

NEWS CAPSULE

CID bribery

GUWAHATI, April 19: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed ADGP (Anti-Corruption and Vigilance) YK Gautam to register a case to probe the allegation levelled by constable of Dibrugarh CID one of the accused in the Agriculture Department scam, regarding payment of bribe to CID officials investigating the case. – Staff Reporter

Assamese subject

GUWAHATI, April 19: The State Government will make Assamese a mandatory subject in all schools including those following CBSE curriculum. "Except Bengali in Barak Valley and Bodo in some select areas, Assamese will be made a compulsory subject to Class X. The bill on this regard will be passed in August," Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. – Staff Reporter

SPL session

GUWAHATI, April 19: A special session of the Assam Legislative Assembly will be held on May 8. The session is expected to pass the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill. – Staff Reporter

Arms recovered

MANGALDAL, April 19: Close on the heels of the killing of two poachers on Monday night inside the Orang National Park, a joint team of Darrang and Udalguri Police recovered arms including one 303 rifle and a short barrel rifle from the house of a suspected poacher. – Correspondent ISRO rocket

HYDERABAD, April 19: Indian Space Research Organisation plans to undertake the first developmental flight of a "game-changer" rocket capable of launching four-ton class of satellites from the Sriharikota spaceport, says its Chairman AS Kiran Kumar. – PTI

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Babri Masjid case Time-bound trial for Advani, Joshi, Bharti

NEW DELHI, April 19: BJP stalwarts LK Advani, MM Joshi and Uma Bharti will be prosecuted for serious offence of criminal conspiracy in the politically sensitive 1992 Babri Masjid demolition case, with the Supreme Court today ordering a day-to-day trial to be concluded in two years.

The apex court, which dubbed the demolition of the Babri-era monument as a "crime" which shook the "secular fabric of Constitution," allowed the CBI's plea on restoration of criminal conspiracy charges against the VVIP accused, which will have its political implications, particularly against Advani, a frontrunner for the post of the President.

SC forms bench for hearing on Citizenship Act

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, April 19: The Supreme Court has constituted a Constitution Bench to hear Section 6A of the Citizenship Act. The hearing is now scheduled to take place from May 11 to 19.

The Constitutional Bench will be presided over by Justice Madan Lokur, Justice RK Agarwal, Justice Prafulla C Pant, Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice Ashok Bhushan.

The Bench today met to ascertain the time-frame needed for the hearing. All parties were directed to make their submissions by May 1. A preliminary hearing is scheduled to take place on May 8 when the petitions will be reviewed.

The Bench wanted to ascertain whether the hearing could conclude the hearing within

However, the top court said Kalyan Singh, who is presently the Governor of Rajasthan and during whose tenure as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh the disputed structure was razed, was entitled to immunity under the Constitution as long as he remained in the gubernatorial position.

The Court of Sessions will frame charges and move against him as soon as he ceases to be the Governor," it said.

The court came down heavily on the CBI for the delay of 25 years in the trial and said, "The accused persons have not been brought to book largely because of the conduct of the CBI in not pursuing the prosecution of the aforesaid alleged offenders in a joint trial, and

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EC gets funds for paper trail machines

NEW DELHI, April 19: The Election Commission's plan to go for paper trail machines in the next Lok Sabha polls to add an additional layer of transparency in voting is set to materialise as the Government today cleared Rs 3,174 crore for the purpose.

A total of 16,15,000 Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines will be purchased to cover all polling stations. Several parties have been pressing for the use of these machines to ensure that the EVMs are not tampered with.

Sixteen parties had recently petitioned the EC to revert to the paper ballot system for greater transparency. The BAP AAP and Congress had attacked the EC on the issue of alleged tampering of EVMs. – PTI

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He said the use of red beacons atop vehicles has been a matter of discussion and debates for long as to why certain people have special privileges on the road.

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Bullet proof boats for anti-Maoist operations

BHUBANESWAR, April 19: To keep a watch on the movement of left wing extremists in the cut-off areas of Mangalgarh district BSF has come forward to provide two bullet proof boat for patrolling Balimela reservoir for anti-Maoist operation.

"BSF has decided to provide two bullet proof boats for patrolling in the cut-off area. The boats will be available by June/July," BSF Director General Krishna Kumar Sharma told reporters after a meeting with the Od-

isha Director General of Police K B Singh.

The cut-off area comprising about 150 villages and reservoir known as the fort of the Maoists. Three sides of the reservoir are encircled by the reservoir, while it has land connectivity with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh through forest route.

The bullet proof boats would not only help intensify patrolling in cut-off areas but also help in anti-Maoist opera-

NATIONAL 44 killed as bus falls into river in Himachal

SHIMLA, April 19: In a major accident, 44 people were killed when a private bus fell into a river in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla district on Wednesday. police said. Two people, including the conductor, managed to escape by jumping off the bus as it skidded off the road. The lone surviving passenger claimed mechanical failure was the cause of the accident.

The bus, with at least 46 people on board, was on its way to Tushar from Vikasgarh town (both in Uttarakhand), via the state, when the bus skidded off the mountain road and fell into Tons river, a tributary of the Yamuna, more than 250 metres below the road.

The accident spot, 12 km from the Uttarakhand border, is near Gumma in Nerva tehsil, some 190 km from the state capital. It is one of the remotest places in the state. Deputy Commissioner Rohan Thakur confirmed the toll. He said the cause of the ac-

cident was yet to be ascertained and a majority of the victims were from the two states. "The terrain where the accident occurred is very tough. Without a probe, it's difficult to say whether the accident happened due to human error or mechanical failure."

Thakur told IANS over phone from the spot. The victims included 10 women and three children, he said.

Naresh Chauhan, the only surviving passenger, claimed that one of the leaf springs of the bus snapped just prior to the accident.

"The driver and the conductor got down from the bus when the leaf spring broke down. After inspecting the leaf spring, they continued with the journey," he told police.

He said that at one point when the driver applied the brakes on a turn, the bus tilted. "Sensing that the bus was about to overturn, I, sitting close to the back door, jumped

out of the bus," he said.

Rescue workers said the road where the accident occurred was badly damaged and there was no parapet to prevent the vehicle from rolling down. State Disaster Response Force teams from Uttarakhand also reached the accident spot for relief and rescue operation. — PTI

Crackdown on sex determination centres

CHANDIGARH, April 19: Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh today ordered a crackdown on all sex determination centres alleged to be running in the state.

Reacting swiftly on Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's appeal to deal firmly with illegal sex determination centres, Amarinder directed the state Health Department to take immediate and stern action against all such activity, according to an official spokesperson. The Chief Minister has made it clear to the department officials that any laxity in this matter would be treated as complicity. — PTI

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UP to set up anti-land mafia task force

LUCKNOW, April 19: In a major move to free state-owned properties from illegal occupants, Yogi Adityanath government has decided to set up an anti-land mafia task force at the earliest.

"The Chief Minister has given a clear directive to start a campaign for vacating properties which have been under illegal occupation after identifying them in a month's time," an official spokesman said here today.

"The Chief Minister during the presentation of the finance department performance late night directed the officials concerned to set up the task force at the earliest to free government land from illegal occupants and encroachers," he said.

The squatters, an armed group led by a Ram Vrishi Yadav, once a follower of Jai Gurudev, had been occupying the site since 2014.

Following a court order on their eviction in 2016, the police tried to forcibly evict them, triggering violence, that

claimed the lives of two senior police officers, including a superintendent of police and the police then returned fire, killing several squatters.

During the presentation, the chief minister said though local bodies will be allowed a free hand in taking up welfare works, useless expenditure will not be allowed and they (local bodies) will have to take effective measures for improving basic amenities to people.

He also instructed that in case of parallel schemes of the state and central government being run on the same subject, they will be implemented only through the central schemes, the spokesman added. — PTI

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UN hails conviction of Nepal soldiers

UNITED NATIONS April 19: The UN human rights body has welcomed the conviction of three Army officials accused of murdering a 15-year-old girl during the armed conflict in Nepal more than 13 years ago, and called on the authorities in Kathmandu, to implement the court's decision.

"It is the first time that Nepal Army personnel have been convicted by a civilian court for crimes committed during the 1996-2006 conflict," Rupert Coville, a spokesperson for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) said.

"None of the officers were present in the District Court of Kavre, and it still remains to be seen whether they will actually

be arrested and serve their sentences," he added, urging the country's authorities to implement the verdict on what he called an "extremely important emblematic case."

On April 16, three soldiers – Babu Khatri, Amit Puri and Sunil Prasad Adhikari – were sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the murder of Maina Sunwar, who was picked up from her home in a village in central Nepal in February 2004 and interrogated for suspected links to Maoist rebels by soldiers who were looking for her mother.

She was allegedly subjected to torture and later that month died in the custody of the army at the Birendra Peace Operations Training Centre. – PTI

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INTERNATIONAL

Trump's threatened 'armada' yet to depart to N Korea

WASHINGTON, April 19: An aircraft carrier the US Navy said was steaming toward the Korean Peninsula amid rising tensions has not yet departed, a US defense official has acknowledged.

The Navy on April 8 said it was directing a naval strike group headed by the USS *Carl Vinson* supercarrier to the weekend. "They are going to start heading north towards the Sea of Japan, the official said on

April 11 said the Vinson was "on her way up" to the peninsula.

President Donald Trump the next day said: "We are sending an armada, very powerful."

A defense official told AFP yesterday that the ships were still off the northwest coast of Australia. A Navy photo showed the Vinson off Java over the weekend. "They are going to start heading north towards the Sea of Japan, the official said on

condition of anonymity.

The official added that the strike group wouldn't be in the region before next week at the earliest – it is thousands of nautical miles from the Java Sea to the Sea of Japan.

At the time of the strike group's deployment, many media outlets said the ships were steaming toward North Korea, when in fact they had temporally headed in the opposite direction.

Insurgency-related ...

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incidents since 1997. There were 75 incidents in 2016 compared to 81 in 2015. At least 51 insurgents were neutralised by security forces, while 366 insurgents were arrested. Security forces lost four personnel in these operations, the report said.

In 2016, the number of civilian deaths went up to 29. In the incident on August 5 last at Kokrajhar, suspected NDFB (S) cadres killed 14 innocent people and injured a large number of shoppers in the local weekly market. In another major incident, ULFA-I and CorCom ambushed an Army convoy at Tengnare, Tinsukia, on November 19, 2016, killing three Army personnel and injuring four others.

After the wanton killing of Adivasis in Sonitpur, Kokrajhar and Chirang districts in December 2014, sustained counter-insurgency operations have continued against the NDFB (S). During the period from 2014 to 2016, 873 cadres and linkmen of the NDFB (S) were arrested with the recovery of a huge quantity of arms and ammunition from them and 50 cadres were neutralized in counter-insurgency operations.

Meanwhile, the report said that the security situation in the North Eastern States, which has remained complex for quite some time due to diverse demands of ethnic groups and various militant outfits, improved substantially in 2016. The number of insurgency-related incidents in the region decreased by more than 15 per cent compared to 2015. In 2015, at least 574 incidents were reported as compared to 484 last year.

Relaxation for State ...

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By an affidavit made before the Notary Public at Jorhat on 14.07.2017, I have changed my name from Haja Sakkia to Hamoni Sakkia for all purposes. Hamoni Sakkia, Tarajan Sonari Gaon No. 1, P.O./P.S./Dist. Jorhat (Assam), PN/265/1

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Relaxation for State ...

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have passed the TET, more than 68,000 have been provided appointment.

"Some 19,709 candidates are still awaiting appointment as they are without BE degree and DEEd against the existing 14,331 vacancies. The new relaxation will pay the way for their appointment as well," Sarma said, adding, "Now 80 per cent of the total TET-qualified can be absorbed in the government sector." "However, post appointment, they will have to acquire the requisite degree or diploma within a specified period of time," the minister said.

"We will publish advertisements for the vacancies and accordingly, posts will be filled up. As there is a relaxation, those without BE degree and DEEd can also apply," he pointed out.

China 'standardises' ...

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census of names of localities and an important part of it is to standardise names in the ethnic language.

The India-China border dispute covers the 3,488 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC). While China claims Arunachal Pradesh as South Tibet, India asserts that the dispute covers the Aksai Chin area which was occupied by China during the 1962 war.

The two sides have so far held 19 rounds of Special Representatives talks to resolve the boundary dispute.

China's move comes just days after the Dalai Lama's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, which was seventh since the 81-year-old spiritual leader fled from Tibet through Tawang and sought refuge in India. During the Dalai Lama's Arunachal Pradesh visit, China had warned India that it would take "necessary measures" to defend its territorial sovereignty and interests.

Commenting on the standardisation of the names of six places, Chinese experts said that it was a move to "reaffirm the country's territorial sovereignty to the disputed region," according to the daily. – PTI

Time-bound trial for ...

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Besides the three leaders, the accused, against whom the conspiracy charge would be now invoked, are Vinay Kumar Katbari, Sudhi Ritambara, Vishnu Hari Dalmia, who were also being tried at Rae Bareilly.

"The court of sessions will frame additional charges under Section 120-B (conspiracy) and the other provisions of the Penal Code mentioned in the joint charge sheet filed by the CBI against Champat Rai Bansal, Satish Pradhan, Dhaman Das, Mahant Nitiraj Gopal Das, Mahamadheswar Jagdish Muni, Ram Bilas Vaikunt, Vaikunth Lal Sharma and Satish Chandra Nagar," Justice Nariman, writing the judgement for the bench, said. – PTI

SC forms bench ...

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Rajan Gogoi and Justice RF Nariman today passed a 70-page judgement concerning a batch of wrt petitions filed under Article 32 of the Constitution by the Assam Sammiti Mahasanga, All Assam Ahom Association and others relating to the issue of illegal Bangladeshi migrants in Assam.

Meanwhile, All Assam Students Union adviser Samujal Bhattacharya said that all solutions must be according to the provisions of the Assam Accord and the Government of India and the Government of Assam should take steps to implement the Accord.

NGT modifies...

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Government may continue with its construction works subject to the final outcome of the case. The final hearing of the case has been fixed on May 24. The construction works were halted by the Tribunal after it was challenged that the site chosen for the AIIMS was located in an eco-sensitive zone.

Assistant Solicitor General of India SC Kyal, who appeared for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, submitted before the Tribunal that the site was allotted for the AIIMS after considering all relevant aspects.

Advocate General of Assam (acting) Devajit Saikia appeared on behalf of the State Government. Meanwhile, sources said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to lay the foundation stone of the AIIMS some time in May.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No. NHM/MCP Cards/484/2011-12/Part-1/1025 Date: 18/04/2017

e-TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MOTHER AND CHILD PROTECTION (MCP) CARD

e-Tenders in Two Bid System (Technical Bid in sealed envelopes & Price Bid/BOQ) affixing court fee stamp of Rs 8.25 or (PO of Rs 10/- for bidders located outside the State of Assam) only, are invited from reputed printing firms for printing & supply of Mother and Child Protection (MCP) Card". The complete e-tender documents may be obtained from the website <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The tendering bidders should have Digital Signatures Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The tender should be submitted on the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>, on or before 17/05/2017 up to 2:00 PM. e-Tender Notice may also be seen in the NHM official website www.nhmassam.in.

The Bidder shall also submit proof for payment like non-refundable tender fee of Rs 200/- and PO worth Rs 26 Lakhs (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Rupees) for Demand Draft/Bankers Draft favouring "State Health Society, Assam" payable at Guwahati. The Original Demand Drafts for Tender Fee, EMD and Court Fee Stamp IPO along with the hardcopy of technical bid only should be submitted to the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Salikia Commercial Complex, Shringar Path, Christian Basti, G S Road, Guwahati-781005, Assam on or before the last date and time of submission of the tender.

Schedule: Start Date | Start Time | End Date | End Time
1 Tender Publishing 19/04/2017 10:00 AM
2 Tender Download 19/04/2017 2:00 PM 17/05/2017 1:00 PM
3 Pre - Bid Meeting 28/04/2017 3:30 PM
4 Bid Submission 12/05/2017 2:00 PM 17/05/2017 2:00 PM
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Mission Director NHM, Assam

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Tusk heads for Warsaw

WARSAW, April 19: EU

EU-funded Total Tusk heads to Warsaw today to testify before prosecutors in an investigation into two former military counterintelligence chiefs

The United States ratcheted its rhetoric ahead of North Korea's military parade and failed missile launch over the weekend, and Vice President Mike Pence on Monday declared that the era of US "strategic patience" in dealing with Pyongyang was over.

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un responded with his own fiery warnings and threatened to conduct weekly missile tests. – PTI

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Tender forms can be obtained from the office of the Medical Superintendent/CN/News-Tinsukia during the office working hours from 24/04/2017 upto 17/05/2017 hrs. of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Tender box will be available for dropping of tender in the office of the Medical Superintendent/CN/News-Tinsukia.

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WEATHER
GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST:
Generally cloudy sky.
Rain/Thunderstorms is likely to occur.
Maximum temperature is most likely to be 27°C on Thursday.
TEMPERATURE:
Max 28.2°C
Min 23.5°C

Demand for DD satellite channel in Assamese

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 19: A delegation of Producers' Council led by its president Brajen Borah and general secretary Deepak K Dutta submitted a memorandum to Union Information & Broadcasting Minister M Venkaiyah Naidu yesterday seeking creation of a 24x7 Doordarshan satellite channel in Assamese language to broadcast programmes to educate, entertain and inform the cross-section of Assamese population in Assam and around the world in the line of DD channels like DD Bangla, DD Odisha, DD Bihar and others. Abhijit Kashyap, assistant secretary of the council said in a release.

Design workshop from today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 19: The National Institute of Design (NID) is organising a two-day design workshop-cum-seminar at the Weavers Service Centre at the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) campus, Khanapara on April 20 and 21.

The opening ceremony on April 20 to be held from 10 am would be attended by senior officials from the directors of Handloom and Textile, Government of Assam and Sericulture and Weaving, Government of Meghalaya and senior faculty members of NID.

IN THE CITY TODAY

Mukul Kanitkar, all India joint organisng secretary of the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandir to speak on 'Values and Spirituality in Nation Building' at Assam Down Town University at 1 pm.

Houses submerged in city area

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 19: At least four houses were submerged following incessant rains since last night in the Jaypur area of Kharghuli, prompting the families to abandon the houses and move to safer places. The area is a low-lying area in the foothills of Kharghuli.

Officials in the administration said the flooding occurred due to a blockage in a private drainage system and action has been taken to clear it at the earliest. Circle Officer LN Sarharia who visited the location today said GMC workers were engaged to pump out the water during the day.

"The drain which diverts the rainwater coming down from the hills to the Brahmaputra has been blocked. PWD is assisting the person on whose land the drain is located, to clear it," he said.

The four houses have been submerged almost up to the rooftops. The families have shifted to rented accommodations or to houses of their relatives and friends. The prob-



The submerged residential areas. - AT photo

lem in the area is not new.

After the drain was blocked a few weeks back, the Kamrup Metro district administration had directed the Circle Officer of Guwahati revenue circle to file a FIR against the individual identified as Dhiren Mahanta.

D C M Angamuthu had di-

rected Mahanta to clear the

entire accumulated soil from

over the drain and also dismantle

the slabs as per suggestion of

PWD (Roads) division and

GMC within two days. He was

also directed to bear the en-

tre cost of the intended work.

"Mahanta was not arrested after he cleared the drain. In fact, he had started the work about a week back, but the weather has hampered the progress," officials in the administration said.

The Circle Officer said ad-

ditional works like clearing of

the blocked portion for

smooth passage of the drain

will be taken up by the PWD

and the GMC.

Sahitya Akademi literary fest

Cong now a 'notional' party: Naidu

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 19: Sahitya Akademi is organizing a three-day North Eastern Literary Festival under the banner of 'Puttovtar: Festival of Letters' at the NEDFI Convention Centre from April 21 to 23, a press release stated.

The festival being organ-

ized in association with the Asam Sahitya Sabha and the North East Foundation, Guwahati will be inaugurated by eminent playwright and theatre director, Dr Ratan Thiyam at 3.30 pm on April 21 while Dr Dhruba Jyoti Borah, eminent Assamese writer will deliver the keynote address. Dr Bhalchandra Nemade, eminent Marathi writer, Dr Karabi Deka Hazarika, convener, Assamese Advisory Board, Sahi-

tya Akademi along with the Tiwari (Rajasthan), Subodh Sarkar (Bengali), Arun Kamal (Hindi), Esther Davids and Vikram Sampath (English), Chhaya Majahan (Marathi) among others.

More than 60 litterateurs

representing 24 Indian lan-

guages, recognised by the

Akademi and from all over

the country are participating in this festival, the release added. Many distinguished litterateurs from North East such as, Yeshe Dorje Thongchi, Nagen Saikia,

Pradip Acharya, Budhichan-

dra Singh, Shanti Basumatary

and Samanta Tanti are also

participating in the festival.

Distinguished writers and

scholars from other parts of

the country participating in

the festival include HS Shivaprakash (Kannada), P Sivakami (Tamil), Shafi Shauq

(Kashmiri), Malanchand Tiwari (Rajasthan), Subodh Sarkar (Bengali), Arun Kamal (Hindi), Esther Davids and Vikram Sampath (English), Chhaya Majahan (Marathi) among others.

Other programmes to be held at the festival include lectures and discussions by the eminent writers and scholars on variety of subjects, poetry recitations by the leading poets of India and also short story readings apart from a cultural performance - 'Tridhara: Choreographic work in Satriya, Kathak and Odissi Dance Styles', music mass music by Bibhut Ranjan Chaudhury, flute recital by Pandit Chetan Joshi and many more.

"Elections in 2004 and 2009

were held through EVMs.

Then the machines were okay

as they won. This time the BJP

won, and so the EVMs have

become bad. It is so then what

happened in Bihar...in Punjab?" Naidu said.

Hitting out at the "oppo-

nents" for blaming the Central

government for each and

every incident related to law

and order in the states, Naidu

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 19: The incident of a ten-year-old child allegedly beaten up 'mercilessly' at a children's home located at Sonapur has drawn sharp reactions from various quarters including child rights activists in the State.

The photograph of the child with marks of bruises evident in different parts of the body has also gone viral on the social media forcing Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup Metro Dr M Angamuthu to order an enquiry against the Sonapur-based non-governmental organisation, Society for Health and Education Development (SHED).

As per the complaint, an NGO worker had badly beaten up the child who is one of the boarders of the institute run by SHED.

Differently able children are provided shelter and education in the institute, said an official statement from the district administration.

Circle Officer of Sonapur revenue circle Dr Dhrubajyoti Hazarika visited the institute this morning. He examined documents of the NGO and looked into other aspects of the case.

After the enquiry, the Circle Officer lodged an FIR at Sonapur Police Station.

On the basis of the FIR, police arrested manager Hiranya Saikia, warden Santu Niketan Singh and cook Kishan Kumar of the NGO.

The district administration said that it will take stern legal action against the said NGO for inhuman behaviour with differently able children at the institution.

Meanwhile, Miguel Das Queah of UTSAH, an NGO working for child rights, has reported the matter to the Chairperson of the Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights.

The Chairperson is expected to visit the child after her return from Lakhipur.

Miguel, while taking strong exception to the incident, demanded strictest action against the culprits and stated that the incident amounts to gross violation under the Indian Penal Code, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Juvenile Justice and Ministry of Women and Child Development guidelines.

Prof M Taher lecture tomorrow

CORRESPONDENT

Late Prof Taher and other well-wishers.

Dr Rana PB Singh, Retired Professor and Head, Department of Geography, Baranagar Hindu University will deliver the memorial lecture on the topic, Appraising the Indian cultural landscape: envisioning ecological cosmology in the 21st century'.

The programme will be inaugurated by Dr Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University. The convener, Dr Bimal K Kar invited all concerned to attend the lecture.

Govt asked to clarify purpose of dredging Brahmaputra

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useful for the common people. He further said that the experts of other countries in dredging complex rivers, like the Brahmaputra, should also be taken into account. Besides, the traditional knowledge of the riparian people about the river should also be taken into consideration while chalkout a plan for the purpose, said the renowned expert in geotechnical and engineering seismology.

In the case of flood control, a comprehensive approach should be considered. And this approach should comprise the components of increasing the cross sectional area of the flow channel so that higher volume of water can pass through it.

The other components of this approach should be reducing the storm water flow into the river channel by catchment area forestation; minewater harvesting and building small dams on the tributaries so as to arrest the flow of floodwater in the short term.

Any proposal for flood control should include all these aspects to become effective, said the noted engineer, who is known for his Sarma Models for slope stability world over.

Dr Ambedkar remembered

GUWAHATI, April 19 : The 126th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, chief architect of the Indian Constitution was observed recently by the Assam Scheduled Caste Welfare Forum here, said a statement today.

On the occasion, floral wreaths were placed on the portrait of Dr Ambedkar and a meeting was also held under the presidency of R Das, where the forum members paid glowing tributes to Dr Ambedkar. - Staff Reporter



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Demonstration by All Assam Heads of the Department Ministerial Officers' Association against the Assam Salary Amendment Bill 2017, in Guwahati on Wednesday. - UB Photos

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

I hated every minute of training, but I said: "Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion."

— MUHAMMAD ALI

**GST milestone**

With the passage of four supporting legislations in Parliament on April 6, 2017, the decks for the final roll-out of the historic goods and services tax (GST) from July 1, 2017 has been cleared. The approval of these four legislations, viz., the Central GST Bill, 2017; the Integrated GST Bill, 2017; the GST (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017 and the Union Territory GST Bill, 2017, is thus set to usher in the long-awaited and much-talked about one-nation-one-tax regime as scheduled. All the States will now have to pass the State GST Bills, after which only, the new reformed indirect tax regime can be rolled out. GST, the biggest taxation reform since India's Independence, will subsume central excise, service tax, value-added tax and other local levies to create a unified market and an one-nation-one-tax regime. While some critics could find a logical base to justify a linkage between the GST regime and market pressure of inflationary apprehensions, the Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley, insisted that the GST will not lead to inflation. Moreover, the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee has already expressed their special concern for inflationary situation in the country. Apart from this, the GST Council will have another occasion shortly on May 18-19, 2017 to meet to discuss the issues once again. Once the new regime is implemented, the harassment of businesses by different authorities, as is experienced now, will come to an end and India will have one rate of tax for one commodity throughout the whole country.

The information technology (IT) industrialists should not have any reservation to embrace the new tax reform regime since they were given sufficient time with the rules, laws and basic structure in place for implementing the reform measure. Now they must put in the place the IT infrastructure for the roll-out of GST. The GST network which is putting in place the information technology backbone for the new tax regime will start live-testing in the first week of May next. By now, the IT industry should have been fully prepared to start putting its software in place, according to the Revenue Department of the Union Government. The corporate sector and manufacturing industrialists have highly welcomed the historic indirect tax reform. According to the industry experts, the proposed GST implementation could fuel growth in the \$39-billion domestic auto ancillary industry following lower taxation of 18% under the new regime. The industry is already reaping benefits of a favourable ecosystem in the domestic market and increasing globalization of Indian auto suppliers. The tax benefit will be passed on to the original equipment manufacturers which will eventually drive expansion in auto demand. This will certainly have an impact on the auto prices to come down. Moreover, agriculture will enjoy a comparative advantage with industry since the Centre and the States have decided to exempt agriculturists from registering under the GST regime.

Making amends

Hopefully, bad days are ahead for the 'King of Good Times', Vijay Mallya, wanted in India for having defaulted on bank loans to the tune of a whopping Rs 9000 crore. Having had mud slung on his face, the Indian Government is trying to make amends, and taking steps towards the dethronement, or rather the extradition, of the flamboyant businessman who had been declared a proclaimed offender by the relevant authorities. Their lapses in dealing with Mallya had been all too glaring. First on the dock were the bank officials who continued to lend him money despite the fact that his business empire was taking a dive. The public is yet to know what action, if any, had been taken against these officials. Banks have a tendency to hound the ordinary man of the street for defaulting on comparatively paltry amounts taken as personal or business loans; it is inconceivable how an industrialist could borrow such an enormous sum without someone raising the red flag. Next lapse was on the part of those responsible for ensuring that the defaulter was not allowed to leave the country, which Mallya had done with impunity. There can be little doubt that big monetary 'compensations' were involved in Mallya continuing to have credit with Indian banks till the last moment, and that he could escape to England despite court cases against him.

Since March 1916, when he fled to the UK where he possesses 'resident' status, Mallya by all accounts is leading a luxurious lifestyle even as his legal team battles the Indian Government's attempt to get him extradited to face trial on two counts, defrauding banks and money laundering. Having allowed him to get away, the Indian Government's impounding of his passport and application for extradition, which the UK Government has so far refused, are in the nature of closing the stable doors after the horse had bolted! The British are called the nation of shopkeepers and know on which horse to place the bet, Mallya having considerable investments in that country. However, it is this mercenary trait of the bulldog breed which might also be Mallya's undoing, for Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has been lately wavering the fiscal card to coerce the former to allow his extradition. After Brexit the British have become vulnerable and Jaitley, apparently, has hinted that future trade deal negotiations between India and Britain would be possible only if the latter complies with India's extradition request. Little wonder that the current flutter, whereby Mallya was 'arrested' by Scotland Yard and produced before a judge who let him go on bail has happened after Jaitley's UK visit. Only the future will tell whether the Indian Government's attempt to make amends for the goof up would yield fruit, or if the 'king' will continue to have a 'good time'!

Democracy no guarantee for governance

ROUGH & TUMBLE
Patricia Mukhim

India, they say, is a noisy democracy and a work in progress. If Indian democracy is work in progress then when will it be completed? Should our democracy not have become more robust over the decades? Well, it hasn't. We are lagging behind in most human development indicators. India ranked third among the SAARC countries and is 131 among 188 countries in the recent UNDP-sponsored Human Development Report (HDR). That India's HDI is below that of Sri Lanka and Maldives requires serious introspection from development specialists and economists in the NITI Aayog. We need to know what it is, apart from our burgeoning population, that is keeping so many Indians at subsistence levels. Our women and children are malnourished. They suffer serious deficiencies of Vitamin A and D. India still has very high child and maternal mortality rates, investing as it does just 1.4 % of the GDP on health. All the gains pointed by the HDR are a result of positive social actions resulting in pro-poor schemes such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the National Food Security Act, the Right to Information and social auditing of government schemes.

The HDR points to the intractable problem of gender disparity in South Asia where women on an average have lower HDI than men. The gender gaps in entrepreneurship and labour force participation causes an

estimated income loss of 19%. Between their first and fifth birthdays, girls in India have a 30% to 50% chance of dying than boys. NSSO data has consistently shown that rural Assam and Meghalaya has high incidence of Vitamin A deficiency in children and women. The World Health Organization observes that Vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of preventable blindness in children and increases the risk of disease and death from severe infections. In pregnant women, Vitamin A deficiency causes night blindness and also increases the risk of maternal mortality. In Meghalaya we have many kids with rickets owing to Vitamin D deficiency. A Catholic priest has been trying to provide Vitamin D supplements to children in and around Mawdui and adjoining areas. This issue was also flagged in the Meghalaya Assembly some years ago when late Dr FA Khlongiam, himself a doctor, was the Chief Minister. The Health Department denied that there was Vitamin D deficiency cases in Meghalaya. So we continue to live in denial of this sordid fact.

This also brings to the fore another ugly fact—that in research in health has very low priority in the region. Our governments prefer to live in denial. Even evidence-based studies by non-governmental agencies are taken with a pinch of salt. Hence, having a government that does not necessarily mean that we have governance.

Most of us equate democracy with government. We believe that having a government automatically

leads to governance. We forget one cardinal point. Governance is incomplete without the participation of citizens. But how do citizens make known their governance needs if they are not even consulted? Now critics will say that it is impossible to have a public discussion on every matter. Or that our elected representatives are actually best placed to represent us. I disagree completely because of the simple reason that the elected cease to represent our con-

At this rate it is unlikely that we shall see change unless we get our act together and launch a clean election campaign. That is real grunt work but it is guaranteed to deliver. Any takers?

cerns and our development agenda. They represent the market and big business. They represent the mining mafia; the industrialists and the corporates. If they don't admit this, they are lying. Look at the corridors of power in New Delhi and in the state secretariats. Who do you see walking in and out of ministerial chambers? It's either contractors, business tycoons, consultants and at the fag end of the day, the constituents who wait for hours to see their MLA/MP to plead for favours such as jobs, petty contracts, a seat in a renowned school or university or even money for paying for medicines and hospital charges.

No one who comes to visit a minister, MLA or MP does so for the

supply system or a health centre that delivers. We have accepted government schemes like voiceless morons (excuse the word but what do you call people who continue to suffer under different regimes without making an issue of it?), and then wondered why we are still lacking in 'real term' development.

It is my belief as I am sure it is with others that 'development' implies that we have access to basic services such as clean drinking water, a home over our heads, education for our children, a responsive health delivery system, good roads that can link villages to the farms and constant power supply. The last is far from being a reality. In Meghalaya we now suffer power cuts

without any substantial evidence and without rendering defence to the accused does not stand the testimony of natural justice. Besides, the timing and circumstances of the judgement also casts suspicion on the Pakistani motive as a few weeks back, one of their retired army officers went missing from Nepal and Pakistan blames India for that. Such blames and concocted, scripted stories do not add in any way to the credibility of the nation.

If Pakistan's rhetoric is believed for a moment, then also the country does not stand credibility. Had Kulbhushan Jadhav been a spy as claimed by Pakistan, then Pakistan should have come clean with sound evidence. India has always shown maturity in dealing Pakistani nationals, let alone a spy but also dreaded terrorists like Ajmal Kasab and others. While putting Kasab in trial, India showed her commitment to the principle of natural justice. He was provided with the best of legal defence and entire procedure was transparent. When India submits evidence against other Pakistani nationals on Pathankot, Uri and Mumbai attacks, Pakistan showed utter reluctance in trying them. Pakistan has shown no allegiance to any convention of international importance. Even the third Geneva Convention that deals with prisoners of war does not rule out humanitarian treatment to the cap-

tured. In fact, sub-clause D of clause 1 under Article 3 clearly prohibits the passing of sentences and the carrying out of executions without previous judgement pronounced by a regularly constituted court affording all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized people'.

Here in this case, India was not even at war at the time of his arrest.

Is it fair to deprive an accused arrested during normal times of the fundamental human rights which are given even to a prisoner of war?

Nevertheless his arrest process itself is doubtful as it is contested that he was arrested in Balochistan. In

fact, he was kidnapped from Chabahar of Iran. Pakistan's lame argument of fair trial does not hold water per international convention.

Article 12 of the Geneva Convention even mentions that the captured persons must be in the hands of civil power, and not in the military unit that captured him/her. Here is Pakistan dispensing with all the rationale behind the covenants, letting the military a free hand in which case the sentence of the execution was not even known to the Pakistani Prime Minister who, as per some Pakistani media, came to know of the sentence through media reports only. A signatory to the Geneva Convention, Pakistan should have adhered to the procedures at least in

terms of transparency in trial. This would have served twin purposes – firstly, her position as a responsible nation in the world community and secondly, perhaps it would have sent a positive message to India.

As the recent drama is going on and given the mass hysteria in both the countries fanned by the local media, the leadership of Pakistan has to decide whether to go for acquiring political brownie points and pleasing the military establishment and the ISI, or strengthen the democratic setup and procedures, along with principles of natural justice and equality before law. Pakistan's headstrong behaviour at the hands of its military establishment, defying all norms of civility as far as international affairs are concerned, may turn out to be costly in the long run. Already, the nation stands on the verge of losing credibility among the world community, coerced by countries as a terrorist sanctuary in regional and international forums. Under such circumstances, better is Pakistan takes a U-turn from fostering terrorism and sends message as a transparent nation strengthening the democratic institutions. Otherwise, the country is going to badly lose in near future giving way to bleak laws to rule. In fact, reassertion of democratic values alongside the vibrant world community can save her from the imminent danger.

Contours of Indo-Pak relationship

Mokhjumi Ahmed

The recent controversy regarding the death sentence of former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav by a Pakistani military court bears a great deal of melodrama of blow-high and blow-down relationship between India and Pakistan. The world knows about the unfriendly relationship between the two countries, being rooted since the partition of erstwhile one country on religious line. However, their melodramatic relationship has caught attention of everyone these days. On one occasion, the Prime Minister of one country pays a surprise visit on the birthday of another Prime Minister; on another, there is an attack from the other side followed by retaliation through surgical strike. All these have turned the plot even more thrilling than any Hollywood war drama.

Since the Modi Government has come to power, the melodrama of Indo-Pak relationship has grown manifold although the present Indian Government had signalled a positive gesture by inviting the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif, to the oath-taking ceremony. In fact, it was one of such rare gestures that any country's government can send through to improve bilateral relationship with another country. All

the hopes were pinned on the diplomatic deliberation of both the leaders and particularly Modi's active diplomacy.

However, all those efforts

have failed and disappointed

the common people of both the

countries. The blame game still continues from both the sides.

However, the recent develop-

ment of events reveals several

things about Pakistan and the Paki-

stani establishment. The Pakistani

establishment has exposed it

to the world about its hawkish

diplomacy, incompetence and its

subordination to the military es-

tablishment of the country.

The clear case of Kulbhushan Jadhav

stands as a brazen violation of

diplomatic norms. Let alone the

question of whether Kulbhushan is a

spy or not; the basic question is how

the Pakistani establishment has violated

all possible standards of diplomatic

norms. The whole process from his

arrest to that of the trial and execu-

tion order is under veil and dubious

so much so that even the Pakistani

media got surprised by the order of

execution. Nobody even knew

whether the trial was going on. The

natural question is whether trial has

actually taken place as claimed by Pa-

kistan. It hardly matters whether the

trial took place or not. Passing an

execution order in a veiled court

Constitution of 'State fee regulatory board'

I hope the Government of Assam would deeply consider the problems as raised by the association and constitute a 'State fee regulatory board' to study the fee structure and suggest ways and measures to mitigate the grievances and streamline the process of governing the private schools, where the bulk of our students are studying. Yours etc., JOGEN BARUAH, Tezela Chirang.

Overpriced meals

Sir – With reference to the report captioned 'Overcharging by railway staff on meals alleged' (AT, April 11), I want to add herewith that I had an irritating experience regarding overcharging on meals by the railway staff during my journey from Guwahati to Patna recently. The railway staff concerned demanded unreasonable price from us for the meal provided. Though we offered him genuine price, he refused to take and argued with us. We had shown him the menu and the price list available with us and demanded the same from him. We are not convinced by the bill submitted by him and after

arguing 15 to 20 minutes, he left us.

All other passengers surrounding us

paid the overcharged price without

any complaint. Now the question is

why such type of malpractices is

being run in the Indian Railways.

Yours etc., ABANI PRAN KALITA, Chirang.

Revised pay

Sir – Being a Government employee, I have read the 7th Assam Pay Commission's report thoroughly and found some discrepancies. It has been observed that six pre-revised grade pay have been merged in this Pay Commission. In this process, the Commission has not provided equal benefit to all grade pay holders. I placed the matter before our departmental employees association but no action has been taken. In the Commission's report on page 61 (Annexure 6.2) at serial No. 11 with pre-revised GP 8,100/3,000 in the column No. 4, the revised GP calculated is equal to Rs 8,035.2. But to merge the GP 2,900 and 3,000 together, the revised GP has been fixed at Rs 7,400, which is not acceptable. Similarly in the case of GP 1,600, 2,100, 2,500 and 4,300,

the revised GP has been fixed less than the calculation shown in the table. But in the case of GP 5,100, the revised GP has been fixed at Rs 11,500 instead of Rs 10,936.4, which is more than the calculated amount. All other GP holders have benefited from the calculation table.

Therefore, the questions

arise as to 1) why the pay panel

showed double standard in fixation

of revised GP; and 2) why the All

Assam Employees Association

accepted such discrepancies. Yours etc., AMRIT TALUKDAR, Dhemaji.

School bag weight

Sir – I am a student of Class 6. We are facing a problem. Every day we have to carry about 9-10 kg in the form of school bags on our backs. We suffer from back and shoulder pain. We cannot walk straight due to the weight of the bags. We have to lean like a hunchback while walking or standing. We also find it difficult to board the school transport vehicle. As a result of the heavy weight of the bags, the school bags fall away and we have to replace the bags frequently. We also suffer from knee and ankle pain. We easily get

tired and exhausted. We would like to request the authority concerned for a proper solution so that we can enjoy going to school. Yours etc., SYED ZUHAYR NAZM, Ulubari, Guwahati.

Revised secretariat

Sir – I strongly oppose the issue of disturbance created by the visitors in the State secretariat at Dispur as stated by Bubul Dutta (AT, April 4). Although his idea of a public information system is only a step ahead towards a solution, he is ever thought of why the people come to various departments of the secretariat spending so much money and wasting time and energy? In this context, I would rather suggest to immediately implement an online working system abolishing the filing system. This will not only overcome all these hurdles but undoubtedly expedite any matter in a shorter time. Yours etc., ANJAN KUMAR SEN, RG Road, Dibrugarh.

Articles (within 1000-1100 words) and Letters to the Editor for publication in the editorial page may be sent to the email ID: editor@assamttribune.com.

Free health consultations

GUWAHATI, April 19: Four senior homoeopathic doctors namely Dr SK Das, Dr Susanta Malakar, Dr Gayatri Dutta and Dr Ranjan Gupta will be available for free healthcare consultations at the Guwahati Press Club here on April 22. The camp is open for all the members of the Press Club along with their dependents, where they will also get the opportunity to get their blood pressure checked.

The evening OPD clinic will start at 4 pm and continue till 6 pm. It may be mentioned that the Guwahati Press Club has launched a unique healthcare initiative, 'Evening with a Doctor' to provide free and periodical medical consultation to the scribes and their family. Till date, a number of practising doctors from a number of renowned hospitals have conducted the camps, a statement said. - Staff Reporter



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No. ITG/MAIN/NITT/17-18/01 Dtd 07.04.2017

Tenders are invited from the experienced civil contractors for "Provision of retaining wall near F-type Quarter (F-56) in ITG campus".

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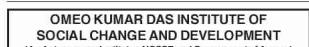
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No. ITG/MAIN/NITT/17/21 Dtd. 20.03.2017

Tenders are invited from the experienced civil contractors for "Provision of car washing point near F-56 block in ITG campus".

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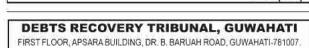
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT : ITG/ENGNG/17/17/09 Dated 30.03.2017

Tenders in two-bid system are invited from experienced HVAC Contractors for the work "up gradation of faculty rooms with providing chilled water based cassette type dedicated air conditioners of Chemistry department ITI Guwahati Campus. Tender documents shall be available for issue/downloading from 20.04.17 to 01.05.17. Tender documents may be downloaded from the Institute's Website. Further Details are available in the institute's website www.itg.ernet.in.

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Drivers, handymen demand job security

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 19: Drivers and handymen of the National Health Mission's Mobile Medical Unit today staged a demonstration on the bank of the Dighalpukhuri protesting against the State government's move to 'privatise' the medical services and demanding job security.

The All Assam NHM MMU Driver Handymen Association, which would continue with its protest in the city tomorrow, said that the BJP-led State government must fulfil its poll promise to give social security to all the NHM employees.

"By introducing the public-private-partnership mode in the NHM, the State government has handed over our jobs to Hindustan Latex, which is not acceptable to us, as it brings uncertainty to the future of 250 drivers and handymen who are working in 50 Mobile Medical Units (MMU) of the State," general secretary of the association Babul Talukdar said.

The protesters argued that while the government has ad-

National Health Mission's Mobile Medical Unit



Drivers and handymen under the banner of Mobile Medical Unit (MMU), Assam staging a sit-in protest in the city on Wednesday. — AT Photo

justed the jobs of five other categories of employees of the NHM in different hospitals, PHCs etc., the jobs of drivers and handymen have been handed over to the private partners in a discriminatory manner.

"We have been rendering our services in most difficult terrains, under unfavourable conditions for the past ten years. Many of us have even

crossed the appropriate age of applying for new jobs. We fear that our jobs would not be secure under the private partners," the protesters said.

Though the government vide a notice on March 31 said that both categories of employees would enjoy the same benefits, the protesters said they do not feel reassured by the government's promise.

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Artistes performing Bwisagu dance at Nukasi in Baksa district on Tuesday. — UB Photos

Hysteria grips school-goers in Cachar district
CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, April 19: More than 100 students have been reportedly victims of mass hysteria at Sadhin Bazar area under Sonai constituency in recent times.

According to sources, students of 478 Durkhanki LP School, Abid Raza ME School and Sadhin Bazar High School were found to be falling ill and fainted during school hours almost every day during the past one week. While many of the students were taken to nearby hospitals, the villagers rooted to their traditional beliefs were seen rushing to the charmers for exorcism.

Joyal Abedin Baruahya, Headmaster of Sadhin Bazar High School on Tuesday said, "instances of students falling ill and fainting were happening since March this year, but we have no clue so far."

It may be mentioned that while a section of the locals were tense and believe it to be a ghastly affair, others consider this to be a case of malnutrition, since most of the students hail from poor families.

Murder accused apprehended
CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, April 19: A month after the murder of Mahatabur Rahman in broad daylight at Bhanga, Karimganj Police arrested Shamim Uddin, one of the murderers from a residence at Bhagabazar area of Cachar district.

Police officers Paban Kalita and Mintu Sheel led the operation.

It may be mentioned that the assailants killed Mahatabur in a mosque at Bhanga in Karimganj district on March 20. The arrested has been taken on police remand for 7 days.

Khirodananda Sarma: a tribute



It is almost hard to believe that Khirodananda Sarma is no longer in our midst. A man so full of life, energetic and ever-ready to lend his helping hand to anyone in need passed away on April 10. He was 85.

A multi-faceted personality, Khirodananda Sarma had left his own imitable stamp on whatever he did. A trait of Sarma's personality was his discipline and

Foundation of Pratima Barua Pandey cultural centre laid

ANN Service

GAURIPUR, April 19: In an auspicious occasion held at the historic Mahamaya Playground, Hargama Mahalyari, BTAD Chief laid the foundation stone of the Pratima Barua Pandey, the famous Goalpariya folk singer cultural centre at Gauripuri.

In his speech, Mahalyari sought the active participation of the people of Gauripuri in implementing the scheme of construction of the cultural centre so that the young learners of Goalpariya folk songs could be benefited. An amount of Rs one crore has been sanctioned from the Prime Minister Special fund for construction of the cultural centre in a plot of land provided by the Mahamaya Temple Management Committee in the east - south corner of the Mahamaya field. In the meeting he also announced Rs 5 lakh for development of the Mahamaya Temple complex.

The meeting was attended by Banendra Kumar Moshahary, ex-MLA and a large number of dignitaries including Prof Ganga Sankar Pandey, Prabin Kumar Barua, Secretary, Mahamaya Temple Development Committee and a few others.

BR Ambedkar remembered: Baba Saheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the constitution maker of India was remembered at Gauripuri on his 126th birth anniversary by organising a memorial meeting on April 14 on the premises of Gauripuri Girls' High School.

In the morning Nirmal Sarkar, president of the Scheduled Caste Unem-

plored Youth of the district of Dhubri hoisted the flag of the organisation and was followed by *sewahit tarpan* by Pintu Sarkar, general secretary of the unemployed youths organisation. The inaugural song was sung by Jharna Namah Das, Sajal Sinha, social worker garlanded on the portrait of Dr Ambedkar.

The open meeting presided over by Nirmal Sarkar was addressed by a host of dignitaries including Shyam Chandra Sutradhar, Golap Barman, Pranab Kumar Barman and a few others. They, in their speeches recalled the contributions of Ambedkar and appealed the youths to follow his ideals. Members of the Rupshi Mahamaya, Debitola and Goalganj blocks also attended the meeting.

Chadak Puja observed: The historic Chadak Puja of Gauripuri was observed with a five-day programme from April 10 to April 14 last on the premises of Royal Chadakbaridham of Gauripuri.

The five-day programme includes *Adhibash*, *Dhubhati Khesla, Kalabhangha, Chandri* dance and main Chadak Puja. A nine member team of Charakiva headed by Sankar Dehangshishi Dala displayed a number of dreadful games based on *tantro-mantra*.

Hundreds of devotees thronged the dhanu field and witnessed the terrible games. A big mela was also organised on the occasion and traders from various parts of the district took part and sold flute and tartari and other play-materials and terracotta.

Chadak Puja was also observed at Golakganj and North Raipur area of the district.

Yamini Adhikari

Born in 1942 in the undivided Kamrup district, Yamini Adhikari after her marriage to Udmanna Adhikari settled in Gopal Bazar locality of Nalbari district where she took active part in community welfare activities. She was also associated with various religious institutions.

Her death was widely mourned by various organisations and individuals from different walks of life. She is survived by four sons, two daughters, besides a host of relatives.

Today, on the day of his *Adyashraddha*, I pray to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul.

— Manish Goswami

Yamini Adhikari, a senior resident of Gopal Bazar area in Nalbari district, passed away on April 10 at the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) due to old-age ailments. She was 75.

Rongali Bihu fever grips Tezpur

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, April 19: With the rest of the State, the Bihu fever has gripped Tezpur and its adjoining areas as the people are seen celebrating the Rongali Bihu with much funfare.

With the celebration of *Goru Bihu*, the festive spirit started among people. Different Bihu committees have begun their Rongali Bihu celebration programmes with unfurling of Bihu flags.

Like in the previous years, the Tezpur unit of AASU organised various cultural programmes at Swadhi Bakori here on Sunday. The event started with a cultural procession. A month-long workshop on Bihu song and dance, *dhol, taal* and *pepa*, held under the aegis of AASU was formally inaugurated by assistant secretary of the students' body, Duddul Bartakata.

In his speech, he said that indigenous people of the region will have to come

Awareness meet on 'BHIM App' organised at Jonai

ANN Service

JONAI, April 19: As a part of its ongoing awareness campaign on Bharat Interface for 'Money (BHIM)' and its application, the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), New Delhi in collaboration with the Guwahati-based Women Development Centre (WDC) conducted a day-long artisan camp at Ujni-Bijoypur village near here recently.

Addressing the day-long camp, Executive Director of EPCH, Rakesh Kumar informed that the Union Ministry of Textiles was carrying out special campaign to make the rural artisans aware on BHIM App and its usage to promote easy and fast transaction through mobile phones. He said that BHIM is a software application (App) designed to facilitate payment transactions by using Unified Payment

Interface (UPI) as it facilitates direct bank-to-bank payment and immediate collection of money by using mobile phone. He urged the registered artisans to download the App and avail the opportunity of mobile banking.

Explaining the objective of the meeting, WDC Project Director Bhagyavati Bhuyan said their motto was to help the woman artisans to promote handicraft activities for their economic enhancement. She suggested the woman artisans to use BHIM App to register on the India Handmade Bazaar Portal to sell their weaving and other handicraft products. The WDC is organising a three-month training on handicrafts (home décor attire of Missing tribes) under the Livelihood Entrepreneurship Development Programme, which is going on at Jonai in Dhemaji district, and is scheduled to conclude on May 22, she informed.

According to WDC, there are 7,000 tribal women artisans in Dhemaji district, out of which 207 artisans have been issued I-card by the Handicrafts Department.

District Development Manager of NABARD, Samarendra Das informed the participants that his institution grants financial assistance to SHGs involved in handicrafts and horticulture activities. He advised the women SHG members to register their units for availing financial benefits.

Among others, Regional Director (DC) of Handicrafts, Niraj Laxmi Palai, EPCH State Project Officer Bhaskar Barua, EPCH Project Coordinator Abhijit Hazarika, AGVB Branch Manager Putin Handique, Assistant Director (Handicrafts), Jorhat, Rajen Singh and others also spoke on the occasion.

DMB chairman sacked
BUREAU

Lt. Rajen Barthakur.

The golden jubilee of Luitpuri Rongali Bihu Sammelan started from April 14 with a seven-day programme showcasing various events like *Bar Bihooti* and *Sari Bihooti* competitions, *Bianam* competition, *Hasori* competition, Bihu-related symposium, cultural processions, various sports and cultural competitions, etc.

On the other hand, at Polofield here on the two-day-long 53rd Rongali Bihu Sammelan of Purbanchal Krishi Sangha was held with various programmes including flag hoisting, Bihu presentation, sports competitions, single Bihu dance competition, etc.

The 37th Rongali Bihu Sammelan of Tezpur Anchalik Krira Sanskritik Vikash Kendra was also held with a three-day programme with various events. Likewise, at places like Jainti Pathar, Usanghar Rongali Bihu Pothar, Milampur, etc., the Rongali Bihu was celebrated with much pomp and gaiety.

DRIBURGARH, April 19: Dibrugarh Municipal Board (DMB) chairman Anuradha Dey was removed from her post on Tuesday after 15 BJP municipal ward commissioners expressed no-confidence in her leadership.

The Dibrugarh district administration on Tuesday asked DMB vice chairman Jugananda Sensowa to be the officiating chairman till April 24, when a new chairman will be selected.

The no-confidence motion by the BJP councillors was a culmination of the distinct divide among the civic representatives, with the Dey faction having allegiance to local MLA Prasanta Phukan. Both Phukan and Dey have of late gone out of public favour, as the two were seen to be taking no interest in the development of the city after the BJP came to power in Dispur.

While there is hectic lobbying for the new chairman's post, the two leading contenders among women councillors are Shoma Chakraborty and Priyanka Saikia Borthakur. Anuradha Dey, also said to be keen to be the next chairman of the municipal body here. He does not belong to the Prasanta Phukan faction, and often announces that he is with Sarbamanya Sonowal. May be his loyalty to the Chief Minister will be counted this time.

Rhino conservation awards

GUWAHATI, April 19: The rhino conservation awards for 2016-17, instituted by Prabhakar Barua Rhino Conservation Trust, will be presented at the Convention Centre of Kohora in the Kaziranga National Park on April 21, stated a press release.

The Trust has been set up by the children and grandchildren of Late Prabhakar Barua in memory of their father/grandfather who was the first Assamese Chief Conservator of Forests of undivided Assam from 1963 to 1976.

Moril Masa, former Executive Member of NC Hills Autonomous, in charge tourism said that during his tenure he had tried a lot for the development of tourism in Jatinga but was not encouraging may be due to lack of knowledge.

He also suggested that Jatinga is the prime place of attraction for the tourists in Dima Hasao, therefore tourism activities should be encouraged in Jatinga.

Olinius Tariang, ex-Army man, who has visited different places of the country said, "Yes, Jatinga could be made the most sought for tourist spot in the State, because it has every potentialities to be most attractive place for the tourists but prime aim should be to benefit the local people, otherwise it would not be successful and this way also the degraded economical condition of the Jatinga people could be enhanced to a great extent."

Alumni meet at Dr BKB College of Puranigudam on April 25

CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, April 19: In order to mark its golden jubilee celebration, the Geography Department of Dr BKB College at Puranigudam is organising an alumni meet on April 25 next.

An eminent geographer, Dr Phani Deka will deliver a popular talk on 'Geography and its Prospects' on that day. The departmental magazine titled *Oasis* will also be released on the occasion.

All the past students of the Geography Department have been urged to help make the event a success. Those interested may contact the HoD for any further details, the organisers mentioned.

Batadrava development: A meeting of the Vision Plan Committee to attract national and international tourists to Batadrava, the birthplace of 15th century saint-reformer Srimanta Sankaradeva, who is also known as the architect of modern Assamese society, was held on April 17 at Batadrava under the presidency of Dr Rabin Devchoudhury.

The meeting discussed about ways to preserve and develop Akashigangha, Sankarajana, Hatibola, Doul Mandir, a silkhya tree (*Terminalia chebula*) and Satra

Radhika memorial place, besides other heritage spots.

The meeting stressed on preserving and



Dilapidated condition of Katigharh-Sadirkhal PWD Road in Cachar district, as seen on Tuesday. — UB Photos

Jatinga deprived of 'government attention'

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, April 19: Jatinga village, once the richest and cleanest village of the district with 100 per cent literacy, has failed to draw the attention of the development agencies as well as the local administration perhaps, but is still proud to be world famous for its unsolved 'birds mystery'.

Sarma, who was a resident of Jatinga, was a respected person of the area.

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development agencies. Except for a few, most of the people are in bad-to-mouth condition.

Obstinate Pachuan, the first elected member of NC Hills Autonomous Council and also former Chairman said that Jatinga village, which was established in 1905 by Late U Lakhsompong Suchiang, never got any development scheme of JDFP or DRDA since it was the most advanced village of the district; everything was done by the villagers of their own.

Haflong, the only hill station in the State with scenic beauty, was popular no doubt, but became more popular because of Jatinga village. However, it was neglected for the reasons best known to them. In the name tourism also no concrete plan or programme was taken to enhance the economic condition which could be done easily by involving the local people for their sustainable livelihood.

Jatinga has to bear the brunt in the

14 level-crossing gates closed down by NFR in Rangiya Divn

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, April 19: The Maligaon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) closed down a total of 14 level-crossing gates in the New Bongaigaon-Gopalguri Town-Kamakhya section of Rangiya Division of the zone during the 2016-17 financial year, which ended on March 31.

Another 33 unmanned level-crossing gates were turned into manned gates during the financial year.

"To ensure safe running of trains, 14 level-crossing gates, including five manned and nine unmanned, were closed in New Bongaigaon-Gopalguri Town-Kamakhya section of Rangiya Division. Another 33 unmanned level-crossing gates were also manned during this period in the Division," said NFR Chief Public

Relations Officer (CPO) PJ Sharma.

During the last financial year, the Rangiya Division of NFR also reported an increase in passengers as well as earnings.

"The overall performance of the Rangiya Division of NFR has been very commendable. Five pairs of new passenger trains were introduced during this period," said Sharma. He said the number of passengers originating from Rangiya Division has increased by 5.66 per cent.

"Passenger earnings have also shown an increase of 11.86 per cent in comparison to last year. The earnings from the Goods Section has increased by 8.50 per cent. Other earnings have also increased by 56.90 per cent. Earnings from ticket checking also increased by 28.05 per cent," Sharma said.

He added that to provide better amenities to the passengers, four PRS-cum-

UTS centres were commissioned at Tatibbar, Changsari, Azara and Duldhoi stations during 2016-17. A total of four foot-overbridges were also commissioned at Khandikar, Goreswar, Koirabari and Sripur stations in the Rangiya-Rangapara North-Murkongsele section.

"To supply clean drinking water to passengers, iron removal plants were provided at four stations. They include Lilabari, Archipathan, Simen Sapori and Telam stations in the Rangiya-Rangapara North-Murkongsele section," he said.

The NFR CPO said that mechanised cleaning of stations is being done at Rangiya, Barpeta Road and Bongaigaon, which are all category 'A' stations, as well as in New Bongaigaon, which is a category 'B' station, and also at Naharlagun, which is a category 'E' station.



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A. Qualification & Experience Criteria :

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Post Code	Qualification (Full Time Regular Courses only from Indian Universities/Institutes)	Area of Experience
1.	Junior Nursing Assistant-IV	101	04 years B.Sc. (Nursing) or 03 years Diploma in Nursing & Midwifery or Gynecology & Obstetrics from recognized Institute / University with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate for General & OBC (NCL) candidates and 45% in case of Pwd candidates against reserved / identified for Pwd positions.	Minimum one year of post qualification experience in Nursing (& Midwifery) or Gynecology & Obstetrics in any Hospital / Nursing Home. Experience in a Hospital of a large establishment will be preferred.
2.	Junior Quality Control Analyst - IV	102	102 B.Sc. with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics with minimum of 50% marks in aggregate for General & OBC (NCL) candidates & 45% in case of SC/ST/Pwd candidates for identified positions or M.Sc. (Chemistry- Regular Course) from a recognized Institute / University with minimum of 45% marks in aggregate for General & OBC (NCL) candidates & 40% in case of SC/ST/Pwd candidates against reserved/identified for Pwd positions.	Minimum one year of post qualification experience in handling instruments like HPLC, XRF, WDXRF, GC, ICPAP, AAS, Auto Analyzers, Flash Points, etc in a Petroleum Refinery/ Petrochemical / Heavy Chemical / Fertilisers / Gas Processing Industry/Power Plants/Large Industrial Establishments*

B. Important Instructions :

1. A candidate is allowed to apply for only one discipline. In case of receipt of more than one application for more than one discipline, the application will be rejected.
2. Qualification for the purpose of this clause would mean the qualification based on which candidature is offered or considered informed by a candidate. Prescribed qualification shall be strictly adhered to.
3. The prescribed qualification should be from a recognized University/Institute as a regular full time /sandwich Diploma course (Industrial training as part of the course with no break)
4. Candidates possessing Diploma under recognized lateral entry scheme (Class - XII (Sc) admitted in 2nd year of Diploma course) shall also be considered eligible subject to meeting prescribed percentage of marks on the basis of aggregate of 4 semesters in the diploma course.
5. The criteria for full time regular course shall not be insisted upon in case of Ex-Servicemen, provided they possess a requisite EQUIVALENT qualification that has been acquired during the service period and is recognized by AICTE/MHRD, GoI and have secured the prescribed minimum percentage of marks.
6. No Claim of possession of a qualification equivalent to a prescribed qualification shall be entertained.
7. Candidates possessing higher professional qualifications such as Graduate Engineers, MBA / MCA / CA / CS / ICWA / LLB or those claiming possession of a Qualification equivalent to the Qualification prescribed shall not be considered for the above post.
8. The candidature of the applicant would be provisional and subject to subsequent verification of certificates / testimonials, etc.
9. Suppression of information regarding possession of or pursuing higher qualification shall render a candidate ineligible for consideration at any stage of selection and termination at any time during employment, if recruited.
10. *Large Industrial Establishment would mean industrial / manufacturing Units whose investment in plant & machineries exceed Rs. 10 crores and which has been in operation.

- Candidates shall be required to attach a copy of the relevant page of the last published Balance sheet of the establishment with the physical application under self-certification by the candidate.
- Candidates employed, directly or by or through any agency (including a contractor) by a Large Industrial Establishment shall also be liable to apply, provided they furnish copy of the work order issued to the agency/contractor alongwith the proof of the balance sheet.

C. Opportunity for Women :

1. No woman is permitted to work or allowed to enter any building in which the generation of gas from dangerous petroleum as defined in the Petroleum Act 1934, is carried on. No woman is allowed to work in LPG storage and handling area.
2. Accordingly, Women candidates will not be considered for vacancies in Production and also against the cadres/ work areas that require shift operations, 365 days in a year or necessitates undertaking work beyond 07.00 pm (& up to 06.00 am), like P&U Operations (Boiler & Electrical), Quality Control and Fire & Safety or maintenance services normally performed in shifts.
3. However, save as provided above, women can be employed against identified posts/ positions in other work areas in Mechanical and Instrumentation.

D. Reservation for SC/ST/OBC (Non - Creamy Layer) / ExSM / Pwd :

1. Reservation of Posts for OBC (Non - Creamy Layer)/ExSM/Pwd candidates and relaxations thereof categories will be in terms of numbers indicated above.
2. SC/ST/OBC candidates can be considered under General standard of merit against the un-reserved posts provided no relaxation in seat qualification etc. is availed/exerted to them.
3. For claiming the benefit of OBC category, the candidate should submit a latest caste certificate in the proforma prescribed by Govt. of India, which would, among others specifically mention that the candidate does not belong to the persons/sections (creamy layer) as mentioned in column 3 of the schedule to the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India OM No. 36012/22/93-Estt.(SC) dated 08.09.1993.

4. Candidates belonging to OBC category but falling in creamy layer are not entitled to OBC reservation benefits. Accordingly such candidates may choose to apply for the positions provided they meet the age criteria applicable to UR candidates and indicate their category as "UR". Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. being a Central Public Sector Undertaking, only those communities that are mentioned in the common list of OBC approved by Central Government shall be treated as OBC for the purpose of reservation. Relevant List can be viewed at <http://www.nrcb.nic.in>.
5. Prescribed reservations for Pwd & Ex-servicemen will be applied on horizontal basis as per Govt. guidelines. Candidates belonging to Persons with Disabilities (Pwd) category shall be considered only against the identified numbers and positions. The identified posts along with categories of disability for engagement of Pwd candidates are as under :

Sl. No	Post	Category of disability
1.	Junior Nursing Assistant-IV	OH (OA) / HH
2.	Junior Quality Control Analyst - IV	OH (OA, OL)

Abbreviations : Handicap Description - OA=One Arm, OL=One Leg, HH=Hearing Impaired, OH=Orthopedically Impaired.

6. Pwd candidates with less than 40% of permanent disability are not eligible. The Pwd candidates are required to submit a Disability Certificate issued by competent authority as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Amended Rules, 2009, failing which their candidature as Pwd candidates will not be considered. Persons with Disabilities (HH and OH) must be capable of performing the task assigned to them.

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

1. The minimum qualifying marks will be relaxed by 5% for candidates belonging to Pwd category considered with relaxation against reserved posts.
2. SC/ST/Pwd candidates called for Written Test and Skill/Proficiency/Fire Test will be reimbursed single 1nd class rail fare from the nearest railway station of the mailing address to the place of Written Test and Skill/Proficiency/Fire Test and back by the shortest route on production of ticket, provided the distance is not less than 30 Kms.

Saat Bisma
Mela begins
CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, April 19: Hundreds of pilgrims from all over the State and neighboring States thronged the Mahamaya Temple near Bagribari to participate in the historic Saat Bisma Mela on Wednesday.

Believed to be a very auspicious occasion, pilgrims from far-flung areas take part in the mela. The fair will end on May 4.

4. The temple holds a special puja, Satya Sankranti Puja, on the occasion of Assamese New Year after which the fair begins. "This annual puja has a long history related to Ma Mahamaya," said Surendra Bhattacharjee, a senior porior of the temple.

3. SC/ST/Pwd/ExSM candidates are exempted from payment of application fee.

F. Age limit / Relaxation for candidates belonging to OBC/Pwd & Ex-servicemen : Higher Secondary Education or passing Matriculation/Higher Secondary shall be the only acceptable document in support of proof of age.

2. Minimum 18 years and Maximum age shall be 26 years for General candidates.

3. Relaxation in age up to 3 years for OBC candidates considered against reserved positions will be allowed.

4. Pwd candidates will be allowed age-relaxation up to 10 years (up to 15 years for SC/ST and up to 13 years for OBC candidates), if considered against reserved positions.

5. Relaxation to Ex-servicemen will be allowed as per Govt. guidelines.

6. Age relaxation of a period equal to minimum years of experience notified against a post shall be allowed.

7. Period of Apprenticeship training in an industry (and an Internship training in IOC Refinery) covered under the experience criteria notified in this advt. relevant to a post will be considered for relaxation in age.

8. Further, period of an Apprenticeship training in an industry (and an Internship training in IOC Refinery) covered under the experience criteria notified in this advt. relevant to a post may be considered as experience. However, in such cases, relaxation towards age will not be available.

G. Date of reckoning Eligibility criteria :

1. The date for the purposes of possession of qualification and meeting age criteria shall be **30.04.2017**.

H. Pay & Perks :

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

I. Selection Methodology :

1. The selection methodology will comprise Written Test and a Skill/ Proficiency/ Physical Test which will be of qualifying nature.

2. A candidate will be awarded a minimum of 40% marks in the written test to qualify for further consideration.

3. The minimum qualifying marks in the written test will be relaxed by 5% for candidates belonging to Pwd category considered against reserved positions.

4. Obtaining minimum qualifying marks in the written test does not confer any right or claim by the candidate for being shortlisted for further consideration or the final selection, as the same is related to number of positions, ratio applied and relative performance in respective categories.

5. Short listed candidates, in the ratio of 1.2 (two candidates for one post, with due cognizance to number of reserved posts) subject to securing minimum qualifying marks in the written test, will be required to undergo a Skill/Proficiency/Physical Test (SPPT). The SPPT for each discipline shall be conducted by a duly constituted committee.

6. In case of tie of marks in the written test for the last position on the Shortlist for SPPT, all such candidates shall be called for the SPPT, even if the total number exceeds the prescribed ratio. If such a situation arises anywhere before the last position while drawing a list, the last name/last few names in the list, in proportion to the prescribed ratio, will get eliminated.

7. Categories will be determined on the basis of marks obtained in the written test from & out of the said short-list; only for near merit candidates who qualify in the written test.

8. In case of tie of marks for the last position on the Merit List, the candidate with prior date of birth (senior by age) shall find a place in the Merit List. However, the name of the junior shall also be retained in the said Merit List, as the last name. If such a situation arises anywhere before the last position while drawing a list, the last name/last few names in the list, in proportion to the prescribed ratio, will get eliminated.

9. Pwd and Ex-Servicemen candidates, if found suitable, will be considered against reserved vacancy irrespective of their position in Merit list (in order of merit within the category) on horizontal reservation policy.

10. The candidature of the applicant would be provisional and subject to subsequent verification of certificates/ testimonials, experience etc. At any stage of the selection process, if it is found that the candidate has furnished false or incorrect information, the candidature/appointment of the candidate will be cancelled.

11. Filling up of vacancies is solely at the discretion of the management based on suitability of candidates and no claim will arise for appointment, if some of these vacancies are not filled due to unsuitability of available candidates or insufficiency in number of candidates.

12. The decision of the Management will be final and binding on all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the application, mode of selection, cancellation of the selection process either in part or full, etc. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

J. Pre-Employment Medical and Physical Fitness :

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

K. Liability to Declared Unit :

1. Candidates who will be appointed against a declared unit will be required to undergo a full application for details of educational qualification and other eligibility criteria before submission of on-line application.

2. A candidate found UNFIT during medical examination conducted by any refinery unit while seeking engagement as an apprentice in the past shall also be required to declare the same with reasons for being declared UNFIT.

L. General Instructions :

1. Candidates are advised to carefully read the full application for details of educational qualification and other eligibility criteria before submission of on-line application.

2. A candidate employed in Govt/Govt Departments/PSUs/Autonomous Bodies will be required to submit "NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE" at the time of Written Test, failing which the candidate will not be allowed to appear in the Skill/Proficiency/ Physical Test. Such candidates, if offered an appointment, shall be required to submit proper "RELEASE ORDER" from their employer at the time of joining, without which they will not be allowed to join.

3. General Application Form (GAF) and Demand Draft (Rs. One hundred fifty only) as application fee (non-refundable) shall be sent in favour of **Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bongaigaon Refinery payable at SBI, BRPL Complex Branch, Dhaligaon (Branch Code - 7171, IFSC Code - SBIN0002171)** the number/details of which are required to be furnished in the on-line Application Form. Payment in any other form will not be accepted. (Suitable modifications may be made in case the facility of RTGS/NEFT transfer through designated bank is available at the unit)

M. How to Apply : On-Line Application Form

1. Before applying on-line, a candidate must have an active email ID and a mobile phone number which must remain valid for at least twelve month period for future communication (including issue of call letters).

2. The candidate should have the relevant documents/documents pertaining to age, qualification, caste, experience, Disability Certificate (where applicable), demand draft (if required) and scanned copy of colour photograph and signature in jpg format (size not exceeding 50 KB) ready before applying on-line. The photo and signature in digital form will be required to be uploaded.

3. Candidates meeting the prescribed eligibility criteria for a post, may visit the website <https://www.iocl.com/PeopleCareers/job.aspx> and apply on-line on ICL website www.iocrecruit.in, which will remain open from **19-04-2017 to 09-05-2017**. Only online mode of applications will be accepted.

4. After successfully applying/registering on-line applications, the candidate must take a print out of the filled on-line application form. The print out along with all supporting documents as mentioned in the check list attached to the application form including demand draft (if applicable) with name, address, post code & Roll No, written on the reverse of the DD is required to be sent by post to **The Chief Human Resource Manager, HR Department, Bongaigaon Refinery, Post Office - Dhaligaon, District - Chirang, Assam- 783385**. Printout of online application received after last date **19-05-2017** shall be treated as "Rejected".

5. Candidates are advised to carry a copy of the application with originals & self-authenticated copies of all testimonials and produce the same at the time of SPPT for verification.

6. Incomplete applications not supported by copies of relevant documents, applications not fulfilling the eligibility criteria or documents received after the last date of receipt of applications (in physical form) shall be treated as "Rejected".

7. Candidates shall note that the documents sent to any other address shall stand automatically rejected.

8. Further information regarding written examination, call letters, results, etc shall be made available through this website <https://www.iocl.com/PeopleCareers/job.aspx> and/or over email. Candidates are, therefore, advised to keep visiting the website www.iocl.com regularly.

9. Canvassing in any form is liable to render the candidate ineligible. Queries, if any, may be addressed to the following e-mail id : bgrecruit@indianoil.in Contact No. 03664 253157.

Important Dates for Candidates :

DATE OF OPENING OF ONLINE APPLICATION : 19-04-2017

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION : 09-05-2017

LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF PRINTOUT OF ONLINE APPLICATION : 19-05-2017

FORM ALONGWITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS : LIKELY DATE OF PUBLICATION OF WRITTEN TEST RESULT : June 2017

For Clarification(s) : Contact on Phone No. 03664 253157 or email to bgrecruit@indianoil.in

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Be Aware of Frauds

Recruitments in Indian Oil are undertaken only through Employment Exchange / Press Notifications

Advertisement No. BGR/2016-17/03 Dated : 19-04-2017

Police resort to blank fire to disperse mob at Kazigaon

Parbatjhora rushed to the spot with additional forces to control the situation.

It may be mentioned here that Basanti Marak (50) of Garo Bazar village under Parbatjhora Subdivision was assaulted by some miscreants,

who also threatened to kill her of practicing black magic. After receiving the information, police immediately rushed to the spot and rescued her.

Police also arrested four villagers in this connection, namely Sarseng, Sangma, Samsung Marak, Mycle Marak and Miran Marak.

In an unrelated incident, police arrested one Salesh Hembram from Anandapur village under Gossaigaon Police Station in Kokrajhar in connection with Gossaigaon PS Case No. 161/2017 U.S 120(B)/295(A)/427/506 IPC, Kokrajhar, Sing added.

Train mishap

NAGAON, April 19: Muhibdin Ahmed, retired Grade I forester, died when the Silghati-Guwahati train ran over him near Aminatty this morning.

Once a national-level cricketer, Muhibdin (61) was loved by the people. He is survived by his wife.

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Mizoram Govt denies receiving MHA letter on Bru crisis

AIZAWL, April 19: Mizoram Government today said that it has not received any letter from MHA, which proposed creation of another autonomous district council to solve the Bru (Refugee) crisis.

State Home department additional secretary, Lalbiakzama said that the State Government did not receive such letter purported to be written by Joint Secretary of MHA to the State Chief Secretary.

Meanwhile, State Home Minister RL Lalziriana ruled out creation of any other autonomous district council, saying that the government would never agree to further balkanise of the small State on ethnic grounds. - PTI

Manipur CM seeks public support in fighting corruption

SOBHPATI SAMOM

ruption, he observed.

Stating that the present State Government understands the mental dilemma endured by the parents and candidates who had appeared in the police recruitment conducted by the previous Government, Singh said that the present coalition Government would be committed to giving a transparent and clean administration to the people.

The State Government is planning to construct a Manipur Bhawan in Mumbai, he said, adding land has already been acquired by the previous Government.

The Chief Minister accepted AIR Imphal's offer of earmarking a 15-minute slot every month to broadcast his speech on the lines of PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme.

Works and IPR Minister Th Biswajit and National School of Drama, New Delhi Chairman Ratan Thiyam also attended the function.

2 injured in lightning strike

TURA, April 19: Two persons were struck by lightning this afternoon at Tura town in Garo village about 22 km from here in West Garo Hills.

The uncle-nephew duo identified as Biston Sangma, 21 and Biniton Marak, 41 were brought to Tura civil hospital for treatment. Marak's condition is said to be critical. — Correspondent

Nagas in Cambodia

IMPHAL, April 19: Nagas in

Cambodia (NACAM) celebrated its 11th anniversary with a three-day programme at Kirirom Mountain Resort in Cambodia from April 14 to 16.

A press note from NACAM said that 24 Nagas from the States of Nagaland and Manipur attended the event.

NACAM was formed in 2007 with the objective of keeping the Nagas in Cambodia connected, thereby helping encouraging, and to uplift one another, said the press release.

The other purposes of NACAM is tourism, business and fellow Nagas who visit Cambodia. — Newmai News

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No NRHM/CHC/2016-17/3233/6/2628 Dated: 18th April 2017

EXTRACTION NOTICE

The Extraction work on Construction of Community Model Hospital including residential quarters at Kariguri in Kamrup District under NHM on Turn Key Basis, issued vide this office letter No.NRHM/CHC/2016-17/3233/6/1554 dt.20th March/2017 and No.NRHM/CHC/2016-17/3233/16/2489 dt.11th April/2017 is further extended as follows:

- (i) Submission of Bid: 28/04/2017 (ent date) at 14:00 hrs. (end time)
- (ii) Opening of Bid: 29/04/2017 at 15:30 hrs
- (iii) The bids submitted earlier will be considered in the above bid process.
- (iv) All other terms and conditions will remain same.

Sd/-

Mission Director NHM, Assam

CORRIGENDUM

This is for General Information to all concerned that in the column of "No. of Post" for the post Jr. Instructor for Institute under Directorate of Technical Education vide Advertisement No. Janasanayog 10606/16 & 10610/16 dated 29th March '2017 published in the local News papers are to be read as follows.

Total: 68 [OBC/MOBC:18, SC:5, STP:7, STH:3, UR:33, PWD:2]

All other terms and conditions as laid in the earlier advertisement shall remain same.

Sd/- Director of Technical Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
Janasanayog/640/17

CORRIGENDUM

This corrigendum is in reference to the advertisement published in local news papers namely "The Sentinel" and "Amar Aoxom" on 7/3/2017.

1. Please read "Total no of vacancy for Person with Disability (PWD) : Nil instead of 1 (one) post," appearing in column 5 of the advertisement.

2. To comply with the directives of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, the aforesaid change has been made.

3. In consequence of the aforesaid changes, the applications of Persons with Disability (PWD) candidates as received, shall be considered under General Category.

Chief Inspector of Boilers, Assam
Lafmati, Guwahati-29
Janasanayog/653/17

WEATHER NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE Northeast monsoon activity very likely to occur at most places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and light to moderate rain/thunder showers is very likely to occur at a few places over Arunachal Pradesh.

Warning: Thunder squall with wind speed exceeding 50 km/h is likely to occur at isolated places on April 20 over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura. Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya on April 21 and 22 and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura April 20, 21, 22 and 23. Very heavy rains is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya on April 20 and 23.

Temperatures:

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	25.6	22.1
Tezpur	24.2	23.4
Silchar	30.8	23.0
Dibrugarh	27.2	24.5
Dispur	25.2	22.3
N.Lakshmi	27.5	20.1
Shillong	20.9	14.8
Imphal	25.9	17.3
Itanagar	26.6	20.0
Aizawl	31.2	10.2
Gangtok	30.8	14.0
Kohima	25.2	13.4
Pasighat	30.7	21.8
Cherrapunjee	18.8	14.8

Short Notice inviting

Notice for IT Equipment

CEO, FREMA, on behalf of

Agency invites quotation for

Supply and Installation of detailed RFO may be obtained from the official website i.e.

fremaa.org.in

Sd/- CEO, FREMA

Flood and River

Management Agency of

Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6,

District - Kamrup (Metro), Assam on or before 26.04.2017

under no circumstances the application received beyond that day will be entertained.

Those who have already submitted applications earlier in response to the advertisement dated 05.02.2016 and 21.08.2016 need not have to apply again.

Sd/- Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Social Welfare Department,
Dispur, Guwahati-6,
Janasanayog/666/17

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Stealed tenders affixing court seal of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five only) with validity period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days is invited from the contractor/s firm registered under APWD (Building) for the following works:-

Gr.	Name of work	Approx. value of work	Bid security	Cost of tender document	Period of completion	Eligibility of contractor
1	Construction of Community hall at Banhangi (Upper Lengpi, Kamrup) under Jangchuk Constituency of RHAC.	Rs. 5,99,997.00	Rs. 12,00,000.00	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	APWD (Building)- Class-I (A), II (B), III (C), IV (D), V (E)
B2	Construction of Community Hall at Langkona Gao Basa, Kamrup under Jangchuk Constituency of RHAC.	Rs. 5,99,997.00	(Rs. 6,00,000.00 in case of SCST/OCB/MOB/C/ UGE/ UDE etc.)	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	Do
B23	Construction of Community Handloom Training Production Centre for Khasi-Karekota Mohila Samity at Khasi under Both Constituency of RHAC.	Rs. 5,99,977.00	Rs. 12,00,000.00	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	Do
B24	Construction of Boundary wall at K.K. Handicape Open University (Part-II) (Balance work).	Rs. 6,25,366.00	(Rs. 6,00,000.00 in case of SCST/OCB/MOB/C/ UGE/ UDE etc.)	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	Do
B25	Construction of Boundary wall at K.K. Handicape Open University (Part-II) (Balance work).	Rs. 6,04,450.00	(Rs. 6,04,500.00 in case of SCST/OCB/MOB/C/ UGE/ UDE etc.)	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	Do
B26	Construction of RCC roofing round shape waiting shed with concrete chair at Lower Lengpi, Kamrup under Jangchuk Constituency of RHAC.	Rs. 6,00,002.00	(Rs. 6,00,000.00 in case of SCST/OCB/MOB/C/ UGE/ UDE etc.)	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	Do
B27	Conct of Office Building including ceiling and Latrine cum Urinal at Sonowla Weekly Market under Jangchuk Constituency of RHAC.	Rs. 5,99,977.00	(Rs. 6,00,000.00 in case of SCST/OCB/MOB/C/ UGE/ UDE etc.)	Rs. 500.00	90(monthly) days	Do

The tender papers will be issued to the contractor authorized representatives on receipt of application using e-tenderization system. The tender documents will be available for download from the website of Executive Engineer, PWD, Guwahati Building Division No.1 payable at Guwahati from 21/04/2017 to 24/04/2017 during office hours. The same will be received upto 20/04/2017 on 24/04/2017 on the same date. If for any reason the last date of receiving / opening of tenders in declared in advance, tenders will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time as above. The tenderer or his authorized agent may remain present at the time of opening of Tender papers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D.

Guwahati Brdg. Division No.1
Dispur, Guwahati-6

Meghalaya BJP inducts 12 tribal faces in executive body

SHILLONG, April 19: BJP in Meghalaya has reorganized the party's State executive committee by inducting 12 tribal faces in view of the Assembly election next year.

"We have induced 12 tribal executive members of the party in the executive committee at

the party meeting last evening.

The decision was taken in view of the party getting ready for the 2018 elections," State BJP chief Shubin Lyngdoh said.

Of the 16 executive members elected yesterday, Lyngdoh, who retained the post of party chief, said there are only

four non-tribals. He said that tribal faces were required as party would field candidates in all the 60 seats in 2018 elections.

Lyngdoh said that BJP national executive meeting held at Bhubaneswar had given him the power to reorganise the State executive committee and

bring in as much tribal leaders as possible. Former MLAs Edmund Sangma and JA Lyngdoh who joined the party recently were made vice-president and spokesperson respectively.

Executive member of Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council Neil Antonio War was also in-



School students visiting the Raj Bhawan in Shillong to view the blooming spring flowers on Wednesday. — UB Photos

NGO files petition before National Green Tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, April 19: Greater Laban Community Development Society (GLCDS) here has filed a petition before National Green Tribunal (NGT) for the preservation and protection of catchment area at Lawshothan in the Meghalaya State capital.

In a statement, the Tribunal directed the State Government to act to protect and preserve the area even though the Government for long has been failing to do so.

According to the Society several water sources are found in the area which originates from Shillong Peak and is therefore one of the main sources of drinking water for the State capital.

The organisation has also sought the NGT's intervention to direct the State Government to declare the area as a "critical catchment

area" under the Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Areas Act, 1990.

Shillong has raised the issue on several occasions and also in the Assembly and has blamed the Government for being lax in protecting the vital area.

GLCDS has said that the State Government has failed to act to protect and preserve the area even though the Gauhati High Court directed the Advisory Body constituted under the Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Areas Act, 1990 to declare the Lawshothan and its adjoining area as catchment area.

The organisation has also sought the NGT's intervention to direct the State Government to declare the area as a "critical catchment area" under the Meghalaya Protection of Catchment Areas Act, 1990.

It has been claimed that the area is facing severe water scarcity due to over-exploitation of ground water and lack of rainfall.

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Demonstrators hold banners during an anti-corruption rally demanding the resignation of the interior minister and police chief in Bratislava, Slovakia, on Tuesday. — UNI

Trump orders overhaul of H-1B visa system

WASHINGTON, April 19: In a blow to Indian IT industry and professionals, US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order for tightening the rules of the H-1B visa programme to stop its "abuse" and ensure that the visas are given to the "most-skilled or highest-paid" petitioners. Acting on his "Buy American, Hire American" pledge, Trump signed the order that calls for an overhaul of the programme at the Kenosha, Wisconsin, headquarters of tool-maker Snap-on Inc yesterday.

"Right now, widespread abuse in our immigration system is allowing American workers of all backgrounds to be replaced by workers brought in from other countries to fill the same job for, sometimes,

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less pay. This will stop," Trump told an enthusiastic audience in Wisconsin before signing the order.

He said the order sets in motion the first steps to initiate "long-overdue" re-

forms to end "visa abuses".

"Right now, H-1B visas are awarded in a totally random lottery, and that's wrong. Instead, they should be given to the most skilled and highest-paid applicants, and they should never, ever be used to replace Americans," the US President asserted.

"No one can compete with American workers when they're given a fair and level playing field, which has not happened for decades," he said.

Trump said his administration is going to enforce "Buy American" rules that are designed to protect jobs and wages of workers in the United States.

"We believe jobs must be offered to American workers first. Does that make sense?" he said. — PTI

Muslim girl's hijab ripped off, called 'terrorist' in US

WASHINGTON, April 19: A 14-year-old Muslim girl's headscarf was ripped off by an unidentified man yelling "terrorist" in the US state of Georgia.

The victim was walking with a group in the parking lot of Perimeter Mall near Maggiano's Little Italy in Atlanta at 9:40 PM on Monday when the man approached and fled after snatching the hijab, police said.

Dunwoody police said they were searching for the man accused of ripping the headscarf off the Muslim girl while yelling "terrorist". The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

"Dunwoody is a very diverse community, welcoming people of all faiths. Therefore, an incident such as this one is unusual," Police Chief Billy Grogan said.

"The Dunwoody Police Department is committed to protecting our citizens and will conduct a thorough investigation," Grogan said.

The police are calling the case an assault. — PTI

Rights groups condemn attack on Sikh cab driver in NYC

NEW YORK, April 19: Civil rights groups are strongly condemning a "racially motivated" attack on a Sikh taxi driver here, calling it an assault "on all New Yorkers".

Harkinder Singh (25), an immigrant from Punjab who moved to the US three years ago, was assaulted and his turban knocked off by unruly passengers in the early hours of Sunday.

The New York Police Department is investigating the incident as a possible hate crime.

The New York chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-NY), a leading Muslim civil rights and advocacy organisation, condemned the "racially and religiously motivated attack" on Singh.

"As brothers and sisters facing increased racially and religiously motivated attacks, this reprehensible attack against Singh resonates strongly with our community," CAIR-NY Executive Director Afaf Nasser said in a statement. — PTI

Kim family values on show at North Korea parade

PYONGYANG, April 19: Before tens of thousands of soldiers and civilians marched before him, along with some of the most fearsome weapons at his command, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his audience were shown portraits of his grandfather and father.

Pyongyang's giant weekend parade was intended as a show of military strength aimed at Washington, Seoul, Tokyo and others with tensions soaring over its nuclear and missile ambitions.

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Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates with the match ball after the UEFA Champions League quarterfinal second leg against Bayern Munich at the Santiago Bernabeu in Madrid, on Tuesday.



Punjab must win this game to regain the lost momentum

The last few games of the IPL have gone right down till the final over which has kept the fans on their toes and supporters of their teams chewing their nails off their fingers. The Delhi Daredevils were pipped at the end by the daredevil of a Knight Rider, Manish Pandey. Pandey has been such a terrific player over the years but it's only after playing for India that he has understood the importance of being more consistent and not given to the rush of blood shots that would get him out earlier for good looking twenties and thirties. Now he hides his eye, and then times his acceleration to a nicely without losing out on the elegance. What is even better to see is that the shots are mostly cricketing ones and not crude slugs. He took the Knight Riders home with just a couple of deliveries left. In Hyderbad the defending champs once again showed why they are the team to beat by stopping a defiant Punjab team. Bhuvneshwar Kumar now bows the yorker as well as anybody in the world and to honest the only other bowler that comes to mind is Mitchell Starc. That is how good company for Starc to like Bhuvneshwar over the last couple of years has become a



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bowler to watch out for with the new ball as well as the old. Mumbai Indians have rarely had as brilliant a start as this year and that is due to the terrific combo that they have as well as the replacements for the overseas players whenever needed if there is injury. As the tournament progresses and once qualification for the play offs is certain then some of the players can be rested to keep them fresh for the knockouts. Rohit Sharma found some of his touch in the previous game but he needs to swap bat positions with Jos Buttler. Sharma has said that the team needs a finisher and he sees himself in that role but if one looks at Buttler's career one will find that he is a superb finisher too. He hasn't quite clicked so far in the tournament but when he does the fans will need helmets in the stands for sure. He is like a Villiers, an awesome sight when he goes cracking the ball.

Manan Vohra finally got a big score that almost took his team home. Like a lot of young Indian players in this tournament he is trying to play too many shots too soon and so flattering to deceive. If he can hold his horses like he did against the Sunrisers he will be a more effective player than he is at the moment and help reach the destination for his team. Punjab must win this game to regain the lost momentum but will the in-form Mumbai Indians allow them to do so? - PMG

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Ronaldo hat-trick fires Real into semis

MADRID, April 19: Cristiano Ronaldo scored a controversial hat-trick to become the first man to reach 100 Champions League goals as Real Madrid overcame 10-man Bayern Munich 4-2 after extra time in a thrilling quarter-final second leg.

The holders surged through 6-3 on aggregate at an exhilarated Santiago Bernabeu to take their place in Friday's semifinal draw for a record seventh consecutive year.

But Real were pushed all the way by Bayern, who battled back from a 2-1 first-leg deficit to send the tie into extra time thanks to Robert Lewandowski's penalty and an own goal from Sergio Ramos.

However, after Arturo Vidal was sent off, Ronaldo hit the century mark in Europe's top club competition on 104 minutes and completed his hat-trick five minutes later.

Bayern were left incensed, though, as Ronaldo's second and third goals were clearly offside.

"To score six goals against a team like Bayern Munich isn't easy so we deserved to go through," the Portuguese striker told Spanish TV station Antena 3.

"Real Madrid is Real Madrid, we are used to suffering and we are happy to be in the semis once again."

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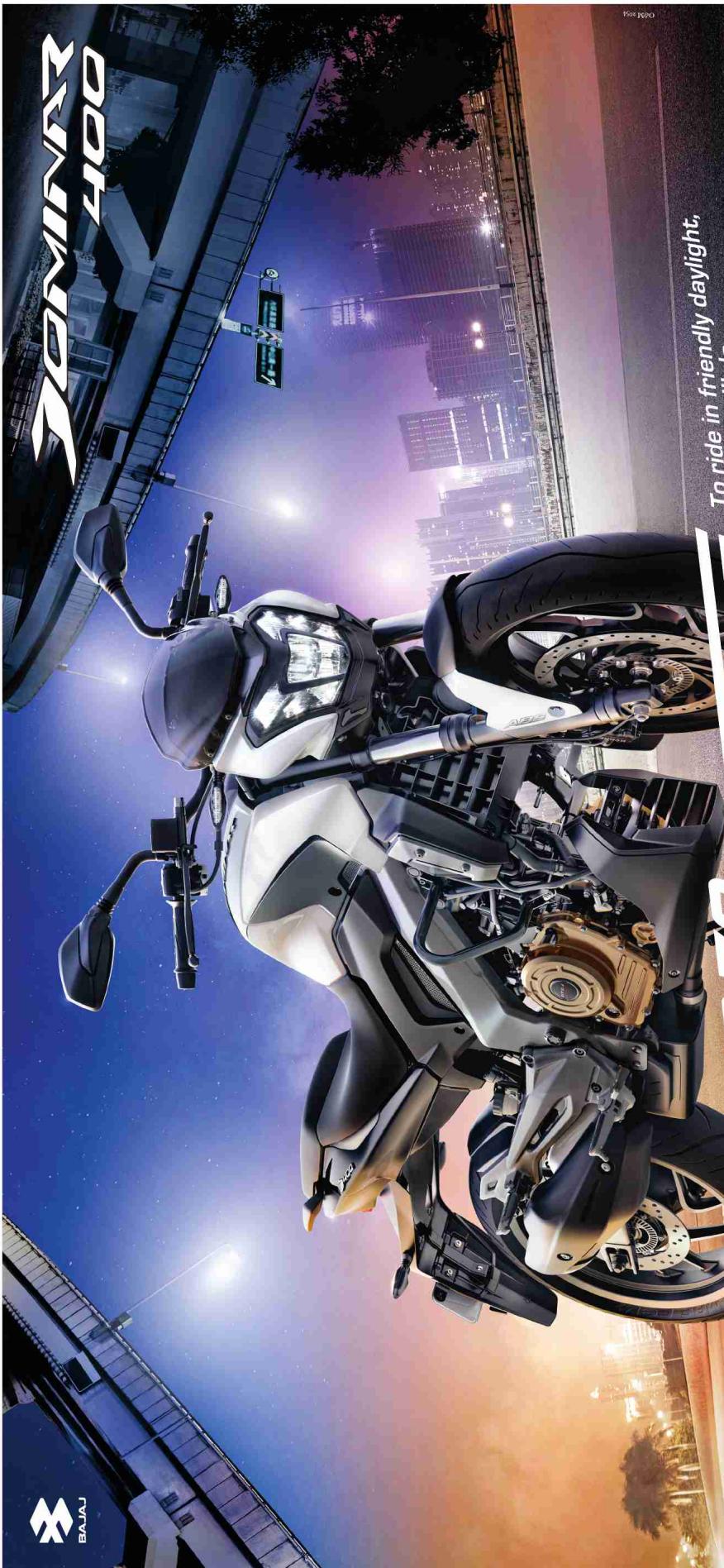
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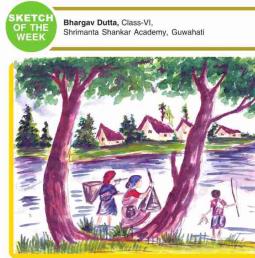
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**A festive time**

The State is in festive fervour,
Nehru's State, Assam.
It's the month of *Bogag*,
Fun and frolic everywhere,
The day of the chariot.
To forget all fear.
Happiness and joy be shared,
Let us all be happy.
Let's uphold the culture of Assam.

There is a lot to care about.
The *kopoo* flower adds to the beauty.
The *garmora* and *laloi* meshela chador,
The *laloi* of the people of Assam.
The red Assamese Japgi.
The *poga*,
It's *lachar*.
The beginning of the Assamese New Year!
— Gaurav Gaudam Saha, Class X
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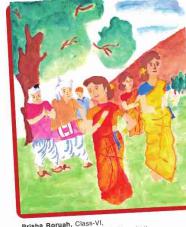
**Dream destination**

I want to go to a place,
Where there is no race.
No discrimination is such,
Which is not big much.
It is neither London, nor Paris,
But it is Assam.
To explore the ancient, peaceful stages of Assam,
Where there are many picturesque locations
And also the presence of temples.
Also, people conserve their culture and traditions.
Where there are forests of bamboo,
And other sources of bamboo.
I want to go to such a beautiful village,
And settle there. Till my last breath.
— Monisha Bhattacharya, Class X
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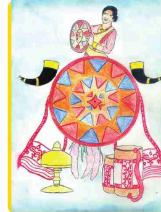


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POEM OF THE WEEK

— Neelabh Kashyap, Class VIII,
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Midnight's dream

Deep in slumber, the mind dozes
Into a whole new world of dreams:
Where imagination rules the sky and earth,
And the hills, and valleys, and streams.

Where the lush green flora and the diverse fauna
Fill the air with fragrance,
Where the vast blue sea, with its violent waves,
Crash down on the soft, wet sand.

And in semi-consciousness, as the mind takes in
That resounding paradise,
It sees the hand of God in hand,
A sure sight for the eyes.

For in today's world, so corrupted and inflicted
With conflicts, war and strife;
Man has made it impossible to walk
Hand in hand.

Hence, that scene in that midnight's dream,
Provoked the mind to how
Its head to what could be the world,
If to change themselves, man vow.



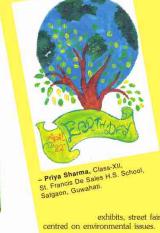
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World Earth Day

Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson of the United States. It is a leading and celebrated environmental event held annually. Earth Day commemorates the Earth's unique place in the universe. Out of all the planets of the solar



— Priya Sharma, Class-XII,
St. Francis De Sales H. S. School,
Sagor, Guwahati

system, Earth is the only planet which has such a vast biodiversity. Earth Day is a day to educate people on how to protect the planet. Earth Day was first observed in 1970. The main aim is to promote the concept of ecology, reverence for existence on Earth and the need to live in harmony without polluting the soil, air and water. Earth Day is observed in nearly 140 nations. The day is celebrated by outdoor fests, exhibits, street fairs, kids and television programmes that are centred on environmental issues.



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Of Bihu and *Bohag*

KC Bhattacharya unravels the astronomical origins of this spring festival.

As winter draws to an end, and spring announces its arrival, nature is also getting ready in its new attire. The raindrops sprinkled on the dry earth by the *Bordoloi* on her annual visit spreads an aroma of liveliness in the air. Everybody eagerly waits to welcome *Bohag*. Bihu. Astronomically, the first day of *Bohag* is the beginning of a solar or tropical year based on the apparent movement of the Sun as seen from the Earth.

Two days in a tropical year are known to have equal durations of sunshines (day) and darkness (night). The astronomers of ancient India had named them as *mashavishwa*, falling in spring, and *jala-vishwa*, falling in autumn. The western astronomers call them vernal equinox and autumnal equinox, respectively. *Vishwa* in Sanskrit means division into two equal parts. The imaginary line dividing the northern and southern hemispheres of the globe equally is called the *vishvarekha* (equator). The distinctiveness of the *mashavishwa* from the rest of the days, and also due to its occurrence in the clear weather of spring, led to count a tropical year from one *mashavishwa* or vernal equinox to the next.

Just as the tropical year was divided into 12 months, the apparent annual path of the sun in the sky was also divided into 12 sectors of 30 degree angles, each identified by a constellation of stars, and named as a *Rasi* (zodiac) – *Mesha*, *Brisha*, *Mithuna*, etc. These zodiac signs have close similarity with those of western astrology. On the *mashavishwa* day, the sun is exactly overhead at midday, at any place on the *vishvarekha*. The Sun enters the *Mesha rashi* on this day, hence the special status of *Mesha* as the *adhistari*. The first day of the year having such astronomical or astrological significances must have been celebrated with great pomp, and was probably named as *vishwa* festival.

The astrological tradition in India was to name a month by the *rakshatra* or star in whose vicinity a full moon occurs. In the first month, the full moon happened to occur near the star *Vishabha*, hence the name *Vaisakha*. In the next month,

was the *Jaiṣṭha nakṣatra*, giving the name *Jaiṣṭha* and so on. From *Vaisakha* to *Bohag*, and from *Vishwa* to *Bihu* – this is the link we can trace back to ancient astronomy. In the Malayalam calendar of South India, this *tithi* is celebrated in present time as *Vishu*, while in Odisha, it is celebrated as '*maha-vishvavasankranti*'.

According to modern astronomy, the vernal equinox (*mashavishwa*) comes every year on March 20. If *Bihu* originated from *Vishwa*, then how is it that we celebrate it in April? This again is found explained in astronomy. Due to the 23.45 degree tilt of the rotational axis of the planet earth, the equatorial plane of the earth is also inclined at 23.45 degree angle with respect to the orbit plane. These two planes intersect at a line which meets the orbital path at two points, named in astronomy as vernal equinox and autumnal equinox, respectively. The rotational axis of the earth is generally said to be fixed towards the pole star. But in reality, it has a slow cyclic motion completing one round in 25,727 years.

Due to this slow cyclic movement of the spin axis, the angle between the equatorial plane of the earth and its orbit plane keeps on changing. As a result, the vernal equinox point keeps on drifting westward on the orbit of the earth around the sun. Accordingly, the tropical year will start about 20 minutes earlier every year compared to the previous year. The ancient astronomers of India knew about it and determined the cycle period to be about 25,500 years, as mentioned in the *Surya Siddhanta* by Bhaskara-II, the astronomer of 12th century CE.

In present days, we celebrate *Bihu* (*vishwa*) in April, but the actual *mashavishwa* has already taken place on March 20, that is 24 days earlier, according to modern astronomy. At the rate of 20 minutes a year, the drift of 24 days requires 1728 years. That is, the *vishwa* must have been celebrated in April during the 3rd century CE. The *mashavishwa* has since drifted to March 20, leaving behind the *vishwa* festival in April, probably due to the enchanting environ of spring. Thus *Bihu*

or *vishwa* has a heritage of at least 1700 years.

The Gregorian calendar, introduced in 1582 CE, was so adjusted as to have the vernal equinox to fall every year on March 21. According to the International Astronomy Union, in the present era, the sun resides in *Meen rashi* from April 19 to May 15. According to Vedic astrology also, the sun enters *Meen rashi* on April 15. Thus, the new solar year starts when the Sun enters *Meen*, but the *vishwa* happened 24 days earlier when the Sun was in *Meen rashi*.

The Gregorian year and the Vedic astrological year match with the tropical year very closely. Therefore, the Bohag *Bihu* will continue to visit us every spring in April. But there is a danger of a different kind, not very far away, threatening the Bohag so dear to us. Since the advent of the industrial revolution, millions of tonnes of fossil fuels are burnt every year to meet the energy demand of human civilisation. Forests are being cleared to set up new townships and industries, leaving no place for birds and animals to live. Rising concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to an unprecedented level is causing the planet to warm up. Within the next 100-150 years, the rising temperature may cause the climate system to change unpredictably. If such a day comes, there will not be any spring to welcome the *Bohag*. The heedless cooing of the cuckoo will be missing. *Bordoloi* may turn very violent, destroying everything on her way. Nobody will venture out for *Bihu* dance in the open due to the intense heat. And for all these, Nature is not to be blamed. We have to blame ourselves.

Time is now to desist from destroying the environment. If *Bohag* is lost, then our existence will be also a thing of the past.

Perhaps Sudakartha was right in his thinking, "*Bohag matron eti ritu nobo...*" *Bohag* is indeed a testament of creation, derived from the radiance of the sun. Our survival rests on its preservation.

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schemes and contrivances to everyday tasks, our Mr Bean – Rowan Atkinson.

Moving into Bollywood, we have Raj Kapoor who is considered the 'Charlie Chaplin of Indian Cinema'. *Shree 420*, *Mera Naam Joker* are often viewed as adaptations of Chaplin's *Limeight*. A scuffly boy and a boisterous boy made his *Mera poota hai Japani* an exact replica of Chaplin's style. Indian cinema had some comedians like Keshito Mukherjee, Mehmood, Johny Lever, Asrani, etc. And a special mention must be made of Paresh Rawal as Baburao Gantipatio Apte, who wore an untidy *dhobi* and a torn vest all through *Hera Pheri*.

Though comedy in India is not at its peak, the last few years have shown a great hike in the number of comedians. Shows like *The Great Indian Laughter Challenge*, *The Kapil Sharma Show* and the laughter shows on SAB TV provide us with the right amount of comic relief. Also stand-up comedy is fast finding its feet in India. People are more inclined towards comedy than any other topic as is evident from the increasing number of comedy shows on TV. Thus adding the much-needed spice of laughter into our lives.

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The funny men!

Ria Chakraborty

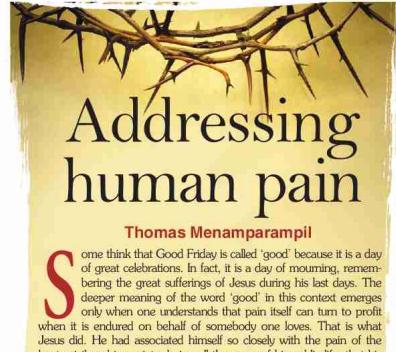
Charlie Chaplin once said that life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot. In our busy, over-committed world, laughter seems to have been lost along the way. We don't find much of it in our everyday lives. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.

When we talk about laughter, we instantly remember one of the greatest comedians of all time – Charlie Chaplin. He would take a serious subject, something you can relate to, and show you how funny life actually is. The king of the world of comedy who reigned in the 20th century is equally famous even today. Even today's generation, for whom silent, black-and-white comedy is anachronistic, if not alien, is

aware of Chaplin and his remarkable legacy. The variety of emotions that Chaplin could portray, even with a straight face, is what is still so riveting about him. He is dead serious, and yet the result is hilarious.

Two men, one's fat, while the other is lean and thin, one seems a little smart, and the other childlike; this contrasting duo can make you laugh until your stomach hurts – Laurel and Hardy, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy's comic team is widely regarded as the greatest in film history. Before coming to comedy, the two were doing well in their individual acting careers, but as a duo their real magic became evident, with Laurel playing the bumbling innocent foil to the pompous Hardy.

For one reason the whole world will always be grateful to British Television – Mr Bean, the person who gets himself in trouble even while cleaning his nose. The man with an MSc in Electrical Engineering at The Queen's College, Oxford is the same childish buffoon who brings various unusual



Addressing human pain

Thomas Menampampil

Some think that Good Friday is called 'good' because it is a day of great celebrations. In fact, it is a day of mourning, remembering the great sufferings of Jesus during his last days. The deeper meaning of the word 'good' in this context emerges only when one understands that pain itself can turn to profit when it is endured on behalf of somebody one loves. That is what Jesus did. He had associated himself so closely with the pain of the least privileged in society during all the years of his public life, that his self-giving on the cross was nothing but its climax.

All his active life, Jesus kept moving from one village to another in Galilee, a Roman province known for its frequent uprisings against the rulers. The imperial authorities crushed the insurrection each time, and executed hundreds of dissidents mercilessly upon the cross. Unexplainable, the helper of the poor and the 'prophet of peace' would meet with the same fate.

The mission of Jesus had been to heal the sick, encourage the heartbroken, motivate people who had lost their sense of direction, and assure everyone that no effort of theirs was wasted. The crowds that flocked to him were the sick, the excluded, the desperately poor, the debt-ridden, grief-ridden, guilt-ridden. For everyone he had a word of encouragement. He never suggested rebellion or violent resistance. He planted courage and determination into their hearts. He asked them to have confidence in their own resourcefulness and look beyond. He sweat blood in the Garden of Gethsemane while praying to God in their behalf. His mind was in agony, thinking of their pains, and those like them.

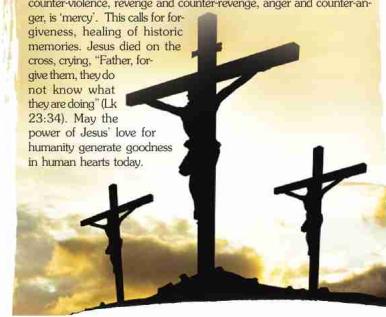
What proved his undoing was the fact that he was critical of injustice, unfairness to the poor, misuse of religion. He exposed hypocrisy. He emphasised the deeper dimension of religion: worshipping God "in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23). He was against excessive legalism, ritualism and superficiality in religion. No wonder he got into trouble with the Establishment, which first sought to marginalise him; then, later to eliminate him. Thus, he too dies on a cross placed between two violent men.

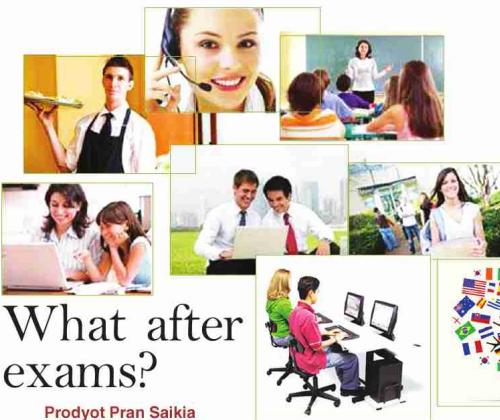
Despite the relevance of his words and works to the immediate context, his concern was for the whole of humankind. He says, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). His message on the Mount, "Happy are the poor, who mourn, the humble, the merciful, those who work for peace, the persecuted," (Mt 5:3-10) touched the heart of Mahatma Gandhi profoundly. They have brought consolation to millions of people on every continent. Jesus' suffering was then a co-suffering with the human family: 'pro-suffering' in their behalf. He, thus, summarised his life-mission, "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness" (Jn 10:10). Good Friday is called good because people remember that Jesus died for the well-being of humankind, that all may have life in its 'fullness'.

Let us place Jesus' pain side by side with the pain of humanity in our times. Not a day passes without some group or other dying as victims of violence. It is heart-rending that horrendous human tragedies are reported today as though they were merely about names and numbers. When gruesome tales of violence come up in the media again and again one gets lost in incidents, like in the case of the downing of the Russian Metrojet plane which killed 224 at Sinai; the bomb attack at Ankara; the suicide strike at Beirut butchering 46 innocent bystanders; the ghastly murder of four sisters of Mother Teresa's with 12 of their helpers in Yemen; the Istanbul Ataturk Airport blast, wiping out 44 lives; the violence in a restaurant in Dhaka annihilating 20 foreigners; and recently the use of chemical weapons in Syria. One fails to grasp the contextual significance of these hideous events and the human depth of the problem.

In the immediate excitement of the horror we forget that every victim is an individual with his/her own personal history, ideas, aspirations, dreams, and internal agonies; that he has a family whose future is thrown off the rails; that he belonged to a community in which he played a dynamic role, and possibly an entire society felt inspired by him. We fail to hear the sighs; the sobs, and the loud wailings of his/her dear ones. An inspiring voice silenced, amazing stamina extinguished, long-cherished hopes crushed, in each single case. When we keep hearing of similar mishaps overtaking dozens, hundreds, thousands of people, we wonder whether Thomas Hobbes was right in *Leviathan* that 'man is a wolf unto man'. No. But what is true is that a man, if he so chooses, can make himself a wolf to others.

In such contexts, we cry for help 'from on high'. Shakespeare wrote, "The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from 'heaven' upon the place beneath" (*The Merchant of Venice*). The saving word in the context of this terrible dialogue between violence and counter-violence, revenge and counter-revenge, anger and counter-anger, is 'mercy'. This calls for forgiveness, healing of historic memories. Jesus died on the cross, crying, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34). May the power of Jesus' love for humanity generate goodness in human hearts today.





What after exams?

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Even doing absolutely nothing at times could be painful activity. For example, when one is ill and recuperating, then doing absolutely nothing helps one regain health. When a student finds his syllabus daunting and overwhelming, his psychotherapist may offer him a completed dissociation from textbooks for a brief period of time as a valued option. But doing absolutely nothing worthwhile for a longer period of time when one is at the threshold of facing the rigours of the world could not only be catastrophic but may also adversely affect one's future prospects.

Exams could be stressful. Board exams could be more stressful. Once the board exams are over, a brief 'cooling off' period should follow to de-stress oneself. This is the period when you can lounge about without feeling guilty. This is also the period to make up for the lost sleep. But worse are those students who, after their board exams, go into just a brief cooling-off period, and then pick up skill development activities to gainfully utilise this period (till the results are out) instead of whiling away their time. Usually it takes about two months time for the boards to declare the results. This interim can

be used to pick up or develop a skill, prepare for competitive tests to enrol into higher courses, learn a trade, do a job, or learn a language among a plethora of other possibilities.

Two years ago, after completing his matric exams, Sagar (name changed) took up a part-time job in a shoe retail franchisee of an international brand. In addition to earning a hefty monthly sum for pocket money, he also gained first-hand work experience. The money he earned helped him pay for the college enrollment fees. And, in that brief period, he also learnt a lot about life, human behaviour, customer care and above all, he learnt about discipline, punctuality, time management, and the economics of life.

But not everyone will be equally inclined to get into a part-time job. Learning a language or strengthening the existing language skills could be useful areas. Say for example, the English language. The board exams had given you enough opportunities to assess how good you are in English (or, the medium of your education). If you had struggled to construct sentences to express your

thoughts, then it will be appropriate for you to enrol yourself into a course to brush up the basics of English grammar and writing skills. The same will be true for any other language. Irrespective of whether you are aiming to pursue higher studies in science, arts or commerce streams, a good grasp in the language of the medium of instruction and learning is must if you wish to earn good grades.

Or, maybe you always wanted to be an actor. Why not get into it by enrolling for a short term course in acting? If you live in bigger towns or cities then you may be privileged to find institutions that offer basic courses in acting. In the absence of such institutions, you may reach up to a noted actor in your locality and request him to guide you. If you always wanted to learn some musical instruments then just get into it. There are bound to be a few musical instrument training centres that charge nominal fees, in addition to providing access to the instruments too. Just ask around. Or you wanted to be a painter? Find a guru and seek guidance. If your budget is a constraint, you don't need to go shopping for costly wares. Start with pencil sketching and crayons.

Skill development in Computer Science is always going to be a huge bonus. Learning the basics of Desktop Publishing software and Tally could help you earn, while you later pursue your higher studies. Learning programming languages like C, C++, and Java can bring out the software engineer in you. If you are aiming to work abroad, a serious programming course could be your work visa. Picking up the basics of the trade, even if only as a hobby, could stand you in good stead any time.

Your biology teacher may have introduced you to the Darwinian theory of the survival of the fittest. Your parents, relatives and well-wishers may have been constantly bombarding you with the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult to earn a living. They are not wrong. In 1947, the population of India was only around 30 crores. It stands at more than 120 crores now. You may have read news items like 70 per cent of engineering degree holders are unemployed; doctorate holders are applying for menial jobs. In such contexts, any additional skills will help you move ahead in the queue. And remember that time and tide waits for none. The one who stiches in time, indeed, saves nine.

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There is hardly any individual, who does not like to scale the success ladder. Indeed, success is an inseparable entity everybody aspires for. It goes without saying that there is no short cut to success. It does not come overnight. Success involves hard labour, perseverance, devotion, time management, patience, and an indomitable spirit. Often a person might not attain the desired goal even after waging relentless effort. We call them unsuccessful, which is too simple an observation. We fail to acknowledge the effort made, and considering the dignity of this, it carries little significance, whether the package of success is pocketed or not. In fact, real beauty lies in the way one tries to attain success, and not in success itself.

Success carries much more meaning once it entails concern for the betterment of society, and not simply for individuals. If the success of an individual is confined to personal interest, it is partial in nature, and fails to come to real help to the larger spectrum of society. Blessings of science and technology, achievements in arts, etc., no longer remain in the custody of those who have taken painstaking measures in realising them. They surpass petty boundaries and enter the domain of wider interest. The recognition they get because of serving people is far higher than the success confined to a select few.

Most people think that

success brings stability in life. The ups and downs that people usually experience come to an immediate halt, and life goes along a positive frame. But this is partially true since it cannot say that successful persons always lead a decent life with no trace of instability. Success is not an end in itself; rather a consolidated move towards an unexplored territory.

Success is not to be measured in terms of material gain, which is narrow and limited in nature. One's material affluence may bring happiness, but only till a certain point. Success and its consequence should be long-lasting and directed towards the betterment of society.

It is sad to see people becoming disheartened once they fail to scale the desired height in pursuit of success. Indeed, failure may be looked at as something very natural. The end of failure should not necessarily

Scaling success

ly lead to disappointment or despondency. On the contrary, it warrants a positive frame of mind and an indomitable spirit to navigate one towards the right direction. The most important thing is to try our best and undo the wrong course of action so that success may find its way to us.

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Autism and Northeast India

When it comes to dealing with autism in the Northeast region of India, resources, including skilled manpower, are at the minimum. Do the children from this region vary from the rest of the country and the world in terms of care and rehabilitation from parents?

We attempted to study the above in our research work by assessing parental stress, social support, coping mechanisms, as well as resilience in the face of the challenges faced by the parents of the children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) attending a multi-specialty centre – Astiava – located in Guwahati. Children with ASD are among the service users in this centre. Astiava is one of the few such centres in Northeast India.

The outcome, presented in the research paper, titled 'Impact of stress, coping, social support, and resilience of families having children with autism: A North East India-based study' by Shyamanta Das, Bornali Das, Kokil Nath, Arunima Dutta, Priyanka Bora, and Mythili Hazarika has been published in the Asian Journal of Psychiatry. Some of the highlights are: definite stress and time constraint, discontinuation of jobs held earlier, coping well in spite of problems, mixed social support, religiosity and spirituality as the resorted avenues.

Our research throws light on pertinent issues regarding families having children with ASD from a region where specialty centres are a rarity. This work also has future implications as far as these children's future, rehabilitation, and care from the parental perspective are concerned in Northeast India.



MIND MATTERS

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The top two topics doing the round now are the Windows 10 Creators Update and Samsung's Bixby. However, for me, the most interesting topic is the unique single speaker surround system. Imagine a sound base that acts like a home theatre in a box! Here is the Playbase by Sonos Inc, an American consumer electronics company known for its smart speakers.

The Sonos Trueplay tuning software processes adapt the speaker to the layout of your room. You can also manually tweak the output in the Sonos app. With window-jarring bass, crisp mid-range and a surprisingly wide soundstage, the Playbase is kind of a surround sound setup with a single speaker.

Apart from being very slim, almost like our JioFi set, Playbase is a breeze to set up. Put it in, download app, tap a few buttons, and you are ready. If you already own Sonos products, it is even simpler. Since it is so small, it will fit underneath almost any TV. The Playbase works great even when the TV is off, since it is still part of the Sonos system. Want one? It is available online.

More Windows!

This column will do great injustice to its nomenclature, if I fail to mention the latest Windows update, launched

The strong fragrance of the *keteki* and the flowering of *kopou* are harbingers of spring, signalling the dawn of a new year in the Brahmaputra Valley. *Kopou phul* is the most sought after orchid in Assam during the New Year festivities in April. Assamese women adorn the pink flowers as ornamentation on their head during the celebration of Rongali Bihu. Found in the Northeast and South India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Java and Philippines, the *Kopou phul* or *Seeta pushpa* in Sanskrit, *Rhyncostylis retusa* is commonly named Fox Tail. Declared the State flower of Assam, the *Rhyncostylis retusa* is intrinsically associated with the mosaic of tradition and culture of the State's diverse ethnic groups. The cultural symbolism of orchids

– that have long been a symbol of love and beauty – could be traced to many tropical and subtropical countries where they enjoy the status of national flower. Orchids are found in almost every habitat, except for Antarctica. The term 'orchid' was introduced by John Lindley in 1845 as a shortened form of *Orchidaceae* – the largest and diverse family of the flowering plants (Angiospermae). The Royal Botanical Gardens of Kew lists 800 genera and nearly 22,000 accepted species of orchids, while thousands more remain unknown or unclassified.

Of some 1,300 species (140 genera) of orchids found in India, the Northeast alone hosts 800 species. Jharkhand has more than 500 species. Meghalaya too has some undisturbed areas providing

on Tuesday.

Microsoft, which has been testing its latest Windows 10 Creators Update in recent months, says that it is now ready to roll out to existing machines. The Creators Update includes some small and welcome additions, like...

Cortana: In this update you will notice Cortana guiding you through the set-up process. Cortana will use the microphone and speakers to listen to commands, including setting up a Wi-Fi network and keyboard layout.

Game Mode: The new Game Mode in the Xbox app prioritises CPU and GPU resources for a game by reducing unnecessary usage of system resources so that games run as best as they can.

Dynamic Lock: This new feature lets you automatically lock a PC when you are away from it. You can pair Bluetooth devices like a phone or wearable, and Windows 10 will sense once the Bluetooth connection is too far away and lock the PC.

Microsoft Edge: The new feature in the Edge browser lets you set tabs aside and save them for use later on. Microsoft has added e-book support and the ability to view 360 videos to Edge. The update includes some more features. However, this is as much update for you now.

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habitat for wild orchids. Silvian's floral wealth has a treasure chest of some 600 orchids. About 300 species of orchids are reported in Assam that represents 44.39 per cent of the Northeastern species and 24.42 per cent of species occurring in India. *Ranenatha insignis* or Red Vanda is one of the most rare and beautiful orchids in Northeast India. The Blue Vanda is equally cherished. There are many other rare varieties found in the Lakhimpur district and Dibrugarh. Of them *Rhyncostylis retusa Alba* is one of the most unique and rare genus of fragrant flower.

Many orchids are highly valued for their medicinal properties. In traditional medicine they are used as a cure for many diseases and ailments and an important ingredient in herbal remedies. The dried seed pods of *Vanilla planifolia* are commercially used as flavouring agent in bakeries, for perfumery and aromatherapy. Orchids are cultivated on a commercial basis through intervention from biotechnology. Horticulturists created over 100,000 hybrids for commercialisation, as wild orchids are protected under various conservation laws. While government plans for conservation and propagation of orchids, and development of gene bank for endangered species found in this part of the country are yet to be implemented,

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The cult of the face

Facial expressions are a very important part of communication. Though nothing is said verbally, there is much to be understood about the messages we send and receive through the use of non-verbal communication, such as facial expressions. Facial communication has become an area of utmost importance during the present times. A little bit of self-introspection would really help us get better at communicating better with our facial expressions.

A face that stands out in a crowd gathers optimum accolades. But how to stand out in a crowd of numerous faces? Out of all the facial expressions – frowning, eye rolling, making eye contact, scowling, and appearing bored or interested, looking shocked – the one which always seems to exude warmth and speak of an amiable nature is the smile. It makes you look friendly and approachable.

When it comes to facial language, one of the most important aspects is the tilt of the face. A face that tilts towards the right or the left indicates aggression. While engaging in a conversation, need to keep the face straight, and maintain eye contact with the other person. Eye contact and facial expressions provide important social and emotional information to the one on the other side. Ideally, we suggest you keep a neutral face, devoid of a broad smile. Smile or laugh if the situation demands. Else, keep a neutral expression.

Eye gestures complementing your face will let the other person know that you are interested in the conversation. We would advise you to draw an imaginary straight line from the right eye to the left and back again, dragging it to the tip of your nose. An imaginary 'T' will make the speaker feel that you are being attentive.

Words, as per their meanings, also need a comprehensive modulation of the voice, and matching facial expressions.

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WEST SIDE STORY

Junior Cowell's charms

IT appears Simon Cowell's 3-year-old son Eric is following in his father's footsteps, having bagged himself five girlfriends already. Cowell was known for being a ladies' man in his heyday, boasting an impressive host of exes.

The media mogul, 57, said this about his only child with Lauren Silverman, 39: "I think he has my charm with the ladies."

I asked him how many girlfriends he has got and I think he has five currently, so he's doing okay... Eric is absolutely incredible and so funny. It's the best thing that ever happened to me."

Sienna spotted with ex

SIENNA Miller was spotted in New York with her former fiance Tom Sturridge earlier this week. The British actress, 35, looked deep in conversation with Tom, who she shares four-year-old daughter Marlow with. Speaking to *Harper's Bazaar* recently about Tom, who she split with in 2015, she described him as her 'best friend in the world'.

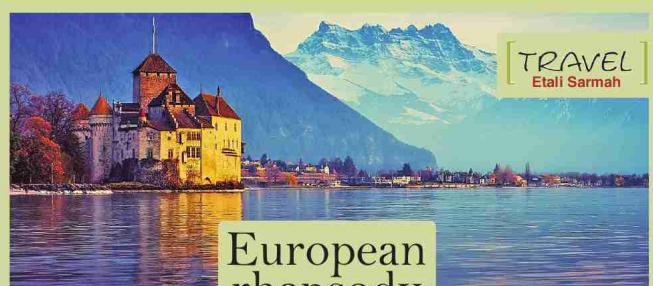
Meanwhile, Brad Pitt, 53, was reportedly seen getting flirty with Sienna, the star of his new film, in Los Angeles, according to *Page Six*.

Sheryl is 'losing faith'

LAST year, Sheryl Crow started a petition on Change.org to shorten the US presidential election cycle. The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter said she was exhausted by the mudslinging and divisive language that had dominated the discussions.

"I felt like it was becoming so hateful that I had to watch to make sure my lads didn't pick up the remote and turn the TV on... Now we have this forum for haters to come out and say the worst thing you could possibly say to someone without having the experience of the reaction. We've learned to be a society without empathy and without compassion."

AGENCIES



European rhapsody

After completing all the shopping, packing and planning, finally the most awaited holiday of the year began. Though (me, my husband and our toddler) had taken short trips to UAE and Egypt earlier this year, this holiday was special – five countries, 18 days and some major relief from the scorching summer heat of Kuwait where we stay.

Our first destination was Geneva, and the bird's eye view of Lake Geneva and the mountains from our Emirates flight added to our excitement. Without wasting much time, we rushed to our hotel and after some rest, started exploring the city. Throughout the trip, we kept our travel style common, we bought Euro rail passes for travel between countries, and respective city passes for local transport with access to some places of touristic importance. We hopped on to a train and reached our first destination the Palais des Nations. Close to this building is a structure called the Broken Chair by Daniel Berset, which was built as a symbol of fragility and strength, precariousness and stability; a desperate cry of war-torn civilian population.

Next morning, we started early, accompanied by a light drizzle to see the spectacular Lake Geneva, one of the largest lakes in Western Europe. We sat in a cafe and enjoyed the sight of the Jet d'Eau, a fountain which is the city's landmark attraction. As we sipped our morning cup of coffee, along with our breakfast, our happy toddler was hopping all around with joy at the sight of the swans enjoying the rain.

Our second destination was Bern. We covered the beautiful Zytglogge, an ancient clock tower belonging to the 13th

century and a UNESCO world heritage site with an astronomical clock belonging to the 15th century. We had to tailormake our travel plan taking into account our little fellow passenger's requirements. So next we decided to go to the Bear Park. I had assumed it to be a zoo. But I was wrong, it was located along the banks of river Aar, next to the Nydeggbrücke (a bridge), with the bears in the lower section and beautiful walkways for tourists on the top and bottom. Our girl saw three big bears from the top. It made me very happy.

Next day, after a city tour on a tram, we came back, checked out of the hotel and boarded the train to Lucerne, a small city from where we based up to go to Mount Titlis and the Rhine Falls. Our guide explained to us about Swiss cheese and chocolate making and showed us some of the oldest houses along the way in the Engelberg area. We were taken to the mountains to see the glaciers by Gondola, ice fly and revolving aerial cable car. We also walked over Europe's highest suspension bridge, while marveling at the extensive panoramic views.

We soon bid adieu to Switzerland, as we still had four countries to explore. We sat in a morning train to Innsbruck, where we spent two days. This small and beautiful Austrian town is known for its Swarovski Kristallwelten. I especially liked the mechanical theater inside with no human performers, but only some stylish machines doing musical moves. We went to the mountains on the Hungerburgbahn, a futuristic vehicle to see the Alpine zoo which is considered to be the highest zoo in Europe.

By the time we reached Vienna, we were a little tired and so decided to take the bus tours. Vienna is a big city to explore, so choosing this mode of transportation was convenient. We went to see the Schönbrunn Palace, Hofburg Palace, Prater, the Madame Tussauds museum, St Stephen's Cathedral, and many more museums and parks.

We had planned for a day trip to the Slovak city of Bratislava. Due to its proximity to Vienna we chose to keep Vienna as base. Bratislava was a beautiful experience. We were hungry and so chose to have a brunch first, we loved the pasta with goat cheese, pan cakes, herb chicken, rice and *haluski*. Then we walked the beautiful alleys and took a toy train ride. Lovely sculptures adorned the square. After limitless smiles, smiles, chatters, and souvenir shopping, we boarded the shuttle back to Vienna.

The fourth country in our route plan was Hungary. We chose a hop-on, hop-off ride for city exploration. Budapest is a beautiful city on the banks of Danube. There is a viewpoint on the top of the mountains with the Statue of Liberty overlooking the city. The Szchenyi Chain Bridge is a suspension bridge that spans the River Danube between Buda and Pest, the western and eastern sides of the city.

The last destination was Prague, Czech Republic. This serene and gorgeous city is well known for the historic astronomical clock, Charles Bridge and the Prague Castle. Live music, boat rides, Bohemian crystal shops, street performers and endless tourists flocking these attractions live the spirit of the city. Standing on top of the towers, we stood praising the red roof tops and gorgeous settings of this beautiful city.

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Techno-time management!

Since school days, we have been hearing about the concepts of time management. 'A stitch in time saves nine' and 'time and tide wait for none' are two of the most famous proverbs on time. Our parents, teachers, seniors, colleagues have left no stone unturned teaching us about time.

In the advent of information boom, the digital era has taken a leaf out of time management and brought out some cool tech and tools relating to time management. Let us have a look at these techno-savvy, time-saving applications:

Rescue Time: If you have doubt that you are using your time wisely, this app will send you weekly reports to indicate your time thieves. You may be shocked to discover how much time you are wasting.

Togg: This tool tracks how much time you spend on different projects. Effective time management starts with being clear on exactly how much time you actually spend on your projects and tasks, and then analyse how you can manage them more effectively.

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Mind42: Mind42 is a free mind-mapping app. It helps you to get more organised by focussing your thoughts, thereby gaining clarity on what needs to be done.

MyLifeOrganised (MLO): This task management system helps you to target what you should be focusing on to reach your objectives. It automatically generates to-do lists with priority actions for your immediate attention so that you can track your progress systematically.

Universal Password Manager: This app allows you to keep all your passwords in one encrypted database, protected by one password. This saves your precious time when you forget your passwords and need to retrieve them, and also allows you to use various passwords so you don't compromise on security issues.

Focus booster: This app is designed for those individuals who procrastinate and feel overwhelmed by tasks. It is designed to enhance your focus and remove any anxiety you might have with time.

Syncback Freeware: This free software allows you to back up, restore and synchronise your files easily. It not only saves your time but enhances productivity. If you have never backed up your files before, you should certainly not overlook this pivotal tool.

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AT THE THEATRES

Jitu Changmai



goes about making moolah. There triggers a bout of parent-swapping as Laaddoo's father (Darshan Jariwala) disowns him and treats Laali as his daughter and Laali's alcoholic father (Saurabh Shukla), on the other hand, considers Laaddoo a son despite all that he has done to his own daughter.

Meanwhile, a royal stud, Veer (Gurmeet Choudhary), appears on the scene who is advised by his family priest to marry a pregnant girl. Wow! When Laaddoo lands up in the marriage venue where Veer and Laali are going to tie the nuptial knot, the drama is set up.

Akash Hora, who made her debut

campaing an atrocious hairstyle in *Shambhoo* (2015), looks pretty in this one. But like her elder sister Shruti, she too has not inherited the acting genes from their famous father, Kamal Haasan. But Vivian Shah is more disappointing. With such meagre talent, it is hard to believe that he is the son of the thespians Naseeruddin Shah and Ratna Pathak Shah. Strangely, the gawky Gurmeet Choudhary is the better performer. Seasoned actors Saurabh Shukla and Sanjay Mishra are funny, but they are more or less wasted in inconsequential roles.

Vipin Patwa's music has

no novelty value and may in fact turn off the listeners as the romantic numbers pop up one after the other.

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