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### Army decisions

NEW DELHI, May 24: After a meeting of the Central Committee to take decisions in a 'war-like' zone, Defence Minister Arun Jaitley said today, referring to the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, a day after the Army went public on five assaults on Pakistani posts along the LoC. - PTI

### New assignment

GUWAHATI, May 24: A day after passing the landmark judgement on the first ever case of terror funding registered by the NIA, Special Judge Robin Phukan today vacated his office. He will be the new Registrar General of the Gauhati High Court. - Staff Reporter

### Prachanda quits

KATHMANDU, May 24: Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' has resigned after a brief stint of nine months, honouring a power sharing understanding with the ruling coalition partner Nepali Congress. - PTI

### Interim stay

MADRAS HIGH COURT today granted an interim stay on the publication of result of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to MBBS and BDS courses for the academic year 2017 across the country. - PTI

### Bank robbery

BISWANATH CHARIALI, May 24: Four miscreants robbed the Duffaghbar branch of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank around 10:30 am today. The masked armed robbers, who rode on motorcycles, broke open the vault and looted Rs 450,600. - Correspondent

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## Delhi, Dispur should work for people of State: AASU

### R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

GUWAHATI, May 24: Both the Central and State governments should respect the mandate of the people of Assam and work in the interest of the indigenous people of the State, particularly on issues like the problem of infiltration, updating

the National Register of Citizens (NRC), dealing with problems of flood and erosion, etc. This was the view of the All Assam Students Union (AASU) on the eve of completion of three years of the BJP-led government at the Centre and one year of the State Government led by the same party.

Talking to *The Assam Tribune*, AASU chief adviser Samujjal Bhattacharya said that though the Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi tried to give a clean administration to the people, the major issues concerning Assam and other parts of the region are not giving due importance. No initiative has been taken by the Prime Minister in the last three years to deal with the problem of infiltration and the process of sealing of the international border is yet to be completed. Modi has been appealing to the Jammu and Kashmir youths to come back to the

mainstream, but so far, he has not shown due respect to the Assam Accord, which was signed after a six-year-long non-violent movement, he added.

Bhattacharya alleged that the move of the Government of India to give citizenship to Hindu Bangladeshi nationals

Pakistan jets fly near Siachen

ISLAMABAD, May 24: Pakistani fighter jets flew near the Siachen Glacier today, according to a media report here, but Indian Air Force sources said there was no violation of India's air space.

Pakistan Air Force (PAF) fighter jets made flights near Siachen Glacier this morning. Saman TV reported.

Quoting sources, the report said all of PAF's forward operating bases have been made fully operational.

Mirage jets of PAF are part of exercises since the forward base was made operational. (See page 4)

### 3 arrested in Manchester blast case

LONDON, May 24: Three more men were arrested in Manchester today in connection with investigations into the suicide bombing at a concert in the city that killed 22 people as the government indicated that the Libyan-origin bomber may not have acted alone.

The new arrests came as the injured toll doubled from 59 to 119.

"Three men have been arrested after police executed warrants in South Manchester in connection with the ongoing investigation into Monday night's horrific attack at the Manchester Arena," a Greater Manchester Police statement said.

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## Sonowal firm to check corruption in State

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 24: Sending a strong signal to corrupt officials and employees, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that while corruption in the State has gone down considerably, the government had "miles to go" as there are many departments which need to be "cleansed".

"We have miles to go. But it is for sure that no one will be spared, whether he is a minister, an MP, senior officer or a panchayat member. Transparency and accountability have been

the guiding principles of this government. The government will not tolerate concealing of information," Sonowal said addressing a press conference on completion of one year in office.

Underscoring the "uncompromising war against corruption" launched by the BJP-led government after assuming power, the Chief Minister said 21 officials of different departments were caught red-handed while taking bribe and brine money to the tune of Rs 52 lakh seized during the year.

The Anti Corruption Bureau is investigating 103 cases at present, he said.

On the inter-state border dispute with Nagaland, the (See page 4)

Sonowal, who was flanked by leaders of the coalition partners Atul Bora and Hagrama Mohilary, also referred to the government's 'Green Assam' mission and said that more than 1.42 crore saplings have been planted under various schemes in different locations.

"We have appealed to schools and other institutions to participate in the initiative. We have also made an appeal to parents to gift a sapling to the child on their birthdays," the Chief Minister said.

The inter-state border dispute with Nagaland, the (See page 4)

## Fake encounter by forces in Assam alleged

NEW DELHI, May 24: A CRPF Inspector General (IG), posted in the Northeast, has alleged that an encounter carried by a joint squad of security forces in Assam in March was fake and it killed two persons in cold blood claiming they were NDFB rebels.

Rajinj Rai, a 1992-batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre, said he has conducted a 'discreet' inquiry on his own chronicling how a team of the Assam Police, Army, CRPF its jungle commandos unit CoBRA and the border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) conducted the encounter on March 29-30 in Simlaiguri area

of Cachar district and killed what they called were two insurgents of the banned group NDFB(S).

Rai, in his 13-page report,

alleged that information about the incident and FIR filed by the joint squad of forces present a 'fictitious account' of the operation to conceal pre-planned murders of two persons in custody and present it as some brave act of professional achievement".

The Union Home Ministry acknowledged receiving the report and said it is being studied and action on its content will be taken soon.

"It is with the CRPF DG and he is examining it. The DG is expected to send the report to the Home Ministry in a day or two," advisor to the Home Ministry, Ashok Prasad said.

The CRPF, deputy chief of the

IG formations in the north-eastern states after the additional DG, has also sent the April 17 report to the Chief Secretary of Assam and chairperson of the Unified Command of security forces, the Central Reserve Police Force headquarters here, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 4 Corps in Assam and the Director General of the SSB.

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**Ethiopian elected WHO head**

UNITED NATIONS, May 24: Ethiopia's Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus became the first African Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) after he defeated British and Pakistani candidates in Tuesday's elections in Geneva.

Former Pakistani Health Minister Sania Nishtar was eliminated in the first of three rounds of voting, getting only 38 votes from the 185 member countries at the World Health Assembly meeting.

In the final round, Tedros received 133 votes to British candidate David Nabarro's 50, with both abstentions.

Tedros will succeed China's Margaret Chan, who was born in Hong Kong and trained in Canada, when she completes her five-year tenure at the end of next month.

A former Ethiopian minister who has held the foreign and health portfolios, he said that his central priority will be to work for universal health coverage.

He has shown familiarity with India and commended the National Health Policy 2017 as a move towards universal coverage. Indian Health Minister J.P. Nadda, who is in Geneva for the World Health Assembly, congratulated Tedros and said in a statement that India looked forward to working with him "to build a strong, resilient health system, especially in developing countries, to mitigate any vulnerability to health crises". - IANS



Myanmar State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi walks after she gives a speech at opening ceremony of 21st Century Panglong conference in Naypyidaw, Myanmar on Wednesday. - UNI

**US weapons sale to Saudi to hit regional security: Iran**

TEHRAN, May 24: A senior Iranian military official said that the recent US-Saudi Arabia arms deal will jeopardize regional security, media reports said.

"The arms deal between the United States and Saudi Arabia not only would not contribute to security in the Middle East, but would lead to insecurity and tensions in the region," Tasnim news agency quoted the military aide to Iran's Supreme Leader Major General Yahya Rahim Safavi as saying.

Washington earns huge profit from fomenting regional insecurity and creates tensions among Muslim countries, Rahim Safavi said.

He noted that Iran's principal policy is respect for the sovereignty and

territorial integrity of other states, stressing that regional security would materialize only through concerted efforts and direct dialogue to achieve a common understanding, Xinhua news reported.

On Monday, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said that Trump's recent "Iran remarks and rising Iranophobia are aimed at 'milking' Saudi Arabia. - IANS

**Delhi, Dispur ...**

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be seen whether the decisions taken in the meeting are translated into reality, he said.

The AASU also accused the Centre of making a U-turn on the issue of construction of mega dams and pointed out that so far, no steps have been taken to declare flood and erosion as national problems.

On the performance of the BJP-led government in the State in the first year, Bhattacharya said, "one year may be a short time to assess the performance of the government,

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but it is enough for a government to finalise its approach on key issues concerning the people of the State."

Bhattacharya demanded that the State Government should effectively play its part in implementation of the Assam Accord and updating of the NRC. On the issue of providing citizenship to Hindu Bangladeshis, the State Government should have been able to take a bold stand in favour of the indigenous people, he said. He also said that the eviction on Kaziranga Na-

tional Park and other forests was a positive step by the government, but at the same time, stress should be given on improvement of the health care system, education, roads and bridges, etc., as the people want results.

The indigenous people of Assam voted in favour of the BIJ-led alliance in the last Assembly elections and it is the time the government gave positive results, Bhattacharya said.

"The people now want to see the results on the ground," he added.

**3 arrested...**

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A 23-year-old man arrested yesterday in the wake of the attack on Monday night, carried out by a bomber identified as 22-year-old Salman Abedi, has been confirmed as his brother Ismail Abedi.

With the new arrests, the total number of persons in custody rose to four.

UK home secretary Amber Rudd said that Abedi was known to security services "up to a point" and it is believed intelligence agencies had dug into his connections with Al Qaeda and Islamic State (ISIS) in his parents' homeland of Libya. - PTI

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I have corrected my name from Md. Jubayer Rahman to Jubayer Rahman & my father's name from Md. Fazlur Rahman to Fazlur Rahman by an Affidavit before Notary Kamrup (M) dt. 24.05.2017. PNP/P/10438/1

**NIA sought...**

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The translation of the voice samples from Dimasa into English by the then Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Guwahati at the behest of the NIA also proved vital. The voice sample was extracted from the cell phone of Phojen Hoja.

The judgement copy also indicates that the conspiracy to wage a war against the nation and toppling the elected regime of the NC Hills Autonomous Council led by Depola Hoja and diversion of funds for DHJD(J) activities were held mainly in Hailong, Guwahati, Kolkata and Aizawl. The meeting in Guwahati took place in a hotel on the GS Road.

The court during the trial of criminal examined 150 witnesses and examined 464 documents and 71 materials. The court on Monday convicted all the 15 accused in the NC Hills terror funding case and pronounced the quantum of sentence the next day.

**Cabinet okays ...**

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also have an AYUSH department with 30 beds for treatment facilities in traditional systems of medicine.

"The establishment of the new AIIMS will serve the dual purpose of providing superspecialty health care to the population while also help create a large pool of doctors and other health workers in this region that can be available for primary and secondary level institutions being created under the National Health Mission (NHM)," the statement said.

Under this scheme, such institutions have already been established in Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Raipur, Jodhpur, Rishikesh and Patna, while on the Rae Bareli AIIMS is in progress.

Three such institutes – in Nagpur (Maharashtra), Kalyani (West Bengal) and Mangalagiri in Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) – were sanctioned in 2015 and two – at Bathinda (Punjab) and Gorakhpur (UP) – in 2016. - PTI

**Court may frame ...**

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After demolition of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, two FIRs were registered in connection with the incident.

While the case of 28 accused was taken up in Lucknow CBI court, six of them died. Advani and seven others were charged sheeted in Rae Bareli court. Two of them – VHP leaders Ashok Singh and Giriraj Kishore – died pending trial.

The Supreme Court had dubbed the demolition of the medieval era monument as a 'crime' which shook the

secular fabric of the Constitution and allowed CBI's plea on restoration of serious offence of criminal conspiracy against the VVIP accused.

In its 40-page judgement, it had termed the Allahabad High Court's February 12, 2001 verdict dropping conspiracy charge as against Vinay Katiar, Sadhvी Ritambara and Vishnu Hari Dalmia, who were being tried at Rae Bareli.

It directed the special court to start proceedings in the matter within a month and deliver its verdict within two years.

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delay of 25 years in the trial.

It 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 because of technical defects which were easily curable, but which were not cured by the state government."

While a chargesheet in the Lucknow court was filed in October 1993, a supplementary chargesheet was filed in November 1996. A supplementary chargesheet was also filed in May 2003 in Rae Bareli court. - PTI

**Pak Army's video shows damaged Indian posts**

ISLAMABAD, May 24: The Pakistan Army has released a video purportedly showing heavy damage caused to Indian military posts across the Line of Control, in a tit-for-tat action after the Indian Army released a clip of the "punitive fire assaults" on Pakistani positions.

Pakistan Army spokesman Major General Asif Ghafor in a brief statement with the video, posted on the army's Facebook page, alleged that India on May 13 had targeted innocent civilians.

"In befitting response, the Pakistan Army destroyed Indian posts in Nowshera Sector," the video said.

The 87-second video purportedly shows heavy artillery pounding several Indian positions, which were completely destroyed.

The Pakistan Army's footage was released in an apparent response to the Indian Army releasing a video of the military action which showed some structures in a forested area being destroyed.

The Indian Army yesterday said it launched "punitive fire assaults" on Pakistani positions across the LoC, inflicting "some damage", days after two of its troopers were beheaded. - PTI

**400,000 Congo children at risk in violence-hit Kasai**

KINSHASA, May 24: Almost 400,000 children risk dying of hunger in DR Congo's troubled Kasai region where months of violence has driven over a million people from their homes, UNICEF said today.

The UN children's agency said the conflict in central Kasai has disrupted food supplies and undermined medical facilities.

The crisis has left almost 400,000 children "at risk of severe acute malnutrition", a statement said, meaning they could die without immediate aid.

UNICEF "needs USD 40.2 million for its urgent response" to the situation, the statement added.

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**Sukhoi search ...**

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**Pakistan ...**

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In New Delhi, IAF sources said there was no violation of India's air space.

The report came a day after the Indian Army announced that it launched "punitive fire assaults" on Pakistani positions across the Line of Control earlier this month, inflicting some damage.

Pakistan's Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman visited the forward airbase in Skardu today and flew a Mirage jet, the report said. - PTI

**Fake encounter ...**

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Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal told PTI over phone from Guwahati that he has not received any report till now and his government will conduct an inquiry once it gets.

Rai has identified the two persons killed as Lucas Nazary alias Nas Langfa and David Isaly alias Dayud as he alleged that they were 'already' in the custody of the security forces and the entire encounter operation is "very likely to be a case of premeditated custodial killing". - PTI

The accident took place when the minibus rented by a kindergarten veered off the road and fell into a ditch yesterday in Lingui district in the city of Guilin of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, south-east China, official media reported yesterday.

The injured are being treated in local hospitals. They mainly suffer from bruises, the report said.

The 11-seat bus carried a total of 34 people when the accident happened. The driver has been held in police custody. - PTI

The matter is likely to have political implications,

particularly against 89-year-old Advani, reported to be a frontrunner for the post of the President. The apex court had also come down heavily on the CBI for the

trial of the VVIP leaders Ashok Singh and Giriraj Kishore – died pending trial.

The Supreme Court had

corrected my name from Md. Jubayer Rahman to Jubayer Rahman & my father's name from Md. Fazlur Rahman to Fazlur Rahman by an Affidavit before Notary Kamrup (M) dt. 24.05.2017. PNP/P/10438/1

**Pak court orders release of 350 Indian fishermen**

ISLAMABAD, May 24: A court here on Wednesday ordered the release of 350 Indian fishermen, who were jailed for illegal fishing.

Judicial Magistrate Malir Salman Amjad Siddiqui in his order told the Interior Minister to release the fishermen at the earliest.

The judge in his order said

**E-Tender Notice No. KIR/Egg/ 11 of 2017 dated : 17-05-2017**

E-tenders are invited for the works as detailed below :-

**Item No. 1, Brief Description of Item:** At KIR: Replacement of existing FOB (2.5m wide) at the junction of a 1.5m wide path with Silt & Rampp in platform in connection with Railway Electrification Works in Kathua Division of DRMFWR.

**Item No. 2, Brief Description of Item:** At KIR: Repairs to L-wing No. 12-Lang in Jurisdiction of SSE/Works/West/ KIR: Tender value : ₹ 7,57,83,898/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 5,37,920/-, Cost of Tender: ₹ 4,00,000/-, Validity of offer: 90 days; Completion period: 12 months.

**Item No. 3, Brief Description of Item:** At KIR: Repairing and consolidating water inside the RUB Box and connecting approach road for Monsone period under the jurisdiction of DRMFWR.

**Item No. 4, Brief Description of Item:** At KIR: Repairs to L-wing No. 5-B & 1-2, 1-2 & 2-3, 2-3 & 3-4, 3-4 & 4-5, 4-5 & 5-6, 5-6 & 6-7, 6-7 & 7-8, 7-8 & 8-9, 8-9 & 9-10, 9-10 & 10-11, 10-11 & 11-12, 11-12 & 12-13, 12-13 & 13-14, 13-14 & 14-15, 14-15 & 15-16, 15-16 & 16-17, 16-17 & 17-18, 17-18 & 18-19, 18-19 & 19-20, 19-20 & 20-21, 20-21 & 21-22, 21-22 & 22-23, 22-23 & 23-24, 23-24 & 24-25, 24-25 & 25-26, 25-26 & 26-27, 26-27 & 27-28, 27-28 & 28-29, 28-29 & 29-30, 29-30 & 30-31, 30-31 & 31-32, 31-32 & 32-33, 32-33 & 33-34, 33-34 & 34-35, 34-35 & 35-36, 35-36 & 36-37, 36-37 & 37-38, 37-38 & 38-39, 38-39 & 39-40, 39-40 & 40-41, 40-41 & 41-42, 41-42 & 42-43, 42-43 & 43-44, 43-44 & 44-45, 44-45 & 45-46, 45-46 & 46-47, 46-47 & 47-48, 47-48 & 48-49, 48-49 & 49-50, 49-50 & 50-51, 50-51 & 51-52, 51-52 & 52-53, 52-53 & 53-54, 53-54 & 54-55, 54-55 & 55-56, 55-56 & 56-57, 56-57 & 57-58, 57-58 & 58-59, 58-59 & 59-60, 59-60 & 60-61, 60-61 & 61-62, 61-62 & 62-63, 62-63 & 63-64, 63-64 & 64-65, 64-65 & 65-66, 65-66 & 66-67, 66-67 & 67-68, 67-68 & 68-69, 68-69 & 69-70, 69-70 & 70-71, 70-71 & 71-72, 71-72 & 72-73, 72-73 & 73-74, 73-74 & 74-75, 74-75 & 75-76, 75-76 & 76-77, 76-77 & 77-78, 77-78 & 78-79, 78-79 & 79-80, 79-80 & 80-81, 80-81 & 81-82, 81-82 & 82-83, 82-83 & 83-84, 83-84 & 84-85, 84-85 & 85-86, 85-86 & 86-87, 86-87 & 87-88, 87-88 & 88-89, 88-89 & 89-90, 89-90 & 90-91, 90-91 & 91-92, 91-92 & 92-93, 92-93 & 93-94, 93-94 & 94-95, 94-95 & 95-96, 95-96 & 96-97, 96-97 & 97-98, 97-98 & 98-99, 98-99 & 99-100, 99-100 & 100-101, 100-101 & 101-102, 101-102 & 102-103, 102-103 & 103-104, 103-104 & 104-105, 104-105 & 105-106, 105-106 & 106-107, 106-107 & 107-108, 107-108 & 108-109, 108-109 & 109-110, 109-110 & 110-111, 110-111 & 111-112, 111-112 & 112-113, 112-113 & 113-114, 113-114 & 114-115, 114-115 & 115-116, 115-116 & 116-117, 116-117 & 117-118, 117-118 & 118-119, 118-119 & 119-120, 119-120 & 120-121, 120-121 & 121-122, 121-122 & 122-123, 122-123 & 123-124, 123-124 & 124-125, 124-125 & 125-126, 125-126 & 126-127, 126-127 & 127-128, 127-128 & 128-129, 128-129 & 129-130, 129-130 & 130-131, 130-131 & 131-132, 131-132 & 132-133, 132-133 & 133-134, 133-134 & 134-135, 134-135 & 135-136, 135-136 & 136-137, 136-137 & 137-138, 137-138 & 138-139, 138-139 & 139-140, 139-140 & 140-141, 140-141 & 141-142, 141-142 & 142-143, 142-143 & 143-144, 143-144 & 144-145, 144-145 & 145-146, 145-146 & 146-147, 146-147 & 147-148, 147-148 & 148-149, 148-149 & 149-150, 149-150 & 150-151, 150-151 & 151-152, 151-152 & 152-153, 152-153 & 153-154, 153-154 & 154-155, 154-155 & 155-156, 155-156 & 156-157, 156-157 & 157-158, 157-158 & 158-159, 158-159 & 159-160, 159-160 & 160-161, 160-161 & 161-162, 161-162 & 162-163, 162-163 & 163-164, 163-164 & 164-165, 164-165 & 165-166, 165-166 & 166-167, 166-167 & 167-168, 167-168 & 168-169, 168-169 & 169-170, 169-170 & 170-171, 170-171 & 171-172, 171-172 & 172-173, 172-173 & 173-174, 173-174 & 174-175, 174-175 & 175-176, 175-176 & 176-177, 176-177 & 177-178, 177-178 & 178-179, 178-179 & 179-180, 179-180 & 180-181, 180-181 & 181-182, 181-182 & 182-183, 182-183 & 183-184, 183-184 & 184-185, 184-185 & 185-186, 185-186 & 186-187, 186-187 & 187-188, 187-188 & 188-189, 188-189 & 189-190, 189-190 & 190-191, 190-191 & 191-192, 191-192 & 192-193, 192-193 & 193-194, 193-194 & 194-195, 194-195 & 195-196, 195-196 & 196-197, 196-197 & 197-198, 197-198 & 198-199, 198-199 & 199-200, 199-200 & 200-201, 200-201 & 201-202, 201-202 & 202-203, 202-203 & 203-204, 203-204 & 204-205, 204-205 & 205-206, 205-206 & 206-207, 206-207 & 207-208, 207-208 & 208-209, 208-209 & 209-210, 209-210 & 210-211, 210-211 & 211-212, 211-212 & 212-213, 212-213 & 213-214, 213-214 & 214-215, 214-215 & 215-216, 215-216 & 216-217, 216-217 & 217-218, 217-218 & 218-219, 218-219 & 219-220, 219-220 & 220-221, 220-221 & 221-222, 221-222 & 222-223, 222-223 & 223-224, 223-224 & 224-225, 224-2



## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

We can throw stones, complain about them, stumble on them, climb over them or build with them.

— WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

## The Assam Tribune

## Landmark verdict

The NIA Special Court's verdict handing life sentences to rebel leaders-politicians Jewel Garlosa and Nirjan Hoja and former Chief Executive Member of the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) Mohit Hoja, for diverting development funds to the now disbanded militant outfit DHD (J) is a landmark one, having wider ramifications on many counts. The NIA court verdict, the first ever final judgement by the court, has dealt a body blow to the politician-militant-bureaucrat-contractor nexus that was primarily responsible for the Rs 1,000-crore scam in the backward NH Hills district. Both Nirjan and who was the *inc*-of the DHD (J) and Jewel who was the outfit's chairman, are now members of the BJP and were serving as executive members in the NCHAC. The duo apart, 13 others including former NCHAC chief Mohit Hoja, government officials RH Khan and Karuna Saikia, contractors Phojendra Hoja and Joyanta Kumar Ghosh, *hawala* operator Malsawkmui, and arms smuggler Vanlachana have received sentences varying from eight to 12 years. The court verdict lays bare how the nefarious nexus was flourishing for years enriching the coffers of militants, politicians, bureaucrats, contractors, *hawala* operators and middlemen. And this rampant loot of the public exchequer was on even as the common masses of the district were languishing for want of even the basic amenities. One needs to thank the NIA, a central investigation authority, for blowing the lid off the murky developments and bringing the case to its logical conclusion. Another disturbing aspect concerns how the tribal autonomous councils formed for expediting the development process of backward tribal areas have served little purpose and degenerated into dens of corruption.

The NIA court verdict has understandably put the ruling BJP Government in the State in an uncomfortable position. Even more surprising has been the reaction of BJP spokesperson Biju Mahajan after the court convicted the former rebels. At a press briefing at the party head office, Mahajan had gone on record saying that they would appeal against the verdict in a superior court. Mahajan, who himself is an advocate, is perfectly entitled to defend anyone in his capacity as a lawyer but to pronounce that from the party headquarters is to send out the wrong signal *vis-a-vis* the party's oft-repeated stand of 'zero tolerance' against corruption. Also disturbing is the utterance of Jewel Garlosa who has threatened to withdraw from the ceasefire with the Government. The NIA court verdict has given a fresh lease of life to the fight against corruption involving the high-profile, and the Government must use this as a launch pad to take the crusade to a higher level. Fast-tracking cases of corruption should also be central to the strategy to combat the scourge. While the Government has earned public goodwill for its ongoing action against the corrupt, there is still reason to believe that it has been selective in the approach, leaving aside the political class and targeting only officials. This must change if the fight against corruption is to yield lasting results.

## Security failure

There are two facets to the terrorist attack at the Manchester arena when a suicide bomber blew himself up amongst a crowd killing 22 innocent people and injuring dozens, some critically. First is the reality that terrorist groups, no matter who they are or where they strike, are least fussy about the people they target. For instance, in March this year, Islamic State (ISIS) hoodlums, disguised as doctors, attacked the Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan Hospital at Kabul in which an estimated 30 people were killed. A hospital is universally accepted as an inviolable sanctuary in conflict zones, but clearly, terrorists do not accept such dictums of civility! Though barbarism is not quantifiable, yet ISIS, which had claimed responsibility for the Kabul carnage, has emerged as the most brutal entity in modern times. Preliminary investigations point to the fact that this terror group was also behind the Manchester bombing, a suspicion bolstered by the claim of the group that one of its 'soldiers' carried it out. It may be noted that the bombing occurred in the Manchester arena during the performance of the pop star Ariana Grande, who is extremely popular among young people, thus the audience comprised mostly of children and youngsters. That the perpetrator, Salman Abedi, had no compunction in unleashing mayhem despite knowing of this, is a chilling reminder of the brutality which indoctrinated psychopaths are capable of.

The other aspect to this latest tragedy is the colossal security failure it has exposed. The incident again testifies to the reality that while preventive actions based on intelligence assist in foiling attacks by jihadists from abroad, it is almost impossible to stop attacks by home-grown terrorists even if they are under the scanner. Reportedly, Abedi was known to the police and had returned from abroad a few days before carrying out the Manchester carnage, yet there was no surveillance put on him. The sober truth is that terrorism has so stretched the resources of forces responsible for foiling attacks that it is impossible to constantly monitor each and every potential perpetrator. For instance, in the case of an earlier terrorist act near Westminster in London, intelligence inputs gathered by British agencies had warned of such an attack and security measures had been redoubled near Parliament. Despite the advance warning a lethal attack did take place, which shows the difficulties those responsible for any nation's security are at the moment facing. The UK police have indicated that Abedi might not have acted alone and Prime Minister Theresa May has warned of another terror attack even as she raised the UK's terror threat to critical level. But, given the problems of keeping tabs on home-grown suspects while not unduly infringing on the right of the public, how far such steps will serve to stave off another attack is moot.

## In Nagaland, it's party time again!

## PRIMARY MOTIFS

Monalisa Changkia

**E**lections to the Nagaland Assembly are slated for February 2018 and the same drama played out on the eve of every such election has already begun, since June 2016, actually – albeit with a small difference. Normally, batches of people join and support the party in power basically because (1) the ruling party has the 'maximum purchasing' and (2) a cursory look at the 'support' the ruling party garners on the eve of Assembly elections indicates the Nagas' prediction to be on the winning side. However this time, there aren't too many indications that the ruling party, the Nagaland People's Front, leading the DAN Government for almost 15 years, is able to garner as much 'support' and swell its ranks, as much as it would like to because of rifts within the party, and because the Centre hasn't loosened the purse-strings. Well, with the BJP at the Centre, nothing is the same anymore in the North-east, perhaps especially in the North-east.

But first thing – with the impending Assembly elections, party time has begun in Nagaland with the launch of the Nagaland Congress (NLC) on June 21, 2016, by some former members of the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC), which commits "to provide suitable political platform, aspiring leadership and public participation toward preserving, protecting and promoting the inbuilt identity, autonomy and welfare of Nagaland State by being 'national in outlook and regional in content'". NLC's claimed objectives are "to provide transparency in governance and accountability to the public ... to give all-round

development and equal opportunities to the people of Nagaland" "...to reform Nagaland, safeguard the rights of Nagas, to make it free from corruption and clean the electoral roll", "strive for unification of all Naga-inhabited areas under a single administrative unit, to protect the rights and privileges of minorities living in Nagaland ... to promote and safeguard the traditions and cultural heritage of Nagas" ... "to support the Indo-Naga peace process for early settlement which should be acceptable to all sections of the people and it would respect the sentiments of every section of community and extend solidarity as and when needed".

On May 17 last, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) was launched "in response to the feelings of the masses, who strongly desire for formation of a new political organization..." The resolutions passed in its general meeting are pretty much similar as any other political party in Nagaland, viz., "to strengthen the peace process and contribute towards realisation of early, honourable and wholesome resolution of the Naga political problem" ... "...strengthen the democratic principles at all levels of society and oppose corruption, violence and injustice" "...stands for transparency, strive for respect of human rights and dignity, protect freedom of speech and expression, work for uplift of weaker and marginalized sections of society, uphold gender equality and endeavour to protect our rich cultural heritage" "... combat social evils and work towards a society that recognises merit, promotes innovation, supports creative-

ity and allows art to flourish ... strive for emergence of the people's voice, the realization of the people's aspirations ... reflect the desire and will of the masses" ... be regional in spirit, national in outlook and act in accordance with global issues and concerns that include protection of the environment and responsible actions towards climate change" and opened its doors "for all those who aspire to work for the people and are willing to make ef-

forts to drink from the well of power, and (c) former retired government servants who have seemingly amassed a sizeable amount of wealth and want a big bite of the political pie.

But their potential to upset the NPF's apple-cart cannot be discounted – (1) because of NPF's incessant infighting due to its failure to discipline its power-and-money-hungry elected members and its prioritization to hold on to power than on governance resulting in Nagaland's underdevelopment; (2) inability to make the Centre loosen the purse-strings; (3) allying itself to be dictated and cow-herded down by muscle-flexing NGOs and civil societies, which have forced their imprint/governance here; (4) failure to infuse fresh blood in the party, (5) focus more on spreading its tentacles in neighbouring States than on issues plaguing Nagaland – actually the list is endless but then the NPF at the last 15 years comprises of quite a few runaways from the Congress party since 2003.

And then there is the BJP, which is making very inconspicuous but equally confident inroads into Nagaland, facilitated by the NPF's alliance with it in the DAN coalition, which gave the BJP the foothold it needed into the inner sanctum of

Nagaland's political arena. Two, the BJP has the money, which makes muscle power more accessible. Three, possibly and probably at least one of the newly launched political parties here is the BJP's handwork, and/or if and when some from these two parties win, they look kindly towards the BJP seeing that the BJP is reportedly of the opinion that it doesn't matter who wins the election, but who forms the government – and we all know how governments are formed, at least in Nagaland.

Then there are the non-state actors here, who have inexorably always dictated and decided over-ground politics, not least government formation. Unofficial electoral history indicates that over-ground politics is dependent on non-state actors to win elections and form the government. The incestuous relationship among over-ground, underground and middle-ground politics is a volume by itself, deserving dedicated research to understand Nagaland's political history. Moreover, from past accounts, electoral victory and government formation here is inevitably dependent on money and muscle power – with few exceptions though.

Who will win the elections and form the next government in Nagaland? Well, the Congress has marginalized itself, so the fight is mainly between the NPF and the BJP but now with the entry of two new political parties, your guess is as good as mine. Still, because of the entry of the two new political parties, the BJP could have the upper hand – and it has been working hard to get the upper hand. Then there is the matter of the Chief Minister's election by this August, which could change the entire electoral scenario impacting the next election.

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## Search for alternative fuel and clean environment

## ■ Rajiv Chandra Dev Goswami

**F**ossil fuel reserves are diminishing at an alarming rate due to the global energy demand and everyday routine use by mankind. The speedy explosion of technology and industrial development have made us think for any other alternative fuel sources available against fossil fuels, which may be utilized in the same pace with easy production yet with equal efficiency and similar outputs. Many countries have already started massive solar projects to sustain the equilibrium in energy consumption and production with a parallel thinking for environment protection. In recent times, it is proved that solar ways of energy production is a boon to cope up with this non-renewable energy crisis and it is being applied in various sectors like public transports, electrification of cities/ villages, self-sufficient solar powered buildings/constructions and in various agriculture practices, etc.

We, the north-eastern people, are already gifted with astounding biodiversity in the entire country. There are so much potent natural treasures that might open up new vistas in bio-energy and environment research. But many of these outstanding bio-resources are yet to be explored. With an ideal geographic location, appropriate climatic condition

and required amount of rainfall, we already fulfil various criteria required for renewable energy generation, which signifies our strong candidature in this field.

We are in urgent need to explore the untapped bio-resources of this region. Biosciences researches with its proper applicability in those areas may be indeed remarkable and life-changing ways to uncover the hidden efficient alternative energy sources in a much broader spectrum. One of the incredible bio-resources from the NE, more particularly Assam, is fresh water microalgae. Various water bodies, rivers, ponds, beels, wetlands and agricultural fields in this region are perfect habitats for microalgae. Oleaginous microalgae are very well known for bio-fuel production. Locally isolated microalgae strains may show astonishing oil content of 30-40% in terms of cell dry weight. It is also possible to grow them easily and have a maximum output in terms of oil recovery compared to many other bio-resources. As most algae are aquatic, hence the growing medium (mainly nitrogen, carbon, phosphates as major nutrients) can be recycled and they have the ability to fix CO<sub>2</sub> 50 times more efficiently than any other terrestrial plants via photosynthesis. It is widely accept-

ed that algal fuel has the ability to replace fossil fuel indicating a zero emission approach in near future.

This also addresses the issue of climate change utilizing these tiny natural powerhouses from the region. These aquatic photosynthetic factories can consume a large amount of CO<sub>2</sub> gas during their growth and it is also established that they can be fed with industrial gaseous too. A few algal strains are reported to undergo high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is a lethal condition as CO<sub>2</sub> gas when dissolved in water produces acidic environment. But recent studies suggest a few locally available strains may withstand 7.93 grams/litre CO<sub>2</sub> when supplied at a flow rate of 100ml/minute. So the total benefits squeezed are effectively from two ways, i.e., large amount CO<sub>2</sub> fixed during their growth and oil recovery for bio-fuel generation after their growth. The entire practice is pre- and post-biomass recovery, fulfilling our quest for environment protection and energy generation. Researches also indicated that microalgae can be grown in cheapest ways like through rainerwater harvesting, using manure/dung, nitrogenous fertilizers and wastes, etc. As CO<sub>2</sub> has a lesser dissolving capacity, therefore researchers are working on the process of converting it to salt from carbonates/biocarbonates, but this conversion may demands at

extra input cost. So finding competent local strains having high photosynthetic efficiency, high CO<sub>2</sub> tolerance and high oil content should be a major research focus from this region which may solve the aforementioned burning issues.

Despite being home for these potential natural resources, in Assam there still much to be done in the context of exploiting the potentialities of algal strains, commercial applicability, practical field operations for mitigating harmful gases, initializing certain approaches to establish scientifically designed micro-algae cultivation systems, use of bioreactors near industries, power plants, etc. No doubt that microalgae technology is quite promising and may help to avoid the fear of substantial loss and inevitable situations we may face due to fuel reserves dying out. However, we are to develop practical bio-mitigation technology along with mass production of bio-fuel.

In a developing country like India, where rapid industrialization and urbanization are at their peak along with exponential population outburst impacting our environment drastically leading to a disturbed equilibrium among various habitats. The public transport system may be integrated with biomass production too. Aviation fuel from algae, which is known as biofuel, is still

evolving. Algae cultivation can also be carried out on building rooftops in addition to solar panels making a practical way to mitigate huge amount of greenhouse gases.

The enormous application of this field in future will include domestic lights/street lights which can be transformed into algal photo-bioreactors (already developed in many countries). French biochemist Pierre Calleja has developed a self-sufficient cylindrical algae-powered lamp that requires no electricity, operates through a process where all the photosynthetic energy is collected and stored in a battery to power the light during the dark. He claimed it to be 150-200 times more efficient CO<sub>2</sub> fixation compared to plants. Algal panels can be installed on various locations, for instance, bus stops and can be used as home decoratives (like aquariums).

The North-east Region Biotechnology Programme Management Cell (NER-BPMC) was established by the Union Department of Biotechnology (DBT), in 2009 to develop and implement various new programmes in the area of biotechnology to benefit the NE States. The laboratory-to-field approach, like practical use of algal bio-fuel in public transports and agriculture sectors is the need of the hour, minimizing the threat of climate change and diminishing fossil fuel issues.

## Skill development and Assam

There is a set provision of direct entry into the third semester of polytechnics for ITI pass-outs and around 200 seats are kept reserved for them.

Only two months back, around 1,100 SCVT (State Council for Vocational Training) pass out students were deprived of appearing in the national-level NCVT (National Council for Vocational Training) exams by the same directorate. It is worthwhile to mention here that the SCVT courses are run by the State Government and the pass-outs are not recognized in the job market which is why they are allowed to sit in the NCVT exam privately thereby to get recognition in both private and government sectors and enhance their employability.

In totality, just in one year, 2,500 youths' skill development dreams and career aspirations were shattered by a handful of incompetent officers. This is unprecedented! Assam should

devise a skill development strategy on the basis of the inherent strength of the youths and market opportunities for which in-depth skill gap study and market research should be the starting point instead of searching for photo opportunities with below mediocre performance! If the government does not act now, the situation will soon be worse. Yours etc., GAUTAM HAZARIKA, Choladhar, Jorhat, Age limit and GU

Sir, - The Government of Assam has set the upper age limit of 43 years for recruitment in government jobs for the general category candidates (5 years relaxation for SC/ST category, i.e., 48 years) as on March 31, 2016. Moreover, the Assam Government has removed the condition of attaining the necessary educational and other qualifications prior to crossing of their existing upper age limit of 38 years extending it up to 43 years as on September 26, 2016. This is applicable not only for the government jobs but also for the recruitment in all the State universities of Assam. Although other such universities have followed the government approved rules, Gauhati University is still showing a sense of negligence in this regard. As per the eligibility criteria formulated by the UGC, there is no age bar for recruitment in the post of assistant professors in universities. But these rules and regulations regarding age limit have not been followed by the administration of Gauhati University. The vacant posts of assistant professors in various departments of the university and all other equivalent non-teaching posts, whether regular or contractual, advertised since November, 2016 till now by the GU Registrar in newspapers and in the GU

laid down by the Assam Government and the UGC. Yours etc., Dr SANJAY KALITA, Maligaon Chariali, Guwahati.

## Arsenic contamination

Sir, - It has been reported that many districts of Assam are affected with arsenic and fluoride contaminants in the groundwater sources. The arsenic and fluoride contents are rapidly growing in the groundwater since last few years in Assam. The intake of arsenic contaminated water leads to various cancers and other diseases. Arsenic contaminated water is also linked with the onset of diabetes, hypertension and reproductive disorders. This has posed a great risk for human health. The State Government should take immediate steps to check the menace. Yours etc., USHAKANTI DAS, Rukmangon, Guwahati.

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## GU thesis most downloaded

### CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, May 24: Every month ProQuest updates a list of the top 25 most accessed dissertations and theses across all subjects, based on total PDF downloads. Last month set a very good trend for the Gauhati University where one thesis claimed to be downloaded most in the world and another remains in 3rd position in the list.

"This is a great achievement for the university and for India as a nation; we find research in India is being accessed by users around the world. This is for the first time ever a dissertation from India was the most downloaded dissertation in the monthly statistics of ProQuest Dissertations and Theses (PQDT) Database where more than two million disser-

tations and theses have been collected from the reputed universities of the world," says Anindita Sengupta, digitisation and preservation specialist of ProQuest India.

"Chemical composition of the street dust of Guwahati is in the third position so far among the most accessed dissertations and theses of the month.

It may be mentioned here that an MoU was signed on March 26 between ProQuest and Gauhati University, that paved the way for broader accessibility of the theses, which otherwise were restricted to a privileged few within the four walls of the library. The details of the list and other things related to PQDT are available on its website. One can access the theses by accessing the above URL within the LAN on the Gauhati University campus. The theses are also available online through Shodhganga, an open access initiative of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), a sister organisation of the University Grants Commission, India.

### ProQuest worldwide list of 25 most-accessed dissertations

with special reference to speciation of the heavy metals" is the topic of the thesis by Bidyut Jyoti Sarma from the Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University which topped the list, and "Studies on the physicochemical characteristics of surface water, sediment and groundwater and bioaccumulation of heavy metals in eelgrass/careassies of greater Guwahati" by Phani Dutta from the Department of Environment-

## Seminar on human rights

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 24: A seminar on Human Rights and Global Challenges' was organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Gauhati College, in collaboration with UNESCO on May 20 and 21. The inaugural function was presided over by Dr Arati Bairagee, coordinator (IQAC), Gauhati College. It was attended by Dr Aswini Sharma, executive director, United Nations Resource Centre, Dr Udayon Misra, former HoD, Department of English, Dibrugarh University, Dr Pranab Sandilya, principal, Gauhati College, and other delegates and research scholars from different institutes, universities and NGOs.

Dr Udayon Misra, in his keynote address, said that the greatest challenge faced by an individual is poverty. To overcome it, justice is necessary.

which can be achieved if there is equal distribution of opportunities and wealth, he said.

Dr Misra also mentioned two events in the field of human rights—the American War of Independence and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and its aftereffects. Dr Aswini Sharma elaborated on regional problems and issues and how human rights are affected in the process.

The principal of the college and chairman of the cell, Dr Pranab Sandilya said that there were 270 papers from around the country submitted by eminent academics, research scholars, experts and students.

Papers for the seminar came from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, New Delhi, Assam and also from academics belonging to Nigeria, Kenya and Pakistan.

### Liquor trader moves HC for bail

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 24: Liquor trader Rajesh Jalan has moved the Gauhati High Court, seeking bail on the strength of a criminal petition under Section 482 of the CrPC instead of Section 439 of the CrPC.

The petition also sought quashing of various orders passed by the Special Court. The next date of hearing has been fixed on May 29.

### Meet of SBI pensioners

GUWAHATI, May 24: A monthly meeting of the SBI Pensioners' Association, North East Circle, Guwahati, will be held at 11 am on May 27 at the State Bank Learning Centre here, stated a press release.

Moreover, the students' body demanded a centralised admission process in the city. Students intending to get admission into a particular college of their choice, have to take admission in other colleges due to the chaotic admission schedules, the DHE assured pro-

er steps in this regard.

The students' body also technicalised the poor state of technical education in Assam. Government engineering colleges are suffering due to shortage of teachers. In Assam Engineering College, three departments have been running without any permanent faculty. The Electrical Department of Bineswar Brahma Engineering College (BBEC) has no permanent faculty and the Chemical Engineering Department of the college has only one teacher.

The Bark Valley Engineering College, the academic session of which will start from this year, has recruited only guest faculties. Infrastructure, including laboratories and hostels, is poor in the Jorhat Institute of Science and Technolo-

gy and the BBEC.

A gain, the construction of engineering colleges in Golaghat, Dhemaji, Udalguri and Nagaon is going on at a very slow pace. Recently, it has come to notice that AEC and Jorhat Engineering College will be affiliated to Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU), which will be detrimental to their interests since a lot of private engineering colleges have already got themselves affiliated to the ASTU and these colleges will have an upper hand in the decision-making process.

The SFI

maintained that the government status of these two colleges having a glorious history must be protected and through a prior discussion with the stakeholders, they should be upgraded into deemed universities.

## State SFI unit moves Govt over poor education scene

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 24: The State committee of the Students' Federation of India (SFI) has drawn the attention of the State Government to the poor state of education in Assam. It has also announced a plan to undertake a month-long campaign from June 1 against the "excessive fees" charged by private BED colleges and for introduction of BED courses in all public degree colleges.

The students' body had met the Director of Higher Education (DHE) on May 17 and de-

manded a planned increase in the number of seats in the col-

leges for developing their in-

frastructure including appoint-

ment of adequate numbers of

teachers. Every year students face problems due to shortage of adequate seats.

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## Cancer research grant

GUWAHATI, May 24: Cancer Research Foundation, India (CRFI), has announced the recipients of grants for cancer research. For the first time, it will provide one-time research grant to two PhD students pursuing research on cancer.

Research grants will be pro-

vided to Seema Bhuyan and Partha Pratim Kalita from Gauhati University and Assam Down Town University respectively. CRFI said that several applications were received and the final selection of the recipients was made by an expert committee constituted by its Scientific Advisory Committee on relative merit of the applications.

CRFI was formed two years ago to promote and support cancer research. CRFI chair-

man Dr Amal Chandra Kataki said that paucity of resources

is the research carried out by

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## Hatipata Primary School awaits watery grave

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, May 24: A portion of its building already disappeared into the Polumora river, Hatipata Primary School of Bhabanipur in Barpeta district awaits the inevitable as it is only a matter of time before the entire school – the only means to education for its 80 odd students – is eroded by the river.

The erosion by the river near the school's location started a few years back and one of its two buildings sunk into water in 2015. With no Government intervention forthcoming till date, it is hardly surprising that the school authorities and the students are a resigned lot.

"The river kept coming closer to the school every year before eroding a building in 2015. As nothing has been done to check the unaltered erosion, the first wave of floods this year is sure to erode the remaining building," Fazlur Rahman, headmaster, told *The Assam Tribune*.

The plight of this school exemplifies the State Government's neglect meted out to Government-run school education in the State. Established in 1980, Hatipata Primary School was provincially

alised in 1995. It has since been catering to the educational needs of the young children of Nakachapthar village despite the obvious infrastructure and manpower constraints.

"After one building was eroded, we have been conducting classes by constructing a makeshift shed in the campus, as the other building cannot accommodate all the students. But the worse will happen when the existing building is gone," he said.

The school has just three teachers and it's difficult for the school to function with the current teacher strength.



## Move to identify dual voters along Assam-Meghalaya border

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, May 24: A meeting was held recently at the circuit house of North Garo Hills district at Resubelpara to delete the names of voters which appear in the electoral rolls of both Assam and Meghalaya. The meeting was attended and chaired by the deputy commissioner, Resubelpara SC Sandhu, Additional DC and incharge SDO (Civil) Dadengere Ram Kumar, Additional DC and incharge election officer, Goalpara B Goswami and other civil servants and staff members of the election branch, Resubelpara and others.

**Ex-MLA Kartik Sena Sinha joins AGP**

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## Symposium on creating hygienic environment organised

CORRESPONDENT

NILAMBAZAR, May 24: The former MLA of Patharkandi constituency Kartik Sena Sinha joined the AGP here on Friday.

It may be mentioned that Sinha was elected as an MLA from Patharkandi constituency as a BJP candidate since 2006 and was suspended from the party in 2009 on allegations of cross voting in favour of the Congress candidate in the Rajya Sabha election. He resigned from the Congress in 2011 and contested from Patharkandi constituency for a second time as an AIUDF candidate, though he could not come out successfully.

**Plantation drive**

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIAL, May 24: Around 5,000 saplings of *mausa* and *neem* were planted on Monday at the brick kiln infested areas of Borgang in Biswanath district under the aegis of Biswanath Revenue Circle Office and Borgang Brick Kiln Association with a view to maintaining ecological balance and industrialisation together.

The programme was attended by Biswanath Revenue Circle Officer Biswajit Saikia and others.

**Nat'l seminar at JDSC College**

KAZIRANGA, May 24: Kaziranga Study Center at the JDSC College, Bokakhat which was set up with an objective to enhance the conservation of biodiversity as well as protection of environment and forests, is organising a national level seminar on 'Emerging Issues of Biodiversity and its Conservation' on June 29-30 next in association with Kaziranga National Park authority, Wildlife Trust of India, Aaranyak and The Corbett Foundation.

Interested academics, researchers, NGO activists, social workers and students may submit their paper abstract on or before June 5 and full paper on or before June 15, 2017 (not exceeding 3000 words).

Taking a serious note on the existence of dual voters, a unanimous decision was taken to identify the names of dual voters by comparing the electoral rolls of the border polling stations along the Assam-Meghalaya border and then delist their names from one voter's list according to the procedures of the Election Commission. In this regard, the chairman also requested logistic support as well as security for the Meghalaya polling personnel from the Goalpara election branch for screening the voters' name in the border polling stations of Assam.

Meanwhile, the Additional DC and

in-charge election officer, Biswajit Goswami said that all the names will be scrutinised in the 60 border polling stations. The names will be compared with that of the electoral list of Meghalaya and accordingly cancellation forms will be issued per the Section 31 of the Peoples' Representatives Act where the dual voters have to declare which voter ID card he or she wants to retain.

It may be mentioned here that under previous provisions those having two voter ID cards from two places may be sent to jail term up to one year or a fine or both if caught.

The key objective of this workshop was to sensitise the participants on the basics of IPR and its role in enhancing the quality of education, innovation and research output, including the commercialisation and impact on societal growth.

Dibrugarh University plans to introduce a two-credit optional Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) on IPR in conformity with the UGC model syllabus under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the forthcoming academic session at the undergraduate level of Dibrugarh University.

There is a dearth of IPR teaching resource material relevant to such courses. It is envisioned to create a teaching manual on IPR that could be used by the college teachers. This workshop therefore intends to constitute a working group of the IPR Cell of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated and also a Tezpur University teacher, dwell on the fundamentals of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and best practices in the integration of IPR in the innovation cycle. He emphasised that the IPR system provides a platform for producing such a teaching IPR Manual by December 2017.

"Since inception we have been dealing with the serious issues like dilution, separation of filtration, adsorption, absorption, sedimentation, aeration, oxidation, reduction, accumulation, evaporation etc. However since these are not the ultimate solutions to pollution control we have adopted some other programmes for a sustainable solution including adaption of cleaner production methods, waste minimisation, decentralisation, eco-friendly approach, reusing, refilling, repairing, rejuvenation, recycling etc."

In the day-long programme, besides other environmental issues how a plastic-free society could be built got top priority. An interactive session was also modelled as 'Question Hour' conducted by delegate of the organising NGO, Jurismita Deka was a lively one. At the end of the programme, a unanimous pledge 'Say No To Plastic' was conducted for protecting the environment and upgrading environment education.



Activists of the Baruna unit of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and other organisations taking out a protest rally at Bokakhat on Tuesday. – UB Photos

be a solution," Rahman said.

Ruing the authorities' apathy, a senior citizen of the area said that the school's predicament exposed the Government off-repeated concern for education to mere lip service. "The school has been facing an existential crisis for three years but no intervention has come. The Government is least bothered about these children's future," he said.

The school has just three teachers and it's difficult for the school to function with the current teacher strength.



Tea leaves being dumped for final processing at Naya Gogara TE near Gohpur, on Wednesday. – UB Photos

## Ex-gratia distributed among boat tragedy victims' kin

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, May 24: The family members of Govinda Das and Tuniram Das, the two fishermen who had lost their lives in a storm over river Subansiri on May 9, received ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each from the State Government.

The cheques of the ex-gratia amount were presented to the families of the victims in a public ceremony held at the office of Circle Officer, North Lakhimpur Revenue Circle in North Lakhimpur recently.

The meeting was chaired by Lakhimpur Deputy Commissioner Barun Bhuyan and was attended by local MLA Upal Dutta.

Fifteen beneficiaries of erosion affected families of the same revenue circle were also presented an ex-gratia amount of Rs 95,104 at the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Lakhimpur MLA Upal Dutta asked the people not to bring any officials from the Land Revenue Department while applying for ex-gratia amounts from the State.

The meeting was also attended by ADC Dr Ashraf Amin and Circle Officer

er Manjeet Borkakoti.

**Awareness meet:** The Lakhimpur district Health Department conducted an awareness meet and camp on Japanese encephalitis, dengue and malaria in Baljan LP School under Dumukhia PHE recently.

The awareness meet was attended by Dr Sashi Sonowal, Health Officer; Harman PHE; and Dr Jitendra Sarma and health workers of Panigao PHE. A free health check-up camp was also conducted in that meet in which free medicines were also distributed among 200 patients.

## DU conducts workshop on IPR literacy

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The workshop was inaugurated by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University. He highlighted the urgency of creating a mass 'IPR' literacy movement in Assam. Professor Buragohain expressed his commitment on behalf of Dibrugarh University to organise and support efforts to achieve a critical mass of IPR literates amongst students and researchers in Assam to reap the benefits of Intellectual Property Rights in the innovation value chain.

He stressed on the need to take the benefits of innovations to the society at large. It is imperative to utilise our rich heritage and traditional knowledge with adequate statutory protection in the innovation process by establishing collaborative activities between institutions of higher learning, Dibrugarh University and its affiliated and communities.

Professor Prabuddha Ganguli, Scientific Consultant for Innovation and IPR matters to the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India, and also a Tezpur University teacher, dwelt on the fundamentals of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and best practices in the integration of IPR in the innovation cycle. He emphasised that the IPR system provides a platform for producing such a teaching IPR Manual by December 2017.

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Dr Nagendra Kumar Nath: a tribute



Dr Nagendra Kumar Nath, my brother-in-law passed away on May 12 at the Tata Cancer Institute, New Town, Kolkata, at the age of 86.

Dr Nath passed his matric exam from Lala High School in 1947 where his father was the head master and retired in 1954. He passed his ISc exam from Cotton College in 1949 and MBBS from Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh in 1954 and immediately joined as Medical Officer in Demow Hospital to support his parents and others. He was transferred to Ram Krishna Nagar Hospital near to his native place. He acquired the MRCP degree in 1967 from Glasgow University. With the help of his guide professor of Glasgow University, Dr Nath acquired a coveted medical assignment under the Mauritius Government but his father did not agree to that. He asked his son to come back to India where enough opportunities were awaiting. Dr Nath had deep respect for his father and obliged and that helped him

many ways. He came back to India. He had keen acumen for good food, good dress, good life style, frequent addition of kitchen appliances, toilets and house fixtures. He was serving in Shillong as PWD engineer from 1967 to early 1969 and residing in Jail road. In the month of August, 1968, he suddenly appeared at our residence without any prior information nor had we any knowledge of his return to India. He expressed to serve in Assam, preferably at Shillong. Next day, he went to the office of the Director of Health Services and asked for a leave to go to Assam. He was moving from post to pillar with no respite, although the medical fraternity desired to retain him for public benefit. Chief Minister BP Chaliha heard the doctor's predicament. He asked the Health authority to eke out a mechanism for retaining the doctor at Shillong. The doctor was given a beginner's post of Asstt. Surgeon. He declined to accept

## OBITUARY

### Kamaleswar Phukan

CORRESPONDENT

DHEMAJI, May 24: Kamaleswar (Kalia) Phukan, a veteran baya of West Dhemaji and an inhabitant of Powasakia village here passed away on Tuesday afternoon at his residence due to old-age ailments. He was 90.

Born at Powasakia, Kamaleswar Phukan was a reputed *bhaoan* bayan who was associated with the art for the last 60 years. He was also a good *bhaoan* actor. He was associated with almost all the social activities in the area. He leaves behind four sons, a daughter and several grand children. His death was deeply mourned in the locality.

### Janata Deori

CORRESPONDENT

DHEMAJI, May 24: Janata Deori, former leader of All Assam Deori Students' Union and an inhabitant of Shrimani Deori village in Dhemaji passed away on Tuesday morning at the Assam Medical College & Hospital, Dibrugarh, following jaundice-related case. He was 36.

Janata Deori worked as the secretary of the Dhemaji district unit of the All Assam Deori Students' Union a few years ago. He was also an executive member of the apex body of the ethnic students' organisation. Later he worked as secretary of the Shrimani unit of JPP, a newly formed political party. He was also associated with several cultural organisations in the area.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, two sons and a host of relatives. His premature death was widely mourned in the area.

**Mahendra Baruah**

CORRESPONDENT

M A N - GADLAI, May 24: Mahendra Baruah, an eminent academician, retired principal of Mangaldai Government Higher Secondary School and a resident of Upahepa village passed away on Monday morning at a private hospital in Guwahati after a brief ailment. He was 80.

Born in the family of Lalit Ch Baruah and Gunewari Baruah as the only son, Baruah after completing secondary education joined Mangaldai Government HS School as a clerk. However, after a few years he joined the same institution as a assistant teacher following his graduation from Gauhati University. He leaves behind his wife, one son and two daughters, apart from a host of relatives and friends.



WEATHER  
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Forecast for North Eastern

States: Moderate rain/ thunder

storms very likely over Assam

Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur,

Mizoram &amp; Tripura and light to

moderate rain/ thunder shower

is very likely to occur in the few

parts of Arunachal Pradesh.

**Warning:** Heavy rain is very

likely to occur at isolated

places over Arunachal Pradesh

on May 27, over Assam &amp;

Meghalaya on May 26, 27

&amp; 28 and over Nagaland,

Manipur, Mizoram &amp; Tripura

on May 27 &amp; 28.

**Temperatures :**

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	26.7	19.2
Tezpur	28.8	23.3
Silchar	33.0	22.6
Dhobi	34.1	22.9
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## More UDAN routes by Aug: Govt

**NEW DELHI**, May 24: The Central Government today said that it will allocate more air routes under its regional connectivity scheme – UDAN (*Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik*) – by August.

According to Civil Aviation Minister P Ashok Gajapati Raju, the government will soon launch the second round of bidding under RCS-UDAN after receiving stakeholders' views on some proposed changes to the scheme which are intended to make it simpler and attractive for participation.

The ministry will organise a stakeholders' consultation meet on June 7 and will accept their comments on the proposed changes by June 9, 2017.

Civil Aviation Secretary RN Choubey pointed out that as far as the same event, the ministry is planning to host an "interactive meet" between State governments and airlines for the second round of bidding for

UDAN routes on July 7, 2017.

Choubey highlighted that site changes are mooted to be made in the scheme, like considering routes between two airports which are neither un-served nor un-served.

"This is being proposed to further encourage intra-regional connectivity," the ministry said in a statement.

An underserved airport is one which has no more than seven scheduled commercial flight departures per week, whereas an un-served airport or airstrip is the one which has not received even a single scheduled commercial service during the last two flight schedules.

Besides, the ministry has sought suggestions with regard to minimum number of RCS seats, fixed-wing aircraft operations below 150 km for specific areas and to make the exclusivity clause more flexible depending upon operators and rules. – IANS

### Transition plan

## GM India starts discussions with dealers

**NEW DELHI**, May 24: General Motors India has initiated discussions with its dealerships regarding a transition plan following the company's decision to stop selling its vehicles in the country.

"We have this week begun discussions with our individual dealers about a transition plan that supports them and our customers," General Motors India President and MD Kader Kazem said in a statement.

The company greatly values the strong partnership it had with dealers over many years, he added. "We are all working to ensure we put our customers at the centre of everything we do," Kazem said.

The company is working directly with its dealers for their transition to authorised serv-

ice outlets and for recovering some of the investments made in dealerships, he added.

GM India said it has committed to honouring all vehicle warranties and to providing service and parts to Chevrolet owners well beyond the warranty period.

"We are communicating directly with our customers through our call centre, direct mail and social media channels... If you are a Chevrolet customer, you can have peace of mind that you and your vehicle will continue to be supported by Chevrolet," Kazem added.

Allaying fears, he added that the company continues to provide service centre support along with 24/7 contact centre and roadside assistance for Chevrolet owners. – PTI

ing. He said this was done to further ease doing of business in the country.

Explaining the rationale behind the decision, the minister said that after the liberalisation of FDI rules, 91-95 per cent of FDI was coming in anyway through the "automatic" route, without need for FIPB clearance.

The Finance

Minister

clarified.

Approval would also be taken, he added.

Asked about how long the process of abolition would take, Jaitley said this would be done expeditiously. Cases pending for approval with the FIPB would now be taken up by the respective ministries,

he said.

The FIPB was set up in the early 1990s as an inter-ministerial single-window for allowing FDI norms that need government approval.

The government relaxed FDI norms

in June 2016 in single brand retail, civil aviation, airports, pharmaceuticals, automobile and food products, where

by investors in these sectors do not need to seek approval from the FIPB. – IANS

### CAPSULE

#### Maruti Suzuki plans

PANJIM (Goa), May 24:

Country's largest car-

maker Maruti Suzuki India

plans to upgrade new

engines, introduce new

platforms and bring in more

models with various levels of

automatic transmissions as

it aims to sell two mil-

lion units by 2020. "Such

engines, including CVT, ATG

AGS, CVT and AT" are

getting popular in the

country. Most of our

models will have them by

2020," M&S Executive

Director R&D C V Ramam

told PTI.

#### Mahindra e-vehicles

MUMBAI, May 24:

Mahindra Electric Mobility

today unveiled a compre-

hensive technology and

product roadmap that aims

to develop 60,000 units of

electric vehicles (EVs) per

annum over the next two

years period. "We are

aiming for a general

EV technology solution,"

he said. "We now plan to

expand our production

capacity of e-vehicles...

from a mere 400 units

monthly to over 1,000

units in next few

months..." Mahindra

Electric Chairman Pawan

Kotak told reporters

here. – PTI

#### Volkswagen Tiguan

NEW DELHI, May 24:

German car-maker

Volkswagen today launched

its premium SUV Tiguan in

India with price starting at Rs

27.98 lakh (ex-showroom

price). The car is designed to

prove its mettle as a robust

and capable carline world-

over and we are delighted to

introduce our global best-

seller in the Indian market,"

Volkswagen Group Sales

India Managing Director

Thierry Lepeltzog said in a

statement. – PTI

#### ItzCash stake

NEW DELHI, May 24:

US headquartered Ebix,

today said it has invested

about Rs 80 crore to

acquire 80 per cent stake

in payment solutions

exchange ItzCash. – PTI

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VCs in Silicon Valley.

Additionally, they will receive equity-free

support and credits for Google products.

Post their return from San Francisco,

they will continue to work closely with

Google back in India.

Google said the shortlisted start-ups

include companies that cover optimisation

of financial services ranging from loans,

credit cards, up-to-date information plat-

forms for train journeys, online

video platform focussing on

content from Indian cinema to

unique implementation of AI to aid

discovery of recipes for cooking.

The list also includes B2B companies

that use AI or ML for various applica-

tions, be it image recognition capabili-

ties or medical diagnosis by analysing

visual data, providing solutions for

talent acquisition and workforce

optimisation, it added. – PTI

## Cabinet okays FIPB abolition

**NEW DELHI**, May 24: In a major decision aimed at further easing doing business in India, the Union Cabinet today abolished the 25-year-old Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), obviating the need for prior clearances for foreign direct investment in more than 90 per cent cases.

Explaining the rationale behind the decision, the minister said that after the liberalisation of FDI rules, 91-95 per cent of FDI was coming in anyway through the "automatic" route, without need for FIPB clearance.

The Finance Minister 2017-18 presented in February had announced the proposal for abolition of FIPB.

He also said that in the case of the 11 sectors that need prior approval for FDI, these would now be given by the ministries concerned. Wherever there are security considerations, the Home Ministry's

approval would also be taken, he added.

Asked about how long the process of abolition would take, Jaitley said this would be done expeditiously. Cases pending with the FIPB would now be taken up by the respective ministries, he said.

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No. MD/PMAY/PRO/16/2017  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
(TENDER NO.3 OF 2017-18)

Scaled Tender (Two Bid System- Technical & Price) affixing Court Fee Stamp of Rs 825 only are invited by Mission Director, PMAY-HFA (Urban), Assam from registered dealer /Supplier on rent basis of Office Premises for the supply of furniture, fixtures and fittings required for Photocopy, Aquegad etc for Mission Directorate, PMAY-HFA (Urban), Assam. Interested parties are requested to submit Tender by handpost along with specified documents on or before 06.06.2017 up to 3:00 PM to the office of the undersigned, after which no Tender will be accepted.

Tender documents may be collected from the Office of Mission Director, PMAY-HFA (Urban) Assam, Ganeshguri Dispur, Guwahati- 781006 between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM from 25.05.2017 to 06.06.2017.

Name of Work: Hire of office related assets on rental basis.

Address of Tender: Q Picture, Ganeshguri Dispur, Guwahati- 781006

Last date & time of submission of Bids: 06.06.2017 up to 3:00 PM

Technical Bid Opening: 06.06.2017 at 4:00 PM

Financial Bid Opening: Will be intimated to successful Bidders who qualify for the Technical Bid.

Sd/- Mission Director,  
PMAY-HFA(U),  
Dispur, Guwahati- 781006

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The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam hereby invites/applications from the Scheduled Castes Meritorious Boys/Girls students who have passed in HSLC/HSSLC Examination under the Assam Higher Secondary Educational Council and Board of Secondary Education of Assam securing 80% and above marks during the academic year 2017-18 for awarding of one time grant @ Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) only under the scheme "Financial incentive to S.C. meritorious Boys/Girls students for the year 2017-18 subject to sanction/released of fund by Govt. The Selection will be made on merit basis only. The qualified candidates may submit their applications as per prescribed format given below to the office of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam, Sarumotoria Dispur, Guwahati-6 on or before 15.07.2017.

Sd/- DIRECTOR  
Welfare of S.C. Assam,  
Ghy-6.

### APPLICATION FORM FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR MERITORIOUS SCHEDULED CASTES BOYS/GIRLS STUDENTS FOR THE YEAR 2017-18

1. Name of the students (BLOCK LETTER) :-
2. Father's/Guardian name :-
3. Present Address :-
4. Permanent Address :-
5. Name of the Institution last attended :-
6. Name of the Examination Passed :-
7. Academic Year :-
8. Percentage of marks secured (to be supported by marks sheet) :-
9. Sub-Caste (Attested copy of Caste Certificate to be attached) :-
10. Whether received similar grant under the scheme on previous occasion, if yes- year of receipt :-
11. Bank Account No. :-
12. IFS code of the Bank :-
13. Full Name & Address of Bank :-
14. Contact No. of the Applicant :-
- I, hereby solemnly declare that the above mentioned information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Seal & Signature of the Head of Institution last attended

Signature of the applicant

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Consequent upon the Notification issued vide No.ASE/262/2017/50, dt. 6th May, 2017, "The Assam Education (Provisionalisation of Services of Teachers & Re-organisation of Educational Institutions) Act, 2017" (Assam Act. No.XXV of 2017) vide notification No. 10/2017 dated 26th May, 2017. It has been decided to formulate the following time schedule for effective implementation of the relevant provision of the Act.

1. As per Govt. Office Memorandum letter dated 20th May, 2017 vide Memo No.AHE.392/2017/22-A, applications from the eligible venture Degree Colleges for consideration of provincialisation of services of the eligible Teacher/ Tutor serving in their institutions are invited as per prescribed forms of application as at Annexure-A with Appendix-I & Appendix-II.

2. The application forms as prescribed by the Government will be available in the office of the Inspector of Schools w.e.f. 06.06.2017. The application forms may be downloaded from the office website www.dheassam.gov.in.

3. The concerned Head of the Venture Educational Institution shall submit the application duly filled in with copy of all required documents to their respective Inspector of Schools with a copy of Treasury Challan of Rs. 100/- (Rupees One Hundred only) in head of Account "0202 General Education-103-01-OAS (other administration services)" / Bank Draft of Rs. 100/- (Rupees One Hundred only) in favour of Director of Higher Education, Assam Kahlipara, Guwahati-19 being application fee with 10% service charge. The application form and the original application shall be received thereafter. The institutions which fail to submit application along with required documents or submit such applications with incomplete information shall be rejected without assigning any reason whatsoever and such institutions shall be treated as not eligible under the purview of this Act.

4. The District Scrutiny Committee as constituted under Section 13(4) of the Act will scrutinize the service records and prepare a list of all eligible employees in respect of each of the eligible venture educational institutions, who are eligible to get preference in appointment under the Act as per within 31.07.2017 to the Director of Higher Education, Assam with detailed information viz. educational qualification, date of birth, date of joining etc.

5. On receipt of the recommendation of the District Scrutiny Committee, the State Level Scrutiny Committee as constituted under section 13(10) of the Act after physical verification and inspection of the venture institutions as may be required, will submit the final recommendation within 31.08.2017.

6. The Director of Higher Education, Assam thereafter will proceed to submit the same for creation of posts and provincialisation of the services of the eligible teacher/tutor within 10.09.2017 to the Government in the Higher Education Department, Assam.

Sd/- Director of Higher Education, Assam

Kahlipara, Guwahati-19

## 6 Indian start-ups shortlisted

BENGALURU, May 24: Google today said six Indian start-ups have been shortlisted for the fourth class of Google Accelerator Program.

It said the short-listed start-ups come from over 100 countries and their unique value proposition and use of latest technologies like machine learning and AI to build high-impact solutions that are solving for the entire developer ecosystem, it said in a release.

Google said the fourth class will kick off from July 17, 2017 and will include two weeks of all-expense-paid mentor-bootcamp.

This batch of start-ups will gain from Google's new curriculum that will help the start-ups to dig deeper into machine learning and AI (artificial intelligence) and

help them leverage Google's latest technologies to scale their apps, it said.

"These start-ups were shortlisted from hundreds of start-ups who applied this year based on their unique value proposition and use of latest technologies like machine learning and AI to build high-impact solutions that are solving for the entire developer ecosystem," Paul Ravindranath G, Program Manager, Google India, said.

In the six-month program, the start-ups will undergo intensive mentoring from 20+ teams across Google and mentors from top technology companies and VCs in Silicon Valley.

Additionally, they will receive equity-free

## Law panel for electronic tagging of accused

NEW DELHI, May 24: The Law Commission today recommended the "electronic tagging" of people accused of grave crimes, saying it would help reduce pressure on overcrowded jails as well as keep a check on people hoping to evade the law.

The Commission, however, warned that the system should only be used with the "highest degree of caution" after changing laws.

Electronic tagging has the

potential to reduce both fugitive rates, by ensuring that a defendant can easily be located, and government expenditure, by reducing the number of defendants detained at state expense.

In its report submitted to the law ministry today on "Provisions relating to bail", the panel quoted a New Zealand law to define electronic tagging or electronically monitored (EM) bail as a mechanism that is also known as a

"restrictive" form of bail. "A person on EM bail must remain at a specified residence at all times unless special permission to leave is granted for an approved purpose (such as work). Compliance is monitored via an electronically monitored anklet that must be worn 24 hours a day," it said.

EM bail is available in New Zealand for defendants and young people aged between 12 and 17 years who would otherwise continue to be held in

custody in prison while they waited for a court hearing. But at the same time, the Commission warned that electronic tagging had a "grave and significant impact on the constitutional rights" of individuals.

"It must be implemented with the highest degree of caution. Such monitoring must be used only in grave and heinous crimes, where a accused person has a prior conviction in similar offences. This may be done by amending the ap-

propriate legislations to restrict the application of electronic tagging..." it said.

It also recommended that Section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) be amended to ensure that a person arrested is given in writing, in the language he or she understands, the reasons for the arrest.

It also said a person should not continue to remain behind bars as an accused until because of an incomplete investigation.

### Panun Kashmir demands tribunal

JAMMU, May 24: A Kashmiri Pandits' body today demanded setting up of a crimes tribunal to probe the alleged excesses committed against the community during the last three decades. "We demand that a full-fledged crimes tribunal be constituted in Jammu and Kashmir to go into the excesses committed against the Kashmiri Pandit community during the last three decades," president of Panun Kashmir, an organisation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, Ashwani Kumar Chhengoo told reporters here. - PTI

### PUBLIC NOTICE FOREST CONTROL ROOM PHONE NUMBER (03672-232666)

#### OF NAGAON AND MORAIGAON DISTRICT

Any information or complaints related to illicit timber, sand, boulder etc and Wild Elephant/Animal/depredation may be shared in Phone number 03672-232666 for redressal. "Save Forest Save Wildlife".

The notice may be given wide publicity and published in atleast 3 vernacular newspaper and One English Newspaper preferably in Nagaon-Moraigaon Edition

This is for favour of your kid information and necessary action please

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Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer,

Nagaon Division, Nagaon

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Bilateral exercise between Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy Simbex-17 concluded in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday. - UNI

### Rohtang Pass opened to tourists

SHIMLA, May 24: The Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh's scenic Kullu Valley was today opened for vehicular traffic and tourists after remaining closed for almost five months.

The State's main tourist attraction at 13,050 feet, the pass connects Kullu to the tribal-district of Lahaul and can be accessed by obtaining a permit.

"Arrangements for issuing online permits are in place, and vehicles can get the permit without any delays," Kullu Deputy Commissioner Younis Khan said.

He said the permit system was put in place as per directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which took serious note of the vehicular pollution in the area. Now, only 800 petrol and 400 diesel vehicles are allowed per day at the pass, the officer said.

The administration charges Rs 50 as permit fee and Rs 50 as concession fee. The online system has been introduced to avoid irregularities in granting permits, which are issued on first-come-first-serve basis, Khan said.

The system was put in place after authorities received complaints about irregularities and misuse of permits by the operators in connivance with the administration, he said.

Cases were also registered by the police against the president of the taxi union last year after it came to the notice that the same permit was being used repeatedly, the deputy commissioner said. - PTI

### Court seeks reply on tree felling for Metro

MUMBAI, May 24: The Bombay High Court today sought the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited's reply to the allegations of cutting trees in south Mumbai arbitrary and indiscriminately to execute the Metro line III project.

A vacation bench of justices PD Naik and MS Karnik sought the MMRC's reply on a plea by city resident Kunal Birwadkar, alleging that even the trees which were not supposed to be cut initially by the MMRC were being felled arbitrarily and without proper application of mind.

Birwadkar urged the court to grant a stay on any further cutting of trees by the authority till hearing of his plea.

The court, however, refused to grant stay and posted the matter for hearing on May 26, seeking MMRC's reply by then.

Over 5,000 trees are proposed to be cut in various areas of south Mumbai to pave way for the execution of Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ line III project.

The high court had earlier granted a stay on cutting of the trees, but on May 5, it vacated its stay and gave a go ahead to MMRC to cut trees after observing that a balance needs to be struck between development and the environment.

The court had allowed MMRC to cut the trees on an undertaking by the corporation that for each tree it would cut in south Mumbai, another one would be planted at the same spot after the construction work is over.

This would be in addition to the three saplings that the authority would plant in suburban Mumbai for every tree they cut. - PTI

## Ensure identity of securitymen is not revealed: HC to Govt

NEW DELHI, May 24: Shocked by the alleged disclosure of the identity of paramilitary personnel operating in sensitive areas and their family members, the Prime Minister com

prehensive review of the CCTSNS

and their families. The

court listed the matter for fur

ther hearing on September 19.

The observations came

during the hearing of an ex-

serviceman's plea seeking Rs 1 lakh compensation for the

loss of his identity card and

steps to protect them as well as their family members. The

court said if the government

felt that the identity of

personnel could be compromised by the episodes of the

show, then it "to ensure

that sufficient safeguards are taken before telecast".

The petitioner, Puran Chand Arya, has sought damages of Rs 10 crore from the media house for breach of contract between his association, Ardh Sankal Welfare Trust, and the TV channel for producing episodes on the heroic achievements of the security forces.

Arya, in his plea, had claimed that the media house produced and aired the episodes without giving credit to the association and also changed the name of

the programme.

However, the court said the

plea for damages over breach

of contract and credit for the

shows have to be raised in a

separate civil suit and not in a

WTI petition. - PTI

### NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

No.CS-ATMASMETI/Assam/996/2016-17/106

Date: 23/05/2017

The Director, SAMETI, Assam invites seal tender in the prescribed tender form affixing cost of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paisa) only from eligible Firm/Agency/Organization for conducting written test for different categories of contractual Post as mentioned below:

1. State Coordinator (State level)
2. State Co-ordinator (Sub-state level)
3. Deputy Director (State level)
4. Deputy Project Director (District level)
5. Accountant cum Clerk (District level/State level)
6. Computer Operator (Computer Operator (District level))
7. Local Technology Manager (District level)
8. Assistant Technology Manager (Block level)

The detail bid document will be available in the e-Tendering portal: [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) from 24-05-2017 to 19-06-2017 up to 2:00 pm. Tenders are to be submitted online through the e-procurement system. The prospective bidder can download the tender documents from the website [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) and only online submission of tenders will open on 24-05-2017 at 11:00 AM and close on 19-06-2017 at 2:00 pm. The original sealed tender should also have to submit in the prescribed tender form in the sealed box kept at the SAMETI office, Krishi Bhawan Campus, Kharapara or may send by registered post on or before the deadline of online submission. The hard copy of tender will be rejected who have not submitted through online.

Sd/- Director  
SAMETI, Assam  
Kharapara, Guwahati-22  
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### GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM FLOOD AND RIVER EROSION MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF ASSAM (FREMAA)

Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens for engagement on contractual basis for the following posts in Flood and River Erosion Management Agency of Assam (FREMAA) as may be seen below.

SL.	Post	Qualification	Exp	Remuneration
1	Co-ordination and Livelihood Consultant	Post Graduate in Social Science or Rural Development or Agro Economics or Agriculture or Geography or Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry	10-15 years of relevant experience in the Development and management of Livelihood projects.	Rs. 75,000/- month Per Diems as admissible

The detailed advertisement may be downloaded from [www.fremaassam.gov.in](http://www.fremaassam.gov.in) and <http://cms.adb.org>.

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Sd/- CEO-FREMAA

### SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender in F-2 form affixing Court Fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paisa) only with a validity period of 180 (one hundred eighty) days are invited from Registered APWD (Building) Contractors for the work as detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Value (In Rs.) (approx)	Big Security (In Rs.)	Cost of tender paper (non-refundable in Rs.)	Date of receipt of application & issue of tender paper	Time & date of receiving opening of Tender	Period of completion	Eligibility of contractor
1	Construction of Modern Toilet at DDC Office & Circuit House, Kamrup Metropolitan District	Rs. 19,80,000.00	700.00			24/05/2017 to 25/05/2017	3 (Three) Months	Regd. APWD (Building) Contractor
2	Dev. of Garbage Marque, House under United Fund (State Specific Scheme) for the year 2016-17.	Rs. 19,80,184.00	700.00			24/05/2017 to 25/05/2017	3 (Three) Months	Regd. APWD (Building) Contractor
3	Dev. of Public Parking Place for DC's Office, Kamrup (Metu) under United Fund (State Specific Scheme) for the year 2016-17.	Rs. 19,77,545.00	700.00			24/05/2017 to 25/05/2017	3 (Three) Months	Regd. APWD (Building) Contractor

Detailed particulars may be seen during office hours of every working day in the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintendent Engineer P.W.D.  
Gawahati Building Circle-II,  
Chandmari, Guwahati-3

### NO. SE/BII/Tech/CS/04/2017-18/

#### PRESS NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Guwahati Building Circle-II, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids for the following works having experience of similar nature of work from APWD registered Class-I (A, B & C) and class-II contractors. Details of the bids may be seen at e-procurement portal website: [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours. The bidders must be enrolled in [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) for participating in the bidding process.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Apprx. Value of Work	Bid Security	Bid Security Drawn In favour of	Time of Completion	Cost of Bid Document
1	Construction of Latch Park at Guwahati under United Fund for the year 2016-17.	Rs. 49,50,810.00	Rs. 49,50,000.00 for General Category & Rs. 49,508.00 for reserved category	EE, PWD, Guwahati Building Circle-II, Fancy Bazaar, Guwahati-1	06 (six) months	Rs. 1500.00

Note:- 1. Any modification of tender may be seen in the P.W.D. portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).

2. The prospective bidder may visit the proposed site before submission of tender.

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

### সমাজৰ প্ৰগতি তথ্য উন্নৰ পুৰুষৰ নিৰাপত্তাৰ বাবে ভূমি সংৰক্ষণ

#### ভূমি সংৰক্ষণ বিভাগৰ লক্ষ্য :-

ভূমি উন্নয়ন, উল্লেখ খণ্ড নিৰ্যাপ্ত, পতিত মাটি উন্নয়ন দ্বাৰা শস্যৰ উৎপাদন বৃদ্ধি।

জলচেদ ব্যৱস্থাপনাৰ দ্বাৰা কৃষি ভূমিৰ উন্নয়ন।

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উদ্যোগ শস্য উন্নয়ন।

#### বিগত ৩৬৫ দিনৰ সফলতাৰ চতুৰ্থ খঠিয়ান

\* ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ দ্বাৰা অনুমোদিত ৩৭২ টা জলচেদ প্ৰকল্প সহজত জলচেদ ব্যৱস্থাপনা আঁচনিৰ অধীনত

কৃষি খঠিয়ান কৰি থাকে।

\* সংহত জলচেদ ব্যৱস্থাপনা আঁচনিৰ অধীনত ২৬৯৪৩৮ হেচেট ভূমি উন্নয়ন সফলতাৰে সম্পন্ন কৰা

হৈছে।

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নং গুচ্ছ পুলি বোপণ, ৬২৫.৮০ বৰ্গ মিটাৰ কৰ্ম ফৰেষ্টি, ৮০০ দৈৰ্ঘ্য মিটাৰৰ সুৰক্ষা দোৱাল, ৪৫৭.১০ দৈৰ্ঘ্য

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\* গ্ৰাম্য আঙ্গোৰ্গাঁইনি উন্নয়ন পুৰুষৰ অধীনত ৪০৯৬ হেচেট ভূমি উন্নয়ন সম্পূৰ্ণ কৰা হৈছে।

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নথাও খণ্ড নিৰ্যাপ্ত আঁচনি



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মাটিৰ বাব, গোৱালপুৰ

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## Muslim girls in hijab may write exam: Centre to HC

KOCHI, May 24: The Centre told the Kerala High Court that Muslim girl students wearing hijab, a customary religious dress, will be allowed to write the AIIMS' entrance test for MBBS on May 28, if MBRs do not allow mandatory checks.

The counsel for the Union government and the AIIMS told the bench that the girl students wearing hijab, however, will have to report an hour before the beginning of the examination to undergo the mandatory physical verification in time.

The submission was made to a bench of Justice PB Suresh Kumar during the hearing of a plea by Muslim girl students and various Islamic organisations, challenging an AIIMS regulation which allegedly prohibited the students from wearing headgear and scarves.

The petitioners alleged this instruction, prohibiting students from wearing the headgear and scarves, was printed on the admit cards for the AIIMS' MBBS test. — PTI

## Alert in Kathua border area

JAMMU, May 24: An alert has been sounded in the border belt of Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir following reports about sighting of three armed men moving in suspicious manner in the area, police said.

The BSF and the police have been put on high alert and security has been enhanced after the movement of the suspicious men was reported yes terday in Babiyan area in Hiranagar sector of the International Border, a police officer said. The security forces carried out a cordon-and-search but found nothing suspect.

"We have analysed all these areas and conducted operation till today but nothing has been found," the officer said.

Kathua has witnessed a number of terror attacks carried out by terrorists after sneaking in from Pakistan through the IB. — PTI

## Cancer grid now covers 108 hospitals

MUMBAI, May 24: The National Cancer Grid (NCG), a network of major cancer centres and research institutes, has now covered 108 cancer treatment hospitals and institutions in the country.

With this, the NCG, which was launched in 2012, has now covered 60 per cent of the cancer centres and research institutes in the country.

This was informed by the Tata Trusts in its official statement issued today.

The NCG held its seventh meeting on May 20 and 21 at the Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, with over 150 participants from 108 centres across the country," it said.

The NCG's primary mandate is uniform standards of cancer care across India by adopting evidence-based management guidelines, which are implemented across these centres. It is also intended to facilitate the exchange of expertise between centres and create a ready network for collaborative research in cancer, the statement added.

The Tata Memorial Centre supports and largely guides the NCG, a facility where evidence-based cancer cases are discussed through video conference, in which several doctors and experts from cancer treatment hospitals and institutes across the country take part.

"The Tata Trusts will be facilitating a high bandwidth, secure and private network through which, the cancer care centres around the country can interact directly with other centres, thus enabling inter-centre knowledge sharing and providing access to multiple solutions like Virtual Tumor Board, Digital Nerve Centre among others," the statement said. — PTI

## I-T Dept summons Lalu's daughter, husband

NEW DELHI, May 24: The Income Tax Department has issued summonses to RJD chief Lalu Prasad's MP daughter Miss Bharti and her husband in connection with its probe in Rs 1,000-crore alleged benami land deals and a tax evasion case.

The development followed the arrest of chartered accountant Rajesh Kumar Agrawal by the Enforcement Directorate on May 22. Agrawal is alleged to have aided in illegal transactions involving the Lalu's kin.

Officials said the Lalu's daughter has asked Bharti, a Raja Sabha member, and her husband Shaitesh Kumar to appear before the investigating officers here in the first week of June.

The department had on May 16 searched multiple premises of about two dozen entities connected to this case and seized documents and computer hardware. They said the summonses to Bharti and Kumar are part of the investigation and their statements will be recorded.

The couple are alleged to have links with a firm — Ms Mishali Packers and Printers Private Limited — which is suspected to have entered into benami deals for purchase of a farm house in Delhi's Bawaswan area. Certain other property deals are also under the scanner of the taxman, he said.

I-T Department officials had said they will apply provisions of the newly enacted Benami Transactions Act, 1988, which became operational from November 1 last year, in this case. The law provides for a maximum punishment of seven years in jail and a

fine. The action under this new law will be over and above the legal proceedings under the Income Tax Act, 1961, which relates to charges of domestic tax evasion.

Tax Department officials had said Lalu's kin held some of the properties under their scanner in a "benami" way. Benami properties are those

in which the real beneficiary is not the one in whose name the property has been purchased.

The RJD chief, however, sought to put up a brave face after the raids, saying he was "not scared at all" against "fascist forces". "BJP mein himmat nahi

kahi ki Lalu ki awaz ho daba sake... Lalu ki awaz dabavge to desh bhar me karoon Lalu khao jayenge... Main gidarbhikkhi se nahi darne huwa hoon." (BJP does not have the courage to stifle my voice... If it tries to silence me Lalu's voice of Lalu will come forward. I am not scared of empty threats), he had said in a series of tweets after the search operation.

The BJP had also accused Prasad, Bharti and his two sons Tejaswi and Pratap, both Bihar government ministers, of being involved in corrupt land deals worth over Rs 1,000 crore, and asked the Central government to probe one such transaction in Delhi.

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad had alleged that these transactions were a case of "quid pro quo", suggesting that money was paid in return for favour as they dated back to the period when Lalu was the Railway Minister. He dared Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to take action against him. — PTI

## Same birth date in 250 Aadhaar cards in one village

JALIPUR, May 24: What's in a day? Plenty, if you are a resident of a remote village near Pokhran in Rajasthan.

Some 250 villagers of Pabupur in Jhalawar district, like Villagers in Kanjara, near Allahabad — have found that their new Aadhaar cards cite their date of birth as January 1.

"It came to our notice through some locals that their Aadhaar cards had January 1 as their date of birth," Vinod Kumar Chhangani, informatics officer of the Grampanchayat, Jais almer, told PTI.

The cards were checked, and it was found that about 250 people had this date on their unique identity document, he said. The district administration convened a meeting last week to address the issue, but only 16 villagers could produce valid documents to set the record right.

Chhangani said the Aadhaar cards had recently been delivered to the people of Pabupur, who had enrolled for cards at e-Mitra centres set up by the state government.

A similar complaint was voiced at Kanjara village near Allahabad, where 1,000 people said their cards gave their birth dates as January 1.

Neeraj Dubey, Block Development Officer (BDO), Jaisala, under which Kanjara falls, told PTI yesterday that there was speculation the software used for the cards automatically allocated January 1 as a person's birth date if he or she was not aware of the actual date.

SDM-Pokhran Mool Singh echoed the point.

"If an applicant does not have the specific date of birth in his or her documents, the operator does not fill the column and the date is then recorded by default as January 1," he said.

He pointed out that most villagers had voter ID cards which cited their year of birth, but not the date. "That is why the problem occurred," Singh said. He said this could only be corrected if applicants could produce a record of their date of birth. — PTI

## Honouring Major Gogoi unbemcoming of Army: CPI(M)

SRINAGAR, May 24: Senior CPI(M) leader and MLA Kulgam MY Tarigani today termed as "provocative" the honouring of Major Leetul Gogoi, saying it was unbemcoming of the Army's traditions.

The officer, who is in the midst of a row for tying up a Kashmiri man to a jeep allegedly as a shield against stone-pelters, was honoured by Army chief General Bipin Rawat recently with a 'Commission Card' "for his sustained efforts in counter-insurgency operations".

The communist leader, in a statement issued here, said "The Army's decision to award the officer is highly condemnable and provocative. It was unbemcoming of the Army's traditions." — PTI

### BENAI LAND CASE



Youths who were aspirants for police recruitment during 2015-16 raising slogans during a demonstration in support of their demand for jobs, in Lucknow on Wednesday. — UNI

## One seriously wounded in fresh Saharanpur violence

SAHARANPUR, May 24:

Violence erupted in this volatile Uttar Pradesh district for the second day today as unidentified gunmen shot and seriously injured a member of the upper-caste Thakur community, which is embroiled in a bloody conflict with Dalits.

The incident took place on Janta Road in Janakpur area. Pradeep Chauhan was shot at near Punwarka block by some motorcycle-borne men, SP Prabal Pratap Singh said. Chauhan was rushed to the district hospital, from where he was

referred to a speciality centre.

Members of the Thakur community protested against the incident outside the district hospital.

Earlier in the day some persons attacked two men while they were sleeping near a brick kiln in Mirzapur village, the police said.

Nitin was shot at, while Yashpal was severely beaten up by the attackers. They have suffered serious injuries and have been admitted to the district hospital. The police,

however, said the incident cannot be linked to the ongoing caste violence.

Meanwhile, a four-member team led by Home Secretary Mani Prasad Mishra and comprising ADG (Law and Order) Aditya Mishra, ISF STF Amitabh Yash and DG (Security) Vijay Bhushan arrived here today.

The ADG told PTI that the police are closely monitoring the situation and keeping a tight vigil on inflammatory messages on social media.

Aditya said he met those injured in the violence and recurred together from Hyderabad.

According to political observers, the alliance may not matter as the TDP in Telangana, where the party's stakes are not high, but it cannot survive without BJP's support in AP.

Chandrababu is keen to keep the BJP in good humour, though his subordinates in the party have tended to trade charges with the BJP functionaries in the State.

The two sides have

over a host of issues, particularly on the demand for the special category status to the State and extension of financial aid from the Centre. Chandrababu and Shah will fly here

operating in the district hospital and assured them of the best treatment possible.

He said there is a trust deficit among the people of different communities and the administration is working to reduce it. The official warned of strict action against those trying to take the law into their hands.

Some unidentified persons had yesterday set fire to at least 12 houses of Thakurs in Shabarpur village ahead of the arrival of Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati there. — PTI

## Chandrababu to meet Amit Shah today

AMARAVATI, May 24: TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu will hold a luncheon meeting with BJP national president Amit Shah tomorrow during his visit to Andhra Pradesh, which assumes significance considering the irritants in ties between the two parties.

Shah will be on a day-long visit to Vijayawada to address the party's polling-booth-level workers tomorrow, as part of his nationwide outreach exercise.

The meeting comes in the wake of the BJP's Telangana unit severing its ties with the TDP and the bad blood between second-rung leaders of the two parties in Andhra

together from Hyderabad.

The fresh round of acrimony between the TDP and the BJP was triggered after Prime Minister Narendra Modi granted an audience to YSR Congress president and State opposition leader VS Jagannam Reddy early this month.

The TDP leaders, including Chandrababu, have taken exception to the appointment granted to Jagannam.

Union minister M Venkiah Naidu took potshots at the TDP leaders saying only those without "minimum elementary political knowledge" were making an issue out of the FM's meeting with a State's leader of opposition. — PTI

## Indian artist Ganesh Haloi at Documenta 14

NEW DELHI, May 24: When Bengal-based artist Ganesh Haloi was uprooted from his birth place — Jamalpur in Bangladesh, his artistic journey took a turn for the better, with his vision manifesting on to the canvas.

Haloi, who moved to Kolkata after participation in 1950, was later commissioned by Archaeological Survey of India to make copies of murals at Ajanta Caves.

Now, 27 of his selected works, both paintings and sculptures, have made their way to the ongoing Documenta 14 — one of world's prestigious art events being held both in Athens in Greece and Kassel in Germany.

Haloi says his migration from his native place left an indelible mark on his imagination. His intimate artistic practice which developed over the years, reflects his unique connection with abstracts that are an outcome of a profound study of ancient architecture and traditional arts of Bengal.

For him, memory has always proven to be crucial and enabled him to paint beautifully on canvas during periods of anxiety and pensiveness.

Largely influenced by nature, his simple gouache on paper is symbolic of the timeless struggle he faced while establishing himself as an artist. "I try to capture the outside world as I see through my eyes since multiple memoirs of my life have always served as an inspiration for me. As a child, I suffered the anguish of being uprooted from my place of birth and that is why my childhood has found way in my works," Haloi told PTI.

The 81-year-old says his experience at Ajanta influenced him deeply, with Buddhist philosophy gradually creeping into his compositions. "I try to paint a land that is my own. My land, with my rules. It is the struggle to create this land that makes the process of painting interesting for me. The space tension with the object has to be maintained during the course of my work," he says.

Haloi, who has been a member of the Society of Contemporary Artists since 1971, doesn't like his artworks being labelled as mere abstracts.

He says that he captures the reality of what he sees around.

In vibrant hues of greens and blues, one can see images of fields, fish jumping out of water and kites flying in sky, which are reminiscent of his days spent on the banks of the Brahmaputra in Jamalpur.

In one of his works, he paints boats against a dark blue backdrop — a representation of how the sea tones transform by the night. "I used to sit on the banks of the river and observe the water and the marshy lands. I used to hear these strange voices and always wondered where they were coming from. Perhaps, that is how I was drawn to abstracts," he says.

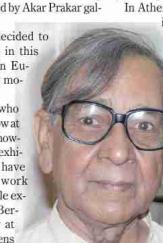
It was during the last summer when Adam Szymczyk (artistic director of Documenta 14) witnessed Haloi's work during an exhibition organised by Akar Prakar gallery in Kolkata.

Szymczyk then decided to showcase his works in this two-city exhibition in Europe. "It was a happy moment," says Haloi.

Natascha Giinwala, who has curated Haloi's show at Documenta, has also showcased his works at an exhibition in London. "I have been privileged to work closely with Haloi while exhibiting his works in Berlin, London and now at Documenta 14 in Athens and Kassel. While working with him, I developed an understanding of his sources of inspiration and his unique methodology in the lively use of gouache and ink," says Giinwala.

In Athens, the curator will showcase his paintings close to nature while in Kassel a different set of works exposing Haloi's relation with land and geography will be displayed.

"In Athens, we are exhibiting his recent paintings and two sculptures at the Athens Conservatoire (Odeon), a space that is filled with some experience and the teachings of music, with artistic works that also consider rhythm notation and the exhibition itself as an immersive and improvised score. — PTI



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বিগত ১টা বছৰত লোৱা উল্লেখযোগ্য পদক্ষেপ সমূহৰ কিয়দাংশ :



ত্ৰিযুতি সৰ্বানন্দ সোগোৱাল  
মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী, অসম



বিৰামাখ ঘাটৰ ইলেক্ট্ৰনিক অভিযন্ত্ৰ

- অসমৰ বিভিন্ন প্রাক্তত ১কোটি ৪২ লাখটকৈও অধিক গচ্ছপুলি বোপণ কৰা হৈছে। ৯০খন পুলি বাগানত বোপণৰ বাবে গচ্ছপুলি উৎপাদনৰ ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে। নগৰ বন উদ্যোগ যোজনাৰ অধীনত আজান্তৰী নগৰ বন উদ্যোগ প্রতিষ্ঠা কৰা হৈছে।
- কাজিৰঙাৰ বাস্তীয় উদ্যোগৰ সুৰক্ষাৰ নিশ্চিতিৰ লক্ষ্যৰে উদ্যোগখনৰ যষ্ঠ সংযোজনত Electronic Eye প্রতিষ্ঠা কৰি তদাৰকী ব্যৱস্থাৰ উন্নীতকৰণ, ৬০জন বনকাৰ্মীক উন্নত আগ্ৰহযোগ্য চালনাৰ প্ৰশংসক, এছ এল আৰ, ইন্দ্ৰাছ বাইফল, ১২ ব'ৰ বাইফল, ঘটক বাইফল আদিৰ দেৱে অত্যাধুনিক আগ্ৰহযোগ্য কুল, ১৪টা চোৰাং চিকাৰ প্রতিবেষী শিলিৰ নিৰ্মাণ, ৭খন যন্ত্ৰচালিত আৰু ৯০খন দেৱীৰ নাও কুল কৰা হৈছে। কাজিৰঙাৰ 'মানববিহীন বিমান' (ড্ৰেণ)ৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় অনুমোদন লাভ কৰা হৈছে।
- ১৯৫ জন চোৰাং চিকাৰী কৰাবলৈ কৰি গোচৰ কৰ্জু কৰা হৈছে। সকলোৰোৰ বন আৰু বন্যপ্ৰাণী সংজ্ঞান্তীয় গোচৰ নিষ্পত্তিৰ বাবে ১০খন নতুনকৈ প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰা 'ফাস্ট ট্ৰেক কৰ্ট' সঠিক উপস্থুপনৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে যাৰ ফলাফলত আদলতে ১০জন চোৰাং চিকাৰীক ইতিমধ্যেই দোৰী সাবাস্ত কৰি কাৰাদণ্ডেৰ দণ্ডিত কৰিছে।
- বানপানীৰ পৰাৰ বক্ষা কৰিবৰ বাবে কাজিৰঙাৰ বাস্তীয় উদ্যোগৰ অনুৰ্ভাবত ৩০টা ওখ ভেটি নিৰ্মাণৰ কাম আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে। ফলত বানপানীৰ সময়ত জীৱ-জৰুৰ আৰম্ভৰ বাবে অতিবিক্ত ২২ হেক্টেক এলেক্ট্ৰিক উপলক্ষ হ'ব।
- বিভিন্ন উন্নয়নশূলক বিভাগৰ উন্নয়নৰ কাম ক্ষীপ্তি কৰাৰ বাবে বালি, শিল, মাটি আদি খনিজ পদাৰ্থ ক্ষীপ্তাবে যোগান থৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থাৰ কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰা হৈছে, তেনে পদাৰ্থ আহৰণৰ নতুন নতুন এলেক্ট্ৰনিক উন্নয়ন সমিতিৰ যোগেদি বাইজক বন পৰিচালনাত অংশীদাৰৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। তদাৰকী ব্যৱস্থাৰ বনজ সম্পদ আৰু খনিজ পদাৰ্থ সমূহৰ চোৰাং মেহাৰ সুৰক্ষা বোধকৰণ, পৰি ধৰা পুৰণা কাঠৰ কুণ্ডাসহ ক্ষীপ্তাবে বিশ্বিকৰণৰ ফলাফলত বিভাগটোৱৰ বাজৰ সংগ্ৰহ ২০১৫-১৬ বৰ্ষৰ ৫৬.৯৪ কোটি টকাৰ বিপৰীতে বিগত বৰ্ষটোত ১৩৮ কোটিলৈ বৃদ্ধি হয়, আৰ্দ্ধে এই বৃদ্ধিৰ হাৰ ১৪২%।
- বনাপ্তিৰ ২৪৩৬ হেক্টেক বেদখলকাৰীৰ পৰা পুনৰুদ্ধাৰ কৰা হৈছে।
- ১৫খন যৌথ বন পৰিচালনা সমিতি আৰু ৪৫খন পারিপার্শ্বিক উন্নয়ন সমিতিৰ যোগেদি বাইজক বন পৰিচালনাত অংশীদাৰৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। বনাপ্তিৰ দাঁতিকাবীয়া গাঁৰৰ ৩০০০ লোকৰ জীৱিকা নিৰ্বাহৰ বাবে মৌ পালন, বোৰী, এমৰাইডাবী, মেটেকাৰ পৰা সামগ্ৰী উৎপাদন, হাঁহ-কুকুৰা পালন, গাহৰি পালন, জাম, আচাৰ ইত্যাদি উৎপাদনৰ কোশল সম্পর্কে প্ৰশংসক আৰু সাহায্য দিয়া হৈছে।
- National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change আঁচনিৰ অধীনত ২৪.৫৭ কোটি টকাৰ এক প্ৰকল্পৰ জৰিয়তে কাজিৰঙাৰ আৰু ইয়াৰ দাঁতি কাবীয়া অধ্যলত বনাপ্তিৰ কৃষি কাৰ্য্যৰ জৈৱিকৰণ, জলচেন্দ উন্নয়ন, মীন পালন ইত্যাদি কৃপায়ণৰ বাবে ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে।



হাতী আৰু মানুহৰ সহায্যত মৃছা হোৱা বন্যপ্ৰাণীৰ প্ৰদান আৰু আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে



কাজিৰঙাৰ CWRC-ত প্ৰতিপালিত মাতৃহীৰা হাঁতিপোৱালীৰ পৰিবৰ্ধন অসমৰ মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী

- বন্যপ্ৰাণী আৰু মানুহৰ সহায্যত নিবারণৰ বাবে জিলা সমূহত জিলা প্ৰশাসন, আৰক্ষী, পথ্যায়ত, শিক্ষান্তীন, আবকারী বিভাগ, বন বিভাগ ইত্যাদি বিভাগক সামৰি কমিটি গঠন কৰি পথ্যালোচনা আৰু কাৰ্য্যকৰী ব্যৱস্থাৰ নিহা কৰা হৈছে। বনজস্তৰ দাবা মৃত্যু হোৱা লোকৰ কিটকাজীৰ প্ৰদান কৰা এককলীন সাহায্যৰ পৰিমাণ পূৰ্বে ১ লাখ টকাৰ পৰা ৪ লাখ টকাৰ কৰা হৈছে আৰু হাঁয়াভাৰে পেছু হলে ২ লাখ টকাৰ পৰ্যন্ত নিৰ্ধাৰণ কৰা হৈছে। ইয়াৰেপি আৰাত পালন, ঘৰ-দুৰুৰ, খেতি-বাতি নষ্টিৰ লৈ দিবলাঙা সাহায্যৰ পৰিমাণে বৃদ্ধি কৰা হৈছে। বিগত বৰ্ষত ১৬৮ জন মৃত ব্যক্তিৰ নিকটাবীয়, ১১৯ জন আঘাতাবীণ লোক, ৫,৯৯টো গৃহ আৰু খেতি নষ্ট হোৱা পৰিয়াল, ১৫৭৮ গোখন কৰ্তৃ হোৱা পৰিয়ালৰ মাজত ৪৪.৬৮ লাখ টকাৰ এককলীন সাহায্য বিতৰণ কৰা হয়।
- মাজলী জিলা খনক জৈৱ-বৈচিত্ৰ্য এতিয়ত কেৱল হাঁতিপোৱালীৰ প্ৰথম Carbon Neutral জিলা হিচাপে গঢ়াৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰম্ভ হৈছে।



তত্ত্বাধিক আগ্ৰহযোগ্য চালনাত প্ৰশংসক বনবস্তীৰ দল

- মহিনাবিৰ পৰা যোগাযোগ আৰু তেলোয়া-বৰ্ণিছাট বেল আলি নিৰ্মাণ তথা গহপুৰ-সোলেঞ্জী, বালাচোৰা-হৰাবণজন বাস্তীয় পথৰ নিৰ্মাণৰ বাবে পৰিৱেশ আৰু বন বিভাগৰ পৰা প্ৰয়োজনীয় অনুমোদন দিয়া হৈছে যাতে উন্নয়নৰ গতি বৃদ্ধিৰ হৈছে।

আগৰ গচ্ছৰ খেতি আৰু বাণিজ্য প্ৰসাৰৰ ভৱিয়তে স্বনিয়োজনৰ ব্যৱস্থা

আক বাজহ বৃদ্ধিৰ বাবে নিখিলত ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ প্ৰণিয়া আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে।

- বন্যপ্ৰাণী সংৰক্ষণৰ দিশত এক উল্লেখযোগ্য কাম হিচাপে- কাজিৰঙাৰ পৰা ১৭টা দল হৰিপো মানুহ বাস্তীয় উদ্যোগলৈ হুনান্তৰিত কৰি মুকলি কৰি দিয়া হৈছে।



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বন বিভাগ, অসম



কাজিৰঙাৰ উদ্যোগৰ পৰা গচ্ছৰ প্ৰয়োজনৰ কাম হিচাপে- কাজিৰঙাৰ পৰা প্ৰয়োজনৰ কাম হিচাপে-

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## প্রত্যয়ৰ পথত সমাজ কল্যাণ বিভাগ

বছাস্থা বিশ্বাসের অসমৰ জনসাধারণে মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী শ্রীমুক্ত সর্বনিল সোগোৱাল দেৰে নেতৃত্ব গঠন কৰি দিয়া বৰ্তমানৰ বাজাৰ চৰকাৰখনে অন্যন্য ক্ষেত্ৰ দৰে সমাজ কল্যাণ বিভাগকো আধিক জনমূলী কৰি তেলাৰ উদ্দেশ্যে ভালোমান সংস্কাৰণৰূপ পদক্ষেপ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী শ্রীমুক্ত সর্বনিল সোগোৱাল দেৰে নেতৃত্ব আৰু সমাজ কল্যাণ বিভাগ মাননীয় বাজাৰ মন্ত্ৰী শ্রীমুক্ত নৰ কুমাৰ দলে দেৰে উদ্যোগত বিগত কল্যাণ বচ্ছটোত সমাজ বিভাগে লাভ কৰা প্ৰধান সফলতাসমূহঃ-

বিশেষভাবে সম্মত লোকসকলৰ কল্যাণঃ

- ◆ ৬৮২২ গ্রামীকী বিশেষভাবে সক্ষম লোকলৈ প্রত্যক্ষভাবে উপকৃত হোৱাকৈ জলগানি আৰু নিবন্ধু ভাট্টাৰ যোগান ধৰা হৈছে।

◆ চলিত বৰ্ষৰ ৪ মাঠৰ পৰা ১২ মাঠৰে অসম ৰাজিৱক নাহিৰিক সেৱা কৃত্তিৰ উদযোগত, বাজাৰ চৰকাৰৰ সমাজ আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক পৰিবহাল কৰণাখ বিশেষ সহযোগত সহিতিৰ মানৰ এক অস্থানৰ আয়োজন কৰা হয়। ভৰাবন হৰ্বীৰ কৰিলাঙ সহযোগ সমিতি আৰু ভাৰতৰ কৃত্ৰিম ভাৰি নিৰ্মাণ নিগমৰ সহযোগত এই অনুমতি বাজাৰখনক নথি, মৰিছণ, দণ্ড, গোলামপুৰা, কামৰূপ মহানগৰ আৰু কামৰূপ প্ৰামা জিলাৰ বিশেষভাৱে সক্ষম লোকসকলৰ মাজত নিমলিতি ধৰণে সহজৰ সজুলি বিতৰণ কৰা হয়।

● কৃতি ভবি — ১২৬	● তিনিকীয়া চাইকেল (প্ৰাপ্যবৰ্ষ ১৩, অপ্রাপ্যবৰ্ষ ৫) — ১৫০	● বাৰিং টিকি— ৭৬
● পলিচা আঞ্চলীকৰণ ভবি— ২১৮	● শ্ৰেণীকৰণ ক্ষম্তি— ৫৩৬	● পেং— ৭৬
● কৃতি হাত— ৪৮	● ইলেক্ট্ৰোলজি (প্ৰাপ্যবৰ্ষ ১০, অপ্রাপ্যবৰ্ষ ৬) — ১৬৩	● দৃষ্টি ইনৰ বাবে লাতু— ৪৯
● পৰবৰ্তী পৰ্যায়ত অসমৰ অন্যন্যা জিলা সমূহকে 'সহিতি' আৰু সহিত সমাৰি দেৱা হ'ব।	● বিশেষবৰ্ষৰ পেং— ৩৭ হোৱা	
● তিব্বতিভিত্তি প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়া বিশেষভাৱে সক্ষম লোক আৰু তেওঁলোৱাৰ প্ৰকৃত পৰিকল্পনাৰ খুস্তমুহৰ তথ্য ভড়ীল গঢ়ি তোলাৰ ব্যবস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে। তথ্য সংগ্ৰহ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া কৈপৰ কৰি তাৰিখেৰে প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়া ভিলাক জনোৱা হৈছে।		

বয়োজ্যষ্ঠ নাগরিক কল্যাণ

- ◆ **বরোজোট নামিকরণ করলাম আঁচনিত রহিণীতে নিম্ন দ্রেপ্ত সহায়ত উদ্দেশ্যে ১১  
কেটি টেক্সের অনুমতি নিলি ভাবে চৰকৰিলৈ প্ৰাণী প্ৰেম কৰা হৈছে।**

◆ **বরোজোট বৰাবৰু খাবু থাকাৰ মতৰে বাবে প্ৰেছোসৰী সংগ্ৰহেৰ মতৰে**

◆ **আঁচনিতে টো আমুমান কৰিবলৈ পোতো সেৱা আৰম্ভ কৰি আছে। এখনৰেখে  
বেইচোটা ও অভিনবত প্ৰতাৰ ভাৰত চৰকৰিলৈ প্ৰেমে কৰা হৈছে।**

◆ **বরোজোট নামিকৰণ সমিতি এৰ পঞ্চ বৰাৰ হৈছে। বাজা চৰকৰে ইতিমধ্যে  
এই সমিতিৰ এগৰগৰি অক্ষয় আৰু উপাধ্যক্ষ নিযুক্তি দিছে।**

**অনামন কলানৰ কলানৰ অংতনি**

  - ◆ **বৰাবৰ ১৯ খন্তি জিলাট ২৩ টা প্ৰেছোসৰী সংগ্ৰহেৰ দ্বাৰা ১১ টা মেশ আঁচনিগুৰু  
(Night Shelter Home) সুষৱি কৰি হৈছে।**
  - ◆ **সমাজ কলানৰ সংগ্ৰহকলাসৰ সমূহৰ বিশ্বায় দেশদেশৰ জৰাজৰা পুঁজি বৰাবৰুপনা  
প্ৰক্ৰিয়ান্তে (PFMS) পৰিবৰ্তিত প্ৰক্ৰিয়া কৰি তোলা হৈছে।**
  - ◆ **মিভাগত পণ্ডিত নন্দন সুভূতিহার আৰম্ভ কৰিবলৈ বাবে প্ৰশংসন ঘৃতভূতি তোলা হৈছে আৰু  
অভিযন্দনমূহৰ  
- সহজত শিশু উত্তোলন সেৱা অভিযন  
- পৰিষ্পতি অভিযন  
- মহিলা কলানৰ অভিযন  
- বৰোজোট আভিযন  
- বিশ্বায়াৰে সমূহ লোকসংৰক্ষণ অভিযন**

সংস্কার আৰু পৰিবৰ্তনৰ পদক্ষেপ

- ◆ **পরবর্তী** পাঁচ বছর ভিত্তিক জ্যামেট শিল্প মৃত্যু হল, প্রস্তুতি মৃত্যু হল হাস্তান্ত্রিক কর্মসূল করার লক্ষণ শিল্প বিবরণ নিরীক্ষা, শিল্প সমর্পণ প্রতিক্রিয়া করেন ধৰি বাল্পুরাবাদ খোবে ফেরে অসম শিল্প পাঁচ বছর বাজার শারীরিকে উন্নীত করে
  - ◆ **শিল্প অপ্রয়োগ** করি আমারা বিস্ময়গতভাবে শীর্ষ পাঁচ বছর বাজার শারীরিকে উন্নীত করে (৪-৬ বছর বয়সে আমাদের এখন এক লাই লিপি চিনাকর্তব্য আছে)
  - ◆ **তথ্য প্রস্তুতি** ভজিতাতে সহজে শিল্প উভয়মন সেবা বিশেষজ্ঞে পরিস্থিতি আচার্ন তথ্য আবাসনসহস্র নিরীক্ষা।
  - ◆ **সরকারী ব্যবসা পেশুর্ব / জলসমূহ / পরিতেজিক আদি গোণসমূহিতাতে** হিতায়িকৰণে প্রেরণ তথ্য ইয়ার বাবে প্রয়োজনীয় নির্দেশকৰণের প্রয়োজন।
  - ◆ **অংগনবাড়ী** দ্বেষ ব্যবস্থাপনা সমিতি প্রয়োজনীয় প্রস্তুত করা তৎপর আহার (Hot Cook Meal) প্রয়োজনীয় কৈকীর্তন করা।
  - ◆ **জিলা উপায়ুক্ত** আর জিলা সমাজ কল্যাণ বিষয়ক কল্পনা অধিক ক্ষমতা প্রদান।
  - ◆ **নতুন অংগনবাড়ী** কর্মী আৰু অংগনবাড়ী শহীরকার নিযুক্তি।
  - ◆ **সংহত শিল্প উভয়মন সেবা** অভিযন্তক মধ্য প্রাপ্তের অধিক চাহুটি পেজী ক্ষুভ্র করা। জৰুৰ নির্মাণ কৰিবাবলৈ দায় সহজে শিল্প উভয়মন সেবাৰ সকলো কাম-

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ସଂଖ୍ୟାକାଳୀନ ଜ୍ଞାନ ପରିକାଳୀନ ଆଗବନ୍ଧୀ ଥିଲା ହେବେ।

  - (କ) ମହିଳା ଆର୍କ ଶିଶୁ ଉପରେ ସଂଖ୍ୟାକାଳୀନ (ମହିଳା ଆର୍କ ଶିଶୁ)।
  - (ଘ) ସାମାଜିକ ନୀତି ଆର୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସଂଖ୍ୟାକାଳୀନ  
(ବ୍ୟାଙ୍ଗଜୋଟ ବିଶେଷଜ୍ଞତା ଆର୍କ ସାମାଜିକ ସଂଖ୍ୟାକାଳୀନ)

◆ ପ୍ରସିଦ୍ଧ - ଯଥା ଥିଲେ ଆରି ଆର ବାର୍ଷିକ ସାଂସ୍କାରିକ ଅଭିନାନ ଆରିଛି।

◆ ନନ୍ଦ ଅନ୍ଧାରାଟୀ କେବେ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରେଥିବ ସାଂସ୍କାରିକ ବିଭାଗ, ପଞ୍ଜାବ ଆର ପାହାଡିଯନ ତଥା MSDP ବେଳେ ସମୟବରକ ବରକ।

◆ ଏବେ ହାତରେ ଅନ୍ଧାରାଟୀ କେବେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଉପକ୍ରେତ୍ତ ତଥା ପାରିଶିଳ୍ପ ବିଭାଗରେ ଗଢ଼ା ପ୍ରସାଦ।

◆ ଅନ୍ଧାରାଟୀ କେବେ ନିର୍ମାଣ ପ୍ରତିକ୍ରିୟା ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଭାବରେକେ ବିକ୍ରେତ୍ତିକରଣ, ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଉପମୂର୍ତ୍ତି ନିର୍ମାଣ କରା ହିଁ।

সমাজ কল্যাণ বিভাগ : অসম চৰকাৰ

শিল্প পারমিক যন্ত্র কার্ট শিল্প

- ♦ বর্তমান বাজা চৰকাৰৰ শিশুৰ প্ৰাৰ্থিক যন্ত্ৰ আৰু শিক্ষাৰ কেন্দ্ৰত অধিক গুৰুত্ব ধানৰ কৰিছে আৰু সেয়েৱে বাজাৰখন ১৭ জুনকৈ সংহেত শিশু উদ্যোগৰ সেৱাৰ প্ৰকাৰ বিবৰণক লক্ষণত প্ৰশিক্ষণ গ্ৰহণ কৰোৱাৰ দিয়া কৰে। এইসবল প্ৰযোজিত বিবৰণ শিশুৰ প্ৰাৰ্থিক যন্ত্ৰ আৰু শিক্ষাৰ কেন্দ্ৰত মাস্টিক প্ৰশিক্ষণৰ কথাৰে সমূপ বাজাৰখনতে ইয়াৰ সফলতা কৰণযোগৰ ব্যৱস্থা প্ৰস্তুত কৰিব।
  - ♦ শিশুৰ প্ৰাৰ্থিক যন্ত্ৰ আৰু শিক্ষাৰ বিবৰণত জিলাই কেতু পৰ্যায়ত প্ৰশিক্ষণ আৰি আৰোজনৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় পুঁজি মোকাবলৈ দিয়া কৈছে।
  - ♦ নিয়ন্ত্ৰিত মহানগৰকলনৰ বাবে বেলজুলত একটি অৱস্থান কেন্দ্ৰ (One Stop Centre) নিৰ্মাণৰ বাবে থার্পোজিনীয় ত্ৰুটি বাস্তুৰ গুৰু নিৰ্মাণ নিগমক মহানগৰ কৰ্মজীবী দিয়া হৈছ।
  - ♦ কামৰূপ মহানগৰ জিলাত মহালা ইছলাইন মনোৰোধ বৰি মোহৰত, কোকাৰাবাৰ, কাছৰ, নগাৰ্ড, আৰু কামৰূপ মহানগৰ জিলাত এনে একটি অৱস্থান কেন্দ্ৰ (One Stop Centre) ইতিমধ্যে মুক্তি কৰা হৈছে।
  - ♦ ‘মেলি বাবা, বেটি শুণো আৰ্টিনিৰ অধীনত কামৰূপ মহানগৰ জিলাত সমৰিত গ্ৰামীণ সুবিধা সেৱা ইতিমধ্যে মুক্তি কৰা হৈছে।
  - ♦ প্ৰাৰ্থক ইতিবৰ্কিত উপকৰণত গৱেষণাৰ জৰিবলৈ মাতৃত্ব সহযোগ আৰ্টিনিৰ (Maternity benefit programme) প্ৰযোজন ১৯ জুনৰ দিন ১১ বিকালৰ সময়ে মহানগৰ কৰ্মসূচী





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# Touching Digital Milestones

Carving the Path towards Digital India, enabling Digital Assam

Empowering Assam digitally as envisioned by our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and joining him the Hon'ble Minister of Information Technology, Shri Keshab Mahanta the mission gained tremendous momentum. Today, at the end of one year the growth in digital awareness has been phenomenal. The following highlights stand as testimony of the same.

## Increasing Digital Literacy Awareness

### Digital literacy program

With an aim to make every Indian digitally literate, Digital Literacy Program was launched in line with NDLM and DISHA project of GOI. Under this program one person from each household is sought to be made digitally literate, to enable them to cope up with digital technologies having meaningful impact in our everyday life. Since August 2016, we have 1.95 lac registered beneficiaries, 1.67 lac trained beneficiaries and 1670 registered training centers under this program.

### Digi Dhan Mela

The idea was to promote various digital payment options post demonetization, by organizing Digi Dhan Mela all across Assam. Inaugurated in Guwahati & Dibrugarh, the program branched out to all the 33 districts, 2217 Gram Panchayats, 414 VCDC and 88 Hill and Autonomous Councils, with a footfall of more than 1.75 lac citizens.

### Digital Financial Literacy Program

Around 1.80 lac beneficiaries and more than 30,000 merchants have been trained under the Digital Financial Literacy Program imparted through CSCs so far.

## Digital Progress at Village Level

### Digital Gram Panchayat

Khetri GP has been chosen as a model GP, under which 13 villages of that GP have been provided with internet connectivity through 19 access points, made accessible through mobile devices.

### Broadband and Citizen Service Mission

The Mission aims to setup Knowledge Centres in Gaon panchayats and take broadband to every village and household.

## Revived IT Infrastructure across Govt. Sector

### CM interaction made easy with Assam.MyGov.in

Under the leadership of Honorable CM, Assam.MyGov.in and IVRS were launched to function as a citizen engagement platform on 10th April, 2017 in Assam. Under this program, citizens can interact with the Honorable CM and his office.

### Standardized Website Framework (e-Prastuti)

Under this project, 250+ Master trainers have been trained to create integrated web experience for end users across all Govt. websites. So far, 38 websites of 6 departments have been made live.

### IT Directorate

The State Cabinet approved formation of Directorate of Information Technology, Electronics & Communication (DITEC) on the 17th of March, 2017.

## IT Parks in Assam

### Development work of IT Park, Guwahati

100 Acre land near Guwahati Airport has been allotted. A portion of land has been earmarked for allotment to HDFC Bank for setting up of a BPO and Training Centre.

### Silchar and Dibrugarh

Under the aegis of IT Dept., about 130 bighas of land in Silchar and 100 bighas of land in Dibrugarh have been identified by the District Administration for setting up IT Park/EMC Cluster.

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### PCB, BCCI officials to meet in Dubai

KARACHI, May 24: The top brass of Pakistan Cricket Board is supposed to meet their counterparts from BCCI in Dubai later this month.

According to reliable sources in the board, the meeting has been scheduled on May 29 as part of an attempt to resolve the issues between the two boards.

"PCB Chairman, Shahnawaz Khan, Najam Sethi and chief operating officer, Subhan Ahmad will be representing Pakistan at the meeting which will be attended by BCCI officials and a member of the interim committee in India," one source said.

The PCB has sent a notice of intent to the BCCI claiming compensation of around US\$ 69.4 million for India not honouring the MoU signed between the two boards in 2014 to play six bilateral series between 2015 and 2023.

Pakistan under the MoU is supposed to host four of the series.

The source said that the meeting has been arranged and ICC chief executive Dave Richardson will instead attend it in a bid to convince Pakistan to file a case with the ICC disputes resolution committee against the BCCI – PTI

## Champions Trophy tougher than World Cup: Virat Kohli

MUMBAI, May 24: India skipper Virat Kohli today conceded that Champions Trophy is qualitatively much more competitive than the World Cup, with top eight teams battling it out in a condensed schedule.

"The competitiveness of the tournament is much higher. In the word go, in a World Cup, you still have league games (to get into groove) and may be dominate during the later half, but in Champions Trophy you need to be on top of your game from game one. If you are not, then your chances go down pretty soon," Virat told reporters at the pre-departure media conference here.

India play their first match against arch-rivals Pakistan on June 4 in Birmingham but something that the skipper doesn't want his team is to put too much weightage to the defending champions tag.

"The first challenge is not to think about the fact that we are defending the title. When we went there last time (to

the CT in England in 2013), we just wanted to enjoy as a young unit and we ended up winning the tournament," Kohli said talking about what he was trying to create a core which is still intact coming into this tournament.

"It ended up (the 2013 triumph) creating a team which has done so well so far. There are a few changes (in current side) but the mindset is similar – to go out there and enjoy our cricket. In Tests, we have been able to reach the top with what it across – the hunger to win and want it across all formats," Kohli expects that the two senior pros – former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni and stylish Yuvraj Singh will go out there and express themselves with a free mindset.

"They (Dhoni and Yuvu) have so much experience and if they are given freedom to play their game in the middle-order, they know the most in the team how to build or win a match or how to get team out of difficult situations," the skipper said.

"They are our strongest pillars and more they will be in good mindset, it will benefit the team," he added.

One of the biggest takeaways from 2013 Champions Trophy was the opening partnership of Shikhar Dhawan and

Rohit Sharma, that set a perfect stage during the matches.

"During the last Champions Trophy – one of the two takeaways for us was the opening partnership, Rohit and Shikhar were a revelation as an opening pair. It was great thing for fans and the team. It was a massive factor in us winning the Champions Trophy."

"Secondly, Ash (Ravichandran) and Ravindra Jadeja are top of their game and the way the fast bowlers bowled and the way we fielded, we were the best fielding side in the tournament back then. We would like to stick to same strengths and we believe that these are the factors which determine how you play in conditions like England," he explained. Someone who believes in aggressive brand of cricket, Kohli doesn't mind if his team show their ruthless streak in title defence.

"Ruthlessness is something that we definitely speak about all the time. Even if we close a (Test) series off, we want to close it without losing a game or drawing a game, if possible. We go in with that kind of mindset and that goes a long way in a tournament like this. If we think about the games in that manner, I think you will get the results more often than not," he said. – PTI

## Russia scrambles to save face with Confederation Cup looming



MOSCOW, May 24: The new World Cup stadium in Saint Petersburg was meant to boast a state-of-the-art pitch and be a showcase for Vladimir Putin's Russia, when it hosts the 2018 football bonanza.

Instead the USD 800 million venue, which took a decade to build, has caused more embarrassment than pride as Russian authorities scramble to salvage its pitch less than a month before it hosts the opening match of the Confederations Cup, a World Cup warm-up tournament.

Uprooted chunks of turf and bald spots on the playing surface in the first match last month at the 68,000-seat arena – a 2-0 win by home team Zenit St. Petersburg over Ural Yekaterinburg – sparked concern that the stadium would be unsuitable for Russian Premier League matches, let alone the 2018 World Cup. While officials played down the situation, the stadium received wide-ranging criticism including from Zenit manager Miroslav Lescic.

Now, less than a month before Russia face New Zealand at the venue on June 17, workers have

Marat Oganesyan, was arrested over a fraud scheme with a fund that was supposed to provide the stadium with a video scoreboard.

Even before the issues with the grass, problems with the stadium's retractable pitch made the playing surface vibrate and threw doubt over whether it could host games. Then when officials gave the go-ahead for Zenit – eventually expected to move into the stadium – to play games there, even those trial attempts had to be abandoned.

After just two of three planned games moved the team's May 17 match against FC Krasnodar to the club's old Petrovsky stadium to "save the grass from extra wear."

In an interview with RERK business daily last month, Zenit's chief agronomist Konstantin Kreminsky blamed Barnard, a Russian company hired to deliver the pitch.

Kreminsky said that the pitch had been poorly prepared for Saint Petersburg's unforgiving winter and that there had been "fungal diseases" and "a lot of mould" on the grass in late February. – AFP

began replacing the turf in a desperate battle against time. It is the latest chapter in a decade-long saga of spiralling bills, missed deadlines and scandal surrounding the World Cup in Russia.

"We were supposed to receive a fairytale stadium, the best in the world in ideal condition," opposition firebrand and anti-corruption campaigner Alexei Navalny said in an April video post.

"It was one of Russia's most important construction projects, and money was stolen nonetheless."

Last year the former deputy governor of Saint Petersburg,

beginning the work on June 17, workers have

been told to spinners using negative tactics.

"The slow bowlers specifically

are resorting to a more negative line of bowling, not because they want to but because they have to," he said.

Bond said it is this imbalance which has led to spinners using negative tactics.

"The slow bowlers specifically

are resorting to a more negative

line of bowling, not because they want to but because they have to," he said.

"The yorker is not just one of

the most difficult balls to bowl,

the margin for error is also

extremely small. Therefore, it be-

comes vital to use that weapon judiciously." – PTI



### Indian women boxers get foreign coach for the first time

NEW DELHI, May 24: In a historic first for Indian boxing, Frenchwoman Sandrine Cottalorda, an AIBA three-star coach, has been roped in to train the women pugilists for a nearly two-year term.

The 41-year-old, who is a member of the European Boxing Confederation's coaches commission, will be joining the boxers in the first week of June. In addition, Italy's Raffaele Bergamasco has been roped in for the youth women boxers, while the recently-appointed men's coach Santiago Nieva has been handed a contract till December 2018.

The contracts of all the three coaches were finalised yesterday after a meeting at the Sports Authority of India. We are looking to bring about stability in the Indian camp, set up with this," a top Boxing Federation of India official told PTI.

Besides being an experienced coach for women boxers in France, which earned him a three-star rating from the AIBA, Cottalorda has also been a certified coach in the AIBA Pro-Boxing and the World Series of Boxing. – PTI

### Olympic 100-metre swim champion to have heart surgery

SYDNEY, May 24: Rio Olympics 100-metre freestyle gold medallist Kyle Chalmers has withdrawn from July's World Swimming Championships to undergo surgery for a worsening heart condition.

Chalmers has had a particular heart condition, or recurrent rapid heartbeat, that is normally not life-threatening but can impact on his quality of life.

The 18-year-old Chalmers says "I had had a surgery in the past, and unfortunately, it did not work."

Chalmers said it was a difficult decision to miss the world championships in Budapest, but he did so with a longer-term view, setting his sights on the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018. – AP

### Manoj to make WSB debut on June 8 for British Lionhearts

NEW DELHI, May 24: Indian boxer Manoj Kumar will make his World Series Boxer (WSB) debut on June 8 after being called by his franchise British Lionhearts for the semi-final clash against Astana Arhans Kazakhstani.

The welterweight boxer qualified for the August-September World Championships at the Asian Championships earlier this month.

"It will be a first time experience at the WSB and I hope I can pull off a good win for my team," Manoj told PTI.

Manoj was among three Indian boxers, who were picked by British Lionhearts mid-season but Vilas Krishan (75kg) and K Shyam Kumar (49kg) did not compete for different reasons.

Vikas was stopped from going to the event by the Boxing Federation of India after he forfeited his Asian Championships semi-final, Shyam Kumar, on the other hand, remained in the reserves. – PTI

## Spain SC confirms Messi fraud sentence

MADRID, May 24: Spain's Supreme Court today confirmed a 21-month jail sentence and 2.09-million-euro (USD 2.25 million) fine imposed on Lionel Messi for tax fraud, months after the Barcelona football star lodged an appeal.

The Argentine international and his father Jorge Horacio Messi were in July 2016 found guilty of using companies in Belize, Britain, Switzerland and Uruguay to avoid paying taxes on 4.16 million euros of Messi's income earned from his image rights from 2007-09.

The income related to Messi's image rights that was hidden includes endorsement deals with Danone, Adidas, Pepsi-Cola, Procter & Gamble and the Kuwait Food Company.

Both Messi and his father were given 21 months in jail – sentences likely to be suspended as is common in Spain for first offences for non-violent crimes carrying a sentence of less than two years.

They appealed to the Supreme Court.

While the court confirmed the sentence for Messi on Wednesday, it reduced it to 15 months jail for his father, taking into account that his football star son had paid back the defrauded money to tax authorities.

During last year's trial, Messi had argued that he trusted his father with his finances and "knew nothing" about how his wealth was managed.

## Morgan banking on IPL trio to boost England



London, May 24: Eoin Morgan is hoping the return of three key players from the Indian Premier League (IPL) will help England defeat top-ranked South Africa in their upcoming One-Day International series.

A three-match contest between the sides starts with a day/nighter at Headingley on Wednesday, with the series given added spice by the fact it acts as a warm-up for next week's Champions Trophy tournament in England and Wales.

That competition will see England trying to end their 42-year wait for a maiden major International Cricket Council ODI trophy, with the 2010 World Twenty20 their lone global short-format title.

All-rounders Ben Stokes and Chris Woakes, together with wicket-keeper Jos Buttler, were all given permission to miss England's opening two ODIs this season against Morgan's native Ireland and instead extend their IPL stints.

Stokes and Buttler, who played for Rising Pune Supergiant and Mumbai Indians respectively, might have been in opposition in Sunday's final had they not been recalled to an England training camp in Spain.

The 25-year-old left-handed batsman and right-handed pace bowler scored 316 runs in 12 matches, with a highest of 103 not out, and took 12 wickets. – AFP

## SU DO KU

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### Solution of last problem

Originalising from Japan, 'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. The grid contains digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without repeating any.

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8	1	2	3	9	5	6	7	4

## Heema selected for world athletic meet



GUWAHATI, May 24: Nagaon girl Heema Das has been selected for the U-18 World Athletic Championship which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from July 12 to 16.

Heema's selection was made during the Asian Youth Athletics Championship, held at Bangkok from May 20 to 23. She will compete in 200m.

In the Bangkok meet, Heema came 7th with a timing of 25.05 seconds and the qualifying mark for the world meet was 25.15. Earlier, she won one silver in 200m and one bronze in 100m in the 14th U-18 National Youth Athletics Championship held at Hyderabad.

Assam Athletic Association president Rokibul Hussain, secretary Pradeep Nunisa along with the officials of the Nagaon Sports Association congratulated Heema for her stupendous achievement. — Sports Reporter

## State chess c'ship concludes

GUWAHATI, May 24: Uddipta Kakati and Simran Ahmed of Guwahati Chess Association clinched the titles in the U-17 boys and U-19 girls categories respectively of the 40th All Assam Inter District Chess Championship (U-17 and U-19 boys and girls) held in Kalyan Ashram Auditorium, Silchar from May 20 to 24.

The championship was organised by the Cachar District Chess Association on behalf of All Assam Chess Association. Uddipta Kakati scored 5.5 points from 6 rounds. Ronish Singh of Cachar got second position in this category by scoring 4.5 points while S Monisha Devi of Cachar got first position in U-17 girls category by scoring 5 points. Twinkle Patgiri of Tinsukia got second position in the U-17 girls group.

Simran Ahmed of Guwahati Chess Association scored 3 points to clinch the title in the U-19 girls category. Dibyangsho Kar of Cachar got second position in that group. Ifikar Atom Mazumdar of Cachar got first position in the U-19 boys category. Rituparna Borgohain of Dibrugarh also scored four points but was declared second on the basis of tie-break score.

The tournament was conducted by senior national arbi ter Dipak Patgiri and he was assisted by Manik Dutta. The Assam team for the U-19 and U-17 National Championships will be selected from this tournament, a release said.

## South Point School make it to semifinals

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 24: South Point School posted a thumping 140-run victory against Modern English School, Kahilpara in the first quarterfinal of the 13th All Assam Prize-money Inter School Cricket Tournament for the Dhan Sena Sinha Trophy.

In the one-sided match at the Latsasil playground here today, South Point School, riding on a 63-ball 66 (4x8, 6x2) by Shivam Mittal amassed 240 for six in the stipulated 35 overs.

The Modern English School batsmen failed to chase the big target and were all out for 100 in 28 overs. Dhruv Raj Barrah (5/27) virtually wrecked the Modern innings with a devastating spell. Shivam Mittal was adjudged man-of-the-match for his match winning knock.

**Brief scores:** South Point School 240/6 (Shivam Mittal 66, Yash Sharma 28, Bishek Baruah 26, Arpan Choudhury 21, Modern English School 100 (Sudhamoni Sarkar 26, Arbaz Khan not out 24, Ashif Khan 18, Dhruv Raj Barrah 5/27, Subig).

## Assam armwrestlers shine in national meet

GUWAHATI, May 24: Assam armwrestlers shined in the 41st National Armwrestling Championship winning 12 gold medals which was held in New Delhi from May 18 to 21, stated a release. Altogether 750 players from 25 States took part in the meet. Pranjal Saikia won the Champion of the Champions title in the meet.

**Gold medalists:** (60 kg) r) Samuel Saikia, (60 kg) r) Manoj Deb Nath, (65 kg) r) Deepankar Mech, (70 kg) r) Tridip Medhi, (80 kg) r) Arup Rakhowa, (85 kg) r) Pranjit Saikia, (90 kg) r) Chetna Samra, (95 kg) r) Suman Saikia, (100 kg) r) Anup Rakhowa, (105 kg) r) Jagdip Baruah, (80 kg) r) Arup Rakhowa, (85 kg) r) Siderbar Malakar. **Silver medalists:** (50 kg) r) Krinkita Das, (50 kg) r) Rita Segner, (65 kg) r) Pranjal Saikia, (100 kg) r) Amit Choudhury. **Bronze medalists:** (50 kg) r) Prajali Bora, (60 kg) r) Samuel Saikia, (80 kg) r) Kanikanta Borgohain, (80 kg) r) Akashish Kashyap.

## GTC selection trial

GUWAHATI, May 24: Gauhati Town Club will hold selection trial on May 27 and 28 at the Judge Field to prepare its teams for age group I-League. Interested players in the U-13, U-16, U-18 groups may report at 9 am on May 27 at the Judge Field, a release said.

## Sindhu elected as member of BWF Athletes' commission

GOLD COAST (Australia), May 24: Olympic silver medallist P V Sindhu became one of the members of the BWF Athletes' Commission after the end of voting for the four places on the representative body, here today.

The 21-year-old Indian topped the ballot with 129 votes as she led a trio of women onto the BWF Athletes' Commission.

"I am happy to be elected as a member. Thanks to the players who have elected me. It is a great responsibility and I will surely do justice to my new post," Sindhu told PTI.

Apart from Sindhu, Kirsty Gilmour of Scotland was placed third overall with 103 votes and Lithuania's Aklive Stapsutase (25 votes) was the third woman elected to the Commission.

Sindhu, Gilmour along with Germany's Marc Zweier, who received 108 votes, will serve four-year terms. These three will replace Yuhua Tan (Belgium), Hans-Kristian Solberg Vittinghus (Denmark) and Greysia Polii (Indonesia) who have concluded their four-year terms.

Stapsutase will only serve two years as she will finish the term in November. The Chinese player became a member of the Athletes' Commission in 2015 but resigned following her retirement from badminton last year, thus leaving a casual vacancy on the Commission.

BAI president Himanta Biswa Sarma congratulated Sindhu for her achievement. — PTI

## Goel to IOA: Conduct National Games at the earliest

NEW DELHI, May 24: Sports Minister Vijay Goel today expressed his displeasure over repeated delays in the organisation of the National Games, asking IOA president N Ramachandran to hold the event as soon as possible.

The National Games are supposed to take place every two years and last took place in Kerala in 2015 after a four-year gap. After a prolonged delay, Goa was supposed to host the Games in November last year, but the event did not take place.

"I had a long meeting with the IOA president today. I told him that Na-

tional Games should be held on time and he assured me that he will soon go to Goa and take stock of the situation," Goel said after the meeting which was also attended by sports secretary Injeti Srinivas.

"I also instructed the IOA to immediately resolve the various disputes in National Sports Federations," he said further.

On NADA handing a provisional suspension to one of India's international athletes for possessing a banned substance in NIS Patiala campus, Goel said: "I can-

not talk about it case by case.

"We are very strict on doping and we are checking players more than ever before. We have also proposed that doping should be made a criminal offence which it will act as a deterrent."

In the meeting held with IOA president, Goel also discussed the possibility of hosting the Asian Games and Asian Beach Games. The hosts for the next three Asian Games have already been decided though India has a shot at host-

ing the Beach Asian Games in 2020.

"We have to see how and when we can bid for the Asian Games. But we are confident of winning the bid for Asian Beach Games," said Goel.

The minister was also asked about India facing Pakistan in the upcoming Champions Trophy at a time when bilateral relations between the two nations have reached its nadir.

"We don't have control over multilateral tournaments but we have maintained that there cannot be any bilateral sporting ties with Pakistan until they stop cross-border terrorism," he added. — PTI

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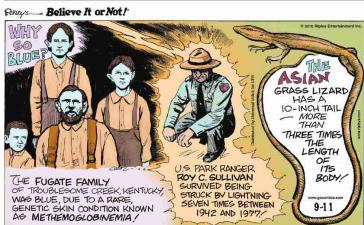
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**My viewpoint**

“What is the future of Kaziranga? ”

Neha Bhattacharya, Class X, St. Joseph's Convent H.S. School, Tinsukia

It saddens my heart to learn about the evil practices going on in Kaziranga National Park. And if these continue, I am sure that one day, there will be no Asiatic rhinos left in Kaziranga. We all must know that in an ecosystem, all the animals and plants live in harmony. If any one organism is removed from this system, then the other animals, too, may vanish. Eventually, the Kaziranga National Park will then be just a barren land.

### Why was the Peace Corps formed?

Peace Corps is the United States agency created to promote world peace and friendship by training American volunteers to perform special services overseas. Originally an agency of the United States Department of State, it was created by executive order in 1961, and made an independent agency of the United States Government, in 1981. The volunteers help people in developing countries improve their social and economic conditions. Each volunteer spends two years working or teaching in a developing country. Peace Corps volunteers are there if he or she has to be a U.S. citizen, be at least 18 years old, and have at least one year more than two dependents under the age of 18, or 18 hours work or teach in a developing country. They are involved in projects ranging from health to education to agriculture. About 300 different job skills are utilized in the corps. In the 1990s, volunteers were working in more than 100 countries throughout Africa, Latin America, the Mediterranean, Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, and the Pacific.



It is a good idea to keep our environment clean and green. We must not pollute our environment. The environment helps us to live. It is better than anything else. It is the pride and heritage of Assam – the Kaziranga National Park, home to the world-famous one-horned rhino and other major animals. It is also a place where frequent criminal activities go on in and around the area. Moreover, regular say that the Kaziranga National Park is a paradise for tourists. Too many tourists pollute the villages which go there for fun and pleasure. This further leads to environmental pollution. This creates a sense that the day is not for Kaziranga might completely lose its aura and charm.

The Kaziranga National Park is a World Heritage Site, situated in Assam, mostly famous for its one-horned rhinos. Tourists come from across the globe to see the animals here, and mainly the one-horned rhino. Poaching is another major threat and danger. A very big threat is the problem of poaching, which has gained momentum. The government can take its level best, but this can be stopped only by the supportive role of the public. The government should go hand-in-hand with the public, and if it happens, the problem of poaching will be solved and Kaziranga can regain its lost glory.

Khyati Kanika Gogoi, Class V, Don Bosco School, Tinsukia

Khurshid Timina, Class XI, Concord Junior College, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

**PLANET YOUNG**

The Assam Tribune  
GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

### The different truth



– Stuti Das, Class VII, Mahananda Vidyashala, Barpeta, Assam.

A skinner, city life is way better than village. Guwahati is better than any other small village. Hands down! One major reason contributing to my dislike is that you meet off-the-wall people in villages. My ancestral place is stuck between a town and a village. If I happen to be there, I would say, “Laissez faire”, I head out to wander about the fields. I usually take a book to read. While I am alone such, I was completely at peace, sitting on a half wall with my book. That fascinated her, with flings after her went to a deep tan, dressed in a very filthy riba moshela chador. She seemed old, almost 70, with her hair grey and cough. I didn't really mind her. She was the one who started talking. I stopped talking, “What are you dreaming about, elf?” Her croaking voice rang out. Goodness! I had to listen. Yet, good girls are polite to elders. The two rules clashed in my mind, until she finally started staring at me. So I threw the rules and followed my instinct. I ignored her.

Most people go away when ignored, but she was not like most people. And she repeated twice, “What are you doing here?”

“Nothing,” I replied, off-handedly.

She sat at me again, for a long time. I was about to go home, when she said,

“You cannot become big just by dreaming, my daughter.”

I stopped, but said nothing.

Not daring to break my silence, she continued, “You have to dream, you must, but to turn them into reality, you must carve the path to

your dreams. Else, they are just soap bubbles. Beautiful, fragile, with a short life. Popping, when you touch them.”

I said nothing. Of course, I was dressing on the wall, and, of course, I knew what she was saying.

She continued, “The path is never ever easy. The dream is golden, but the path is broken. You fall and break your leg; you get up and walk with crutches. I warn you, if you stop, you get swallowed by mediocrity. But don't take it too seriously, that means you are not fit!”

She looked insane. Her sparkling black eyes and a hard-to-admire wisdom gave me a strange aura. Her voice commanded attention.

I really didn't have anything when she asked, “So, what is your dream? What do you want most in your life?”

I said, “I want to be happy.”

She smiled, very sweetly, and said, “Good, my child. Bless you. To be happy, she added. She walked away. She was totally off the rail, without an ounce of sanity. But she left me wondering, admiring her. She was wise, if not intelligent. I called out to her and said, “Thank you,” before going home.

**I, ME, MYSELF**

Sumitra Hazarika is an internationally recognized athlete and a tireless social activist.

The person who has influenced me the most. My mother Akonma Hazarika. Unlettered and hailing from a remote village, she insisted on her daughters being treated equally as her sons. We sisters were encouraged to receive a well-rounded education.

The biggest turning point in my life... In 1996, when in Adarshnagar, a young girl was savagely assaulted. I plunged into a protest across all of Assam's districts. I even spoke at an international conference and the issue even came up in the Olympic Conference. This was even jailed twice for my activism. Then, as recognition for years of social work, I was awarded the National Shakti Puraskar, instituted for the first time by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2016.

The happiest moment in my life... Was when I won three bronze medals in the 1995 Malaysian International Open Tournament. As an athlete, I played javelin, discus and hammer throw.

The changes that I would like to see in the society... The change I would like to see is that we should rely on people power to bring change. My message for today's youth... All of us are equal, with rights and obligations. We must respect all, be law-abiding and discover our full potential.

### Winners All



CONTRIBUTOR OF THE WEEK

Stuti Das, Class VII, Mahananda Vidyashala, Barpeta, Assam.

★★★

POEM OF THE WEEK

Tannaz Mahreen, Class VIII, Assam.

★★★

SKETCH OF THE WEEK

Anurag Malakar, North Guwahati.

★★★

CREATIVE ENDEAVOUR OF THE MONTH

Gauri Priya Bora, Jorhat.

★★★



**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
I am a very shy person by nature but my mother insists that I meet a lot of people. Why does she make me do what I don't like?  
— Geeththa

**Dear Geeththa,**  
You are probably right that being able to communicate with people is a skill you need to cultivate and I agree with her. She wants to draw you out of your shell and help you meet among new groups of people and tackle situations. So, take in your stride and learn to interact with people. It may actually be fun!

**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
Everyday on my way to school, I meet a mad man. He keeps jumping away by himself. I am very afraid. I want him to stop attacking me. What should I do?  
— Harsh

**Dear Harsh,**  
It's a pity that these mentally ill people don't have anyone to care for them. They can be harmful. Most of them are harmless and you need not be scared. They get more upset when provoked.

**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
My birthday is coming and I am planning to have a party at a pillar point. But my mother has been on holding it at home. I am upset.  
— Sudipta

**Dear Sudipta,**  
Just think — you're mother cares enough to organize a party for you at home. This is her way of ensuring that both friends and family are together on this special day. Try to empathise with her, instead of merely sulking.

### JUNIOR PUZZLERS

1) Is a boogie board, woogie board or a boofy board — a short surfboard you ride lying down?



### THIS WEEK'S WINNER

Mr. Ashraf Hussain, Class-XI,  
South Point School, Guwahati.

### Pic Speak

NEXT WEEK'S PICTURE



Why do you have a moustache from birth, while I have to wait so long to grow one?



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### Mini M@ths

Calculate the clues and fill in the grids with the answers.

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13. 53 + 39 | 13. 52 - 29  
14. 45 - 24 | 14. 12. 82 - 17  
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16. 91 - 56 | 16. 10 + 5

— Akanksha Sinha, Class-VIII,  
Modern High School, Guwahati.



Teacher: "Which one is closer to the sun?"  
Johnny: "The sun."  
Teacher: "How can you say so?"  
Johnny: "Because we can see the sun all the time. But, we cannot see Africa!"

Teacher asked the students to tell the importance of the year 1809.

John stands up and says, "Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809."

The teacher then questions them about the significance of the year 1819. Sudipta, Sam and Sudip stand up and say, "Abraham Lincoln turned 10 years old in 1819!"

by Jake Martin

**DID YOU KNOW**

In the movie *Dirty Harry*, Harry's police badge number was 2211.



2) Is the scientific name for birdwatching zoology, ecology or ornithology?



3) Tom Cruise starred in which movie — Space, Mission Impossible or The Saint?



ISN'T THE TAPE SUPPOSED TO SELF-DISTRICT IN FIVE SECONDS?



WOW! THAT'S A NUMBER I WONT FORGET.

ANSWERS: 1) A boogie board. 2) Ornithology. 3) Mission Impossible.

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numbers (singular, dual, and plural). Sanskrit has survived and influenced the linguistic conditions of speech better than any other Indo-European language, except possibly ancient Greek.

After the 16th century, European missionaries acquired some familiarity with the Sanskrit language and grammar.

Samuel Thomas, the first Sanskrit grammar was published in Europe, in 1790. The discovery by western scholars in the 18th century of the Vedas and of Indian methods of teaching it, led both to the identification of the Indo-European language families and to the stimulation of Panini's methodology, to the establishment of the science of comparative philology. Sanskrit writings profoundly influenced the study of religion.

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### Sanskrit

Sanskrit language, the classical, sacred and literary language of India. It belongs to the Indo-Iranian languages, a sub-family of the Indo-European languages, since roughly the beginning of the Christian era, Sanskrit has been more or less the language of the priesthood, of the priestly, learned, and cultivated castes of India, and it retains this position even today. During the early centuries, and increasingly later, Sanskrit came to be more and more used as "priestly" by the rules of the Indian grammarian Panini. The work forms the basis for modern Sanskrit grammar and is considered the most scientific grammar produced in the world. Sanskrit is written in the Devanagari script.

Sanskrit is distinguishable from the older, preserved forms of Indian speech, in the Vedic religious system, the Brahmanical literature, Upanishads, Vedic, however, like Sanskrit, was a more or less archaic "high language" based on popular speech, and was developed through generations of priestly singers. Vedic and Sanskrit are both dialects of the Old Indic speech, which also existed in many non-literary vernacular dialects.

In grammatical forms, Vedic was richer and less

separated than Sanskrit. By the Middle Ages, Sanskrit had become the pitch or tonal accent, which was still in full force in Panini's time. Notwithstanding these losses, Sanskrit is a complex language, not only highly inflected, but also subject to certain

restrictions in its grammar.

Sanskrit is the language of the Vedas, the

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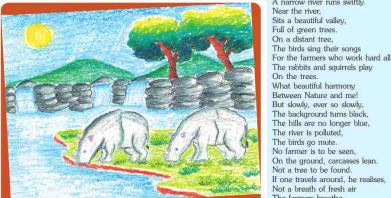
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**SKETCH OF THE WEEK**  
Anurag Malakar, Class-VI,  
Faculty H.S. School, North Guwahati.

**Changes in Nature**

Between the blue hills,  
A narrow river runs softly.  
The water is clear.  
Sits a beautiful valley,  
Full of green trees.  
On the trees,  
The birds sing their songs.  
For the farmers who work hard all day long.  
The birds sing and squirrels play  
On the trees.  
What beautiful harmony  
Birds sing and squirrels play.  
But slowly, ever so slowly,  
The background turns black.  
The water is no longer blue.  
The river is polluted.  
The birds go mute.  
The squirrels are gone.  
Not a breath of fresh air.  
The farms breathe.  
The birds sing and squirrels play.  
— Hritwik Pratim Kalyan, Class-VIII,  
Nalanda Public School, Nalbari.

daulat Akhter Ahmed, Class-VI,  
North East Public School, Guwahati**Wildlife cries**

Those humans, those beings.  
They call themselves superior beings.  
They strive to live luxuriously.  
Cutting down trees,  
They destroy my family's empire.  
Hunting them down.  
They kill them all.

They turn me into a homeless orphan.  
They turn my life.  
And now...  
They are pretending to care.  
They have ruined my empire.  
Now go around.  
Asking each other  
To help me, to save my life.  
But, they themselves add to my misery.  
Some cruel ones.  
Find it tiring to even pretend.

But, I have a ray of hope.  
If there were no pretenders,  
Will they all learn to actually care?  
Some already have.  
Some days...  
Others surely will, too.  
— Lisa Gogoi, H.S.C.C., Dibrugarh,  
Lisa Fever n' Go School, Dibrugarh.

Anindita Das, Class-IX,  
Maa's Bronson Residential School, GuwahatiManaswin Chayengia, Class-II,  
Mahatma Vidya Mandir Public School,  
Silchar, AssamAnubhav Sharma Nath, Class-III,  
Shiksha The Gunkul, Tinsukia

**POEM OF THE WEEK**  
Tannaz Mahreen, Class-X,  
Shrimanta Shankar Academy,  
Guwahati.

**Musings of a farmer**

Everyone was happy about the blue sky.  
Clear, warm and bright light.  
‘Summer day! They rejoiced.  
But then, suddenly it created a fall.  
Summer you say?  
I say, it is a curse!  
The sun is burning.  
My crops suffer from thirst.  
While your children are merry and gay,  
My children are here for one more day.  
The fury of Mother Earth  
Will now be unleashed.  
For dear sake, let me be realias,  
The land shall be parched.

Rimjhim Hazarika,  
Prajyotish Sr. Sec. School, Morigaon**Dear Mother**

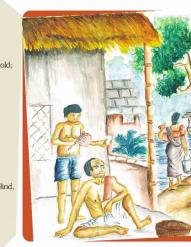
Father, brother,  
Sisters and others,  
There are too many people.  
Do I have to say mother the most.  
Without our mother, the world is so odd.  
So, for me,  
My mother is greater than God!  
You always work for us,  
Oh! Yes, you do.  
So, you are great.  
Like without you,  
I would not be able to speak the truth,  
Not to utter a single lie.  
And I knew, Mother,  
You are the best.  
— Ayan Arya, Class-V,  
Faculty H.S. School, North Guwahati.

Disha Sharma, Class-IV,  
St. Mary's H.S. School**A special month**

The special month of Ramzan  
Is here again.  
Our family rises at dawn to fast,  
And ends the day with prayers.  
We break our fast at sunset.  
With a juicy date.  
Remembering to help those in need,  
Before we eat.  
The spirit of giving.  
Is stronger this month.  
And we have much to say.  
‘Burst wishes for the coming year!  
— Shreya Parveen, Class-VI,  
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati.

Abinav Banu, Grade-4,  
Overseas Family School, SingaporeNitin Sharma, Class-VI,  
Gyan Bhawan Public School, Tezpur**Warrior**

Yes, I am a warrior.  
At the dawn of a new age – was I born;  
And fighting till the last ounce of might,  
Against the forces of darkness and evil.  
I wield my emotions as my armour,  
And the shield of silent ignorance – firmly in my arms do I hold;  
Brave, bold, and fierce, I stand tall,  
I let yet another legacy unfold.  
In my forehead lies a battlefield,  
That of pride, of vanity, of greed and cold;  
Of men, women and children.  
Whose dignity – in a dime was sold!  
They are the ones who are the weak,  
Oh no! Neither grenades, nor swords;  
Only mere gossip, rumors and small talk.  
Hate, envy, and pride, I hold.  
Sometimes, I do think of hitting back,  
Of returning a blow by a blow.  
But, I know that an eye ends up making everyone blind.  
So, never will I let myself stoop to standards so low!  
Hence, holding my head high with wounded dignity,  
And the scars of pride, I cascade leaves,  
Wearing each scar as a badge of honor.  
Shall I walk this walk of life?  
— Udayan Baruah, Class-VII,  
Debi Public School, Numaligarh.

Pallabi Singh, Class-VI,  
Modem High School, Guwahati