, the police said.

In another incident, the

house of Mirik Municipality Vice Chairman M Zimba was set afire by the protesters this morning.

The supporters also ransacked Rangli Rangoli police outpost last night and snatched a self-loading rifle and a pistol. Two police vehicles were set ablaze in the incident, the police said.

The building of Tung Gram Pancharatna was also set on fire last night, the police said.

A meeting of political outfits, including the GJM, had yesterday decided to carry on

with the indefinite shutdown.

Aniket Chetri, the truck driver who had received 70 per cent burns when his truck was set afire on June 20 by GJM activists, today succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in Kolkata. His body was taken to Siliguri for conducting the last rites.

With this, the State police said, the toll in the violence in the hills has risen to two. On June 17, a man was killed during clashes.

The GJM, however, said two more of its supporters were killed on June 17. — PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting the Textiles India 2017 Exhibition, in Gandhinagar on Friday. — UNI

## 'Meira made scapegoat by Cong'

VADODARA, June 30: Union minister and RPI leader Ramdas Athawale today alleged that Congress has made Meira Kumar a "scapegoat" by fielding her as the Opposition's candidate for the presidential election.

Athawale, speaking to reporters after inaugurating a school and holding meetings with district officials over issues of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes here, said

when Congress was in power it didn't give her suitable post, and "now when defeat of the Opposition candidate is certain, they have fielded Meira Kumar as a scapegoat."

"This clearly shows that Congress has no commitment to get elected leaders from marginalised sections to high offices, and decided to field her only as a token exercise," said Athawale, a prominent Dalit leader from Maharashtra. NDA

## AAP demands Delhi varsity quota in teachers' recruitment

NEW DELHI, June 30: The Delhi Assembly today adopted a resolution seeking 85 per cent reservation for graduates of universities in Delhi in the recruitment of permanent or guest teachers in schools here.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the existing recruitment rules would have to be amended for this purpose and the 9,000-plus posts of guest teacher being filled currently

would not have any quota.

Replying to a discussion on the issue, Sisodia said the ongoing recruitment process, for which around one lakh applications had been received, would have a provision of "normalisation", under which localities would not be in a position of disadvantage.

Sisodia said former Lt Governor Najeeb Jung had rejected a proposal to regularise around 17,000 guest teachers but the government was open to sending the file pertaining to the issue to incumbent LG Amrit Bajaj.

Earlier, AAP MLA Nitin

Tyagi initiated the discussion, pitching for quota for Delhiites in teachers' recruitment.

He said the candidates from Delhi found themselves in a position of disadvantage due to a host of reasons, which was "unfair".

Citing examples of States such as Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Mizoram, Tyagi claimed that education standards in other States were not as good as in Delhi, "so we cannot afford to play with the future of Delhi's children".

Basing its argument on the premise of "normalisation", the Assembly adopted the resolution opining that for all future recruitments, whether for permanent teachers or for guest teachers, preference be given to candidates graduating from universities in Delhi.

"...The Directorate of Education to ensure 85% quota for permanent and guest teacher positions for candidates graduating from universities in Delhi for all future processes of recruitment," it said. — PTI

## Corruption, dynastic policies left people frustrated: UP CM

LUCKNOW, June 30: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today said that corruption and dynastic policies of the past 15 years had left people "totally frustrated" as he denied that he had inherited a dismal State machinery.

The Chief Minister said the BJP got a massive mandate in the 2017 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections due to the works done by the Narendra Modi government.

"After which, the State government immediately got into the groove and initiated steps for welfare and progress of the common people," Adityanath said at an event here.

Earlier, the people were totally frustrated because of the corrupt and dynastic policies of the State governments in

the past 14 to 15 years, he said without naming the Samajwadi Party and the BSP that were in power during the period.

"The situation of law and order was bad and the State had lagged behind in the race of development... I had inherited a very dismal machinery," the Chief Minister, who has just completed 100 days in office, said. — PTI



A BJP supporter holds a placard during a rally to support implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), in Mumbai on Friday. — UNI

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*Both now and for always, I intend to hold fast to my belief in the hidden strength of the human spirit.*

— ANDREI SAKHAROV

## The Assam Tribune

## GST roll-out

It is indeed a significant breakthrough achieved in the area of indirect tax reform in the shape of one nation-one tax under the nomenclature of Goods and Services Tax (GST) rolled out in the country with effect from the zero hour of July 1, 2017. Though the reform was originally proposed to take off as far back as April 1, 2010, it is the difference of opinion between the States and the Union Government with respect to jurisdiction of assessment on the one hand and the determination of tax rate schedules along with compensation package against initial losses to States on the other that stood as a great stumbling block to the reform measure. The all powerful GST Council manned by the State Finance Ministers and headed by the Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley, met for the tenth time on March 4, 2017 in New Delhi to break the deadlock over GST administration. Thus, it approved the final draft of the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) that followed the approval of State GST and Union Territory GST laws.

What is important here to note is that from now onward, while there will be no new tax proposals in the State budgets apart from VAT on few items under the GST regime, there will be a uniform tax structure all over the country, referred to as the 'one nation-one tax' regime. However, petroleum products and alcohol have been excluded from the purview of GST and the States will have the power to impose VAT on them. In case a State needs to increase tax revenue on any other item, it has to approach the GST Council. Though GST as a reform measure is rightly acclaimed to be an innovative and efficient system with its inbuilt self-correction measures against evasion of taxes, people will certainly face a number of initial problems though things will settle down earlier than longer. The complicated issues under GST that have to be resolved relate to items like petroleum and potable alcohol on which States were unwilling to leave their tax power and revenue right. This might continue to be an irritant at times. While GST will subsume a host of indirect levies like excise duty, sales tax, services tax and VAT, products like kerosene, naptha and LPG will be under the ambit of GST, but five items – crude oil, natural gas, aviation oil, diesel and petrol have been excluded from the basket for initial years. This will also remain as a dormant irritant. Apart from all this, the most burning problem is insufficient knowledge about GST on the part of not only the consumers but also the producers. Hence, both the groups need to be adequately educated on GST.

## Ambiguous intention

Hardly had the dust settled down after last month's global assault by the WannaCry or Wanna Decryptor computer virus, there has been yet another attack effectively disrupting functioning of banks, airlines, ports, etc. The new virus has been indiscriminating, even hitting institutions within the 'prime suspect' of last month's attack, Russia! Last time around it was considered a 'ransomware' because of the modus operandi adopted by those responsible for unleashing it. After the hacker entered into a system, he sent out a ransom demand of \$300 in crypto-currency Bitcoin with the condition that if this was not paid within a stipulated time, the ransom demand would be doubled and further delay will entail deletion of the victim's data files. Many companies which did not pay up found to their discomfiture that the ransomware wreaked the havoc it had warned of and the destroyed data files could not be retrieved. It being one of the commonest experience of law enforcers that a blackmailer normally does not stop at a simple demand, but repeats it if the first settlement is made, security experts had forecast that another attack would be coming. Unfortunately that has happened and despite the world being forewarned, apparently it had not learnt any lesson from the last attack, and the havoc wreaked this time around is similar to the one before.

However, security experts are beginning to suspect that the new virus, as well as the previous version, was in reality not a ransomware, but there are more sinister and disruptive intentions behind it! This is because of the insignificant nature of the monetary demand; had they wished, the ones who had unleashed the virus could have asked for enormous sums considering that the infected computer systems belonged to large companies. For instance, shipping giant Moller-Maersk, whose operations including that in the Mumbai port have been affected, is a gigantic corporation and the \$300 demand on it seems somewhat incongruous. Thus experts are uncertain as to what the true intention behind the hacking attack is, with some believing that it is an experiment by an anonymous State to find out the global destructive potential of similar viruses. This too is not beyond the realm of reality, for the world has rogue States like North Korea which are quite capable of indulging in such nefarious activities. Of concern is the fact that despite being subjected to an earlier attack, the international cyber-crime fighting organizations have not yet been able to create an 'antidote' for the WannaCry or its latest incarnation. At best they have been able to place protective patches on individual computers, but not protect systems in their entirety. Thus being able to trace the culprits and bring them to justice as yet seems to be a far cry no matter what their intention is!

## Rohingyas in Myanmar in deep crisis

## ■ Dwaipayan

**W**ill there be some improvement in the plight of the hapless Rohingya Muslims in western Myanmar's Rakhine State, where they are numerically greater than any other community, in the near future? Such a possibility, literally, seems bleak for the present following the current political situation in the country going gradually downward with the security forces allegedly carrying out ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar as confirmed by the media reports. But, ironically, the neighbouring country's leader Suu Kyi, who had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her courageous non-violent struggle for democracy and human rights, denied the happening. In a recent, rare televised interview, she said: "I think ethnic cleansing is too strong an expression to use for what is happening."

But the reality of the situation is that the anti-Rohingya violence in Myanmar is at present occurring under the very nose of the government headed by Aung San Suu Kyi. Frankly, it all started with the murder of nine police officers allegedly by Rohingya militants in October 2016. The consequence of which had been far too shocking: hundreds of people have been killed at the hands of the military, several hundreds of women sexually harassed, many villages torched and about 80,000 Rohingyas have fled the country, some of them to the neighbouring

Bangladesh; many others including children, get stranded at sea.

There are, however, several reasons behind why the Rohingyas are presently in a pitiable state in Myanmar in spite of their having existed pre-existed the British-enforced migration, from the erstwhile East Pakistan to the present-day Myanmar.

Firstly, this minority community in Myanmar is not recognized by the Government of Myanmar as an official ethnic group, and are thus not entitled to citizenship. What is even more saddening is that in spite of their living in Myanmar even before the British-engineered migration to Burma (now Myanmar) in 1823 when they occupied the Arakan State, they are viewed as illegal settlers from

Secondly, one of the world's most-persecuted minorities according to United Nations, the Rohingya people were denied Burmese citizenship since a new citizenship law was enacted in 1982. Then again, in the 2014 census, the first in three decades, the government official claimed they would not accept those who registered themselves as Rohingyas. They were not even allowed to travel without official permission, and the temporary ID cards which were given to them were revoked in 2015 as a result of pressure from

democrat. But her role has been that of a 'Dhritirashtra'. Of course, for this sorry state of affairs, Suu Kyi cannot be blamed. Actually, she is currently passing through a bad patch for some crucial reasons. Though Suu Kyi became a de facto leader a year ago after her party, the National League for Democracy, won a landslide victory ending more than half-a-century of military rule, even then, her very first year has been a disappointment to many. Arguably, she made it a top priority to end the ongoing

the Buddhist majority groups.

Finally, they have also been banned from owning land, being employed, receiving education and getting married.

There could have been some improvement in the plight of the Rohingya Muslims had Suu Kyi responded to the ongoing crisis as effectively as she could have as

ethnic insurgencies tearing the country apart, but her peace efforts to bring them to the negotiating table have so far turned out to be a futile exercise, for the fighting between the government forces and the ultra groups is still going on.

The country's constitution reserves one-fourth of the seats in Parliament for military. It needs mention here that the current constitution is scripted by the erstwhile military junta, evidently to serve its own purposes. It is the Army which has the privilege to reserve the key ministries for them. So, under the circumstances, if any Opposition party takes over the charge, the government will obviously be a lame duck administration. Although Suu Kyi's party is in power, she herself is barred from becoming the country's president as her children are British citizens.

So her response to the Rohingya crisis has been both lukewarm and inadequate. She is not willing to fully recognize the extent of violence the minority community has been subjected to by the government she leads. The reason: her paranoia of incurring the ire of the majority Buddhist community in that event. But the international community wrote an open letter to the president of the UN Security Council for her inadequate response to the brewing crisis. It is the same community, to be hon-

est, that had played a major role in helping Suu Kyi's own struggle for democracy become a success.

Indeed, there is doubt if she will at all be able to resolve the Rohingya crisis because her popularity is at present at a low ebb, which reverberated in the parliamentary by-elections in April last in which her party NLD won only nine out of 19 seats it contested. What is even more depressing is that ever since she became a leader of Myanmar, Suu Kyi said little on the atrocities including rape and murder against the Rohingya community.

The UN is also voiceless on the Rohingya question, as it has been on several other crucial questions. It was reported that in May 2015, the UN Security Council held a closed-door meeting on the human rights situation in Myanmar, but it was a fruitless one as China made it clear that it was an internal matter of Myanmar.

As regards India, it is unwilling to either speak out about the violence against the Rohingyas or accommodate them in pretty good numbers as before, probably because Myanmar's assistance is considered as more significant in dealing with the insurgency in the North-east. It is understandable why New Delhi is reluctant to speak out in public about human rights violations in Myanmar. But it can hardly afford to ignore it for long. The Rohingya crisis, if it remains unaddressed, can pose a serious security threat for India, which is why New Delhi should persuade the Government of Myanmar to resolve it as quickly as possible.

## A growth path from Malinovski to Keynes and beyond

## ■ HP Khaund

**E**F Schumacher, in his book *Small is Beautiful* lists some epoch-making ideas which were evolved in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These, to name some, are (1) Darwin's Theory of Evolution, (2) Marx's interpretation of history as the history of class struggle, (3) all higher manifestations of human brain are a means of exploitation of the masses, (4) Freudian analysis, (5) logical positivism, among others. The point to ponder is why has Schumacher confined his list to only the above thoughts to the exclusion of many other revolutionary ideas such as, say, Einstein's Theory of Relativity for instance? Scientific inventions have helped solve the mystery of the physical world. Man has even successfully explored the outer space including planet Mars not to speak of Moon where man was able to set his feet on. But what good are all these achievements to man? To quote Schumacher, "If I do not know the Second Law of Thermo Dynamics, I do not miss anything. But if I do not know Shakespeare, I miss my life."

To digress from Schumacher's

small but beautiful world to Malinovski en route to Jean Paul Sartre, in the wake of the Second World War, Malinovski, famous social scientist, had propounded his celebrated theory of de-socialization which is a negation of Aristotle's definition of man as a gregarious animal. What follows is, when a man feels that the society he lives in is not moving the way it should or that the members of the society do not maintain the kind of relationship with their fellow human beings which is mimetic to civilized interpersonal communication of thoughts and ideas, then he develops a sense of alienation and estrangement from the society which in consequence leads him to live the life of a recluse like Brutus.

De-socialization is an inalienable characteristic of the developed-industrial society of the West. The depression of the 30s which was an effect of fall in effective demand consequent upon the lack of purchasing power of the people had precipitated a crisis situation of unprecedented magnitude in Europe, causing widespread unem-

ployment and associated problems. Were it not for John Maynard Keynes whose general theory (General theory of Employment, Money and Income) helped salvage the capitalist economy from the impending doom, the world would have witnessed the demise of capitalism.

Keynes' suggestion of a simple mechanism, namely, pump priming (asking people to dig holes and refill them) was the first step towards generation of effective employment, and given the marginal propensity to consume being greater than unity, a small dose of wage-paid employment resulted in the rise in demand for food and consequently, a demand-induced growth in employment and income ensued, thus reversing the process in the positive direction.

In the event of such a contingency, would the theory of de-socialization still hold good? The answer is: it would for the simple reason that de-socialization is a phenomenon that concerns human relationship.

And talking of human relationship, is Malinovski's theory akin, if not identical, to Jean Paul Sartre's philosophy of existentialism which has revolutionized the

world of thought since Sartre's school of thought is an aftermath of Nietzsche's statement that 'God is dead'. The moot point is, in the absence of God how can man justify his existence? For man seeks to explain his existence in relation to God. Whenever he feels his existence is in peril, he invokes God. And to justify man's existence in spite of and apart from God is the genesis of Sartre's philosophy. The only exception to Sartre's school is Albert Camus' *Outsider* who is literally an outsider in the school of existentialism. The rebel in the novel who was condemned to death on charge of treason and murder spent the night before his execution looking at the Northern Star without a wink as if he felt the existence of some supernatural power. This was undoubtedly of one who happened to be an atheist and, hence an outsider.

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languages, states, castes, cultures and religions can in no way ignore the demographic credentials of a person in a political space. Indeed, all the Members of Parliament are being elected on the basis of their demographic credentials. Every State of our country sends as many MPs to the Parliament as in proportion to its population. No federal country can afford to do away with this system and introduce a meritocratic yardstick.

That was why Mahatma Gandhi wanted a Dalit woman as India's first President but his suggestion was turned down. At a public address on June 27, 1947, he said:

"If I have my way, the President of the Indian Republic will be a chaste and brave Bhangi girl... if such a girl of my dreams becomes the

President, I shall be her servant and I shall not expect from the Government even my upkeep."

Dalits have been projected as

lesser humans for centuries. But can their symbolic representation

really help break ourselves free from the age-old prejudices? Yours etc., SUJIT DE, Kolkata.

## Letters to the EDITOR

## Digboi: still to be on path of development

significant progress in the past 70 years. Only recently, our newly-elected MLA Suren Phukan has sympathized with our lot and has taken up a handful of projects as stepping stones to development. Starting with the road renovation project, work is under way to place paver blocks on the previously potholed roads. This initiative of his is praiseworthy. Yours etc., GURUBANDHU CHAKRABORTY, Digboi.

**CBSE apathy**

Sir – The usual apathy of the CBSE towards the students of the Guwahati region was visible once again, this time through the undue and inexplicable delay in issuing the original mark sheets of Class XII examination, the result of which was declared not less than a month ago. This delay caused harassment to the admission seekers, particularly to the students (and their parents) seeking admission to the UG courses under the University of Delhi which required original mark sheets. Many aspiring students had to cancel their travel tickets and withdraw their hopes of getting admission to these courses as their mark sheets did not arrive on time. Those who proceeded without mark sheets were refused admission and sent away causing much disappointment

and harassment. Fortunately, they were later given admission upon the intervention of the higher authorities. However, these students were given provisional admission only and they will have to make an extra trip to Delhi just to submit the original mark sheets within the stipulated time or else their admission will be cancelled. The CBSE could have easily avoided this unwarranted situation by sending the mark sheets on time. It has been learnt that the Board had released the mark sheets in the other States as early as in the second week of June. The complete indifference and ignorance shown by the CBSE Regional Office, Guwahati in this regard is highly deplorable. The State government should take up the matter with the Union Human Resources Development Ministry so that those who are guilty for this are taken to task and that such situations do not keep repeating. Yours etc., ABHINJAN BARUA, Guwahati.

**Hiding norms**

Sir – Kajal Chatterjee's letter, 'Political choice' (AT, June 26) has brought some critical questions to the fore. Should we consider the demographic credentials, i.e., caste, language, religion, etc., of a person while selecting her/him as a presidential candidate? Should not we focus on her/his merit only? Can symbolic representation of a Dalit in the Rastrapati Bhavan change anything? A country which has a rainbow of

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# NF Rly to plant 10 lakh trees this fiscal

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, June 30: Maligon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has decided to increase its effort in the field of tree plantation and as part of the initiative the zone has set a target to plant at least 10 lakh trees during the current fiscal.

Senior NFR officials told this newspaper that a total of 6,94,378 trees were planted in the NFR zone during 2016-17 as compared to 5,22,504 during 2015-16.

"This is an increase of 32.89 per cent year-on-year. For 2017-18, the target has been fixed to plant 10 lakh trees. NFR has been conducting special drives for tree plantation every year and we are now looking to take the initiative to a bigger level," said an official.

He said that the railway administration and the Assam forest department have already entered into an agreement for taking up plantation activities on railway land.

The agreement to this effect was signed earlier this year and it will be valid for a period of 10 years. All divisions of NFR which have jurisdiction in Assam will implement the project which will involve tree plantation along both sides of the railway



track on land owned by the Indian Railways.

Sources said that following the agreement between the railway authorities and the State forest department, the principal chief conservators of forest of the governments of West Bengal and Bihar have also expressed interest in signing similar agreements made on the Assam model to take up joint afforestation and plantation activities.

NFR has jurisdiction over parts of West Bengal and Bihar, besides the entire North East.

"We are laying emphasis on both boundary plantations along the railway tracks as well as on block plan-

tation this year," said an official.

He added that as part of its commitment towards contributing to make the environment cleaner as well as due to the need to comply with various statutory obligations from time to time, the Railways has decided to incorporate specific provisions towards environmental costs in the estimates for works.

Meanwhile, NFR has also stepped up efforts to build up awareness among public and its own staff about cleanliness on trains, stations, railway colonies and offices.

"Special drives are being conducted in this regard, including by use of media. Street plays, posters and

## Parley on Indo-Bangla bilateral relations

STAFF REPORTER

## Govt to roll out Operation Muskan-III from today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: The Assam Government is all set to roll out the month-long (from July 1 to 31, 2017) Operation Muskan-III from tomorrow along with the rest of the country to rescue and recover missing children. This campaign is a follow-up of earlier campaigns like Operation Smile-II and Operation Muskan-II.

It may be noted that campaigns like Operation Smile-II and Operation Muskan-II were implemented throughout the country from January 1 to 31, 2016 and July 1 to 31, 2016 respectively. As an outcome of these campaigns, approximately 40,000 children were rescued and recovered.

For the successful implementation of Operation Muskan-III in the State, a meeting under the chairmanship of Titas Das, Additional Chief Secretary, Home and Political Department was held at Dispur today to review the preparedness for the campaign. The meeting was attended by senior police officials, senior officials from Social Welfare, Health, Education, Labour and Welfare departments.

All deputy commissioners have been directed to take all-out efforts for successful implementation of the campaign in their respective jurisdiction. They have also been directed to activate and sensitize the district level child welfare committees (CWCs) and take personal interest in ensuring the campaign's success.

It may be noted that the Central Government has advised all States and Union Territories to extend all possible cooperation during inter-State rescue operation; to ensure proper provision of availability of food, clothes, medical aid, professional translators, psychologists and shelter homes for rehabilitation/ reintegration well before the rescue operation; and to ensure that such operations are conducted in strict compliance of the existing legal provisions.

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## Two bike riders killed

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: Two bike riders were killed after being hit by a truck at Lokhra late last night. The victims were identified as Deepak Chettri (29) of Goreshwari and Kishore Dulal (35) of Udalguri. The truck has been seized by police, but the driver managed to flee. — Staff Reporter

## AIM's PG diploma prog

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: Assam Institute of Management (AIM) will hold the inauguration of its 24th Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programme on July 3 at 11 am. Distinguished academic and researcher Dr Dhruba Bora, Vice Chancellor of Assam Science and Technology University, will deliver the programme inauguration lecture on "A unique energy alternative - Nuclear Fusion". The inauguration programme will be held at the AIM Campus, Biyagan Barphum Bazaar here, stated a release.

## Parley on Indo-Bangla bilateral relations

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: India Foundation in collaboration with State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA), Government of Assam, Bangladesh Foundation for Regional Studies (BFRS) and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) will be organizing the eighth round of Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue in the city from July 2 to 4.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will be the chief guest in the inaugural session.

Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar and State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh Md Shahriar Alam will be present in the valedictory session on July 4.

The dialogue aims at focusing on discussions on the changing dynamics of the world order and the way forward for the peace, stability and prosperity of South Asia in general and India and Bangladesh in particular. The event in the form of a "Guwahati Declaration". The Guwahati declaration would envision the way forward for a more robust, mutually beneficial relations between India and Bangladesh.

## Farewell to 9 Tribune employees



STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: Nine employees of the Assam Tribune Group of Publications who have retired from different sections of the establishment, were today accorded a warm farewell and felicitation by the Assam Tribune Employees' Union (ATEU).

The employees were SK Sayeed, Bipul Goswami, Biswanath Seal, Neelopal Kataky, Bhaban Chandra Das, Jasodhar Sarma, Jokhoy Pandit, Nagendra Kakati and Satish Choudhury (from ATU's Kolkata office).

The meeting held on the occasion was presided over by ATEU president Siva Prasad Deka. ATEU general secretary Dugdhum Kalita explained the purpose of the meeting and recalled the contributions of the outgoing employees.

The outgoing employees also recollect their association with the establishment for decades and urged their working colleagues to put up a concerted effort for betterment of the establishment.

On behalf of the employees present, Devisah Sinha, Manoranjan Sarkar, Tankeswar Kakati, Nandaram Barman and Hiranya Kumar Barman also spoke. The outgoing employees were each felicitated with a gamosa, a xara, a citation and a cheque.

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Founder and chairman of the school JN Das along with school Principal Probhati Biswas, also spoke during the programme.

Stressing the need for a holistic education system for overall development of the coun-

try, Dr Goswami also advocated inclusion of spiritual education in the modern education system.

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## Governor's call to celebrate Van Mahotsava

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: Governor Banwarilal Purohit has appealed to the people of Assam to celebrate Van Mahotsava and take a resolute step to increase the green coverage of the State to contribute towards a balanced environment.

In a statement here today, Governor Purohit said,

"Trees, besides increasing greenery in the society, purify the air and give a fresh lease of life to the people."

However, he said that massive deforestation across the planet and the declining number of trees caused by several man-created factors have brought major changes in climate.

On the occasion of Van Mahotsava, we should take resolute actions to plant saplings and own the responsibility to raise the saplings into trees," the Governor said. He also reiterated the necessity of generating awareness and transform the awareness into a mass movement for increasing the green coverage to prevent global warming, reduce pollution, improve the habitats of wildlife and reduce conflict situations.

## Discussion on women in power careers

STAFF REPORTER

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GUWAHATI, June 30: The third edition of Campus Talks, organized by a city-based English weekly, was held at the Handique Girls' College recently.

The keynote speaker at the event was Anjanjeet Kaur, DCP(Traffic), Guwahati Police Commissionerate. The topic of discussion was 'Women in

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## Honour for State law college

GUWAHATI, June 30: The *Higher Education Review*, a reported magazine of higher education and research has ranked the NEF Law College, Guwahati as the '6<sup>th</sup> Most Promising Law College of India' in 2017, stated a press release. The ranking of the law colleges was done by a panel of experts consisting of top HR managers and qualified educationists.

It may be noted here that Asian Law College, Noida and Global College of Law, Ghaziabad were ranked in the first and second positions respectively. The magazine identified these law institutions having capability of producing next-generation legal professionals.

NEF Law College, which is affiliated to Gauhati University is the only law college of the North-east selected for this recognition, the release added.

## IQAC meet of Kaliabor College

ANN Service

KALIABOR, June 30: A meeting of the extended Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Kaliabor College was held on June 29 to discuss about the academic improvement and works for the coming golden jubilee celebration on 2019. Dr NC Das, IQAC coordinator apprised the members of the execution of decisions of the last meeting held last month. The meeting was presided over by the Principal of Kaliabor College, Dr HK Chakrabarti as the chairman of the IQAC and he advised the IQAC to organise a national-level seminar of high standards before the golden jubilee celebration begins. The meeting was attended by the former Principal of Kaliabor College, NN Hazarika and the Principal of Samaguri College, Dr Lunamoni Barua among others who spoke on the occasion.

On the initiative of the Vice-Principal and the IQAC, a parent-teacher meet programme was also held the same day before the IQAC meeting began.

## Biennial meet of Paschim Nalbari Press Club

A CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, June 30: The 12th biennial conference of Paschim Nalbari Press Club will be held at the Press club premises of Chamata on July 1 and 2.

The first day's programmes will include flag hoisting, *smiti torjan*, lighting of lamp and tree plantation programmes. A seminar will also be held on the subject 'High Blood Pressure, Heart attack, Road safety rules and responsibility of citizens' at 11 am. The delegate meeting will be inaugurated by Prakash Barman, BDO.

On the second day, Chandra Mohan Patowary, Industry and Commerce minister will inaugurate the new building of the press club. The open meeting to be inaugurated by Amanlal Lal Gyani, DC, Nalbari will be attended by several distinguished persons and dignitaries like Radhika Mohan Bhagawati, editor, *Dainik Assam*, prominent journalist Hemanta Barman, Debasanta Kr Bhattacharya, Nalbari Ratna, Ashok Sarma, MLA Nalbari, Narayan Deka, Hemanta Bhattacharya, SP, Nalbari, Achyut Kr Patowary, Panjajoba Gobinda Medhi, Dhruvajoyti Sarma, Raman Kalita etc. A few distinguished persons of Paschim Nalbari will also be felicitated in this meeting.

**Doomdooma Press Club meet**

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, June 30: The mid-term general meeting of the Doomdooma Press Club (DPC) will be held on July 9 at 10 am. This was decided in an executive body meeting of DPC held on Thursday. The meeting also decided to felicitate Sahitya Academy Children Literature Award winning writer Harendra Nath Borthakur on the same day.

## Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched in Biswanath

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIALI, June 30: The Biswanath district administration launched the distribution of free LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Bipinpatra Nyaya Mandir, here recently.

While inaugurating the programme as the chief guest, State Minister for Irrigation, Handloom and Textile Ranjit Dutta observed that the distribution of free LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was for the empowerment of poor women. He further said that a total of 13,000 beneficiaries had been taken into account in Biswanath district under four gas agencies and today 20 beneficiaries were provided LPG connections in a symbolic manner in the district.

Addressing the gathering, Parliamentar-

ian RP Sharma said that he would pressurise the Central Government to open more LPG outlets in the district as only four outlets failed to cater to the needs of the people of Biswanath and Golpur subdivisions in the district. The programme was also attended by Biswanath Deputy Commissioner Astiksha Chakravarty, Superintendent of Police Diganta Kr Choudhury, Biswanath MLA Pramod Borthakur, Biswanath Municipal Chairman Ruli Sharma, among others, while the proceedings were conducted by Bhaben Kumar.

**Weavers' training programme:** A programme was successfully conducted at Behali Kalyan Ashram in Biswanath district for training and assessment of 500 weavers under the banner of Valeur Fabtex Pvt Ltd recently. At the concluding function, the weavers received certificates from the hands of Ranjit Dutta, State Minister for Handloom, Textile, Sericulture and Irrigation, Government of Assam. This certificate will give a formal qualification to the skilled weavers of Assam which enables weavers to secure bank loans for running their own venture.

Based on these certificates issued by the Government of India, several weavers of Assam have got the opportunity to showcase their products at various national and international level thereby helping them to get right prices of their products, removing the middlemen from the chain. Valeur Fabtex Pvt. Ltd has been assigned the job of certifying total 6000 handloom weavers in Assam by the Textile Sector Skill Council under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India under 'RPL' Program (Recognition of Prior Learning) of PMKVY Scheme.

**Modern swimming project proposed:** The Biswanath District Swimming Association has proposed to construct an ultra modern scientific swimming project at Biswanath Chariali. It needs mention here that there is no such swimming amenity in the entire northern Assam and Arunachal Pradesh though there is vast potential in these areas. This was announced by the office bearers of the association at a press meet held at Sahitya Sabha Bhawan here.

In this respect, they have urged the Biswanath district administration to provide them sufficient land. "Several discussions were already made with the administration, though no result has yielded so far", they added. The association has also decided to file an application with the administration under the Right to Information Act (RTI) to gather information regarding the distribution of lands among various organisations in the Biswanath district. The meet was attended by president Biren Bhagawati, working president Mahendra Saikia, secretary Prashanta Mahanta and others.

## Principal refutes allegations

## Partial roll back of fees by Goalpara College authority

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, June 30: The Goalpara College authority has taken cognisance of the protest and demands made by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and agreed to roll back a sum of Rs 550/- from the total college admission fees following a decision taken in an emergency staff meeting held on Thursday.

Talking to this correspondent over the phone, Prof Jyotish Das, Principal of Goalpara College, said that the admission process for the higher secondary classes is almost over and 512 students have been benefited out of the total 776 students under the State Government's fees exemption policy for the BPL students. After the partial roll back of the total fees, the sum of Rs 550/- under extra-curricular activities will ei-

ther be refunded to these students or be adjusted with the examination fees after six months.

Prof Das also strongly refuted allegations, that appeared in some of the vernacular dailies recently alleging that the principal of Goalpara College acted in violation against the announcement made by the Education Minister, Assam and against the policy of fees exemption and maintained that the college authority meticulously followed the government's instruction to exempt all kinds of fees except college week, sports and magazine fees.

Prof Das also informed this correspondent that he regretted the earlier development when the Goalpara Shiksha Parishad of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, who is not a bonafide student of the college along with five students, forcefully entered the admission hall and asked

the principal of the college indecently to stop the admission process alleging that the principal was not following government's instructions.

However, reacting to the written appeal submitted by them containing two allegations and three demands, he personally convened a staff meeting later and constituted an enquiry committee asking it to submit a report within three days. In response to other demands, he said that both the wings of NSS and Scouts and Guides are functional and activities are carried out as per the schedule. Moreover, necessary steps are being initiated to activate the NCC wing so that a sense of discipline is inculcated among students.

Principal Das also made a fervent appeal to all sections of students to cooperate and contribute to the vibrant academic environment of the college.

## Licence suspended

ANN Service

HATSINGMARI, June 30: In exercise of power conferred under clause 15 (1) of the Assam Public Distribution of Articles Order, 1982 w.e.f. of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of South Salmara Mankachar district as the licensing authority of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Branch has suspended the Sub -Wholesale licence bearing No HSLC 5/88/DS-1 of M/s Dakhin Salmar GPSS Ltd for violating clause No 11, 18 & 20 of the said Act and the terms and conditions of the licence, until further orders.

The district authority has also ordered to tag the entire population of M/s Dakhin Salmar GPSS Ltd with M/S South Bank Multipurpose Co-Operative Society so that beneficiaries or card holders under the suspended GPSS Ltd should not be deprived of the notified articles except Sk oil.



AGP president Atul Bora, flanked by senior leaders Prafulla Kr Mahanta (left) and Keshab Mahanta (right), addressing an AGP divisional workers' meeting at the Nagaon District Library, on Thursday — UB Photos

## Meritorious students felicitated at Nameri

CORRESPONDENT

hir Narah, ex-GP president, Bagiram Narah, vice president of Jiahbari branch, Mising Agom Kebang, noted teachers of the area, Maniram Borah and Hiteswar Narah.

Talking on the occasion, Dimeswar Mili said that education is a tri-polar activity where the active involvement of teacher, student and the parent is a must to attain its goal. He also urged all concerned to dedicate themselves to a developed society.

"Until and unless our education gets reflected in our society's development, education has no meaning. So we will have to be sincere enough to see that the activities created through our education, benefits us and when required to inscribe them," he said.

The special function was graced by Dimbeswar Mili, general member of Missing Autonomous Council, Gambi-

himself or herself within the book. "So the authority concerned should give priority to exposure programmes like field trips, field study or excursion, which are much beneficial for gaining knowledge in various areas," Borah said.

Echoing the same point, Hiteswar Narah, in his speech, said that education is the ultimate goal of taking a society in the path of development. "So I urge upon the new generation of the Missing society to reflect on their education," he maintained. Other dignitaries, present in the programme, too spoke on the issue of education.

From the president's chair, Goda Mili, highlighting the aim and objectives of the organisation, urged the students to reflect their sense of belonging to the society by pursuing education honestly.

## Haflong meet expresses concern over bandh culture

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, June 30: In a bid to maintain peace, tranquillity and brotherhood among the various tribal and non-tribals in the tiny but the most beautiful district of Assam, the Dima Hasao district administration organised a peace meeting involving the representatives of apex bodies of different communities, the NC Hills Autonomous Council, NGO's etc., the Circuit house conference hall on Wednesday.

The meet was attended by Jadikha Naisho Hosom, said that it was a very cordial interaction among "our brothers and sisters of different communities who really want our district to be developed in all respects." Samuel Changsan, Executive Member, NCHAC, said, "our Government is committed for the well-being of the people as well as of our District. We are working on it seriously."

David Keivom, president, NCHIF said, "yes we also want the district to be developed in all respects but there should not be any discrimination."

He also said that the NCHAC should increase its revenue by the proper use of natural resources. He also argued as to why bandh culture could be blamed which happened only once or twice in year.

In fact reiterated that there were many factors which could push the district further back.

Talking to the media, Kalen Daolagupu, president, All the speakers equivocal-

ly expressed concern over the bandh culture and appealed to maintain peace and brotherhood as the bandh culture could never help development. The district of Dima Hasao has been lagging far behind in comparison to other districts in terms of development in all respects including human resources. The speakers who were really concerned about the development of the district urged the NCHAC to come forward for the development of the people and the district since the district has tremendous potential to be developed as one of the most sought-after places for people from other parts. Nature has bestowed all its wealth to this place and therefore the people should not be involved in any detrimental activities which could push the district further back.

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## Panchayat president held on graft charges

HAILAKANDI, June 30:

The panchayat president of Panchgram Gaon Panchayat of Hailakandi district, Nirajan Das was arrested by police on Thursday night for embezzlement of funds of 18 Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) of the years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

He was arrested on the basis of FIR filed by the secretary of a non-governmental organisation Pandit Diven Dasyal Sanjalayam Sanstha, Sari Roy. A case (number 70/ Sections 406, 409, 420 and 34 of IPC) at Panchgram police

station against Das.

Panchram is 25 km from Hailakandi town.

Das was arrested by police at 8 pm on Thursday night and shifted to Hailakandi Sadar police station from Panchgram.

A senior police official said that Das was interrogated for a long time on the basis of the complaint. Later he was arrested formally.

Roy in his complaint letter to the police alleged that the names of some beneficiaries have been used repeatedly with an intention to grab

the money in connivance with the Block Development Officer and Panchgram GP Secretary.

It can be mentioned here that Das won the panchayat election on an AIUDF ticket and later joined the Congress party and won for the second time in 2013.

Sani Roy has expressed satisfaction over the police action and announced that their move against corruption will continue and they will not tolerate the misappropriation of funds meant for the poor people.



Students taking part in an awareness rally on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking organised by the Palacharkuchi police at Palacharkuchi, on Thursday — UB Photos

## Ranjita Sarma: a tribute



My dear sister, Ranjita Sarma (Bibi) who left us on June 22 last in the wee hours of the morning to the sweet land, was my *bordost*. Late Ramen, Sarma and Sini Kusum Devi's youngest daughter, Bibu and I grew up together through our childhood days when we

were in Namrup and they used to stay in Dulaijan. We were best of friends though she was younger to me and the things we did together created memories forever and these kept us strong even when we couldn't be together.

Bibu was a successful entrepreneur, a wonder woman and an ardent music lover who created talents in the

—Renee P Kashyap

## Centre assures to solve problems of Adivasis

KOKRAJHAR, June 30: The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Pagan Singh Kalsi on Friday stressed on a special approach in solving problems of the Adivasis living in Assam and assured them to communicate their demand on ST status to the Centre as well as to the Prime Minister.

Speaking as chief guest in the open session on the occasion of 162nd National Integration Day of Santals at the Rangjhora High School playground

at Karigao Joypur here, the Union Minister also assured them to help personally on the issue and urged the State Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to submit recommendation in details of the Adivasis living in the State for the early solution of the problems.

BTC chief Hargrama Mohuri also assured to extend helping hand in the movement of Adivasi people for ST status. The meeting was also attended by BTC EM Jagadish Sarkar. — Correspondent

## STATE Space crunch hits Silchar airport

### CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, June 30: Back in 1999, the Silchar airport underwent a major extension to facilitate passengers travelling to and fro from this part of the country. Since then 18 years have gone by, the airport at Kumbhirigran under Dibraburh constituency is facing serious space crunch.

Ahead of the launch of the first passenger Boeing service in both Assam, Slated to begin from July, the Airport Authorities of India (AAI) at the Silchar airport have expressed concern on the lack of adequate space inside the terminal.

"In a recent move, the government has shown keen interest and already two rounds

of survey were conducted for a plot of 116 acres of land adjacent to the new ATC opposite to the runway. We are waiting for the Cache district administration to complete the formalities of sending the report to the government," the Airport Director said.

On the other hand, Udharbund MLA Mihir Kanti Shome said that it will take at least another three months for the land allotment issue to be resolved for the construction of the proposed new terminal. Also, when asked about the wretched condition of the road connecting the city to the airport, the MLA said "Rs 17 crores has been sanctioned from the CM package to make the road viable."

It is for general information of all concerned that Government of India has amended Rule 5 of the PC & PNNDT Rules 1996 vide notification no. G.S.R. No. 599(E) dated 19th June 2017, exempting Govt. institutions which provide medical services not to pay fee for registration and renewal of registration under the PC & PNNDT Act.

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### Short Tender Notice (Inviting e-tender)

Seal Bid (two bid systems) affixing Court fee stamp of Rs. 25 (Rupees eight and paisa twenty five) only are invited from reputed organization/firm having experience in patient diet / Catering services for providing patient diet with catering services on contract basis for Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat as per following schedule:

Date and Time of Submission of Bid Documents	Date and Time of Bid Meeting	Date and Time of Submission of EBD	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid	Date and Time of Opening of Price Bid
01-07-2017	12:00 P.M. of 19-07-2017	11:00 A.M. of 26-07-2017	12:00 P.M. of 26-07-2017	12:00 P.M. of 02-08-2017

1. The complete e-Tender documents may be obtained from the website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> & our official website <http://jmch.jorhat.gov.in>

2. The participating bidders should have valid Digital Signature certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>.

3. The tender should be submitted online only in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The Bidders are also requested to submit the hardcopy (in original) of their tender documents to the Office of the Principal cum Chief Superintendent, Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat after successful submission of their tender through online.

4. The Institutes reserves the right to reject any/all applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Sdr. Principal cum Chief Superintendent  
Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat.

## CEC officials inspect EMRC at Dibrugarh University

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, June 30: The Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), one of the Inter University Centres of the University Grant Commission (UGC) of India highly appreciated the state-of-the-art infrastructure of the UGC sponsored Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC) at Dibrugarh University here and assured facilitating release of more grants to make it functional, university sources told *The Assam Tribune*.

The EMRC, which is the first of its kind in the State and the second in the North-east after Manipur University, was established in 2012. The mandate of the centre is to produce quality educational programmes in the visual forms based on UGC model curriculum so as to get them telecast through the medium of television channels like Gyan Darshan, DD Prasar Bharati and Yash Higher Educational Channel etc., for the general public.

The UGC had sanctioned a sum of rupees one crore as the first installment for construction of a studio, purchase of equipments and a vehicle. It had also sanctioned 25 posts, including that of the director, producer, cameraman, production assistant, graphic assistant and engineer etc. However, only 90 per cent of the sanctioned amount was released for purchase of equipments for the centre during the tenure of Dr Kandarpa Kumar Deka as the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University. Its completion and recruitment of personnel was, however kept in abeyance for some period following allegation of irregularities in setting up the media centre and few other media centres in the country." Dr Nirode Boruah, former Director in-charge of the centre here said.

Dr Boruah said that two officials from the parent body CEC — S Sathyan, a retired IAS officer and Nageswar Nath, the Deputy Director were in the EMRC here to inspect the infrastructure as well as to examine the affairs of the under process media centre following charges of

corruption against two former members of the Board of Management of the Centre, designated from CEC. The CEC officials who left today, have been visiting all the other media centres in the country, where the under question two former members of CEC were designated as members in the Board of Management, sources said.

Another allegation being looked at is levelled against Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECL), reportedly quoting higher prices than the market price for equipments supplied to the EMRCs. BECL is a 100 per cent Government of India enterprise that undertakes the job of selection, purchasing, installing and servicing equipments as also provided manpower training and consultancy services to the EMRC centres by virtue of signing an MoU with CEC. It must be mentioned here that Dibrugarh University had conducted interviews twice earlier for manpower but had to suspend them for the alleged irregularities.

## Army medicos give new life to Bodo girl

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: More than a year back, parents of five year old Seema Boro, residents of Shantipur village of Udaguri, had lost all hope and accepted the fate of their seriously ill daughter after they had tried their best keeping in view their socio economic limitations. They had taken the child to wherever they could, first to a private medical institute in Tezpur and then to Guwahati Medical College and Hospital. But they were forced to take the child home due to financial constraints and poor prognosis.

But as they say miracles do happen, when the girl's parents had lost all hope, they heard of Army's Red Horn Division's Field Hospital situated in Hattigris, which renders medical services not just to the Army but also to the civil population. This Field Hospital holds a commendable amount of goodwill amongst the locals and is looked up to as the 24x7 medical sentinel of the area. The parents saw a ray of hope and came to the Field Hospital with the little Seema who was in a near coma state.

The Boro family encountered the ever enthusiastic, young and energetic paediatrician in her home town Bareilly to take his advice and based on various lab tests planned a schedule so that the treatment could be smoothly administered. Every day the unit vehicles would pick her up from her house at 7 am in the morning and bring her to the MI Room where the army medics would initiate the treatment for the day. After completion of the treatment she was dropped back at 3 pm. Her treatment continued for about three months during which she started showing remarkable signs of improvement.

On November 15, 2015, she was finally discharged from the MI Room since she did not require injectable drugs anymore and was complying to oral medications. The patient had fully recovered and had all her medical parameters within normal limits. Seema Boro kept coming to the Field Hospital for regular follow ups till June 2016.

Capti Nikita Srivastav took it as a challenge to get Seema back to normal and after due discussions or permission of her Commanding Officer, she got on with her treatment. She also consulted a known



lady medical officer on duty Captain Nikita Srivastava. After referring to her medical documents and taking a thorough history, it was concluded by Captain Nikita that the girl was suffering from Infectious Encephalitis. It is a condition where the brain tissues get inflamed or swell up in response to an infection. This increases the intra cranial pressure leading to severe symptoms like headache, nausea, vomiting, high grade fever, lethargy, drowsiness, visual disturbances, respiratory disturbances, decreased or loss of consciousness, stiff neck and seizures which may prove life threatening or deabilitating if left untreated, defence spokesman Lt Col Sunetra Newton said.

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## Vana Mahotsava at Kaliabor today

GUWAHATI, June 30: The 68th Vana Mahotsava will be observed at Kaliabor which will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at 11 am. There will be a massive plantation in 68 km stretch of Kalabor-Bokakhat road.

All sections of people and students of different educational institutions are expected to participate in the plant-

ation programme. At 11:30 am there will be a distribution of seedlings at Muktiyaru Bhawan campus, Kurjorital, Kaliabor. Environment and Forest etc, will attend as the guest of honour and Keshab Mahanta, Minister, Water Resources etc., will be present as a distinguished guest, an official release stated.

As a part of the Vana Mahotsava celebration, there will be a State level general meeting at 11:45 am at 'Muktiyaru Bhawan' here. The Chief Minister will grace the occasion as the chief guest. Rajen Gohain, Union Minister of State, Railways and Atul Boruah, Minister, Agriculture etc., will be present as special guests. Pramila Rani Brahma, Minister, Environment and Forest etc., will attend as the guest of honour and Keshab Mahanta, Minister, Water Resources etc., will be present as a distinguished guest, an official release stated.

Note: Registration Choice filling for Engineering and Architecture will be separate process.

6. For further details regarding the educational qualification, DoB etc, please refer to the Information Brochure available in the website [www.csab.nic.in](http://www.csab.nic.in).

Sd/-  
Director of Technical Education, Assam,  
Khalilpara, Guwahati-19.

Janasanayog/4490/17

<b>Notice Inviting Quotation</b>	
No. Agn/RKV/SHC/Tender/2017-18/27 Date: 30-06-2017	
Statement: Contractors shall be paid on fee of Rs. 25 (Rupees Eight and Five paisa only) (Non Reimbursable) and are hereby invited from reputed Manufacturers/authorized Firms for supply of Laboratory minor Machineries (APPENDIX-I) to the Directorate of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 under SHM (Cell) and RKVY. They should quote the price exclusive of VAT/GST and but inclusive of other Charges. Seal the quotation with all relevant documents will be submitted in the Seal Health Management Department of the Directorate in the 1st Floor of the Directorate of Horticulture till 2 PM of 24/07/2017 during office hours.	
The sealed quotations will be opened at 2:30 PM on the same day. Therefore quotinators/authorized agents are requested to be present.	
The undersigned reserves the right to reject or cancel any quotation or any part thereof with or without giving any reason thereof. Orders will be issued subject to availability of fund. Appendix-I & Terms and conditions (Appendix-II) will be available to intending Quotinators on the website <a href="http://www.rkvysassam.com">www.rkvysassam.com</a> .	
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### EDUCATIONAL NOTICE

#### For Admission against Reserved Quota in Degree Courses in Engineering/Architecture for the candidates of Assam

It is for information to all the aspiring candidates that MHRD, Govt. of India has allotted the following seats in different Technical Institutions of the Country for the candidates of Assam.

Course	Total Seats	State	Institute	Seat Allocated
Architecture	5	Assam	GIANZAL SINGH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, BATHINDA, DABWALI ROAD, BATHINDA	2 1 0 1 0 0
			Mehanstra P.D.T. PATHL COLLEGE OF ENGG. & TECHNOLOGY, KOLHAPUR	1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
Automobile Engineering	1	Assam	KAVILKULGURU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, RAMTEK, DIST. AMRAVATI, MOURA ROAD, RAMTEK, DIST. AMRAVATI - 441106(MAHARASHTRA)	1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
			N.D.M. V.P. SAMAJ'S COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, NASHIK, UDOLI MARATHA BOARDING CAMPUS, NEAR PRASAD MANGAL, KARYALAYA, OFF. GANGAPUR ROAD, NASHIK	1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
Food Technology	1	Uttar Pradesh	H.B.T.I. KANPUR	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Leather Technology	1	West Bengal	COLLEGE OF LEATHER TECHNOLOGY, KOLKATA	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Metalurgy / Metallurgical Engineering	1	West Bengal	JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Mining Engineering	1	West Bengal	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SHIBPUR	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Production Engineering Technology	3	Gujarat	LUKHDHIRJI COLLEGE OF ENGG., MORBI	2 1 0 1 0 0 0 0
			SHANTILAL SHAH ENGG. COLLEGE, BHAVNAGAR	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Paint Technology	1	Uttar Pradesh	H.B.T.I. KANPUR	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Plastic Technology	1	Gujarat	L.D. COLLEGE OF ENGG., AHMEDABAD	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Rubber Technology	1	Gujarat	L.D. COLLEGE OF ENGG., AHMEDABAD	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
Textile Engineering/Technology	3	Maharashtra	SH. GUROV GOVIND SINGH COLLEGE OF ENGG. & TECH., Nanded	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
			VICTORIA JUBILEE TECH INST., MATUNG, MUMBAI	1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
			DATTAIJI KADAM TECH. EDU. SOCS TEXTILE & ENGG. INST., KOLHAPUR	1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
			<b>Total</b>	<b>19 12 1 3 2 1</b>

### General Procedure for Application:

1. The allotment of seat will be entirely done by online counselling through CSAB-NEUT 2017(Central Seat Allocation Board for North Eastern States & Union Territories) based on All India ranking of JEE (Main)-2017.
  2. Candidates will have to apply online in website [www.csab.nic.in](http://www.csab.nic.in)
  3. Directorate of Technical Education, Assam will be the Reporting Centre for the State of Assam. Document verification will be done at the Reporting Centre.
  4. Selected candidates, who are allotted seat, will have to submit a DD of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) (Non-refundable) in favour of "MNIT Jaipur CSAB 2017" at the time of reporting to the reporting centre.
  5. Seat Allocation Schedule for CSAB NEUT 2017:
- | SN | Event   | Duration                                    |
|----|---|---|
| 1  | Online provisional Registration and [Engg. & Arch.]   | July 7-July 12 (Midnight), 2017             |
| 2  | Checking of domicile and category certificates by State centers. Finalization of registration   | July 7-July 14 (Midnight), 2017             |
| 3  | Filling Up the Choices [Engg. & Arch.]  | July 16 [10:00 AM]- Jul 19 (Midnight), 2017 |
| 4  | 1st Round of Seat Allotment.  | July 21, 2017 [5PM]                         |
| 5  | Reporting at the Reporting Centers Against 1st Round of Allotment   | July 22-July 23, 2017 [5PM]                 |
| 6  | 2nd Round of Seat Allotment   | July 31, 2017 [5PM]                         |
| 7  | Reporting at the Reporting Centers Against 2nd Round of Allotment   | Aug 01-Aug 04, 2017 [5PM]                   |
| 8  | Tentative Date for Spot Round of Seat Allotment for the categories not Allotted if any of the above mentioned seats remained vacant after 2nd Round of Seat Allotment (Details of the Spot Round of Allotment will be notified 6th August 2017) In the Spot round, all the reserved seats will be de-reserved subject to non-availability of candidate of category concerned and vacant seat(s) will be allotted irrespective of the category.) | Aug 08, 2017 [10:30AM]                      |
| 9  | Reporting at the admitting institute  | On or before Aug 14,2017                    |
- Note: Registration Choice filling for Engineering and Architecture will be separate process.
6. For further details regarding the educational qualification, DoB etc, please refer to the Information Brochure available in the website [www.csab.nic.in](http://www.csab.nic.in).
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**CAPSULE****Bajaj Auto**

NEW DELHI, June 30: Bajaj Auto today announced the launch of 160cc Pulsar NS160 in the country, priced at Rs 80,648 (ex-showroom, Mumbai). -PTI

**Larsen & Toubro**

NEW DELHI, June 30: SN Subrahmanyam will take charge as the CEO and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro from tomorrow, which will also mark the end of nearly two-decade long tenure of AM Naik at the helm. -PTI

**CropLife India**

NEW DELHI, June 30: Industry body CropLife India has said that the Government will reduce the GST rate of 18 per cent on crop protection chemicals, saving the high rate will burden farmers. -PTI

**Air India**

NEW DELHI, June 30: Air India Area Manager of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, Vishnu Acharya today said Alliance Air, a subsidiary of the national carrier, will operate a new flight on the Bhopal-Lucknow route from July 5 onwards. -PTI

**Unichem Labs**

NEW DELHI, June 30: Drug firm Unichem Laboratories has received Establishment Inspection Report (EIR) from the US health regulator for the company's plant at Goa. -PTI

**JST Steel**

NEW DELHI, June 30: Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Steel has recorded its highest-ever crude steel production at 15.80 million during 2016-17, surpassing the earlier guidance. -PTI

**Bharti Airtel**

CHENNAI, June 30: Telecom major Bharti Airtel has launched a total care platform in 11 regional languages aimed at benefiting the prepaid customers. -PTI

**Nestle India**

NEW DELHI, June 30: FMCG major Nestle India today said it will pass on benefits of reduced tax rate under GST on various products such as milk powder to the consumers once the new tax regime kicks in. -PTI



Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, Arun Jaitley interacting with trade representatives on GST, in New Delhi on Thursday. -UNI

## GST to end Inspector Raj, help weed out black money

NEW DELHI, June 30: The rollout of much-awaited GST regime will end 'Inspector Raj', weed out black money from the system and end corruption, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said today.

"The implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) will hugely benefit the country's economy by weeding out black money and introducing transparency," Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Minister Gadkari said today.

Addressing the India Today Midnight Conclave - Tryst with Tax, Gadkari said it will end the prevalent 'Inspector Raj' and red-tapism, and bolster economic growth.

GST will increase revenue of the State governments and the Centre, and had

petrol and diesel been included in it, the States would have benefitted tremendously, he said.

"Overall, the GST will benefit the economy. Flow of black money will be stifled. In all, 17 taxes and 22 other cess will be abolished after the GST comes into effect," Gadkari said.

Gadkari said, of course, there will be teething trouble in GST launch, but the Government is ready to tackle the challenges.

He said even the US President Donald Trump has praised GST.

"To say that GST is being hurried upon is absolutely wrong. The process started long back. The Congress governments

in the past have also been part of it," he said in reply to a query.

He said, "Congress is opposing the midnight GST launch event at Parliament just for the sake of it. They are just doing politics".

Asserting that the lower middle class will not be affected by the GST on packed food products, he said, "We are working for the benefit of the people. We need to take some harsh steps. There will be some hiccups initially, but they will be sorted out".

"I don't claim people will not face trouble, but things will improve in two-three months of GST launch. Some hard steps are needed to be taken, but it will ultimately have a positive impact," Gadkari said. -PTI

## 100-hr certificate course in GST launched by Govt

NEW DELHI, June 30: To create a workforce of GST-trained professionals, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today announced a 100-hour certificate course to understand the new tax regime, officials said.

The course will start from July 15 in three cities. The training programme – conceptualised under the Central Government's flagship scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) – would be conducted in Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhopal.

The course was formally announced here by MSDE Secretary PK Krishnan. It would be conducted at 100 centres across the three cities mentioned.

Chartered accountants, company secretaries, graduates and post-graduates in commerce, banking, statistics, financial markets and business administration can undergo the training programme.

"It's a historic reform that the Government has brought in. We welcome this change and will contribute to our best of efforts to align to the new regime," Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said in a statement, referring to the new Goods and Services Tax (GST), slated to come into effect from July 1. -IANS

## India Inc lauds GST rollout

NEW DELHI, June 30: Indian industry stakeholders today congratulated the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance Government on the rollout of the historic Goods and Services Tax (GST) from the midnight of June 30, 2017, and said industry is fully prepared for it. "GST is a paradigm for the world in cooperation, consensus and convergence for an economic reform. The Indian GST is unprecedented in model, scale and technology adaptation and will give momentum to the economy," said Chandrakrit Banerjee of CII. -IANS



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Last year, *Bahimani*, with its freshness of appeal, more than fulfilled audience expectations, opening up vistas of hope for commercial filmmakers. It was one of those few films responsible for reversing the waning trend in audience attendance. Director Biswajeet Bora was quite successful in pushing innovation in his modes of storytelling and execution. Beaming with confidence, he is now exploring an off-beat story, based on a real-life incident, in his next film, titled *Phuhjali* (Early Dawn), whose shooting has just started.

A collaborative funding venture, the film – a dark tragedy, depicts the travails of an elderly woman stricken with Alzheimer's, and the toll it takes on the lives of her near and dear ones. Abandoned by her own children, it's her husband who acts as her caretaker, providing unconditional help and support while putting up with a painful situation that somehow gets redeemed after the entry of two adolescents, who bring some joy to their lives and the world around them.

A considerable part of the human population, more so the ageing demographic, is affected by the relentlessly degenerative Alzheimer's disease, viciously robbing memory and cognitive function, and wreaking

havoc on the lives of near and dear ones. One could blame it on stress, depression, contemporary lifestyles or food habits, but contrary to what many perceive or believe to be a 60s syndrome, Alzheimer's can actually hit people even in their 30s and 40s.

Moving away from commercial territory, Biswajeet Bora will make a sincere attempt to represent an important and timely issue, more of a post-modern engagement something that's happening in our midst, with the right

## Shades of a tragedy

and at the same time, create greater awareness about the disease. Although there have been a spate of Assamese plays on the subject, but it hardly made it to the movies. The film has already evinced the interest of financiers, both in the State and outside, which is very encouraging for the production. Moreover, the filmmaker also plans to dedicate this film to the memory of renowned film producer Sailesh Baruah.

The roles of the elderly couple in the film will be enacted by mobile theatre's acclaimed artistes – Moni

Monalisa Das, Jatin Khanikar, etc. Besides directing and producing, Biswajeet has also written the film's story, script and dialogue. As informed by him, *Phuhjali* has been planned for a year-end release. He is even planning to premiere the movie overseas, either in London or Germany. The film's subject matter has impressed quite a few people, including some journalist friends based in the UK and Germany, who have offered him such a proposal. The film will be cinematographed by Mumbai-based Titu Jena, who also worked in Biswajeet's *Bahimani*. The sound designing will be handled by Devabrot Chalha, music will be scored by Deep Priyam. While Jitomoni Bora is the film's creative producer, Rosy Bora the production adviser, Ashim Saikia the executive producer, the film's co-producers are Rupali Barua, Meghalika Barua Lahiri, Uday Lahiri and Mitun Barua, and its line producer is Pallaviyoti Mahanta. The film's publicity designer is Dipankar Chakraborty.



Prantik Deka



## Melody of the wild

It was a thrilling and refreshing experience to witness a music-video – *Kaziranga – Journey to my roots*, screened at the Rudra Barua Auditorium of Jyoti Chitrakarana Studios recently. The video, a first of its kind, has been initiated by Dibyajyoti Nath, a bass guitarist of repute, based in Mumbai. With a view to drawing attention towards preservation of forests as well as wildlife, Nath presents Kaziranga in a different perspective, i.e., through instrumental tracks (mainly bass guitar), synchronising with Mishing traditional music. A fusion is created using the Bihu, thal, bortal, gogona and pepa, conducted by Sonmatho Bora Ojah, which has enhanced the beauty of the video. The appearance of Jadav Payeng in the video is a pleasant surprise. The cinematography and direction by Parastar Barua and editing by Ambishar Borkatay is praiseworthy. For the project, he was assisted by his popular singer-wife Anindita Pal, among others.

Dibyajyoti hails from Nagona and has been passionate about music since his childhood and took to learning the tabla at the age of six. He then went on to play drums and later shifted to bass guitar.

After completing his graduation in Commerce from the Gauhati Commerce College, he left for Mumbai in the year

2003. He did a Diploma in Sound Engineering from Digital Academy, Mumbai, and decided to settle down in the city. He also started working as an assistant faculty in Digital Academy, beforestaying at many studios as a sound recordist, before taking up bass playing as his profession.

He was simultaneously learning the various technicalities of the bass guitar from the ace bass-player of India – Kar Peters, as he was greatly influenced by him. He then started playing for Bollywood music composers like Pritam, Raghav Sachar, Javed Ali, Leslie Lewis – to name a few, during his first few years as a bass-player. Gradually he started playing for Salim Sulaiman, Mohit Chauhan and finally with Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy and Farhan Akhtar.

Presently playing in different sessions for different music directors, he is also part of an Indo-western fusion band called Conversation, where he experiments with styles such as funk blues and jazz. He was also part of the house band as a bass-player in Coke Studio India, Season 1.

A believer in God, he aspires to become a successful musician in terms of his style and technicalities as a bass-player. He wants to transcend boundaries musically. *Kaziranga* is an Afro-jazz-funk track fused with the folk elements of Assam.

### Lokabandhu for RIFFA

Assamese feature film *Lokabandhu*, directed by Dhiraj Kashyap, under the banner of DG Production, has been selected for the Regine International Film Festival and Award (RIFFA), 2017, scheduled to be held from August 16 to 19 at Regine City of Canada. *Lokabandhu* is based on the life of Dr Bhupenwar Barua, famous freedom fighter and a dedicated physician of Assam. The film has been nominated under the 'True Story' category, while final selection for the awards in different categories will be sorted out from the screened films from more than 50 countries. The title role of Dr Barua is played by veteran actor Pranjali Saikia, supported by Nishita Goswami and others. The screenplay for the film has been written by Dhiraj Kashyap and Jayantamadhab Bora. Naba Kumar Das has done the cin-

ematography. Arup Dutta has provided the musical score and Sanjib Talukdar has edited the film. It is noteworthy that the objective of RIFFA is to inspire and motivate people to discover the world through cinema and it has been estab-

lished as an internationally recognised film art organisation that empowers, entertains and educates communities in the cinematic art. The members of the jury include film personalities from the USA, UK, Australia, Denmark and India – which is represented by Srikar Prasad and Shiny J Benjamin.

### Doonorin Nirola Poja ready for release

Assamese feature film *Doonorin Nirola Poja* – produced by Sanjive Narain, under the banner of AM Television, is ready for release on July 7. Dhruba J Bordoloi has written the story, as well as directed and edited the film. The story revolves around day-to-day problems of a middle-class family living in the city. The major roles have been essayed by Mintu Baruah, Jayashri Goswami, Partha Hazarika, Raghavi Dutta, Bibhutibhusan Hazarika and Sonia Sarma. The film's music has been scored by Tony Basumatary and Uttarak Deka. Two songs by Angaraag (Papon) Mahanta, penned by Rajdeep, have already gained popularity. Suraj Deka is the cinematographer, while Narayan Seal is the co-producer.

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Fellowship awarded to

Devika Saikia Borthakur

DeviKa Saikia Borthakur has been selected for the Award of Fellowship under the Ministry of Culture. She has achieved this feat in Sattriya dance from Maharashtra. Professionally involved in the field of art and culture for the last 10 years, Devika has completed her research work (Ph.D) on Performing Arts on the topic of 'A Comparative Study of Two Classical Dance Forms of India: Bharatanatyam and Sattriya', from Dibrugarh University, Assam, under the guidance of Sahitya Akademi awardee late Guru Dr Kesavanda Dev Goswami. She has also qualified the UGC-NET exams in the subject of Performing Arts. Presently, she is working as a visiting faculty in the Department of Cultural Journalism, MMCC College, Pune.

In Pune, during her studies in Performing Arts, she received dance training from Sangeet Natak Akademi award winning Guru Dr Sucheta Chapekar. Hailing from Biswanath Chariali, Devika is learning new compositions of Sattriya dance under Guru Naren Baran of the Uttar Kamalabari Satra. She completed *Nritya Visharad* in both Bharatanatyam and Sattriya, and has performed in various places across the country.



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## Touch of divinity

When we first heard of an exhibition being organised at the IITA Complex for Performing Arts at Machakhowa, on the theme 'Ambubachi Mela', we imagined how this subject matter would be handled by the participants in their works. But, when we had a glimpse of the artists' names, whatever doubts had crept into our mind dissipated quickly, for we knew the names we were familiar with are not the kind of artists who would garnish their works with excessive religiosity at the cost of aesthetic taste. And this belief got vindicated when we actually found out that the artists, instead of being religiously overawed or possessed by the theme (which one could probably expect from amateurish youngsters often), presented an array of works containing sophisticated artistic expression.

The world of art, especially since the emergence of rational thinking and modernist ideas in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, has come to be largely seen as open-minded, devoid of much religious frills. Artists, too, over the decades have chosen to observe personal religious piety for the sake of art, to embrace a kind of spiritual subjectivity, something that allows them to be aligned with liberal, modern philosophy. Today, there are equal numbers of faithful and atheists in the art world; yet, even those artists who are openly religious, convert their inspiration through subtle artistic language, instead of incorporating explicitly religious overtones. Religion and mythology have thus been a great source of inspiration for artists – on one hand, in their search for spirituality and transcendence through art, and on the other, in their bid to evolve a significant artistic form borrowing elements and anecdotes from mythology.

The exhibition, titled 'Drops of Divinity' and based on 'Ambubachi Mela', which was organised recently by Hashtakshar Art Galley with support from the Assam Tourism Department Cor-



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poration Ltd, contained several works that conformed to the modern-day notion mentioned above. Through their individual styles of expression and using various media, the artists transformed the inspiration given by the concept into images that carried the viewers from the material world to the metaphysical plane. For some artists, it was the spiritual essence of the festival that was the driving force, while some others were inspired by the overarching symbolism relating to the legend of Goddess Kamakhya vis-à-vis the power of fertility of Nature and that of 'womanhood' behind this great cycle of life.

The participants included Aditi Chakravarty, Alfred Marshall, Anirban Dhar, Anjal Dutta, Arundhati Choudhury, Bhagyaraj Baruah, Champak Baruah, Chandana Maitala, Chiranjan Bhownick, Dipak Baruah, Juri Devi, Kunal Bharati, Maneshwar Brahma, Manika Devi, Mountita Mazumder, Mukta Changmal, Namita Minota, Pallavi Sarma, Pallavi Baruah, Pankhi Saikia Nath, Prabin Nath, Pubali Dutta, Rabin Baruah, Ratul Goswami, Ratul Dhoti Choudhury, Ratul Gogoi, Sanjaya Sengupta, Samukl Bhumiz, Shamali Chalisa, Sujata Bhownick and Suman Borthakur.

Manika Devi's installation – *Believe or Not*, comprised a ladder as the principal object, in which little bells and saffron cloths were tied up to denote a refined expression in the context of the subject-matter.

There were a few participants who simply strived to narrate directly the ambience or the devotion of people witnessed in this time of the year at the revered temple. Overall, the exhibition seemed to achieve what it had set out for, and hence, kudos to the Hashtakshar Art Gallery on its accomplishment.

### Saif backs Sara's acting debut



Priyanka sizzles at  
The Defiant Ones' premiere

After enjoying a brief vacation in Prague, Priyanka Chopra is back to the grind as she heads back to work in Hollywood. The actress was recently spotted at the red carpet premiere of *The Defiant Ones* in New York.

Priyanka looked smoking hot in a black oversized jacket which she paired with sparkling pants. As she dazzled on the red carpet, she also rubbed shoulders and interacted with Hollywood legends like rapper Dr Dre and Jimmy Iovine. Piggy Chops also struck a pose with English model and actress Liberty Ross.

One late evening, more than 30 years back, a father used a dim torch-light to show the path back home to his little child after a routine rehearsal of *bhaona* at the NEEPCO Namghar, on the hills of Ormangshu, in Dima Hasao (the then North Cachar) district. The trace of light looked too feeble at that time, but it went on to ignite the mind of the school-going Santumoni to do something extraordinary to redefine the terms of professionalism in the performing arts. The torch still glows brighter than ever, but the bearer Dayal Chandra Sarma, much more than a father, was destined to be killed by terrorists later in a period of turmoil. The death of the father was not the end; rather, it marked a beginning to take the torch from the Dimasa hills to hold today the biggest yearly cultural festival at Dergaon, under the banner of Nrityanjali Kendra Kandola. In this post-modern era marked by fusion and remix, Santumoni Sarma has braved a great challenge for very survival of the full art as its original form.

"My father was an expert *Bihuwa*. So I inherited the instinct of dancing since my childhood," said Santumoni, the National award winner for Best Choreography in 2006. He started his dance school – Nrityanjali, in 1999. Since 2002, he took up choreography in mobile theatre. He also used to compose scripts for dance dramas. "I'm very optimistic how the way mobile theatre is offering a stage, both for dancing and acting, with commercial elements," he expressed, as we shared views on the current dynamics of theatre in Assam. Santumoni Sarma was the chief director of the acrobatic shows in the opening ceremonies in

## A passion for culture

Mrinmoy Bhuyan

The All India Police Meet in 2006-07 and the All India Hockey Championship, in 2010-11. He has earned a number of accolades for himself, including *Nriya Surya* in Odisha, *Kala Gaurav* in Dehradun, *Nritacharyar* in Shimla, and *Brij Ratnakar* in Mathura. He was adjudged the 'Best Cultural Personality' in 2015 by the Kaziranga News Network, a feat he considers to be the most coveted in his life so far.

"I want to show the world my art from my soil, in its raw form," said Santumoni in an exclusive chat at Guwahati. "It's my passion, rather than profession as a dance director, to uphold the value of our performing arts," he expressed. "There are several talented youths belonging to the remotest parts of the State, and with their perseverance and devotion, they can turn out to be the most precious jewels of the nation. I feel it is my duty to put them on the right track by creating a congenial environment for folk culture."

Promoting the bond of friendship, peace and national integration, the four-day long extravaganza, budgeting around 50 lakhs, would witness a galaxy of national stars from the folk streams of different parts of the country, including local heartthrobs Zubeen Garg and Kalpana Patowary.

"Through successful completion of the festival and the Nrityanjali awards, we intend to offer our helping hand to the people suffering from natural calamities like flood, erosion, earthquake, or for total or partial loss of cultural heritage or any other loss due to unforeseen disasters," Santumoni said. "We shall continue our efforts to stand by the economically backward and meritorious



students who wish to pursue higher education," he added.

During its establishment years, Nrityanjali was a small dance school in the Dergaon Sahitya Sabha Bhawan, in 1999. In 2004, it was shifted to Miliapuri Yuba Sangha before having its own land and building, in 2014. It may be recorded that this is the only cultural institution of the State to offer income tax rebate under the 80G Scheme.

Dergaon, a small township in Golaghat district, long known for its Assam Police training centre, is turning out to be a hub of traditional cultural activity in recent times, under the banner of Nrityanjali. "I've a dream whereby every element of the rich cultural heritage of each tribe of this region will be highlighted. Nrityanjali strives to explore and exhibit them in front of the national and international media, highlighting the distinctive and indigenous elements of these practices," Santumoni explained, underlining the agenda of the ensuing festival.

The small town is all set to host the big event with elaborate arrangements. "The size of the land hardly measures the depth of the heart," an emotional Santumoni said in conclusion. "We can carry out whatever big responsibility is imposed on us, if it helps to nurture our culture."

leaves Congress. However, he had to leave Congress in 1938, again to come back sometime in the later part of the Fifties. It was difficult, in fact, to know which party he belonged to, as he was close to all sets of leaders.

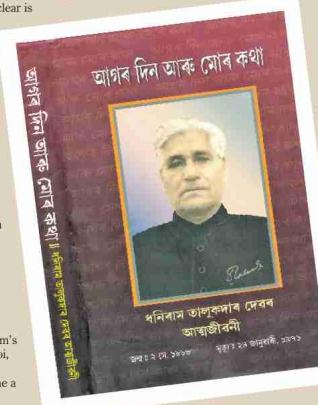
Talukdar's autobiography (if it may be called so) – *Agor Din Aru Mor Koha*, published after 47 years of his demise, has brought to light a period in shadow and in doing so, he was also illuminated, although with bits of controversy here and there, with certain grey areas of history.

The book, replete with an elaborate description of Mahatma Gandhi's Assam tour in the Twenties, when Phukan was at the helm of Congress affairs in the State and that of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as a Congress President in the end of 1945, provides many interesting stories. Apart from the State leaders, national personalities like – Kaka Kafelkar, Jayaprakash Narain and his wife Prabhati, Rajkumar Amrit Kaur and her husband, etc., were Talukdar's guests. The vivid description of some respectable personalities like – Samskriti scholar of Byasuchi Sura and Haridev Goswami, the then Barpeta SDO late Durgeswar Sarma, Lachini 'Raj Mel' leader Durgeswar Kakar, Bijin Mazudar, Girish Chandra Chowdhury, Byasuchi Satra's Bhagawati late Jogeswari Goswami, Danti Ram Mazudar (father of former Chief Minister Mahendranath Mohan Chowdhury), etc., naturally evoke a bygone era. A social and cultural picture of Assam of a century past also comes to the fore.

The author proves to be a good researcher. His book will be useful as much to researchers as it will be entertaining to the general reader.

15-month imprisonment during the Non-Cooperation Movement of 1921, preferred not to

Joykanta Sarma



Much is not known about the cross-currents of the political developments of Assam during the pre-Independence days, thanks primarily to the paucity of extensive literature on this score. But even then, one thing that becomes crystal clear is that most people, irrespective of caste and creed, assembled at the call of Mahatma Gandhi, who practically led the different phases of our Independence Movement. Some people may stay away from Congress, but Gandhi held his way all along.

One of the important locals at that time was Dhami Ram Talukdar, who was the Chairman of the Bongaigaon Local Board consistently for 15 long years, even before Independence and was elected to the Assam Assembly in a by-election, in 1965. Often a renegade, Talukdar, who was very close to Tarun Ram Phukan, Nabin Chandra Baruah, Gopinath Bordoloi, Bishnu Ran Medhi, Fakhrudin Ali Ahmed, etc., was also a good friend of Syed Suddalha, whose minority government was helped enormously by Talukdar during its crises. When Motilal Nehru and Chittaranjan Das formed the Swaraja Party and called the regional senior leaders, too, to join in, Assam's Tarun Ram Phukan, Nabin Chandra Bordoloi, Rohini Kumar Chowdhury, etc., promptly responded, but Talukdar, who had undergone a

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### harmonisers

From Adish Agarwalla, received via e-mail –  
2) Name the movie that was based on Margaret Mitchell's novel on the American Civil War.  
3) With regard to Muhammad Bin Tughlag, which place do the remains that literally means 'abode of God' refer to?  
4) This Indian city was mentioned in the epic the *Mahabharata* as Mahismati. It was also known as Purigere in the Mauryan Era and later became Mahishapura. It derives its name from the destruction of the Buffalo Demon Mahishasura by the Goddess Chamundi. Name the city.  
5) Which Indian State is called 'the land of the dawn-lit mountains'?

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From Hirak Jyoti Lahiri, Gohpur –  
6) It is an American film studio, television pro-

### the coloseum

■ Neelopal Deka

#### side screen

- 1) Picture Cleer: Identify the location. (Pranjan Pran Saitia, received via e-mail)



duction company and motion picture distributor, which has a mountain as its logo, consistently ranked as one of the "Big Six" film studios of Hollywood. It is the fifth oldest surviving film studio in the world, and America's oldest running studio, founded in 1912. Name the studio.

- 7) I was born as Hema Hardikar, but my father Dinaresh Hardikar carried both my name and surname. I also used the pseudonym Anand Ghani for my career interest. Who am I?  
8) Which Hindi movie is based on Ruskin Bond's novel *A Flight of Pigeons*?

- 9) Who is the author of *Joy of Numbers*? (Mridusmita Talukdar, Tangla College)  
10) Who was the first recipient of the Assam Valley Literary Award? (Jayanta Topadar, Dhemaji)  
11) Name the personality from Assam to receive the

ANSWERS 1) CERN, Geneva 2) *Gold with the Wind* 3) Daulatabad 4) Mysore 5) Arunachal Pradesh 6) Paramount 7) Lalit Marakeshkar 8) *Jayanta Shaktimal Devi*

- 10) Dr Bhagendra Nath Saikia 11) Meenakshi Hegde 12) *Mritunjay* 13) Kiran Haazirawala 14) Vincent van Gogh 15) Ghanashyam Dhol, Sivasagar, Assam, and the architect was Ghanashyamnudin.

## BOOKSHELF

### Accomplished work

Sivashish Thakur

A novel – *Aavjo*, by Tikendrajit Saikia, is a throwback to the times the writer had spent as a young man at a reputed university in Gujarat, some three decades back. A campus novel, its narrative brings alive the ideals, aspirations, and struggles of the protagonist, set against the liberal multi-cultural ambience of an international varsity.

Aptly named *Aavjo* – a Gujarati word meaning 'will meet again' – the book begins with the nostalgic yearnings of Pallov, a boy from Assam, from a humble background, who gets admitted into the Architecture stream of the university. It does not take long for the studious, determined and ambitious boy to overcome his sense of worthlessness as he sets about pursuing his goal of a rewarding career in the new and exciting environment. He meets a lot of people and makes friends with many, and spends and enjoys a life that is a far cry from what would have been the case had he stayed back in the laidback confines of his homeland. It is also natural that his love will blossom in the new surroundings, yet, at the end, he has to forsake it as its culmination required certain conditions to be fulfilled – something he had not bargained for. Be that as it may, his life at the campus, enriched by his endearing friendships with many, despite the highs and lows in human relationships invariably encounters makes for compelling reading.

Characterisation is a major highlight of the volume, and the writer does a decent job, notwithstanding *Aavjo* being his maiden novel. The character of Pallov is an interesting one and it is fascinating to see it grow and evolve during his stay at the campus. The writer deftly narrates interesting episodes, including the ups-and-downs he undergoes and how all this ends up broadening his mental horizons and infusing a new zest to his life. Optimism and an inner belief in the goodness of the human heart are central to the narrative. The conflicts of interest that haunt the protagonist in matters of love, career etc., have also been dealt with convincingly. Equally compelling have been the snap shots depicting contemporary middle-class life in Gujarat, which he gets to see-first-hand as a student. It testifies to the writer's keen sense of observation and interest in the happenings of the society around him. The work, as a whole, is marked by the writer's clarity of thought and the matching articulation of those through his pen.

Summing up, the writer can be credited with having accomplished a beautifully done work that is a welcome addition to Assamese literature.



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Banphool Prakashan, Guwahati,  
Price: Rs 200.

### An eventful journey

Utpal Baruah



A biography, written by Hem Baruah – *Janahitoisi Swapna Aru Mor Sudin-Durdin* (The dream of equality and my good and bad days), was released on May 2 by Hemen Das, senior Communist leader and former MLA of Sarshog, at the Chatia Natyo Bhavan, Biswanath district, in the presence of more than 300 people.

Born in 1936, in Chatia, Hem Baruah came into contact with several eminent thinkers like Bishnu Prasad Rabha, Dimbeswar Hazarika, Keshu Mahanta, Jitendra Baruah, Keshab Baruah, and was influenced by their ideas of socialism at a very early age. As a student leader in 1957, he actively participated in the movement against the government's decision to take crude oil out of Assam to refine it at Baruna, Bihar. The All India Students' Federation (AISF) was also part of this movement. His involvement as a student leader and the very act of involving the school students in this movement irked his headmaster and the Congress leaders at that point of time.

In 1962, Hem Baruah was arrested under the DIR Act (Defence of India Rule, 1962) for his affinity towards Communism. Comrade Bishnu Prasad Rabha, Amalen Guha, Guna Hazarika, Chandra Baruah, Mohan Deka were also arrested during this Indo-China Conflict for the same reasons. Being in jail, Baruah witnessed the time when Tezpur town was being evacuated, how the jail was thrown open and innocent people were picked up to pretend as prisoners!

While the Communist Party got divided in 1964, it was at his residence in village Mudoigaon, where many of them assembled on November 7 (1964) and gave birth to the first district committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in the State – the district committee of the undivided Darrang district.

Hem Baruah has not only been a Leftist worker, but also a persistent cultural organiser. He was closely involved with the staging of several plays, including Maxim Gorkey's *Maa*, where he even acted. He penned down several songs through which he appealed to the exploited class to unite and bring about equality. His actions and stance against superstition, tradition and blind faith attained his adoration in the area.

With several anecdotes, and his contribution on several social issues, this book makes engrossing reading. It unfolds several stories spanning over six decades, which, otherwise, would have remained untold forever.

Janahitoisi Swapna Aru Mor  
Sudin-Durdin  
Hem Baruah;  
Published by Nirmala Baruah,  
Distributed by Aak-Baak,  
Price: Not stated

- Sangeet Akademi Award, 2009. (Jaishnavi Madhy, Basista)  
12) Which Assamese book first received the Jnanpith Award? (Smita Sarma, Khanapara, Guwahati)  
13) Name the first recipient of the Srimanta Shankardev Award. (Jayanta Topadar, Dhemaji)  
14) Name the creator of the painting *The Potato Eaters*. (Mridusmita Talukdar, Tangla)  
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## PM wants to build grand monument of Lord Buddha in Gujarat's Aravalli dist

MODASA (Guj), June 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said he aspires to build a grand monument of Lord Buddha in

Gujarat's Aravalli district where Buddhist relics were found during an excavation.

Addressing a gathering in Modasa city

on the second day of his visit to the State, Modi, dressed in a traditional tribal attire, said the recent excavations in Aravalli have

established that the Buddha was revered in the western belt of India as well.

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### ADVERTISEMENT

#### (FOR RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANT TEACHERS FROM TET/CTET QUALIFIED CANDIDATES)

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With a view to support, strengthen and improve the quality of Elementary Education in the State of Assam in compliance with the Right to Education Act,2009 and with a view to ensure availability of teachers in Lower Primary and Upper Primary Schools of Assam especially in high pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) schools of remote and isolated areas, and subject to the approval of Post-Based Roaster Register from WPT & BC Department and Personal & Departmental, Online applications are hereby invited in prescribed form from LP & UP Teacher Eligibility Test (Elementary)/CTET qualified candidates who are Citizens of India as defined in Article 5 of the Constitution of India and permanent resident of Assam, for filling up of following positions of Assistant Teachers at Lower Primary and Upper Primary School on contractual basis under the Sarva Shiksha Abhyani, Assam as shown in the tables below. The category wise number of vacancy may increase or decrease after obtaining approval from concerned Department.

The posts are mainly available in remote areas of Assam and the interested candidates must be physically and mentally ready to serve in these remote areas.

This has the approval of the Education Department, Govt. of Assam.

The Gazette Notification vide F. No. 18-1/2015-EA dated 13.04.2017 grants relaxation to the state of Assam in respect of the minimum teacher qualification norms notified by the NCETE as published in the Gazette of India vide F. No. 61-03/2010/NCETE (N&S), dated, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2010, in so far as they relate to Classes I-VIII, as under:

- (a) 2-year Diploma in Elementary Education (by whatever name known) for appointment of a Teacher in Classes I-V; and
- (b) 1-year Bachelor in Education (B.Ed) for appointment of a Teacher on Classes V to VIII.

Considering the above relaxation, (i) CTET/TET (Elementary) qualified candidate with at least 50% marks in Senior/Higher Secondary (or equivalent) will be eligible for applying for the post of Assistant Teacher of Lower Primary Level and CTET/TET (Elementary) qualified candidates with Graduation will be eligible for applying for the post of Assistant Teacher of Lower Primary Level (ii) CTET/TET (Elementary) qualified candidates with at least 50% marks in Graduation from UGC recognized University will be eligible for applying for the post of Assistant Teacher of Upper Primary Level (besides the NCETE notified qualified candidates).

#### (a) District-wise category-wise vacancy positions of posts in Lower Primary level:

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	CATEGORY WISE POSTS					Total Number of posts in Lower Primary
		UR	SC	ST- P	ST- H	OBC/ MOBC	
1	BARIPETA	316	44	62	31	167	620
2	BISWANATH	71	29	25	0	0	125
3	BONGAIGAON	133	19	26	13	70	261
4	CACHAR	175	25	34	17	93	344
5	CHARAIDEU	0	4	5	2	0	11
6	DARRANG	18	51	123	20	182	394
7	DHEMAJI	88	12	17	9	45	169
8	DHUBRI	137	19	27	13	72	269
9	DIBRUGARH	19	16	2	1	0	38
10	GOALPARA	279	39	55	27	148	548
11	GOLAGHAT	59	34	17	6	0	116
12	HAILAKANDI	25	4	5	2	13	49
13	HOJAI	112	0	38	11	59	220
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2661</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1486</b>

#### (b) District-wise category-wise vacancy positions of posts in Upper Primary-Social Science:

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	CATEGORY WISE POSTS					Total Number of posts in Upper Primary (Social Science)
		UR	SC	ST- P	ST-H	OBC/ MOBC	
1	BARIPETA	7	7	10	3	10	37
2	BISWANATH	10	0	3	3	2	18
3	BONGAIGAON	16	2	3	2	9	32
4	CACHAR	35	5	7	3	18	68
5	CHARAIDEU	11	2	2	1	6	22
6	DARRANG	0	2	7	2	0	11
7	DHEMAJI	19	3	4	2	11	39
8	DHUBRI	39	12	19	10	30	110
9	DIBRUGARH	11	5	3	1	1	21
10	GOALPARA	37	5	8	5	20	75
11	GOLAGHAT	22	3	4	2	11	42
12	HAILAKANDI	4	1	1	0	2	8
13	HOJAI	16	2	3	2	8	31
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>911</b>

#### (c) District-wise category-wise vacancy positions of posts in Upper Primary-Maths & Science:

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	CATEGORY WISE POSTS					Total Number of posts in Upper Primary (Maths & Science)
		UR	SC	ST-P	ST-H	OBC/ MOBC	
1	BARIPETA	6	1	3	2	4	16
2	BISWANATH	4	1	1	0	2	8
3	BONGAIGAON	0	1	0	1	3	5
4	CACHAR	12	2	3	1	6	24
5	CHARAIDEU	1	0	0	0	1	2
6	DHEMAJI	7	1	1	1	4	14
7	DHUBRI	7	2	5	1	11	26
8	DIBRUGARH	7	1	1	4	4	14
9	GOALPARA	1	1	3	2	5	12
10	GOLAGHAT	5	1	1	1	3	11
11	HAILAKANDI	1	0	0	0	1	2
12	HOJAI	0	0	2	0	1	3
13	JORHAT	3	1	1	0	1	6
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>84</b>

The candidates are to deposit an amount of Rs. 200/- (Re. 150/- for SC, ST, OBC, PH) candidates and free for BPL candidates) in the form of Indian Postal Order (IPO) in the name of Mission Director, Axiom Sarba Siksha Abhyani, Kaliapara, Guwahati-19. The candidates must have to submit the detail of IPO in the online application and the original IPO at the time of document verification only to the District Level Screening and Verification Committee of the applied district.

#### Criteria:

- The candidates must be not less than 18 years of age and not more than 43 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January,2017. Relaxation of upper age limit will be applicable for SC, ST, P, ST (H) & PH candidates for another 5 years, as per Govt. of Assam OM No. ABP/06/2016/04 dated 03.03.2016.
- The eligible candidates shall apply online in the website [www.ssaassam.gov.in](http://www.ssaassam.gov.in) from 10 AM of 03/07/2017 to midnight of 15/07/2017.
- The online application and documents submitted by the candidates will be verified along with their original testimonials, in the respective Districts by the District Level Screening & Verification Committee. The District-wise detailed schedule of verification of documents will be notified in the Notice Board of the Office of the District Mission Co-ordinator (SSA) concerned. No TAD/A is admissible for appearing in the verification process.
4. The District level verification will be held in the respective districts (District Mission Office of SSA) from 20/07/2017 to 31/07/2017. In case of candidates applied in the district of Biswanath, Charaideu, Hojai, Majuli, South Salma, they will have to verify their documents in the District Mission Office of SSA, Sonitpur, Sivasagar, Nagaon, Jorhat, Dhurri respectively.

5. The regular or contractual teachers working in Lower Primary schools are not allowed to apply any posts in Lower Primary schools. The regular and contractual Lower Primary teachers if otherwise eligible may apply in Upper Primary schools.

6. Case of non-appearance of selected teacher as mentioned in the point no.5, even after the issue of appointment letter will result in cancellation of selection of such candidate.

7.A candidate can apply only in one district mentioned above.

8.In case of differently abled (PH) candidates, only Orthopedically Handicapped candidates may apply.

9.The Contractual teachers will get all facilities including leave & other allowances as per Government norms.

10. There shall be reservation of post for SC/ST/ (Plains)ST (Hills) OBC/MOBC/Physically Handicapped candidates as per norms.

11. The procedure of selection shall be as per Government rules. Marks obtained by the candidates in TET/CTET, academic qualification, professional qualification and excellence at NCC (B or C certificate), Sports (participation in recognized sports at National Level representing Assam/ Assam & Country) and Cultural activities (participation in recognized cultural activities at National Level) will be taken into consideration for preparing the district wise select list. There will be provision of marks (as per norms) for NCETE recognized professional qualification (priorly as per clause 1(iii) of the Notification vide F. No. 18/12/2015-E4, dated 13.04.2017).

12. The teacher who will be engaged through this advertisement under the relaxed qualification norms will have to acquire the minimum professional qualification specified in the NCETE notification within 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

13. Incomplete/Defective/ Invalid application will be summarily rejected.

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## 'India separating ties with Israel, Palestine'

HYDERABAD, June 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's standalone visit to Israel next week doesn't amount to New Delhi diluting its commitment to the Palestinian cause, but indicates a reassessment of its relations with the Jewish State on its own merit, said a former diplomat.

Talimiz Ahmad said Modi "skipping" Ramallah during his tour, highlighted by some Israeli commentators, does not mean India is changing its stand on Palestine. The city in the central West Bank is the headquarters of the Palestinian Authority, set up in 1994.

Ahmad, who had served as Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Oman and the UAE, said he personally does not attach any significance to Modi's standalone visit focusing only on India's ties with Israel.

The PM is scheduled to land in Israel on July 4 on a three-day visit, the first ever by an Indian premier.

"What this indicates is that we are pursuing our relations with Israel on its own merit, and we are separating this relationship from our commitment to the Palestinian cause," he told PTI.

Ahmad noted that during his visit to India last month, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was given a "very good, very warm welcome", and the government reiterated its commitment to the interests of Palestinian people.

Modi now going to Israel indicates that New Delhi is pursuing its relations with the West Asian nation on its own merit, the retired IFS officer said.

"We are de-hyphenating our relations with Israel from our

commitment to the Palestinian cause. It does not, in any way, indicate that our commitment to the Palestinian interests has been diluted."

"Our relationship has been de-hyphenated because we are pursuing the two interests separately. When Mahmoud Abbas visited India, there was absolutely no indication whatsoever we have diluted our commitment to the Palestinian cause," Ahmad added.

"Unlike most world leaders, however, Modi, who governs the world's largest democracy and second largest nation, apparently is refusing to visit Ramallah during his Israel trip and will not schedule meetings with Palestinian Authority chief Mahmoud Abbas or other PA leaders," Israeli commentator Arutz Sheva said in a report. - PTI

## Karti Chidambaram seeks more time from CBI for questioning

NEW DELHI, June 30: Former Finance Minister P Chidambaram's son Karti Chidambaram, asked by the CBI to appear before it for questioning in a corruption case, has sought more time from the agency, sources in the Central Bureau of Investigation said today.

The agency wanted to examine him in connection with a Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance given to media group INX Media for receiving funds from Mauritius when his father P Chidambaram was the Union Finance Minister.

It is alleged that a firm "indirectly controlled" by him received money from INX Media, run by Indrani and Peter Mukerjea.

The sources said the agency had issued notices to Karti, 45, and his associates to appear for questioning between June 27 and June 29, but they failed to turn up.

Karti, through his lawyer, has informed the investigating team that he needs more time before he can appear for questioning, the source said.

The CBI had registered the case on May 15 against Karti, his company Chess Management Services, INX Media, Advantage Strategic Consulting Services, its director Padma Vish-

wanathan and the Mukerjeas. The Mukerjeas, charged with the murder of Indrani's daughter, Sheena Bora, are currently in jail.

The agency had raided 17 locations, including the Chidambarams' residence in Chennai.

According to the CBI, INX Media stated in its records that an amount of Rs 10 lakh was given to Advantage Strategic Consulting (P) Ltd, a firm the CBI said was indirectly owned by Karti, for management consultancy charges towards an FIPB notification and clarification.

The CBI's FIR also alleged that invoices of approximately Rs 3.5 crore were raised in favour of INX Media in the name of other companies in which Karti had substantial interests "directly or indirectly".

The CBI alleged that Karti received the money from INX Media for using his influence to manipulate a tax probe against it in an FIPB violation case for an investment from Mauritius.

His father had issued a strong statement in response to the FIR, saying that the government was using the CBI and other agencies to target his son. FIPB approval was granted in "hundreds of cases", the senior Congress leader had said. - PTI

### Corruption case

## Got immense love from colleagues, people: President

KOLKATA, June 30: Approaching the end of his tenure in Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Pranab Mukherjee today said he got immense love from political colleagues and people of the country during his long career in public life.

Mukherjee will complete his five-year term on July 24.

Addressing an event, the President said during his long career in public life – as a minister, Member of Parliament and as President, he received immense love from political colleagues, Parliamentarians and people of the country.

He was speaking after inaugurating an exhibition here and received first copies of two coffee table books 'Images and Impressions – Profile and Persona of Pranab Mukherjee' and 'Pranab Mukherjee 100 Frames' from West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi who released these books. - PTI



President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurating the celebrations to commemorate the bicentenary of Bengali newspapers organised by the Kolkata Press Club, at Rabindra Sadan Auditorium, in Kolkata on Thursday. - UNI

## Protests in some cities against 'hasty' GST rollout

KANPUR/NEW DELHI, June 30: A train was stopped by traders in Uttar Pradesh and commercial establishments and wholesale commodity markets in some cities remained closed today in protest against the "hasty" rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.

As the GST was set for an ambitious rollout, Kashmiri Traders and Manufacturers' Federation (KTMF) called for a general strike in the Valley tomorrow against the new unified tax system.

Protests against the GST broke out in different parts of Uttarakhand and Telangana urged the Centre to be lenient for at least one year on filing of returns as many more businesses come under the GST regime for the first time.

In Uttar Pradesh, Kanpur was one of the main centres of

the protest with office-bearers of trade organisations taking part. Reports of protests also came in from Varanasi, Allahabad, Jhansi, Faizabad, Shahjahanpur and Ghaziabad.

Traders in Kanpur squatted on rail tracks and stopped the Kanpur-Pratapgarh passenger train.

The traders led by Akhil Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Man-

dal's leader Gyanendra Misra protested at the Lucknow railway crossing around 9.47 am and stopped the local train.

It was only when the GRP personnel rushed to the spot and removed the protesters from the tracks that the train could resume its journey, Railway sources said, adding there was, however, no disturbance by the protesters at the main station.

The wholesale and retail markets in Kanpur were closed with the trade organisations taking out processions in the market areas throughout the city. The bandh call was given by Uttar Pradesh Udyog Vyapar Pratinidhi Mandal, which also got the support of around 50 trade organisations.

"We are not against the GST. But we are certainly not happy with the way GST is being implemented in a hasty manner. The officials and traders are not ready. And from this, the portal is not ready," Rajiv Anand, chairman of UP Yuva Vyapar Mandal, said.

"The transformation to GST should have been gradual and not a sudden one."

Wholesale commodity markets, including grains, pulses and sugar in Delhi were closed in protest against the 5 per cent GST on branded grains and sugar. - PTI

### 'Inspector Raj' is back, says Mamata

NEW DELHI, June 30: Slamming the Modi government over the GST roll out at midnight tonight, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said it would bring back the dreaded "Inspector Raj".

The GST rules would lead to harassment of small traders and businesses, she said. "At the stroke of midnight on 14th August, 1947, India won her freedom. Now, at the midnight of 30th June, 2017, freedom and democracy stand to face grave danger," she said in a Facebook post.

"The mockery of Inspector Raj is back," she said on the social networking site.

"I am shocked to find that the GST rules contain a major draconian arrest clause which can lead to major harassment of businesses, particularly the small and medium, with some sections even being non-bailable too," she said.

She pointed out that under the VAT regime, the fate officials of the State do not have the power to arrest. But in the case of GST the "Inspectors will have the power to arrest on 4 different types of offences which can lead to jail from 1 year upto 5 years", she said. - PTI

### CST named as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus

MUMBAI, June 30: Mumbai's iconic railway station, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus has been rechristened with addition of an honorific 'Maharaj' after 'Shivaji' in its old name.

The British-era landmark, which was Victoria Terminus before it was named after the Maratha warrior king a couple of decades back, will now be known as "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai".

The Central Railway (CR) issued a notification to this effect on June 27.

The CR, however, made it clear that the code initials of the station will remain as they were in the past – CSTM.

"The Central Railway issued a notification to this effect on June 27 and necessary changes have been made, including in the announcement system at the railway stations," a senior CR official said.

In December last year, Ma-

harashtra's BJP-led government had sought insertion of the word "Maharaj" in both the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport.

To start with, it was Shiv Sena which had made this demand, which received the support of all the major parties of the State. The Maharashtra Assembly later had unanimously passed a resolution to this effect on June 27.

In May this year, the Centre gave its nod to the recommendations of the state government.

The station was built in 1887 in Bori Bunder area of Bombay (now Mumbai) to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

Known for over a century as Victoria Terminus, the facility was renamed after Shivaji by the Union government in 1996, months after Bombay was renamed as Mumbai. - PTI

Sarbananda Sonowal  
Chief Minister, Assam

### Parties linked to JP should support Kovind

NEW DELHI, June 30: A group of people associated with the Jai Prakash Narayan-led movement has asked political parties linked to it to vote for NDA presidential candidate Ram Nath Kovind, claiming that he has remained true to its values.

In a statement, they said Kovind was a product of the JP movement, a reference to the Narayan-led protests against the Indira Gandhi rule, and that his tenure as the Bihar Governor showed that he remained true to those values.

The statement was signed by P S Prasad of Bharat Yatra Trust, Abhay Sinha of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash International Studies Development Centre and some associates of former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar. - PTI

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### Citizens

- One Nation one Tax
- Exemption of tax on most of the essential commodities
- Nominal tax on non-luxury commodities
- Tax system simplified and harmonized
- Uniformity of tax rates and structures
- Employment generation and growth of GDP

### Trade/Industry

- Single tax to replace multiple levy of tax
- Benefit of Input Tax Credit extended to inter-state supply
- No tax on Export but refund of ITC
- Robust IT support to reduce human interface
- Nominal tax under composition scheme for small taxpayers
- Creation of Uniform National market economy

### Central/State Governments

- Transparent tax administration and easy tax compliance
- Reduce administrative and enforcement cost
- Increase in revenue through low evasion
- Attraction of FDI through Uniform National market
- Shaping the vision of "Make in India" campaign
- Inflow of foreign exchange through incentives to exporters

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The Chief Engineer PWD (ROADS), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites Bids on behalf of Governor of Assam for Road projects in Sonitpur district of Assam from approved & eligible Contractors of PWD for 1( one) No. of Package under RIDF-XXII of NABARD for an amount of Rs.437.77 Lakh (approx).

Details may be seen at website <http://pmgsytendersassam.gov.in> and notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD, Assam website <http://pmgsytendersassam.gov.in>.

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

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No. SI/PRD/73/17/27

Date : 29/06/2017

**PRESS NOTICE /RE-BID**

The Director, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of Assam invites tenders in two bid system through e-tendering on item rate basis from manufacturing/authorized dealer of the manufacturing company/ Govt. registered contractors of appropriate class for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 2 (Two) Nos. 160 KVA Diesel Generator Sets (Silent) of approved make as per specification & details given in the Bid Document/BQ.

The details maybe seen in the website <https://assamtendersassam.gov.in> from dt. 29.06.2017 to 13.07.2017 and Interested bidder may contact the office of State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development Assam, Kharupara, Guwahati-22 for details of work/bid during working hours.

Name of Work

Place of work

Value of the Work

Earnest Money

Cost of Tender Document

Period of Completion

Rs.15,00,000.00

2% of the Value of works (for General) & 1% of the Value of works (for STSC/OBC)

Rs.1,000.00

60 Days

Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) No. 160 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Silent) for Extension Training Centre, SI/PRD, Amon, Nagara, Assam PIN- 782138

Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) No. 160 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Silent) for SI/PRD, Khanpara, Guwahati, Assam PIN- 781022

Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) No. 160 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Silent) for SI/PRD, Khanpara, Guwahati Assam

1. The bidder should quote basic rate and all taxes and carriage including Installation and Commissioning as per price schedule Section 4 of tender documents.

2. The cost of bid must be in the form of demand draft/banker's cheque of schedule commercial bank drawn in favour of "DIRECTOR, SI/PRD, ASSAM" payable at GUWAHATI for the amount shown above and bid security also pledged in favour of "DIRECTOR, SI/PRD, ASSAM" in the form of TDR/ FDR from any nationalized bank as per guidelines of RBB.

3. The Bidders who have already submitted tenders earlier may resubmit fresh tenders. But they need not pay the cost of tender papers & their deposit for Earnest Money will be valid in the fresh bid also.

Sd/- Director  
SI/PRD, Assam

Janasanyog/768/17

Vaping – touted as a tool to help smokers kick the butt – may in fact act as a gateway for young people to start smoking traditional tobacco cigarettes, a study warns.

E-cigarette use has risen rapidly among

# Dangers of e-cigarettes

Vaping may increase risk of cigarette smoking in youth, finds a study

adolescents and young adults since the product was introduced to the US in 2007 and now exceeds the rate of cigarette smoking in this segment of the population.

E-cigarettes may harm public health and ultimately increase the burden of cancer if their use contributes to more cigarette smoking among youth.

The study, led by Samir Soneji and James Sargent from Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice in the US, shows that this potential harm of e-cigarettes should be taken very seriously.

The study focused on whether e-cigarette use increases the risk of future cigarette smoking among adolescents and young adults.

The team conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of published studies that

began with nonsmoking youths and asked whether initial e-cigarettes use increased the risk that they would subsequently transition to smoking cigarettes.

The results showed strong and consistent evidence of greater risk between initial e-cigarette use and subsequent cigarette smoking initiation, regardless of how initiation was defined and net other factors that predict cigarette smoking.

The studies did not address why e-cigarette use increases risk of transitioning to cigarettes, researchers said.

The reason could be that e-cigarettes mimic smoking behaviour through similar involvement of hand-to-mouth movements, or puffing and exhaling.

E-cigarette aerosol also contains nicotine, so use of these devices could enhance exposure and eventual addiction to this substance.

"The finding is very consistent across studies. That along with the strength of the association makes it probable that e-cigarette use is one cause of cigarette smoking," said Sargent.

E-cigarette use could affect population trends in smoking if use becomes more common, and that is the big public health concern," he said.

The study appears in the journal *JAMA Pediatrics*.

(Source: PTI)



## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 1, 2017:

This year you value your domestic life even more, if that is possible. You are aware of a need to you be more independent and a self-starter. If you are single, you will want a meaningful relationship; do not settle for less. If you are affiliated, you will want sweetened relations with your domestic life partners. You might also be looking to merge together or remodel your home. LIBRA might unintentionally create a lot of friction.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

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

\*\*\*\* You sense of ambition helps you decide who, what and where to go. You seem to demand that they get the attention they deserve. You might find a parent or boss to be very controlling and difficult. Maintain a sense of humor around touchy people; otherwise, you'll see your frustration emerge. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

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

\*\*\*\* Honor a change of pace. You might not want to go out as much as you used to. Be aware of your limitations when dealing with a loved one who wants a different outcome than you do; whether it is in choosing dinner or making plans. Tonight: A friend becomes more receptive.

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

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

\*\*\*\* You want to eat at your favorite place. Invite a friend or loved one over as you make a favorite meal or throw a party. Your effort to help make this person feel more comfortable is likely to pay off. Tonight: You make a memorable host or hostess.

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

\*\*\*\* Slow down a little right now. Considering your much-needed personal time, perhaps you pushed yourself too hard to achieve certain results this past week. At this point, you might feel the need for some extra R and R. Tonight: You want to be more relaxed. Instead of going on autopilot, choose what you want to do and whom you want to do it with.

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

\*\*\*\* Cut the time you overlap in some way just because it is necessary. Instead of going on autopilot, choose what you want to do and whom you want to do it with.

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

\*\*\*\* You could be in the mood nine right now. If you don't want to be pulled away from this euphoric mood, be sensitive to those around you. Refuse to indulge a controlling individual, and avoid a disagreement that someone starts just for fun. Tonight: Do only what you want to do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

\*\*\*\* Make it OK to choose your own company, even if someone else calls you a snob as a result. You also might enjoy spending the next few days quietly with a trusted loved one. Don't let anyone prevent you from doing what you want. Tonight: Keep a secret hush-hush!

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

\*\*\*\* You might have made a decision as to what you like to do, but another invitation is likely to come forward. Know that you can easily change your plans. You will need to be more sensitive to a loved one in order to keep the peace. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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

\*\*\*\* Reach out to an older friend or family member. Spending more time with this person will mean more to him or her than you can imagine. Take off together for a movie or concert. Be sure to return phone calls later in the day. Tonight: Take the lead, and bring others together.

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

\*\*\*\* Deter to someone whom you care a lot about. This person might live many miles away, but you still can maintain a sense of closeness just from talking to him or her. A conversation on the phone might feel as if you have just seen each other. Tonight: Try out a new sport.

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

\*\*\*\* Deal with a loved one directly. You will have such a good time together that, if you can, you will arrange to spend the remainder of the day together. You have a lot of news to catch up on. Slow down and listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Out and about till the wee hours.

\*\*\*\* Thought for the day

But on his breast a bloody cross he bore, The dear remembrance of his dying Lord.

- EDMUND SPENSER

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### Kids

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14:30 The Powerpuff Girls  
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15:30 Ben 10  
16:00 Haldi Mees Buddy  
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17:00 Telephoning  
20:00 Ben 10 Robot  
22:00 Mighty Magewards

23:00 Mighty Raju

23:30 Chhota Bheem

18:00 Chhota Bheem

18:30 Chhota Bheem Ki Basii

19:00 Mighty Raju

19:30 Chhota Bheem and...

19:30 Ben 10

20:00 Be Cool Scoby Doo

20:30 Hole In The Wall

21:00 Hotel In The Wall

21:30 Teleshia Castle

22:00 Chhota Bheem

22:30 M.A.D.

23:00 Animal Stories

23:30 Animal Stories

17:00 Counting Cars

17:30 Counting Babies

18:00 Prawn Tales

18:30 Storage Wars

19:00 Discovery Live

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### ১ জুলাইৰ পৰা ৭ জুলাইলৈ

ৰাজ্যিক পর্যায়ৰ অনুষ্ঠান, ১ জুলাই, ২০১৭

পথৰ দাঁতিত বৃক্ষৰোপণৰ বিশাল আয়োজন

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সময় : দিনৰ ১১ বজা

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সেউজ অসম আমাৰ লক্ষ্য



অসমৰ বিভিন্ন  
জিলাসমূহত বন মহোৎসৱ  
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কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে

- জিলাসমূহৰ বিভিন্ন পথৰ দাঁতিত বৃক্ষৰোপণ
- চৰকাৰী-বেচৰকাৰী কাৰ্যালয় চৌহদত বৃক্ষৰোপণ
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- বিনামূলীয়াকৈ গচ্ছপুলি বিতৰণ

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● আপুনি ৰোপণ কৰা গচ্ছপুলিটোৱ  
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Germany's Leon Goretzka scores their second goal during the FIFA Confederations Cup semifinal against Mexico at the Fisht Stadium in Sochi, on Thursday.

**Dravid retained as India A, U-19 coach**

NEW DELHI, June 30: The BCCI today announced that former India captain Rahul Dravid will continue as coach of India A and U-19 teams for the next two years.

Dravid was first appointed as the coach for the two teams in 2015 and under his leadership the youngsters have achieved outstanding results, at home and away.

In his first assignment as coach, the A side won the triangular series in Australia which also had South Africa as the third team.

He repeated that success with the Under-19 team as well, guiding them to the final of the World Cup in 2016.

"Over the last two years, Rahul Dravid has been instrumental in getting young talent into the mix who have proved their worth on the big stage," BCCI Acting President, CK Khanna said. - PTI

**Bengaluru FC retain Chhetri, Udanta**

BENGALURU, June 30: Bengaluru FC have retained skipper Sunil Chhetri and Udanta Singh for the next three years till the end of 2019-20 season of the Indian Super League.

With the signings, Bengaluru FC have ticked off the ISL's rule of a maximum of two retentions for players over 21 years, the club announced on Friday.

"We are thrilled at being able to retain the present and the future of Indian football in Sunil and Udanta. The two of them have been immense for Bengaluru FC and will be vital cogs in our wheel as we take on the challenge of rebuilding the club for what will be a tough season ahead," said Bengaluru FC CEO, Parth Jindal.

Chhetri, 32, has been with Bengaluru for four seasons, finishing top scorer for the Blues every year. - PTI

## Venus allegedly 'at fault' in car crash

MIAMI, June 30: Tennis star Venus Williams was "at fault" in a Florida traffic accident that resulted in the death of a 78-year-old man, police said in a report obtained by AFP.

Williams, 37, slowed in the middle of an intersection when her vehicle was hit by a car driven by the man's 68-year-old wife, the report said.

The accident occurred on June 9 in Palm Beach Gardens, a small city north of Miami.

The driver's husband suffered a head injury and died two weeks later at a hospital.

The winner of seven Grand Slam championships was not using her phone and had not taken any drugs or alcohol at the time of the crash, police said.

The driver of the other vehicle told police she was approaching an intersection going westbound when Williams' northbound vehicle suddenly cut across into the intersection, leaving no time to stop before her car hit Williams' vehicle.

Williams told police she was trying to get through the intersection but had slowed to five miles (eight kilometres) per hour due to a traffic jam that left her car blocking the right of way.

The driver's husband suffered head trauma and was hospitalized in intensive care prior to his death, according to the Miami Herald newspaper. His wife went to the hospital with broken bones and other injuries. - AFP

## 'Fantastic' Rabada excites Richards

LONDON, June 30: South Africa great Barry Richards believes the rise of Kagiso Rabada has "lessened the pain" of Dale Steyn's absence ahead of a Test series in England.

Steyn, perhaps the best fast bowler of his generation, has been ruled out of the four-Test campaign with a longstanding shoulder problem that has sidelined him since the end of last year.

But Rabada has helped fill the gap, the 22-year-old quick taking 71 wickets in 17 Tests at an impressively low average of 23.69 since making his debut against India at Mohali in November 2015.

"I think a lot of people were really wobbly about Steyn and the injuries he's had, the age group, he's in," said Richards, the outstanding opening batsman of the early 1970s, in London yesterday.

"Then Rabada popped out of the woodwork and he's been absolutely fantastic. He bowls at a good pace, nice, easy action. If conditions are right, 'he'll swing it way which is a real asset for a fast bowler,'" added Richards, speaking at an event staged by Test series sponsors Investec.

"From a South African point of view,

## IOC, S Korea to discuss joint Korean teams: Bach

MUJI (South Korea), June 30: IOC chief Thomas Bach and South Korean President Moon Jae-In will next week discuss the possibility of joint Korean teams competing at next year's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, the German said today.

Seoul's new president – who backs engagement with the nuclear-armed North – made the suggestion at the World Taekwondo Federation championships in Muju last weekend.

In South Korea's Pyeongchang next year, Moon said he would like to see again "the glory" of past events "where the South and the North achieved the best-ever results by fielding joint teams".

He also suggested that the two Koreas jointly participate in the Games' opening ceremony, as they did at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney.

South Korean officials have repeatedly urged the North – which boycotted the 1988 Seoul Olympics – to take part in Pyeongchang, touting the idea of a "peace

Olympics" on the divided peninsula, which remains technically at war without a peace treaty to formally end the 1950-53 Korean War.

But no North Korean athletes have so far qualified for Pyeongchang, raising the prospect that none will attend in any case.

In Muju, Bach said he appreciated "the message of President Moon to have the Olympic Games as a possibility for dialogue and reconciliation".

He would discuss "what could be done in this respect" in talks with Moon on Monday, after the South Korean leader returned from a visit to the United States, he added.

But the North has already poured cold water on the idea of a team, with top sports official Chang Ung, the country's sole IOC member, saying on Thursday that it could only happen "when political circumstances are quite favourable".

Tensions are high on the Korean peninsula over the North's nuclear and missile development. - AFP

## Fortunes of doubles partners in tennis are closely inter-linked

This has been a unique, though very difficult period in my career despite feeling good as far as my personal form concerned. The clay court tournaments and the run-up to Wimbledon have found me struggling with the fitness of multiple partners which have in turn severely hurt my own chances of success. The fortunes of doubles partners in tennis are closely inter-linked and it is virtually impossible to expect positive results unless the two work together in cohesion.

With my regular partner, Yaroslava Shvedova, hampered by an old ankle injury, we struggled on the red clay of Europe and the Kazak girl decided to skip a couple of weeks before the transition to grass so as to possibly recover in time for Wimbledon. I partnered Coco Vandeweghe in Birmingham but after initially looking impressive together as a team, the American disappointingly retired in the semifinals, complaining of a foot injury.

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When the doctors recommended Shvedova to go in for a surgery just three days before the deadline for the closure of entries for Wimbledon, I was left with very few alternatives for the Grand Slam Championships since most of the established doubles players were obviously already committed. I opted for Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium for Eastbourne and Wimbledon based on my assessment of her as a skilful grasscourter despite having limited experience in doubles. However, even before we could hit a single ball in the Eastbourne tournament, Flipkens damaged her shoulder during practice and retired. I was left high and dry again, unable to even get onto the court!

It seems unlikely at this stage that the Belgian will recover fully to be at her best in Wimbledon next week and the shoulder injury has diminished our chances considerably of making an impression in a tournament that I am in love with along with hundreds of tennis players and millions of fans of the game! I am trying to stay as positive as possible even though I have strangely had the misfortune to play just one solitary match on grass (which we won easily) this year and none with my latest partner, Flipkens in preparation for Wimbledon.

I have had to struggle with my mixed doubles partner, Ivan Dodig's fitness as well. After hurting his back just before the quarterfinal in French Open which we lost to eventual champions, Rohan Bopanna and Gabriela Dabrowski, Ivan had recovered completely but had to withdraw in Eastbourne this week after he hurt himself again while playing in the singles event. If he does not recover in time, I may have to find a new mixed doubles partner at the last moment as well and that is again an enormous task.

Amidst all these personal woes, it is interesting to note that there will be a bunch of young Indian juniors in the Girls and Boys events at Wimbledon this year. - TCM

## Fresh Federer ready for Wimbledon history bid

LONDON, June 30: Roger Federer believes his decision to skip the clay court season will pay rich dividends when he gets to crunch time in his bid for a record eighth Wimbledon title.

Having won the Australian Open during an unexpectedly strong start to the season, Federer opted to miss the French Open and the tournaments leading up to Paris so he would stay fresh for Wimbledon.

The 35-year-old knew he had a much better chance of winning Wimbledon, where he lifted the trophy seven times, than he did at Roland Garros, where he has triumphed only once.

Although Federer lost in the first round of his return to action in Stuttgart, he quickly shook off the rust, winning the grass-court tournament in Halle for the ninth time, and he is confident that the healthy state of his mind and body will be crucial in the latter stages at Wimbledon.

"I never had any regrets. When I take a decision I move on with it. I got an incredible amount of practice on grass. Now Wimbledon is coming around and you want to feel your best and play your best."

"I just have to focus on my first round and take it from there. If I go deep I think it could be very beneficial that I didn't play clay at all."

With Federer's game motoring along nicely, the 18-time Grand Slam champion is favoured by the bookmakers that Federer is in pole position to hoist the trophy on July 16. - AFP

That would move the Swiss star past Pete Sampras and William Renshaw into sole possession of first place in the list of male Wimbledon champions.

Federer's charge towards another historic milestone could be helped by Andy Murray's hip injury, which prompted the reigning Wimbledon champion to withdraw from two exhibition matches this week and sparked fears about the world number one's readiness to defend the title.

Novak Djokovic, three times a Wimbledon winner, is enduring a crisis of confidence after the worst run of his career, while French Open champion Rafael Nadal hasn't been past the fourth round at the All England Club since 2011.

American legend John McEnroe won Wimbledon three times and he agrees with the odds-makers that Federer is in pole position to hoist the trophy on July 16. - AFP



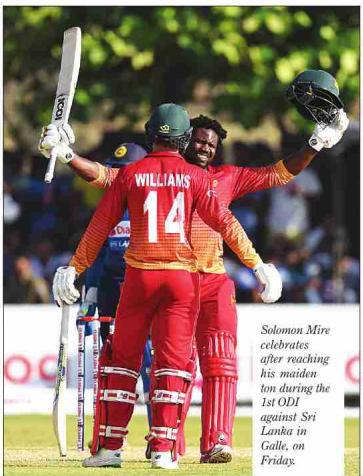
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# Zimbabwe thrash 'pathetic' Lanka



Solomon Mire celebrates after reaching his maiden ton during the 1st ODI against Sri Lanka in Galle, on Friday.

## Elvis defers English Channel plan

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: Swimmer Elvis Ali Hazarika, who was planning to cross the English Channel in the third week of next month, has put off his plan due to financial crunch.



Disclosing this in a press conference here today, the former international swimmer said that now he is setting his eyes for the first week of July next year. Elvis said that in order to cross the English Channel it requires Rs 15 lakh and he has already deposited Rs 4.5 lakh to the authority. He has to deposit another 6 lakh rupees within a week before being allowed to swim in the English Channel. If he can achieve the target, Elvis will be the first Assamese to do so.

Elvis said that the Assamese community in London have offered him support in his expedition. But he revealed that the training needed for this expedition is yet to be completed as he must work out in cold sea water along with other work-outs before proceeding into the expedition.

## Chess arbiter

GUWAHATI, June 30: Senior national chess arbiter and founder of the Assam Chess Club, Biswajit Bharadwaj, has been appointed as an arbiter in the Commonwealth Chess Championship to be held at the Leela Assurance Convention Hotel, New Delhi from July 2 to 10.

He is the only arbiter from the Northeast to be appointed for this chess event, stated a release.



## Riyana Parag felicitated

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: The Guwahati Cricket Coaching Centre (GCC) today felicitated its trainee Riyana Parag who has been selected to represent the India U-19 team for the tour of England.

In a well attended function at the GCC's RG Baruah Sports Complex premises here today, noted coach and educationist RP Baruah, who is the grand father of Riyana was also honoured during the occasion.

GCCC president Rajib Prakash Baruah presided over the function where Sports Secretary Sanjib Gohain Baruah, Director of Sports Pabitra Ran Khowm, former principal of Gauhati Commerce College Umesh Sarma, journalist Subodh Malia Baruah, noted cricketer Zakaria Zuffri, Riyana's parents Parag Das and Mithu Baruah were also present.

Riyana in his speech promised to work hard with an aim to clinch a berth in the senior India team.

GCCC secretary and chief coach Nabab Ali anchored the function. He urged the young cricketers to work hard and follow Riyana's path.

## Concern over govt's apathy towards Jamuna

SHAMBHU BORO

TEZPUR, June 30: The issue of government's alleged negligence towards international woman boxer Jamuna Boro has raised eyebrows of late.

The boxer from Dhekaijuli area in Sonitpur district represented India in several international championships, however, she has not been able to continue her training owing to financial crisis and is likely to miss the bus for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Regarded as one of the most promising boxers in the country, Jamuna is residing with her mother in a dilapidated hut on a NF Railway plot near Belsiri Railway Station.

Jamuna started her career as a Wushu player under coach John

GALLE, June 30: Solomon Mire smashed his maiden one-day century today to take Zimbabwe to a historic six wicket win over Sri Lanka and pile pressure on the beleaguered Asian nation.

Mire hit 112 off 96 balls as Zimbabwe reached 322-4 to pass Sri Lanka's 316-5 with more than two overs to spare. It was the first time in more than 200 One-Day Internationals in Sri Lanka that a visiting team has scored more than a 300 run to get a victory.

Sri Lanka have been criticised in recent days by the country's sports minister for being overweight and unfit. Captain Angelo Mathews also laid into his players after the defeat.

"Having 315 on the board, I thought it was enough," he said. "Our bowling was poor and our fielding was pathetic. This was a bad fitting effort by them."

Mire, known for his quickfire hitting, was twice dropped as Sri Lanka virtually gave away the game.

Sikandar Raza hit an unbeaten 67 and Sean Williams 65 as Zimbabwe stunned the home side in the first One-Day International to be held in Galle for 17 years.

The day did not start badly for the

home side. Kusal Mendis blazed 86 off 80 balls as Sri Lanka plundered runs off the Zimbabwe attack on a slow pitch.

Upul Tharanga hit 79 and Gunathilaka 60 after Mathews won the toss and chose to bat.

From there, Zimbabwe, one of the minnows of world cricket, went off script.

Mire, who also bowled seven overs before coming out as opening batsman, hit 14 fours and his third-wicket stand of 161 with Williams put the African side well on the way to victory.

Raza claimed the winning runs with a six to compound the humiliation.

Raza praised Zimbabwe's selectors for keeping faith with the squad.

"A lot of cricket behind us had helped us pull off this fantastic win," he said.

"I kept telling myself that this had to be for Solomon. For someone to play in this kind of heat after bowling his heart out, that was sensational. I wanted to do it for him."

Zimbabwe captain Graeme Cremer said the win was a huge confidence booster.

The day did not start badly for the

"To chase down a score like that, to post our first win here was amazing."

Cremer called Mire "a real asset to the team, not just with the bat but also with the ball. He's lovely to watch."

Zimbabwe still have four One-Day Internationals and a Test to face in Sri Lanka, who have faced increasing jibes over recent performances.

"We just want to take it one game at a time," said Cremer. "We can hopefully carry this confidence forward."

### SCORECARD

**Sri Lanka:** N Dickwella c Butt b Chatara 60, M Gunathilaka c Evrine b Williams 60, B Mathews c Williams b Williams 43, D Seneviratne c Waller b Chatara 28, L Madushanka not out 1 Extras: (B-1 LB-2 WD-6)

**Total:** (For 5 Wkts; 50 overs) 316. Fall: 1-100, 2-123, 3-135, 4-149, 5-151. **Bowling:** Chatara 49-2, Tripathi 6-0-6-5, Mire 7-47-1, Raza 9-0-58-1.

**Zimbabwe:** H Masakadza c Dickwella b Williams 112, C Ervine c Gunathilaka 18, S Williams c Tharanga 60, S Raza not out 67, M Waller c Mathews 10, Extras: 1-10, 2-10, 3-10, 4-10, 5-10. **Total:** (Fall: 47) 322. **Wickets:** 1-132, 2-46, 3-207, 4-220. **Bowling:** Malinga 9-0-51-1, Prodip 9-1-52-0, Dananjaya 10-0-54-2, Williams 8-0-77-2. **Umpires:** 2-13, 3-13. Match drawn 2-0-18-0, Gunaratne 7-0-45-2 - AFP

## Malik rules out retirement talks

KARACHI, June 30: Senior Pakistan batsman Shoaib Malik has ruled out quitting international cricket and set his sights on playing the 2019 ODI World Cup and 2020 World T20 Cup.

"If my form does not desert me and if I can maintain my current fitness standards, I will call it a day after playing in the 50-over World Cup and then the World T20," Malik said in an interview. - PTI

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The Assam Public Service Commission is holding the Combined Competitive (Pre) Examination, 2016 on 2.7.2017 at 112 venues in 22 district centers of the State. A total of 52,436 candidates are appearing in the examination, of whom 30,251 are male and 22,185 are female candidates. The Commission, with the active help and co-operation from the State Administration including the Police, the APDC, and the Indian Post, has been making all-out efforts to hold the examination in a clean and transparent manner to select the best of the best for the Administrative and Allied Services posts. The Commission hopes and expects that the examination process will be over without any hitch with the participation of all the stakeholders. The Commission also wishes the very best to the candidates who are appearing in the CCE (P), 2016.

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## School football at Nalbari

### NFR honour high jumper Laimwn Narzary

TIFU, June 30: The summer school football tournament, U-17 and 14 years under the aegis of District Sports Office, Nalbari will be held at four different zones of the district which includes Nalbari, Charata, Bakherati and Barphaga.

The office of the District Sports Officer has asked the convenors of the respective zones to finish the tournament on or before July 5. The inter-zone competition will be played at Nalbari, stated a press release.

## Jahnabi sets another record

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 30: General Manager of the NF Railways, Chahate Ram today felicitated its employee Laimwn Narzary for winning a gold medal and setting a new national record in high jump at the recently concluded 15th Federation Cup National Junior Athletics Championship in Lucknow.

She cleared 1.77 metres while the previous record was 1.75 metres by Bobby Aloysisss from Delhi 25 years back.

Laimwn, earlier won gold medals in the 14th Federation Cup National Junior Athletics Championship held at Bengaluru in 2016 and 12th National Youth Athletics Championship held at Panjim in 2015.

Other medal winning swimmers are: Khaitman Kashyap (gold in boys Gr IV 50m breaststroke), Anubhav Parasar (gold in boys Gr III 100m freestyle, silver in 50m butterfly), Disambur Buragohain (silver in boys Gr IV 100m freestyle, bronze in 50m breaststroke), Basit Ahmed (bronze in boys Gr IV 50m breaststroke), gold in 4x50m freestyle relay boys Gr IV, silver in 4x50m medley relay boys Gr IV.



Smith Narzary and was spotted by the observers of Sports Authority of India (SAI) during the State

Water Polo championship held at

Udalguri. She later picked up boxing and was selected for the Guwahati based SAI Regional Sub

Centre.

She made her debut in the National Boxing Championship in 2010 at Tamil Nadu and surprised everybody by clinching a gold medal in the 42kg category.

In the year 2013, she bagged yet another gold in the National Sub-Junior Championship held in Chennai and was included in the Indian squad for an international championship in Serbia where she secured a gold medal. She went on to feature in the 3rd Nations Cup

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