

## NEWS CAPSULE

### Probe panel

GUWAHATI, May 31: The Assam government has constituted a one-man inquiry committee to look into the circumstances leading to the death of two students from Mizoram here on May 28. The probe panel of principal secretary to higher education AS Tewari will submit its report within one month, an official release stated.

### Showcause

GUWAHATI, May 31: Taking note of complaints that Cotton College faculty failed to complete the syllabus during the session, Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today said a showcase notice will be served to the premier institution's head seeking an explanation. — Staff Reporter

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## HSLC pass percentage 47.94, dips to 14-year low

### Guwahati draws blank in rank list

#### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: The High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination results, which were declared today, saw a significant dip in the success rate of students this year, with 47.94 per cent of those appearing in the examination clearing it as against 62.79 per cent last year.

The pass percentage is the lowest after 2003 when it was 44.11.

The significant drop in the pass percentage is being blamed on the stricter moderation policy adopted by the SEBA following an uproar over the 'hidden' grade marks the board had been awarding over a period of time.

Scoring 589 out of 600, Parthapratim Bhuyan of Jatiya Vidyalaya (Tihu) topped the list of 29 rank holders. Tanayee Hazarika of BVFC Model High School (Namerup, Dibrugarh), Rajanya K Gogoi of Barpeta National Academy in Jarabari of Lakhimpur stood third with

Nurul Hoque Ali of Raghunath Choudhury HS School (Nalbari) bagged the second rank with 588 marks, while Bhangoborpatra Borah of Bora National Academy in Jarabari of Lakhimpur stood third with

1,78,656 cleared it.

The number of first division holders are 54,956, while those getting second and third divisions are 80,179 and 43,522 respectively.

Interestingly, though the pass

Nalbari outshone other districts with an overall pass percentage of 65.86, followed by Darrang with 64.39 per cent. Dibrugarh has the highest number of rank holders at six, followed by Barpeta with five.

Interestingly, though the pass

percentage of government schools, the minister said the issue needs to be analysed.

He also announced that Scoots will be awarded to the top 1,000 girls who cleared the HSLC examination, while laptops will be awarded to students securing star marks within 45 days, he said.

Meanwhile, the All Assam Students Union (AASU) has blamed the State Government, in particular Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, for what it termed as "poor show" by the government schools in the HSLC examination.

When pointed to the poor

#### HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2017



#### ASSAM HIGH MADRASSA EXAMINATION, 2017



#### LIST OF TOPPERS

1st: Parthapratim Bhuyan, 589, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Jatiya Vidyalaya, Tihu, Nalbari; 2nd: Tannayee Hazarika, 588, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Salt Brook School, Dibrugarh; Nurul Hoque Ali, 588, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Raghunath Choudhury HS School, Mukulam, Nalbari; 3rd: Bhangoborpatra Borah, 587, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Pichara National Academy, Jarabari, Lakhimpur; 4th: Sayan Mazumdar, 586, (05, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Don Bosco High School, Tezpur, Sonitpur; 5th: Hiyaparasha Bhuyan, 585, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Asom Keshori Jatiya Vidyalaya, Barpeta; Writik Sutar, 585, (05, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Social Science Institute, Sonitpur; 6th: Shahana Khatun, 584, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Manjan High School, Darjeeling; Sapinteejee Deka, 584, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Little Flower HS School, Dibrugarh; 7th: Jyotiashmit Kalita, 583, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Anundaram Borborah Academy High School, Barpeta; Nikumoni Devi, 583, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Baupji High School, Bongaigaon; 8th: Miraz AL Mamun, 582, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Little Star English Academy, Dhubri; 9th: Chinmoy Jyoti Neog, 581, (05, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Montfort High School, Chabua, Dibrugarh; Ayan Deep Saikia, 581, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), BVFC Model High School, Dibrugarh; Angshuman Dutta, 581, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Don Bosco High School, Bagchung, Jorhat; Ayan Koushik Mahanta, 581, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Gyanjyoti Academy, Narayanganj, Lakhimpur; Palak Alampuria, 581, (05, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Christ Joy School, Nagaon; Hirishikesh Gogoi, 581, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Holy Name School, Sibsagar; Sivasagar; Arunabh Saikia, 581, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), St Teresa English High School, Barpeta; Bibungsar Basumatary, 580, (03, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Barkata Road Bodo High School, Barpeta; Kaustuv Kishor Kalita, 580, (01, C1, C2, C3, C4, 19), Shankardev Gishu

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Results show actual status of education, says Himanta

#### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and officials of the State Education Board (SEBA) have said that the HSLC results declared today portray the actual academic status of the students.

Sarma said enhanced vigilance at the examination centres prevented students from adopting unfair means.

Those schools, which registered poor results, were centres where there were high instances of cheating in the previous years.

When pointed to the poor

performance of government schools, the minister said the issue needs to be analysed.

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At least 12 from State clear Civil Services exam

#### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: At least 12 candidates from Assam have cleared the Indian Civil Services (Main) Examinations, 2016, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission.

Chief adviser of the All Assam Students Union (AASU), Samujjal Bhattacharya said that according to information available with the students' body, those

who cleared the examination from Assam are Kapil Kishore Sarma, Dipankar Gogoi, Tapan Deka, Yashodhara Das, Dipjyoti Das, Mamoni Doley, Abhijit Pegu, Bidisha Chintey, Dipankar Nath, Seuj Salka, Bandana Deuri and Manoj Swargiary.

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## N Korea ready for ballistic missile test

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The North Korean army is ready to conduct a real ICBM test at any time and place, if ordered by its leader Kim Jong-un.

According to an article in the *Rodong Sinmun*, the official daily of the country's ruling Workers' Party.

In his New Year address to the nation, Kim said the country was in the final phase of developing an ICBM that would allow it to target the US with a nuclear weapon in the future, with the aim of aiding the survival of the communist regime.

In the editorial cited by state news agency KCNA, which also included Pyongyang's analysis of the US test, the North said no foreign forces could stop its progress in becoming a nuclear and missile power in the East.

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## Lanka flood toll rises to 202

COLOMBO, May 31: The death toll in Sri Lanka's devastating floods and landslides reached 202 on Wednesday morning with 96 people still reported missing, officials said.

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said 63 people were injured while over 60,000 people were affected. Severe rains and strong winds which ravaged Sri Lanka since Friday caused major floods and landslides in many areas of the island. The southern district of the country was the worst affected, Xinhua news agency reported.

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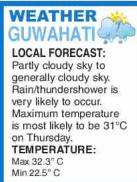
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## City school bags British Council award

GUWAHATI, May 31: An International School has been awarded with the coveted British Council International School Award (ISA) – Final Round for the period 2017-2020.

The Award will be formally presented to the school at a ceremony in November/December 2017. — Staff Reporter

## No Tobacco Day observed

GUWAHATI, May 31: The World No Tobacco Day was observed in the Assam Tribune premises here today. The highlight of the occasion was a free health check-up camp organised under the aegis of Ayurshuda Super Specialty Hospital and Assam Tribune Sports Club.

Dr Chandan Neg Choudhury and Dr Amitava Goswami of Ayurshuda attended to 12 employees of The Assam Tribune Group of Publications. They were assisted by Bijoy Sankar Nath, Daritri Mayee Das, Bandita Kalita, Anju Basumatary, Bipul Goswami, Siddhartha Neog, Dolly Chetia and Pabitra Deka. Free medicines were also distributed.

Hiranya Kumar Barman and Debasish Sinha, president and general secretary respectively of Assam Tribune Sports Club, felicitated the team from Ayurshuda. — Staff Reporter

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Speaking at a daylong conclave of health ministers of the north-eastern States here, Acharya Balkrishna said at present herbs and roots are common to India from China and African countries, whereas the North East could have met a bulk of the requirements in the entire country.

"The terrain and topography of the region, which many

dub as disadvantageous, can be an opportunity for us. The region is sitting on a treasure. Unfortunately, there has been

medicine. We should work on their claims. The healers should be then trained. There is a lot of benefit in the traditional healing system," he said, adding that good quality Ayurvedic medicine is not something commonly available.

Upset that the health ministers of the region are talking only about infrastructural bottlenecks in the healthcare scenario in the region, Balkrishna said focus should also be given to decrease the number of patients as "prevention is better than cure."

He said Patanjali is ready to partner with the Assam government in opening yoga centres at the block level and in schools.

On Patanjali's manufacturing unit recently set up at Sonitpur district, Acharya said a sum of about Rs 1,000 crore has been invested in the 1,000-tonne capacity plant and another Rs 400-Rs 500 crore would be pumped in soon.

no documentation of the herbs and roots found in the region so far, according to my knowledge."

Balkrishna, who perhaps has the maximum number of research papers on herbal medicines to his credit, also said the traditional healing systems in the region should be promoted and the sector organised.

"We should conduct research on the practices, if they are actually effective. Around 75 per cent of the people here depend on the traditional system of

healing," he said.

— Staff Reporter

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## Governor, CM greet HSLC, High Madrassa toppers

### STAFF REPORTER

their success.

GUWAHATI, May 31: Governor Banwarilal Purohit has congratulated the toppers and other successful candidates of the HSLC and High Madrasa examinations and wished them success in their future academic pursuits.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has also congratulated the rank holders and all those who passed in the HSLC examination of the State and wished them a bright future ahead. He also congratulated the teachers and parents of the students for

with renewed determination for the next year's examination to achieve success.

All India United Democratic Front chief and Lok Sabha member Badruddin Ajmal also congratulated the students, including the rank holders, and hoped that all of them would not only bring fame to their families but also contribute to nation building.

BJP State unit president Ranjeet Kumar Dass also congratulated the successful students and their parents.

Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC), too, greeted the student achievers.

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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*Be yourself - not your idea of what you think somebody else's idea of yourself should be.*

- HENRY DAVID THOREAU

**The Assam Tribune****HSLC results**

Even as the media continues to focus its unabashed attention on the HSLC and HSSLC results, especially on the rank holders, there is no escaping the disturbing reality that a substantial segment of the candidates fails to clear the exams – especially the HSLC, every year. Add to this the disquieting fact that another big segment of candidates barely manages to pass the exams – despite a liberal dose of grace marks – it becomes apparent that something is drastically wrong in which education is being imparted in our schools. There is no harm in lauding the rank holders, more so when many of them have overcome debilitating odds in the form of poverty and lack of proper educational and other amenities. But the broader picture of an overall uninspiring school education is what should concern our governments, educationists and society as a whole. The just-declared results of the HSLC and HSSLC examinations have followed the welcome trend of an increasing number of students from small towns and villages making it to the top slots. A number of educational institutions from suburban and interior areas have come up with commendable performances in both the examinations. That more and more such institutions are competing with their counterparts from well-recognized institutions on equal terms augurs well for the future. Then, not just the top positions, the number of students from hitherto unknown areas securing first division is also rising. This has facilitated a healthy, wider representation of performance. The sincerity and perseverance of these meritorious students pitted against adverse circumstances is bound to inspire innumerable young men and women from similar unfavourable backgrounds. Good performance by Assamese-medium private schools in the HSLC exam is another welcome development.

The pass percentage of 47.94 in the HSLC examination should be a matter of genuine concern. This shows that more than half of the candidates have been unsuccessful in their first major exam. When one takes into account the abysmal learning standards in many of our schools as revealed by periodical assessments, it does not come as much of a surprise though. Compared to last year's, the pass percentages in the streams of Arts, Science and Commerce in the HSSLC exam have also registered a noticeable dip. With many students unable to clear the HSLC exam, the situation calls for according proper thrust on vocational education which can absorb a sizeable quantity of students, depending on their option and aptitude. The district-wise performance reveals that some districts have constantly been faring poorly. The lacuna behind their below-par performance need to be identified and addressed at the earliest. On the whole, the Government needs to take a serious look on the successive disappointing performances by government-run institutions. Poor teaching standards, inadequate teacher-student ratio, and a general lack of discipline in government schools are responsible for the downward slide of public education.

**Ghost from the past**

On December 6, 1992, *kar sevaks* led by senior BJP figures including Lal Krishna Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Uma Bharti and Kalyan Singh, had demolished the Babri Masjid at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, setting off riots in which over 2,000 people were killed. It speaks volumes not only of the slow pace with which the judicial system in India moves, but also of the ease with which cases against prominent public figures can be stalled, that it needed intervention of the Supreme Court of India for this sensitive case to be reopened after the passage of almost quarter of a century. As far back as May, 2001 a special CBI court had, in fact, discharged the case and freed the accused, a verdict later upheld by the Allahabad High Court. Surprisingly, rather than appeal to a higher court, the CBI then had dropped the case, and only in April this year suddenly placed it before the Supreme Court. The Apex Court has castigated the CBI for adopting procrastinating tactics, thereby ensuring that the case festered on for so long, and ordered revival of conspiracy charges against the main accused. In deference to this directive, conspiracy charges have been filed afresh and the case was transferred to a special court in Lucknow, which has granted bail to all the accused yet alive and ordered immediate trial, with hearings to be conducted daily.

It is somewhat ironic that a ghost from the past has come yet once again to haunt the main protagonists of the conspiracy. The irony is more pronounced in the case of Advani and Joshi, who no longer command the power in the BJP which they had done in earlier days, having unsuccessfully tried to take on Narendra Modi and paid the price by being sidelined in the party. However, for those currently at the helm of the BJP, it is a win-win situation. With the prospect of the case dragging on for some more time, it will add fodder to the party's campaign during the general elections due in two years. It may be noted that the party had adroitly used the Ram Janambhumi issue many times in the past to entrench itself firmly in the political map of the nation. In the latest instance, even more than pledges of development it was the promise to build the Ram temple which had been behind the BJP's spectacular success in the recent UP elections. Whether the ghost ultimately proves malevolent or benevolent would hardly matter to those who now have total command over the BJP since they are not directly involved, except perhaps Uma Bharati. As for the aged Advani, Joshi and Kalyan Singh, the cynical observer can rightly assert that, whatever the outcome, their fate would be immaterial as far as the BJP's future is concerned.

**Democracy and civil society**

**ROUGH & TUMBLE**  
Patricia Mukhim

**T**his caption is borrowed from the theme that was discussed at an event organized recently by the Dibrugarh-based organization – Policy Group for Peoples' Rights (PGPR), and which I was privileged to moderate. The event had a legal luminary in the person of Justice Jasti Chelameswar, currently a judge of the Supreme Court. Dr SYQurashi, former Chief Election Commissioner and Nalin Kohli, national spokesperson, BJP and a practising lawyer in the Supreme Court. The panel discussion was interesting because of the diverse views of the panellists. Justice Chelameswar spoke on the larger ambit of the Judiciary which he calls a non-majoritarian body in a democracy moderated by a written constitution. He elucidated that the role of the Judiciary is to ensure that governance is carried out in accordance with a set of predetermined laws. Justice Chelameswar then brought in the role of the citizens who comprise civil society and said that they have to know what conduct is approved or not approved by the state and rule the fact that governance has degenerated into personal aggrandizement, abuse of office, etc. His contention is that civil society should be the whistle-blower against excesses of the three pillars of democracy. The judge made an interesting remark that Judiciary not only gives an appropriate explanation of the law but also has to give reasons for every judgment passed so that there is no reason whatsoever for injustice to prevail or for the Constitution to be wrongly interpreted. He says the Legislature on the contrary does not

have to give reasons on why certain decisions are taken or not taken. Hence citizens have to take recourse to law against certain legislative decisions that are anti-people such as the construction of big dams etc. Civil society therefore has the responsibility of preserving the judicial system for its own safety even while remaining constantly vigilant and analysing the judgments given by the courts from time to time, particularly the higher courts. When asked if critiquing a judgment does not amount to contempt of court, Justice Chelameswar maintained that judgments need to be critiqued whenever necessary but the criticism must not be directed at a particular judge or judges. He explained that it is a misconception to think that criticism of judgments would invite contempt of court.

Democracy in India has become synonymous with the once-in-five-year election. Once elections are over, citizens hardly have a voice or agency to air their grievances. A sort of arrogance of power takes over and finally all that citizens can have recourse to is the Judiciary. But this is a time consuming and expensive process in the absence of public spirited lawyers who take up cases pro-bono. It was interesting to listen to Dr Qurashi wax eloquent on the gains made in the conduct of elections via the electronic voting machine (EVM) which he staunchly defended is beyond tampering. But even Qurashi conceded that with the active participation of civil society in the election process, the Election Commission would be able to fulfil all of its mandate. It is true that in the last two decades the

to reach out to the most interior peripheries of the country remains a challenge.

Dr Qurashi pointed to the fact that most intellectuals in this country don't vote and are proud of that fact. He said a person who does not vote has no right to point out the abuse and excesses of democracy. Lamenting that most youth today are cynical about elections and tend to castigate all politicians and to call them 'thieves', etc., Qurashi said it is dangerous to tar all politicians with the same brush as there are many noble exceptions with a sincere desire for public service. He concluded that

Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced innovative processes and technology to reduce the use of human resource and ensure a faster and smoother election process but in States like Nagaland for instance, there are several villages where the village headman would vote for his entire village. Interestingly, Dr Qurashi skirted this question almost as if in admission that a foolproof election process is yet to be designed and that the lack of human resource

rather than demean the entire democratic process, it is more meaningful for people to engage and push for policy advocacy so that governments shy away from making legislations without consulting the people. The articulate Nalin Kohli was of course unperturbable. He harped on a number of issues but essentially decried the propensity of some who parade as activists and civil society members but actually harbour deep-seated political ideologies which belie their claims to civility. He was particularly critical of the Left-leaning ideologies that camouflage their ideological leanings in the cloak of civil society. Kohli feels that civil society helps to bring a balance between private interest and public good but that this area is becoming blurred and confused. "Civil society has to be on its guard about the unintended outcome of its stances," Kohli warned and stated that the rules of engagement in a democracy cannot be decided by any single group since democracy is by nature participative and its evolution over the years is beyond our control.

Having analysed what the above actors have highlighted from the vantage point of their respective professional moorings about their own roles vis-a-vis civil society, it is also essential for the citizens themselves to define their own roles in a democracy. Citizens working individually cannot be a force to reckon with and hence the need for a group of individuals with common interests to come together and become policy advocates. This is what the PGPR have done in their several years of existence. Essentially, civil society creates solidarities

around issues of public good and gives voice to those who would otherwise not have a voice on their own. In concrete terms, civil society is the only force that can create public opinion against a repressive state and stand up against the tyranny of any arm of the state. In the process civil society also has the potential to provide political alternatives by creating public opinion against corrupt regimes. Without the involvement of civil society, there can also be no governance since the key attribute of government is participation. In fact governments in most of our States have adopted programmes and policies without any public consultation. No wonder the delivery is so poor!

There is however a caveat when we speak about civil society. These days we have grouped all non-state agencies such as NGOs, interest and pressure groups, etc., under one umbrella. Interest groups and pressure groups that are organized along ethnic lines and include members of one ethnic group only cannot be called civil society because the essence of civil society is diversity and inclusiveness. Also many civil societies, interest and pressure groups and NGOs don't function with the transparency that they expect from the government or other institutions they critique. Their own sources of income are questionable. Many students' bodies have been accused of extortion from business houses, etc. These can only weaken the pillars of civil society and democracy. Lastly civil society must rely on academics for rigorous research so that government statistics can be questioned. Above all civil society respects the rule of law unlike vigilante groups like *gau rakshaks*, etc. Hence while civil society is an essential pillar of democracy, it is still work in progress in India.

**A new vision for Cotton University**

■ Dilip Gogoi

**F**inally, the much awaited dream of the State and the Cotton College fraternity comes into a reality. The centenarian Cotton College and Cotton College State University (CCSU) have been united under a single identity, namely, Cotton University from today. It is a historic moment as new hope with a renewed trust has been entrusted to the Cotton community to reinvigorate the college virtually intact by limiting its autonomy and further scope of growth.

Since then, a debate has been going on in public domain about the future of the historic college. In fact, there has been a tug of war between the conservative forces in favour of maintaining the status quo

of the college and the progressive forces supporting upgrade of the college to a university. In spite of the resistance of the conservative forces, the issue of upgrade of the college consistently occupied the centre stage of attention with serial introspection on the part of the stakeholders as Cotton College is not just the name of a college, it stands for the pride and glory of Assam that has made invaluable contributions towards intellectual and cultural awakening of modern Assam. This has given leverage to the progressive forces to reassess their position for setting up the goals for upholding the glory of this historic institution by transforming it into a university.

The newly created Cotton University with the merger of two existing entities under the same emblem marks a new beginning. The vision of university rightly derives from the college motto '*Apniya Vedita Upasham*' from the *Mundaka Upanishad*. It signifies that 'knowledge in any field, whether technical, professional or general, must be attained with an unfaltering aim'.

Towards achieving this aim, the new university needs to perform dual responsibilities – creation of

worthy human resources by imparting theoretical and applied teaching and innovative knowledge with academic rigour through the initiation of research programmes. Hence, restructuring of the existing course curriculum is needed to revamp the system by integrating graduate programmes like many advanced universities. Here, a direct shift is required to redefine the conceptual of traditional merit by linking it with performance. The present system is confined only to taking admission, classroom teaching, examination and certification, which is limited to the traditional merit system. Performative aspect of merit needs to be put in place in the new university by rationalizing the prevalent merit system to suit the present need. Hence, imparting theoretical knowledge with applied methodological innovative teaching is an utmost necessity to overcome the present limitations and redefine the merit of our time.

To begin with the research front, well-targeted trans-disciplinary research clusters need to be identified, pursued, and encouraged with a special emphasis on the region-specific research concerns. Opening up new windows for trans-disciplinary collaborative research with the university campus and with the national and international institutions, particularly the institutions of immediate neighbouring countries can give a boost for setting up the research agenda of the new university. For realizing the above twin academic objectives, the creation of critical faculty of the university is the most important task at this juncture. For reorienting the present faculty through adequate training, both in-house and collaborative workshops with the professional research bodies of national and international repute is required as immediate priority.

Infrastructure within the varsity campus is always a crucial component of any higher learning institution. Cotton University cannot deliver without proper infrastructural investment equipped with better facilities and resources. At present, particularly humanities and social sciences departments run with pathetic infrastructural constraints. The varsity should not fall in the trap of economic malnourishment like other state universities. One can learn from the Tezpur University, IIT-Guwahati and NEHU – how these central institutions have been able to earn a national repute within a short span of time. The CU needs to follow a similar path with proper infrastructural investment and motivation.

Similarly, redesigning of the Cot-

ton Campus is necessary to evolve the institute in the line of the concept of city-university present in various parts of the world. As a university gives a new identity to a city, Cotton can do the same to Guwahati by redefining its campus in the city along with possible amalgamation of the neighbouring government institutes, i.e., engineering and textile with specialized academic programmes and developing additional city campuses. Similarly, it may sign MoUs with the State Museum, State Archive, State Antiquity Studies Directorate, District Library and the old Curzon Hall. This would give better access and facilities to the students and researchers for an ideal academic ambience in the city.

Last but not the least, a just and humane academic campus environment based on equal respect and dignity to all, and unity among the stakeholders, is vital for setting the path for higher learning. We need to create an egalitarian, participatory and gender-friendly atmosphere in the campus by rejecting parochial, patriarchal and feudal mindset which often vitiate the academic environment and impair progress. Therefore, the role of the Vice-Chancellor will be crucial to set the ball rolling for a vibrant Cotton University in the days to come.

**Letters to the EDITOR**

Sir – Environmental degradation is becoming burning problem affecting each and every aspect of our lives. There is always an increment in this devastating phenomenon mostly due to human activities which are threatening the survival of human being as well as other life-sustaining activities. Our people have become highly educated and technologically sophisticated to explore new technologies to make their lives happier and easier than ever. But from the other side of the mirror, they are exploiting the resources in such a manner that the resources will become unyielding in the near future.

Assam is a very beautiful State full of natural resources. But, due to lack of proper guidance, knowledge and education, all these

resources are going to disappear in the coming years. To get rid of environmental education has become very much essential in the academic curriculum of Assam as one of the main subject, not as a supplementary subject.

In Assam, Environmental Science has been included in the curriculum as 'Environmental Studies' which has been proved to be almost ineffective from the protection point of view. Only the universities are provided with separate departments of Environmental Science where students are being awarded MSc and the most PhD degrees. But, it is not the concern of either the UGC or the Government that after obtaining such higher degrees, where will those degree holders go? Where will they utilize their knowledge and skills? They do not have any opportunity to be absorbed in the colleges even though the qualification of higher secondary TET is not useful for them. Therefore, if a particular department can be established in

all the colleges and higher secondary schools of Assam to provide the knowledge to the students, then we may be benefited in two ways: a) students will be environmentally educated and b) the people who have passed out from the universities and have not found any opportunity to utilize their knowledge will be engaged.

Through this letter, I request our Education Minister, Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the universities, and the college principals to look into this matter and take some necessary action. Yours etc., DR BHASWATE BAROOWA, Tangla.

**Forgotten hero**

Sir – This refers to the news report by Mayukh Goswami (AT, May 17). The reporter concerned and your esteemed daily deserve high praise for the thought-provoking story on Dulal Sarma. It is appalling to learn that Dulal Sarma, whose brave act on the streets of Guwahati helped the

anti-foreigners movement gain a new momentum, has completely lost his identity and his family members are passing their days in penury. The apathy shown by the AASU and the erstwhile leaders of the Assam agitation in recognizing the sacrifice of Sarma is unfortunate and could be considered as an act of betrayal. Probably for reasons like this, people still question the utility of the six-year-long Assam movement, the core issue of which remains unsolved to this date.

I hope the news report has been able to attract the attention of social organizations, pressure groups and different government agencies, thereby providing a helping hand to the family members of Dulal Sarma. Meanwhile, Dulal Sarma must be given his due recognition and the AASU should take steps to keep his sacrifice alive. Yours etc., HIMANGA KAUSHIK, Guwahati.

**Informative reporting**

Sir – I want to thank Ajit Patowary for the informative reporting on the flood control measures since 1940 in the North-East region ('Effectiveness of dykes questioned since 1940s', AT, May 23). We know that Brahmaputra is the biggest river in the South-East Asia and carry much more water and silt than any other river in the world. Unfortunately we have failed to take proper and timely actions to minimize losses since 1940s as has been suggested in the report. I think no more time should be wasted in knowing the ways to prevent devastating flood and erosion in the region and start dredging in the middle flow of river up to the ocean taking Bangladesh in confidence. Yours etc., DR SHANKAR PRASAD, Dibrugarh.

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**Environmental education in State**

## Scam accused granted bail

GUWAHATI, May 31: The Court of Special Judge, Assam, today allowed Social Welfare department official Rajat Subra Bhattacharya, an accused in the multi-crore-rupee scam, to go on bail.

Bhattacharya was granted bail by Special Judge Ajeet Barthakur after the investigating

agency filed the chargesheet with securing prosecution sanction.

While advocate Bijon Mahajan appeared on behalf of the accused, public prosecutor PP Borah represented the State government. — Staff Reporter



Anxious students and guardians checking the result sheet of the High School Leaving Certificate examinations conducted by SEBA at a Guwahati school on Wednesday. — AT photo

## Singing contest on June 4

GUWAHATI, May 31: The Geetkavi Parvati Prasad Baruva Memorial Trust is holding the annual singing competition on the poet's songs on June 4 at the Tirthanath Sharma Sabaghbari Chandmuri here as part of celebration of Jonaki Mela.

The competition will be held in two groups. While Group A is for contestants under fourteen years of age, Group B is for contestants aged 14 and above.

Interested persons desirous of participating in the competition can visit the designated venue at 10 am on the appointed day to press their names, said a press release.

## Ramzan greetings

GUWAHATI, May 31: The Char and Rural Development Society (CARDS) has extended its best wishes to the people of the State on the occasion of the Muslim holy month of Ramzan or Ramadhan.

In a statement, president of CARDS Shaheen Hussain has expressed hope that Ramzan would foster peace and amity among the people of Assam.

AUDP MLA Anmol Islam has also extended his wishes to the people of the State on the occasion of Ramzan.—Staff Reporter

## Novel campaign on Nature

GUWAHATI, May 31: The city has got a fresh look with Dalmia Cement giving the walls a major facelift. Keeping in mind the important issues of wildlife and environment protection, Dalmia Cement has started an innovative step towards raising public awareness by painting the city walls with images of the one-horned rhino and different elements of the environment.

The objective behind the move is to highlight the invaluable natural wealth of the State and sensitize the citizens on the urgent need to save it for posterity. — Staff Reporter

## Noted environmentalist feted

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: Members of Women's Hub, a body of women professionals today felicitated environmentalist Purimila Devi Barman for bagging the prestigious Whitley Award, also known as the Green Oscar, for her efforts in conserving greater adjutant storks.

Barman had received the award on May 18 from Princess Royal Anna, who is the patron of the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN).

The members of Women's Hub met her at her Guwahati residence and congratulated her and tried to learn about her work. Barman shared her experiences at the award function and thereafter.

"I was awestruck by the clothes worn by the women of her group which had the greatest adjutant stork in it. It's inspiring to meet such a woman who believes that conservation is a part of our Assamese tradition," journalist Teresa Rehman said.

Barman has been working with the women of Dadara, Pacharia and Singimari villages of Kamrup district to save the greater adjutant stork, locally known as *hargila*, in Assam. Barman is now a role model for community conservation and is popularly known as 'Hargila Baide'.

Filmmaker Tina Afifa Massod said, "Had much to learn from the humble and earthy nature of Purimila Devi Barman when we went to felicitate her. A woman who identifies innovatively when it comes to conservation, the Whitley Award is truly befitting for her. We wish more awards to come her way."

Conservation of the *hargila* is impossible without the cooperation of the local people who own the trees where the bird builds its nests. Salma Hussain, a human rights activist says, "She is a role model for young students like us. We have a lot to learn from her."

## Govt steps against graft hailed

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: The Assam Real Estate and Infrastructure Developers' Association (AREIDA) has hailed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government in the State on completion of its one year in office.

AREIDA president PK Sarma said that the association hails the bold initiatives taken by the BJP-led government against corruption. Exortion by public servants had assumed menacing proportions, he said.

To contain this dangerous trend, a good beginning has been made as evident from the number of such public servants who are already behind bars, said Sarma.

## World Environment Day at GU

### CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, May 31: World Environment Day will be observed by Gauhati University on the theme 'Connecting People to Nature' on June 5 with a daylong programme.

In this connection, plantation of trees within the university campus has been planned. Besides, art and quiz competitions are also scheduled to be held where participants from Gauhati University post-graduate classes and affiliated col-

leges will take part. An exhibition will also be held on the theme where many participants are expected.

An organising committee with the Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University Dr Mridul Hazarika as the chief adviser, Dr Hari Prasad Sarma, Rector of the university as adviser and Dr Ranjan Kumar Kakati, Director of Students' Welfare, GU as the coordinator has been formed to oversee the celebrations. Faculty members of different depart-

ments are also included as convenors in various sub-committees.

Professor KG Bhattacharyya, retired professor of the Department of Chemistry, GU, will attend the function as chief guest and deliver the keynote address on 'Connecting People to Nature'.

Babul Sharma, Director of Higher Education will attend the programme as guest of honour and deliver a talk on 'Challenges and Prospects of Environmental Education in Assam'.

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## Senior citizens' meet held

GUWAHATI, May 31: The monthly meeting of the Rakshigagan Jyestha Nagarik Sammelan was held on May 28 under the presidentship of Mahim Chandra Deka, in which a talk on yoga was delivered by senior citizen Babu Bhuyan.

Joneswar Gogoi, general secretary of the society gave a short account of the activities of the organisation.

Bhuyan, an ardent yoga devotee of Beltoha locality, dwelt on the spiritual aspect of yoga, especially for senior citizens and urged them to amalgamate yoga with spirituality in their day-to-day life.

Hanprasad Chaita, a member of the society, said the philosophy of yoga was developed by Maharsi Patanjali and is incorporated in the *Arthava Veda*.

Dr NK Choudhury, ex-VC of Gauhati University, Bholanath Hazarika, spiritual leader and Kinaram Das, social activist, also participated in the discussion that was followed by the talk, a press release stated.

## Memo to CM seeks security of Hindi-speaking people

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: The pre-pol poll promise and take concrete measures to ensure safety and security of the Hindi-speaking people of Assam, a delegation of the Sarv Hindustani Yuva Parishad (SHYP) met him recently and placed their demands, including rehabilitation of the terror attack victims in the State.

A report, containing details of periodically targeting Hindi-speaking people was enclosed from 2000 to 2016 incorporating the list of killed person and injured in terrorist attacks. SHYP demanded additional financial assistance as compensation and government jobs to family

members of the victims on compassionate grounds.

"The Hindi-speaking people have been residing in Assam for decades and they play an important role in the overall development of Assam as other communities do. There are more than 45 lakh Hindi-speaking people in Assam," the memorandum stated.

Condemning the recent terror attack people in Tinsukia district, the Parishad stated that the grenade attack on May 4 where Joginder Singh and his minor daughter Kirti Singh were injured, created a fear psychosis and

also projected a poor impression about the overall law-and-order situation in the State.

The Parishad also appealed for increasing the number of police stations in Pengeri, Phulbari and other remote areas of Tinsukia district in view of spurt in activities of the militant outfits and regular police patrolling in vulnerable areas of the district, the memorandum said.

It also urged the Chief Minister to fulfil his pre-pol poll promise regarding de-reserving of Kheroni PGR under Hauwaipur mouza in West Karbi Anglong district.

## Medical camp organised

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 31: A team of doctors, including medic and paramedic staff of NDRF here organised a medical camp at Changsar in Kamrup district on recently.

Altogether, 375 patients with chronic and seasonal diseases, including Hepatitis B and C were diagnosed. This apart, blood grouping of the students of Chowki Anchalik Uchchamadhyamik Vidyalaya, Changsar, was done by the medical team.

The local people were also offered health tips and sensitised about precautions against seasonal diseases that sometimes take an epidemic form.

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H.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. Science	09-06-2017	16-06-2017 (9:30 A.M.)
H.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. Commerce	09-06-2017	16-06-2017 (1:00 PM)
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T.D.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem Arts (B)	13-06-2017	21-06-2017 (9:30 A.M.)
T.D.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem Science	14-06-2017	22-06-2017 (9:30 A.M.)
T.D.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem Commerce	15-06-2017	23-06-2017 (9:30 A.M.)

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Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma speaking during the signing of a memorandum of understanding at the Cancer Hospital at Bhanggarh, in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos

## Parthapratim of Tihu tops HSLC examination



HSLC 1st rank holder Parthapratim Bhuyan of Jatiya Vidyalaya, Tihu surrounded by admirers, on Wednesday. — UB Photos

A CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, May 31: The entire Tihu area in Nalbari district erupted in joy as Parthapratim Bhuyan of Jatiya Vidyalaya of Tihu secured the 1st position in the HSLC

sincerity and regular study helped him to excel in the examination. He added that he wants to be a space scientist. Further, he wished to study at the NPS International School, Guwahati.

Parthapratim scored 98 in

Assamese, 97 in English, 100 in General Science, 97 in Social Science, 97 in General Mathematics and 100 in Advance Mathematics. It may be mentioned here that in 1971 Khagen Sarma, ex-DGP of Assam secured 1st position from Tihu High School.

Scrap collector's daughter bags 2nd rank in AHM exam  
CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, May 31: The joy of people from Fakirganj area knew no boundaries as Mamuni Khanam of Aierkata Girls' High Madrasa bagged the 2nd position in the Assam High School Madrasa (AHM) Examination today.

Mamuni, the eldest daughter of a scrap collector Yaha Khan and Kohinoor Khanam scored 520 marks in the examination. Yaha who collects scrap from door to door in Guwahati says that he just expected his daughter to pass the examination.

According to the locals of the Fakirganj area, the family doesn't even have their own house to stay. They stay in a makeshift home at the Bhasanpara area dedicated to a colony of homeless people.

While talking to this correspondent, Mamuni says that although she expected a good result but she never expected to secure 2nd position.

However, poverty-ridden Mamuni Khanam has no idea about how to proceed for her future goals. "For my Higher Secondary I want to take Science and want to be a doctor and will serve in *char chaporis* areas. But I don't know how my parents will afford my studies," she added.

Khadem Ali, renowned author and social worker of Fakirganj area said people of the area will definitely support her to pursue higher studies. Due to financial crunch the future of Mamuni cannot be a hurdle, he added.

## Six topppers from Dibrugarh district

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, May 31: Dibrugarh district maintained its pride with six topplers in the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) Examination-2017 held under the Secondary Education Board of Assam.

The schools of the top rank holders – Salt Brook School of Dibrugarh, BVFC Model School of Namrup, Little Flower School of Dibrugarh and Montfort School of Chabukurti rejoiced in joy as they learned about their achievements. Tanmayee Hazarika and Ayan Deep Saikia of BVFC Model School secured the 2nd and the 9th positions respectively. Ranjanya Kashyap Gogoi and Reeya Hazarika of Salt Brook School secured the 2nd and the 10th ranks respectively. The topper from Little Flower School, Niha Priyadarshini grabbed the 6th position and Chinmoyee Jyoti Neog of Montfort School secured the 9th position.

All the six topplers scored 100 marks in General Mathematics and



Niha Priyadarshini  
6th position



Chinmoyee Jyoti Neog  
9th position

matics. Tanmayee, Niha and Chinmoyee also scored 100 marks in Social Science. All the topplers expressed their desire to study Sciences to pursue their dreams either in medical, engineering or the civil service profession.

Tanmayee was expecting a good result but did not expect such a top rank. "She did not have any fixed time table for studies during her preparation days. She studied for short hours whenever she wanted. She hardly studied during the night. Tanmayee took tuition

in General Mathematics and Advance Mathematics," said Hiranya Hazarika, father of Tanmayee. Hiranya Hazarika is the Principal of BVFC Higher Secondary School, Namrup. Ranjanya, daughter of teachers – Putul Kumar Gogoi and Jyotsna Dutta Gogoi of Molukura wants to study Science and crack the civil service examinations. "Normally study five to six hours on school days but before my exams I sat for about 17 hours to prepare myself each day," Ranjanya told this newspaper while speaking about her

placed in the third division.

## One rank holder from Nagaon

CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, May 31: Only one candidate from Nagaon got a rank among the first 10 position holders. Palak Alampuria, stood 9th with 581

marks in total and an overall percentage of 96.83. She is a student of Christ Jyoti School here.

The daughter of Rajendra and Sakhi Alampuria, her father is a businessman. She is

interested to take up the legal profession in the future and will study Commerce in Nagaon.

She used to devote 10 to 12 hours daily in study but did not expect to get a rank in the final examination. According to her,

self confidence and hard labour is the key to success. Her success was celebrated in the school as well as at her residence where her teachers, friends, relatives and well-wishers took part.

ing critical issues.

He had strong interest in various fields of knowledge encompassing science, world economy, social issues, politics and philosophy. In his leisure time, he took part in lively discussions in these fields and motivated his near and dear ones for creative works.

He was a man of strong determination and principles in pursuing every duty ranging from his family affairs to the social avenues. Throughout his life he emphasised on perfectness of a task being performed. He lived with honesty and was free from all unorthodoxies. As he believed in principles and values, his inner self did not permit him to hide even harsh words against odds. This helped his colleagues, family members and friends to proceed in the right direction in performing duties in their respective fields. He listened to others' statements and gave fundamental comments which helped in decision making during his earthly journey left for his heavenly abode on May 21 last at the age of 69.

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Born in 1922, at Pub Mozingaon village of Palasbari, Sarmah was amongst the first few Assamese officers of AG's office in Shillong of erstwhile Assam.

A pious man and a strict dis-

ciplinarian, Sarmah was asso-

ciated with many premier so-

cial/religious organisations of

the locality.

He leaves behind two sons,

four daughters and a host of

grandchildren and relatives.

**Debojani Saikia**

GUWAHATI, May 31: Debojani Saikia, a retired teacher of Nagaon Government Girls' Higher Secondary School and a resident of Christianspatty area of Nagaon died on May 25 last due to old-age ailments. She was 83.

She leaves behind four sons and two daughters besides a host of friends, relatives and admirers.



My father-in-law, Pradip Kumar Lahkar, who lived an honest and valued life throughout his earthly journey left for his heavenly abode on May 21 last at the age of 69.

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## Golaghat Inspector of Schools eyes better results next time

CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, May 31: "The result of HSLC examination in Golaghat district is not good and it ranks at 16th with a pass percentage of 44.28 per cent." This was stated by Golaghat Inspector of Schools Hirgon Gogoi.

However, he assured that he would take extra efforts to improve the result in next year. The pass percentage of Dergaon Centre is 73.82 per cent, while the SEBA's overall pass percentage is 47.96 per cent.

Out of 573 candidates, 423 students cleared the examination. As many as 216 students secured first division, 144 secured second division and 63 secured third division. Among them, 61 secured Star marks and 20 secured Distinction marks.

Ritwick Kondoloy from Shishu Bharati EM School secured 100 marks in General Science. The pass percentage of Dergaon Girls' HS School is 82.14 per cent, where 37 students secured first division, 38 secured second division and 17 secured third division along with eight Start Marks and three Distinction Marks.

The pass percentage of Dergaon Indranevi Devi HS School

is 77.5 per cent, where 11 secured first division, 17 secured second division, three secured third division with four students securing Star marks.

The pass percentage of Dergaon HS School is 67 per cent, where 11 students secured first division, 25 secured second division and 11 secured third division with two students securing Star marks.

The pass percentage of Sarankar Shishu Niketan is 94.3 per cent, where 26 students secured first division, seven secured second division with two students securing Distinction marks and seven Star marks.

The pass percentage of Dergaon Jatiya Vidyalaya is 96 per cent, where 18 students secured first division, and six secured second division with seven students securing Distinction marks and five Star marks.

The pass percentage of Amara Sarma Girls' High School and 11th APBn High School is 50 per cent. Similarly, the students of flood-prone and ST dominated Dusumimukh High School also achieved comparatively good results with four students securing first division including two Star marks.



HSLC ninth rank holder Hrishikesh Gogoi at Holy Name School in Sivasagar on Wednesday. — UB Photos

## Thanks to Govt for introducing free admission process'

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 31: At a time when the seemingly dismal performance in this year's High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination has disappointed everyone, Bikram Sutradhar, a student of Public Higher Secondary School in Silchar, has given his poor parents and the people of Barak Valley a huge reason to rejoice with his commendable perfor-

mance amid difficult circumstances. Son of Subhash Sutradhar, a carpenter, and Maya Sutradhar—resident of Kanakpur Part II—Bikram secured 548 marks with 91.6 per cent and Letter marks in all the subjects. "My father is a carpenter and works hard to live a sustainable life. I have been given everything I needed for my studies. I want to become a doctor and shall pursue my career with Sci-

ence," Bikram said.

## Sayan, Writik make Sonitpur proud

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, May 31: Sayan Mazumdar of Don Bosco High School here brought laurels to Tezpur by securing the fourth position in the High School Leaving Certificate Examination 2017, results of which were declared today.

He scored 586 (97.66 per cent) marks and secured Letter marks in English (100), Hindi (92), General Mathematics (99), Advance Mathematics (99), General Science (97) and Social Science (98). Chayan Majumdar wishes to become an astronaut in future and he would study at Darrang College here taking Science.

Writik Sutar of Singri Pol Star English School brought laurels to the greater Singri-Barchala area under Dhekai town towards the south. Talking to this Correspondent, Writik Sutar said that he wishes to be an engineer in the future and wants to pursue studies at NIT Rourkela. He secured 585 marks with Letter marks in all the subjects with 97 marks in English, 97 in General Mathematics, 100 in Advance Mathematics, 98 in Science, 98 in Social Science and 95 in Hindi.

## Three students of Jorhat in toppers' list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, May 31: Three students from Don Bosco High School, Bagchung, of Jorhat brought accolades to the district by securing ninth and 10th positions in the results of this year's HSLC examination.

Appearing from Pichla National Academy, Brijgar Pratim Borah secured third rank with 587 marks scoring Letter marks in all the six subjects. Ayan Kaushik Mahanta, appearing from Gyanjyoti Academy, secured ninth rank with 581 marks. Rupista Gogoi, secured 10th position by scoring 580 marks.

## Results in Karimganj district 'average'

ANN Service

BADARPUR, May 31: No one from Karimganj district, along with Railway Town Board, secured a position in HSLC toppers' list this year.

However, students of several schools secured Letter Star, Distinction and State highest marks in different subjects.

In the same way, Debaroy Dey of Badarpur Vidyamandir got 92 per cent. Badarpur St Joseph's School has also maintained a satisfactory result, like every year, where cent percent students have cleared the examination.

## No cheer for Cachar in HSLC exam result

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 31: After three students brought laurels for Cachar district in the Higher Secondary examination, there was not much of joy for the people in this year's HSLC examination.

Out of 20,780 candidates, only 6,751 students could clear the exam registering a pass percentage of 32.49 per cent. As many as 1,822 students secured

first division, 2,877 candidates secured second division and 2,053 secured third division.

Silchar Collegiate School recorded an impressive performance with 100 per cent result as 129 students who appeared in the examination have cleared in flying colours. As many as 126 students secured first division and three secured second division. Anusmita Bhattacharjee, a student of the school, scored 570 marks.

## Rangiya boy shines in exams

RANGIYA, May 31: Withstanding all odds, Pranjal Talukdar brought laurels to Pitmbar Haathajali High School of Rangiya securing 93 per cent marks in HSLC examination.

He lost his father when he was only a 10-month-old child. Pranjal, only son of his widowed mother, secured Letter marks in all the subjects.

Besides students from Arinatta Vidyapeeth HS School, Rangiya HS School, Sankarder Sisnu Niketan, Ambederal Lotus English School, Modern English School, and other institutions of the locality have also shown good results with many of them securing Distinction, Star, and Letter marks. — Correspondent

## Private schools shine in Sivasagar

SIVASAGAR, May 31: The results of the HSLC examination apparently brought into light the difference between the government-run schools and private schools in the district as the students studying in private schools secured good results compared to government school students. As many as 3,133 students secured first division, 3,583 secured second and 1,825 secured third division. Hrishikesh Gogoi of Holy Name School brought fame to the district by securing ninth position (96.8 per cent). — ANN Service

NERAMAC

North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd  
(Guwahati, India)  
Notice Inviting Tender  
NERAMAC, a Govt. of India Enterprise invites sealed tender from registered traders / buyers for procurement of Black Pepper & Hill Grass. Documents comprising detail terms & conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.neramac.com](http://www.neramac.com). Last date of submission of bids is upto 14.00 hrs. on 15.06.2017.  
Sd/-  
Managing Director

UNITED BANK OF INDIA

Nagaon Regional Office  
Halaborh Bhanu Market, Nalin Bazar Charali, Nagaon-782003

(PREMISES REQUIRED)

United Bank of India requires suitable, ready built and well constructed half type office accommodation having Carpet Area of around 1000 sq ft on lease basis preferably in the ground floor with good frontage and all facilities including adequate power along with space for Vehicle parking. V Sat & Generator for two branches: a) Jamunamukh Branch at Jamunamukh Town b) Jamunamukh Branch at Jamunamukh Town.  
Interested Landlords/Powerful Businessmen in possession of such premises in the desired location may send their offers under two bids system i.e Technical & Financial bid in the prescribed format available on Bank's Website [www.unitedbankofindia.com](http://www.unitedbankofindia.com) or the same may be obtained from the above address during office hours. The complete offer should reach the undersigned on or before 22.06.2017 at the above address.

No Brokerage. Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reasons thereof.  
Sd/-  
Chief Regional Manager  
Nagaon Regional Office  
Date : 30.05.2017

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL OFFICER (MBBS)

HIFPTPI has been awarded a long-term National Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Programmes by the National Health Mission (NHM) Assam for Healthcare Delivery in Districts. The project will cover 143 districts with 100 MMUs for the Tea Gardens, will be deployed for 5 years. HIFPTPI invites applications from young and retired MBBS Doctors to join for a very noble cause of the rural population of Assam.

As per the order No. HLB/400/2009/Pr-1/279 of the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam, "one year post MBBS compulsory posting under HIFPTPI in the rural areas of Assam" will be considered as compulsory Rural posting under NHM Assam for those students.

**POSITION** **QUALIFICATION**

Medical Officers MBBS Doctor, registered with Medical Council. Retired doctors are encouraged to apply.

**P.S. Note:** Email your detailed CV within **7 days** at [careers@hifptpi.org](mailto:careers@hifptpi.org) or send the same at Senior Manager-HR (HIFPTPI), 48-Oldhori Bhanu, Sonadar Senapati Road, PO-Silphukhuri, Nagaon-783003-Assam.

For detailed information pls. login to [www.hifptpi.org](http://www.hifptpi.org), <http://www.hifptpi.org/Current-Job.pdf>.

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\*Attractive pay with other benefits for deserving candidates.

## TENDER NO. 20 OF 2017-18 PRESS NOTICE

The Addl. Chief Engineer-cum-Director, PWD, BTG, Kokrajhar invites bids for the work "Construction of Proposed Office Building For All CHD Office Complex at Kokrajhar District" under One Time Special Grant for the year 2017-18, amounting to Rs.10,62,33,774.00 (Rupees ten crore sixty two lakh thirty three thousand seven hundred and seventy four only) from the registered contractors of Class-I (A) category of Assam PWD (Building/BTC).

Detailed may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-  
Addl. Chief Engineer, Cum Director, PWD,  
Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

## GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

GUWAHATI-14  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Dated: 30.05.2017

Sealed tenders in two bids in F-2 form is hereby invited from the Electrical Firms/Contractors of relevant categories registered under Gauhati University, P.W.D., C.P.W.D., M.E.S. and any other State or Central Govt. undertaking having valid Electrical Contractor's License & experience in execution of similar type of electrical work for the following works:

NIT No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of work	Tender Fees
T/17-18/90	Electrical works for the newly constructed Office cum Seminar Hall of the Mamoni Royson Goswami chair over G.F. of Mass Communication & Journalism Dept, Bldg at R.C. 25,88,724.—Provided completion 120 days. The last date for online bidding is 12/06/2017 upto 17:00 hours & submission of e-bid (Envelope I, II & III) is 20/06/2017 upto 12:00 noon.	Rs. 6,91,950/-	Rs. 500/-
T/17-18/91	Installation of 500 KVA transformer near BKB Auditorium	Rs. 6,15,000/-	Rs. 500/-
T/17-18/92	Re-installation of 400 KVA (sub-station) transformer including 11 KV O.H. Line drawing near G.U.L.S.T new building	Rs. 4,76,000/-	Rs. 200/-

The tender papers will be issued at the office of the undersigned from 02.06.2017 up to 06.06.2017 and tender will be received at the office of The Registrar up to 2 p.m. on 09.06.2017 and opened on the same date at 2:30 p.m. For further details, please contact the office of the undersigned during office hours or visit GU website [www.gauhati.ac.in](http://www.gauhati.ac.in)

Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer I/c,  
Gauhati University

## SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER.

Sealed tenders affixing a non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight & paisa twenty five) only with a validity period of 180 days, which will subsequently be converted and drawn up in the printed F-2 form are invited from the registered contractors of class-I (A,B,C) & Class-II Category registered under PWD/ Building Department, Assam and Bodoland Territorial Council according to their eligibility for submitting Lenders for the work as stated below. The tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 2.00 PM on 07-06-2017 and will be opened on the same date & place at 2.15 PM.

Sl No	Name of Work	Estimated Amount.	Category of Contractor	Demand Draft/Bank Draft Amount	Time of Completion
1.	*Const. Damaged School Building and repairing of stage roof of Namati Mauza High School" Baksa	Rs. 11,81,000.00	Class-I (A,B&C) & Class-II	Rs. 1,000.00	4 (four) Months

Detail N.I.T. may be seen in all working days in the office of the undersigned. Tender paper will be issued to the contractor or their authorized agent upto 12 Noon on all working days from 03-05-2017 to 07-06-2017 in the office of the Principal Secretary Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar. The contractor should submit attested copy of Registration Certificate for the year 2016-17, clearance certificate of Income Tax and Sales Tax along with the tenders. In case the office remain closed on the tender issued/receiving/opening date the same will be issued/received/ opened on the next working day.

Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer, PWD,  
(R&B) Circle, BTG, Kokrajhar.

The Tender documents will be available at the Office of Assam Industrial Development Corporation, Chittagong, Baruah Road, Guwahati-781024 from 01-06-2017 to 05-06-2017 during working hours on non-refundable payment of ₹1,000/- in Cash or Demand Draft towards cost of tender documents. The last date of submission of Tender Document is on 08-06-2017 up to 2.00 P.M. Tender will be opened on the same day at 2.30 P.M. The Tender must be accompanied with the Earnest Money of ₹18,00,000.00 for guaranteeing payment and 5% of the total value of the tender. The earnest money will be deposited in the form of Demand Draft in favour of Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd, payable at Guwahati. Tender not accompanied by the Earnest Money is liable to be rejected.

Sealed Tender in the prescribed tender form shall be addressed to the Managing Director, Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati-781024. Tenders received after above date & time will not be accepted.

The Managing Director, Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereto.

Sd/- Managing Director (I/c)

## Mizoram CM discusses Bru issue with Rajnath

AIZAWL, May 31: Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla has told Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh that the latest demands of the Bru leaders lodged in the six relief camps in Tripura would not be considered by his government, an official statement today said.

The statement said that Lal Thanhawla met Singh in Delhi yesterday and said that if the Centre accepts the new demands of the Bru leaders, those who had returned to Mizoram should also benefit.

The CM informed the Cen-

tre that the State Government pleaded with the Bru not to leave Mizoram during the communal tension in 1997 and efforts were made repeatedly to bring the bona fide Mizoram residents to return.

"Leaders of the Bru community in the camps did not accept the arrangements made for their repatriation and continued to make fresh demands and conditions," he said, adding that the selfish leaders benefited by remaining in the relief camps and threatened those who wanted to be repatriated - PTI

## Ammunition seized, 3 arrested in Manipur

IMPHAL, May 31: Three persons were arrested after 2,780 rounds of ammunition of AK rifle were seized from their possession in Churachandpur district, police said today.

The three persons were travelling in a car yesterday. During checking of vehicles at Kangvi area in Churachandpur district, a joint team of Manipur Police and Assam Rifles found the ammunition and arrested them. A case has been registered against them, the police added. - PTI

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Bijli Nagar, Opp. Dilkush Bazar	(Digital Projector) Dolby Surround sound system and Luxurious plush seats with delicious food court & car
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**CAPSULE**

**CIBIL solution**  
MUMBAI, May 31: Credit information company TransUnion CIBIL today launched a new solution to help banks expand their consumer base. The product, CreditVision, looks at the past credit behaviour of a consumer, predicts risks and helps banks to expand credit opportunities by studying his payment, exposure and spend behaviour. – PTI

**Jet Airways CEO**

NEW DELHI, May 31: Jet Airways has appointed Indian American Vinay Dube, a senior executive who was previously CEO & Chief Executive Officer. Currently, Dube is the Senior Vice-President (Asia-Pacific) with US-based Delta Airlines. – PTI

**Paytm growth target**

NEW DELHI, May 31: Digital payments platform Paytm today said it expects to clock over 3X growth in number of train tickets booked through its platform this financial year. "Paytm is booking over one million train tickets in a month and has become India's largest platform for train tickets booking, after IRCTC," it said in a statement. – PTI

**Apollo Tyres**

NEW DELHI, May 31: Apollo Tyres today raised Rs 450 crore through private placement of non-convertible debentures (NCDs). The company's board, which met today, allotted 4,500 NCDs of face value Rs 10 lakh on a private placement basis, Apollo Tyres said in a regulatory filing. – PTI

**Castrol India**

NEW DELHI, May 31: Castrol India today posted a 4 per cent jump in net profit at Rs 179 crore in the quarter ended March 31, 2017. The company's net profit was Rs 172.4 crore in the quarter ended on March 31, 2016. Castrol India Ltd stated. – PTI

**ADHD drug**

NEW DELHI, May 31: Glenmark Pharmaceuticals has received final approval from the US health regulator for generic version of Straterra capsules, used in treatment of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). "Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Inc, USA has been granted final approval by the USFDA for Atomoxetine capsules USP, the generic version of Straterra capsules..." Glenmark Pharmaceuticals said in a BSE filing. – PTI

**TripAdvisor**

MUMBAI, May 31: Travel site TripAdvisor today launched a new site experience and price comparison tool, which will help travellers find their ideal hotel at great prices and get them best value on flights, vacation rentals, restaurants and tours and travel activities. – PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a round table interaction with Spanish CEOs, in Madrid, Spain on Wednesday. – UNI

## GSTN IT system fully secure against cyber attacks: CEO

NEW DELHI, May 31: GST Network has used 'best in class' security solutions to ensure that the IT backbone for the new indirect tax regime is protected from cyber attacks, its CEO Prakash Kumar said today.

The comment assumes significance as the country is gearing up for an overhaul of its indirect tax regime and thousands of businesses will upload their purchase invoices on the GST Network (GSTN) on a daily basis.

GSTN is a company that provides technology backbone for the goods and services tax (GST) which is expected to be rolled out from July 1.

"We are ready for July 1 and we have put the best-in-class security solution and the best methodology while developing

software codes," Kumar told PTI.

The GSTN system has been functional since November 2016 and over 60.5 lakh existing excise, service tax and VAT assesses have already migrated to the GSTN portal.

Reports of cyber attacks have been hogging the headlines this month with nearly 100 countries, including India, being hit by a massive ransomware that infected over 2 lakh systems that were running on old versions of Microsoft softwares like Windows XP.

But GSTN did not face any issues as its system operates on Linux software.

Kumar said that the security features are embedded into the GSTN software at the code level itself and the data is encrypted.

## Cabinet to decide on Air India privatisation soon

NEW DELHI, May 31: The Union Cabinet will soon take a call on privatisation of loss-making Air India with NITI Aayog suggesting that taxpayers' money being pumped into the airline instead be used on health and education.

Staying afloat on a little over Rs 30,000-crore bailout package extended by the previous UPA regime, Air India is working on ways to improve its financial position amid stiff competition.

The Civil Aviation Ministry is already looking into the recommendations made by NITI Aayog for the national carrier's revival.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had last week pitched for Air India's disinvestment saying the carrier's market share is just around 14 per cent whereas the debt burden is Rs 50,000 crore.

A top government official today said the Cabinet is expected to take a decision on whether to privatise Air India, whose financial situation is "very bad".

"Financial position of Air

India is very bad. Niti Aayog's view is that government should spend money on health, education, instead of spending Rs 30,000 crore on Air India," the official told PTI.

The Cabinet "will soon take call on privatisation of Air India", he added.

While the exact contours of proposed privatisation could not be immediately ascertained, the possibility of strategic stake sale as well as outright disinvestments are being considered. – PTI

## Indian economy grew at 7.1% in 2016-17: CSO

NEW DELHI, May 31: Demonetisation took a toll on the Indian economy with the Gross Domestic Product during the fourth quarter ending March this year falling sharply to 6.1 per cent from seven per cent in the previous quarter while growth for the year as a whole also declined correspondingly.

Data released by the CSO today showed that India's GDP during the past fiscal grew at 7.1 per cent, at a rate lower than the 8 per cent achieved in 2015-16.

### Q4 GDP growth 6.1%

6.1 per cent," the Central Statistics Office (CSO) said.

In terms of Gross Value Added (GVA), which excludes indirect taxes, the growth came in even lower at 5.6 percent over the GVA for 2015-16.

"Real GDP at constant (2011-12) prices in Q4 of 2016-17 is estimated at Rs 32.28 lakh crore, as against Rs 30.42 lakh crore in Q4 of 2015-16, showing a growth rate of 7.1 per cent over the year 2015-16 figure of Rs 11.31 lakh crore," the CSO said in a statement.

India's GDP grew at the rate of 8 per cent during the previous fiscal 2015-16, the CSO said, releasing the revised numbers that employ the new series of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Wholesale Price Indices (WPI). – IANS



Atul Bora, State Minister for Agriculture, AH & Veterinary, etc., and Hrishikesh Goswami, Media Adviser to the CM along with Tata Trusts and WAMUL officials during the launch of new Purabi Smart Milk, in Guwahati on Wednesday. – UB Photos

## E-education market to be worth \$1.96 bn by 2021: Report

NEW DELHI, May 31: The online education industry in India is poised to grow eight times to become a \$1.96-billion industry by 2021 as an increasing number of students consume content through e-routes.

According to a report by Google and KPMG, the paid user base is also forecast to grow 6X from 1.6 million users in 2016 to 9.6 million users in 2021.

The report titled 'Online Education in India' is based on market research insights from Google search.

It found that over the last two years, there has been a 2X growth in online

searches for education and a 3X increase in searches made from a mobile device. About 44 per cent of education-related searches came from beyond the top six metros.

Also, there has been a 4X growth in education space, reskill and online certification segment is currently the largest.

In the online education space, reskill and online certification segment is currently the largest.

In 2016, it was valued at \$93 million, and is expected to grow at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 38

per cent to reach \$463 million by 2021.

The report further stated that the primary and secondary education category has the largest addressable audience with a student base of around 260 million when compared to the other categories.

"Owing to this, the primary and secondary supplementary education segment was the second largest category in 2016, and will grow at a CAGR of 60 per cent to reach \$77 million, making it the largest category in 2021," it added.

The test preparation segment – which is currently small – is likely to

grow at a CAGR of 64 per cent to be come a \$515-million category in 2021.

"The online education segment is set to become a multi-billion-dollar opportunity in India. There are many factors driving this growth including the perceived convenience, increased reach and personalisation offered by online channels," Google India Industry Director Nitin Bawankule said.

It will be critical for players to deliver differentiated offerings for consumers to see continued value in online education channels, KPMG India Partner Sreedhar Prasad said. – PTI

**Leather, textile sectors****FIEO seeks uniform GST rate**

CHENNAI, May 31: The Federation of Indian Exports Organisation (FIEO) today sought support from State governments for uniform goods and services tax rates for textiles and leather sectors as the industry contributes to the development of the States through creation of job opportunities. – PTI

**Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, New Delhi****Advertisement for Engagement of Nyaya Mitras**

Application Open for engagement of RETIRED JUDICIAL OFFICERS & GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS with legal background as NYAYA MITRAS at 227 districts in sixteen states. To apply click on <http://www.nyayamitra.co.in>. Last date of submission of application extended upto 20th June 2017. THOSE APPLICANTS APPLIED PREVIOUSLY NEED NOT APPLY AGAIN.

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Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), an organization under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India invites applications from eligible women Entrepreneurs from Assam for "The Business Delegation of Women Entrepreneurs to South East Asian Countries" in the month of October, 2017.

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**1. Sectors:** The entrepreneur must be from following sectors.

- Handloom & Handicraft
  - Agro based
  - Food Processing
  - Tourism & Hospitality,
  - Services Sectors: Beauty & Wellness, IT & Education.
2. Annual Turnover : Must have an annual turnover of Rs. 35 Lakhs
3. Experience : 5 years in the relevant sectors.

Last date for submission of application: 15th June, 2017. For more details visit IIE website: [www.iie.gov.in](http://www.iie.gov.in)

(Manoj Kr. Das)  
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Director

**PARLIAMENT OF INDIA  
(JOINT RECRUITMENT CELL)****FILLING UP OF VACANCIES FOR THE POSTS OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL OFFICER AND RESEARCH/REFERENCE OFFICER ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

ONLINE Applications are invited from eligible Indian Citizens for filling up of vacancies on direct recruitment basis in Lok Sabha Secretariat as per details given below :-

Post No.	Name of the post and scale of pay	Vacancies
1.	Executive/Legislative Committee/Protocol Officer (A level 10 post in the Pay Matrix (provisional) [in the pay band of Rs. 15600-39100 (PB-3) + Grade Pay : Rs. 5400 (Pre-revised)]	SC 00 ST 01 OBC 05 UR 10 Total 16*
2.	Research/Reference Officer (A level 10 post in the Pay Matrix (provisional) [in the pay band of Rs. 15600-39100 (PB-3) + Grade Pay : Rs. 5400 (Pre-revised)]	01 01 03 07 12*

\* 01 vacancy reserved for Physically challenged person (Locomotor Disability)

\* 01 vacancy reserved for physically challenged person (Visually Impaired- Low Vision)

\* The last date for online submission of applications is 10.07.2017.

For further details, please visit our website <http://www.loksabha.nic.in> under the link Recruitment Advertisement & Notices. Moreover, contingent or addendum or cancellation to this Advertisement, if any, shall be published on the above website only.

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**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
UGC National Eligibility Test (NET)  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is notified for information of the general public that CBSE has declared the result of UGC NET January, 2017 held on 22nd Jan, 2017 on 29/05/2017. The result is available on the website [cbseboard.net](http://cbseboard.net) and [www.cbseresults.nic.in](http://www.cbseresults.nic.in). Candidates are advised to visit above websites to access their result. To view their result candidates have to fill information regarding 1. Roll number 2. Date of Birth 3. Application number.

As per previous years photocopy of the OMR Sheet and Calculation sheet to the candidates who have appeared for NET January, 2017 shall be provided on their request along with prescribed fee.

The candidates, who intend to obtain their photo copy of OMR sheet along with Calculation Sheet, may apply for the same along with the requisite fee of Rs. 500/- on or before 06.06.2017. The application should be sent to the Director, UGC NET, CBSE, H - 149, Sector - 63, Noida - 201309 (U.P.) No application shall be entertained after 06.06.17.

Those who have already applied under RTI Act 2005 or otherwise may apply afresh for the same along with required fee of Rs. 500/- before stipulated date. The prescribed fee may be remitted to this office through Demand Draft in favour of Secretary, CBSE payable at Delhi/New Delhi issued by any scheduled bank.

The candidates should mention their Roll No., Name & Address correctly in their application. The Roll Number & Name should also be mentioned on the backside of the Demand Draft. The photocopy of their OMR Sheet & Calculation Sheet shall not be provided to any institution or school for display, commercial purpose or to print media. Application submitted on behalf of the candidate, and incomplete application will be summarily rejected without any further reference.

The decision of the Competent Authority of the Board shall be final and binding on the candidates. The photocopy of the OMR Sheet & Calculation Sheet will be provided to the candidate by speed post only. However, no request will be entertained which will be received after 06.06.2017 in this office under any circumstances.

Director (NET)

H - 149, Sector-63, Noida-201309 (U.P.)

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Venus Williams of the United States in action during her French Open second round match against Japan's Kurumi Nara in Paris, on Wednesday.



Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the United States celebrates after winning her second round match of the French Open against Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova in Paris, on Wednesday.

## Kvitova's comeback cut short, Venus through to 3rd round

PARIS, May 31: Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova's comeback was cut short on Wednesday when she was dumped out of the French Open in a second round straight-sets defeat to doubles world number one Bethanie Mattek-Sands, while Venus Williams sealed her place in the third round with a victory against Japan's Kurumi Nara.

The 15th seed, who had only returned this week after a five-month injury absence following a stabbing by a burglar last year, littered the court with errors to lose 7-6, 7-6.

The 32-year-old American, doubles winner in Paris in 2015, refused to buckle when Kvitova went 4-2 ahead. She whipped a series of ferocious forehand winners while also frustrating the Czech, constantly forcing her to the net to win the first set with a tiebreak.

Kvitova, who had struggled with her returns despite the American getting less than half of her first serves in, pulled herself together and rallied back from 3-1 down to force another tiebreak.

The American, however, kept

her cool and watched as Kvitova surrendered on match point with her ninth double fault.

Seeded 10th here, Venus forced her Japanese opponent into the red Parisian dust in a contest that at times almost veered into mississippi territory before ending 6-3, 6-1. Williams never appeared extended on the Philippe Chatrier court, but she nevertheless delivered a display of exquisite shot-making to a crowd denied a real contest.

Punching her black and lime-green racquet through the ball, Williams cleaned the lines with her groundstrokes, sending Nara scrambling all around the arena.

The win makes her the oldest woman to reach the third round at the French Open since Billie-Jean King in 1982. Next up is either Dutch qualifier Richel Hogenkamp or Belgian Elise Mertens.

In the men's category, defending champion Novak Djokovic didn't face much of a challenge from Portugal's Joao Sousa as he went on to secure a convincing 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 victory.

Djokovic teamed up with 1999 champion Agassi in a dream-team player-coach combination just before the start of the tournament.

The World No. 2 looked every bit a champion as he controlled his opponent throughout, with Agassi closely monitoring from court-side, a look of concern constantly closing his mind.

Young Austrian hope Dominic Thiem came through a testing workout against Simone Bolelli, dropping the first three games before overcoming the Italian qualifier 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

Facing a player competing in his first tour-level event since undergoing knee surgery last June and languishing at 470 in the rankings, the sixth seed came off second-best in the early baseline exchanges.

Taking the ball early, Bolelli hurried Thiem into mistiming his trademark booming groundstrokes as the Austrian – an outside bet for title and the only player to have beaten Rafael Nadal on clay this year – sent a succession of crosscourt backhands wide. – Agencies

## Woods found asleep in car, no alcohol in his system

WASHINGTON, May 31: Manchester United have been rated as Europe's most valuable club by a new report into the financial muscle of the continent's top teams.

The report by professional services firm KPMG looked at the finances of 39 clubs based on their popularity on social media channels, revenues for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons, and success in European competitions.

The clubs were then ranked by enterprise value, an accounting measure used to assess how much it would cost to buy any given club or company as it includes a business' total debt, with KPMG using its own formula to reach these valuations.

Despite two relatively disappointing seasons on the pitch between 2014 and 2016, United's value surged clear of Real Madrid and Barcelona last year, becoming the first club to break the three billion euros (\$2.7 billion, \$3.4 billion) mark for enterprise value.

Bayern Munich remain in fourth place, while Manchester

City edge past Arsenal to take fifth spot, both with enterprise values of just under £1.7 billion.

Chelsea, Liverpool, Juventus and Spurs fill the next four positions, which means six of the 10 are from the Premier League.

In a statement, KPMG's global head of sports Andrea Sartori said: "The aggregate value of Europe's leading football clubs suggests that the overall value of football, as an industry, has grown.

"While this is partially explained by football's broadcasting boom, the internationalisation of the clubs' commercial operations, their investment into privately owned and modern facilities, and overall more sustainable management practices are also key reasons for this growth."

"In terms of media rights value, the English Premier League sits comfortably at the top of European leagues, although other major leagues have outlined well-defined strategies to compete for the attention of global fans." – AFP

More disturbing images of Tiger Woods have emerged in the black-and-white details of police reports, depicting him sound asleep behind the wheel of a car parked awkwardly on the side of a six-lane Florida road with two flat tires, the engine still running and a blinker flashing.

When a police officer woke him, Woods was so disoriented that he initially said he had just returned from playing golf in Los Angeles.

He kept falling back asleep.

Eventually, he failed a sobriety test so badly that at one point officers moved towards him to ensure he didn't fall over.

There was no evidence of alcohol, however, confirming what Woods said on Monday night when he issued a statement saying he had an "unexpected reaction" to prescription medicine.

Jupiter police said he took a breath test that showed no alcohol in his system. He later agreed to a urine test.

Still to come is potential video evidence from dashcam footage showing his arrest on suspicion of DUI in the morning darkness of Memorial Day.

An affidavit and an incident report from the four officers at the scene were released a day after Woods spent nearly four hours in the Palm Beach County jail. His mug shot from the jail – showing lifeless eyes and scraggly facial hair – provided a stark illustration of how much Woods' mystique has been shattered since a decade of domination that golf had never seen. – AP



## I feel ready for Champions Trophy now: Karthik

LONDON, May 31: Done in by nerves to start with, keeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik feels he has a good chance of making India's Champions Trophy playing XI after his fluent knock in the warm-up game against Bangladesh.

After failing in India's first warm-up match against New Zealand, Karthik, who replaced an injured Manish Pandey from the original squad, scored a blazing 94 off just 74 balls against Bangladesh yesterday. India will open their Champions Trophy campaign against Pakistan on June 4.

"I saw this game (against Bangladesh) as an opportunity to showcase my skill and it was nice to get some time in the middle. I feel ready for the tournament now," he said after India's convincing 240-run win over Bangladesh.

"For me obviously it was an important match. I guess the likes of captain and coach are watching my bat, and (for them) seeing where I stand is very important. It's important that whenever I get the opportunity, I try and do the best that I can," the wicket-keeper batsman said.

Karthik's career started on a promising

note in the early 2000s, but since then he has been looked upon as a replacement specialist ever since Mahendra Singh Dhoni came to the fore.

By his own admission, Karthik needed the knock against Bangladesh after scoring a nervous nine-ball duck in India's first warm-up match against New Zealand.

"In the last game I was a little nervous going in," he admitted.

"Even though Virat (Kohli) tried his best to calm my nerves, it was a little difficult. I was back in the blues after a long time, so I guess I was very over-excited probably. It was one of those days where the bowler and the keeper were playing and I was just standing in between not doing much and getting beaten! It was pretty embarrassing out there," Karthik said.

"(But) Against Bangladesh, I calmed myself down and I thought: 'it's an important opportunity for me to go out there and play a few shots.' I worked on my batting a little bit yesterday, got a hit and felt better today."

Karthik knows the English conditions

well as he has had a fair amount of success here in the past.

"On a personal note, it's important to feel how it is to be batting back in England. It's a great place to play cricket," said Karthik, who didn't feature in an ODI since 2014.

"You have to be aware of the conditions. If the sun is out, it's pretty beautiful to bat. In fact it's better than India because the ball bounces even better and comes on to the bat."

"But if there's a bit of cloud cover, the bowler gets the upper hand. There's a bit of swing and immediately things change and you can see the way the game progresses. There is a certain game flow with the sun being out and not," he said.

"Other than that, there are small things. There is probably a little more bounce than India. The ball does skid on a little more but at times it's great for stroke-making as well. It's good to play some shots and it's just great to bat." – PTI



## Beating South Africa huge boost ahead of CT: Morgan

LONDON, May 31: The series against South Africa may not have ended on a high but England captain Eoin Morgan insists his side will not let its confidence drop as it prepares to launch its ICC Champions Trophy campaign here tomorrow.

Following victories at Headingley and the Rose Bowl to secure a series victory, England suffered a dramatic batting collapse in the third and final One-Day International at Lord's, reduced to 20 for six after just five overs before being bowled out for 153 as South Africa prevailed by seven wickets.

Defeat came just three days before England opens the Champions Trophy against Bangladesh at The Oval, with Morgan's men favourites to lift the trophy come June 18 – a victory that would mark the side's first world ICC 50-over title. "Monday was a nice reminder of how anything can happen in one-day cricket," said Morgan, who collected the player of the series award.

"We played some fantastic cricket throughout the series with a lot of positives coming out of it, but it was still a gentle reminder that cricket is a funny old game."

"It's probably been our biggest blip over the last couple of years, but certainly it was the first hour that caused all the damage."

"It's not a huge concern to us going into the tournament. A lot of the performances that we have put together as a team over the last couple of years have been formidable against some very strong sides, so we're looking forward to it as much as anybody."

"Beating South Africa is a huge confidence boost for us. Competing and beating South Africa and the other positives we got out of it and the performances of our key players were great. Ben Stokes coming out and scoring a big hundred, and Moeen Ali with a huge contribution as an all-rounder; and ultimately playing in such a close game at the Rose Bowl and getting over the line in a game we shouldn't have won was a massive positive," said Morgan. – PTI



## Zidane hoping to follow in Sacchi's footsteps



Real Madrid players during a training session ahead of their Saturday's UEFA Champions League final against Juventus, on Tuesday.

ROME, May 31: Arrigo Sacchi was a revolutionary who came from nowhere to lead a great AC Milan side to back-to-back European Cups in 1989 and 1990.

It is a feat that no coach has achieved since, but that Zinedine Zidane will match if he retains the Champions League trophy with Real Madrid in Saturday's final against Juventus in Cardiff.

A recent poll on the website of *Cittadella* saw Sacchi's Milan named as the greatest Italian team of all time by internet users and the second-best side – behind the "Grande Torino" that dominated the "calcio" in the 1940s before being wiped out in the Superga air disaster – by a panel of 10 coaches.

Sacchi's team "dominated Europe with a new kind of football, comprised of pressing, strength, speed and ideas," according to the Rome-based sports daily. Thirty years after Sacchi's appointment as Milan coach, his precepts no longer seem so revolutionary: a 4-4-2 system with zonal marking, the absence of a "libero", aggressive and constant pressing, pace, the offside trap, intensive training sessions...

But all that was revolutionary when Silvio Berlusconi hired him in 1987, despite Sacchi having never been a player and only coached in Serie B with Parma. In a conservative Italian game where the best success to via a defensive style, Berlusconi and Sacchi added a new dimension by introducing a more seductive way of playing. "Win, convince and

entertain," is how Sacchi sums up his Milan team's outlook. Nevertheless, the man who would become known as "The Prophet of Bergamo" first of all had to convince those who doubted him largely because he had never played at any reasonable level.

"I never realised that to become a jockey you needed to be a horse first," Sacchi joked. But Berlusconi's support was crucial at the beginning.

The story goes that before an important match away to Verona, when the new coach's methods were yet to convince his new side, the club president made it clear to every Milan player: "Between the team and Sacchi, I take Sacchi. He is staying. I'm still not sure about you."

It worked and Sacchi was able to put in place his methods, ably helped by the likes of Franco Baresi, Carlo Ancelotti, Paolo Maldini, Roberto Donadoni and the Dutch trio of Ruud Gullit, Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten.

Sacchi used to arrive at their Milanello training ground in his silver Porsche and would take sessions while wearing his Ray Ban aviators and with a megaphone in his hand, to compensate for his quiet voice.

With him, Milan won the "Scudetto" in 1988, their first in nine years, and then those successive European Cups, hammering Steaua Bucharest 4-0 in the final in 1989 and retaining the trophy with a 1-0 defeat of Benfica the next year. – AFP

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**Captain and coach will not always be on same page:**

Gavaskar

LONDON, May 31: Amit speculation of a rift between Virat Kohli and Anil Kumble, former captain Sunil Gavaskar today said it is impossible for a captain and coach to always be on the same page on all cricketing issues.

"You will never have situation, where a captain and a coach will always be on the same page. It cannot happen because the coach is invariably somebody who has played in an earlier generation, so their attitude will always be slightly different," Gavaskar said at the Oval Tak Salam Cricket 2017.

The legendary opener also feels that coach is one who should have a long term vision.

"I don't think this should be taken seriously, this kind of discussion is in fact healthy. Coach should be somebody who is good for Indian cricket. He should have a vision for Indian cricket which would carry Indian cricket forward for the next 8 to 10 years," Gavaskar said.

Gavaskar also questioned the veracity of reports.

"I'm not sure whether these reports of a rift between Kumble and Kohli are true or not but the timing of this is certainly not right. We have got such a big game, which would decide how the Indian team would do in the tournament," he said.

"Off days, when there is no cricket happening, are the ones Indian cricket team dreads the most, that is when such reports come out because there is no actual cricket to cover," Gavaskar had his tongue firmly in cheek.

The veteran however sidestepped the query where he was asked as to how a rift like this should be handled.

"It is hard for me to say how it should be resolved, I hope better sense prevails because nobody is bigger than the game and I think Indian cricket has got to be No 1 priority. We can all differ on how that but as long as our heart beats for Indian cricket, I think we should encourage," he said. - PTI

## Laxman hails govt's decision to not play with Pakistan

BENGALURU, May 31: Former India cricketer VVS Laxman today backed the government's decision to not play a bilateral series against Pakistan, saying it is "beyond sport at the moment".

"I think I always enjoyed playing against Pakistan, but it is very important to respect whatever the government's decision is because it is beyond sport at the moment," he told reporters on the sidelines of an event organised by P&G Shiksha here.

On the upcoming Champions Trophy match between India and Pakistan on June 4, Laxman said Pakistan are a very good team but if India play to their potential they would win the contest in Birmingham.

"I think Pakistan are a very good team and any match between India and Pakistan will be high-intensity match. The match will be played after a packed Birmingham house, but I am confident, if we play to our potential we will definitely go on to win the game," said Laxman also expressed confidence of India defending the title, especially after their all-round performance in the two practice matches ahead of the Champions Trophy. "I am very confident that India would do well in the Champions Trophy and they will defend the title, especially the way they played in the last two warm-up games," the stylish Hyderabad batsman said. - PTI

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## England, Bangladesh aim to banish batting blues

LONDON, May 31: Spectators have long been advised to get to sporting events early and they could miss the key part of Thursday's Champions Trophy opener between England and Bangladesh at the Oval if they aren't on time.

Even in June, early morning cloud cover that aids swing is often a key part of English cricket conditions.

The proof came as recently as Monday when, across London at Lord's, England collapsed to 20 for six in five overs—the worst start in one-day international history—against the South Africa new-ball duo of Kagiso Rabada and Wayne Parnell.

A green-finged pitch did not find favour with England captain Eoin Morgan but even on more placid surfaces the issue of how best to bat under grey skies, which can often set in all day in England, as many a cold fan knows, remains.

Bangladesh highlighted the issue in dramatic style by collapsing to 84 all out in reply to the 324 for seven in their final warm-up match at the Oval on Tuesday.

Defeat by 240 runs was certainly not wanted Bangladesh wanted anything more than England, a much-improved one-day side since the Tigers knocked them out of the 2015 World Cup, wished to see such a spectacular stump against South Africa, even if they were already 2-0 up in the three-match series.

Yet it says something about England's current 'white-ball' approach that Jonny Bairstow, their only batsman to make a fifty at Lord's, may not play if the Oval fall-rounders Ben Stokes and Chris Woakes

are fully fit.

"I haven't seen a team win a global tournament playing defensively," said England coach Trevor Bayliss. "It's always a team that backs itself and plays bold cricket," added the Australian, looking to guide England to their first major ODI title.

From that point of view the message won't change," insisted the former Sri Lanka coach. Bangladesh collapsed to 22 for six in 7.3 overs against India, not as bad as England on Monday, but concerning the same. But Mehedi Hasan, who top-scored for the Tigers with 42, said they still believed they could beat England.

"Yes. We have done well in our last few matches against England and we are confident," he said.

Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha tried to minimise the impact of Tuesday's reverse by saying: "Obviously it affects the confidence a little bit, but this is a practice game." It's a big game for us, the first game of the Champions Trophy.

"But our preparation was good apart from this game so we are confident anyway," added the former Sri Lanka batsman, with the Tigers having beaten both New Zealand and Ireland in a triangular warm-up event in Dublin this month.

The Champions Trophy opener is set to feature several survivors on both sides from Bangladesh's 2015 World Cup win over England, when a hundred from Mahmudullah and aggressive seam bowling propelled the Tigers to a memorable success at the Adelaide Oval. - AFP

NADA imposes sanction on 14 sportspersons

NEW DELHI, May 31:

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has imposed sanctions on 14 sportspersons who are found guilty of violating the anti-doping rules.

Seven powerlifters, five weightlifters and one each from athletics and kabaddi have been found guilty and handed a four-year suspension last month by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel, according to a NADA release.

The athletes, who were found guilty of violating the anti doping rules, were given opportunity to present themselves before the disciplinary panel and explain their cases on the date and time fixed by the panel for hearing.

The panel held six hearings last month.

NADA has been conducting anti doping workshops, educational and awareness programs about the prohibited drugs/substances and methods in sports across the country for sportspersons, young athletes, coaches and supporting staff. - PTI

Praneeth, Sourabh win at Thailand Open

BANGKOK, May 31: Sai Praneeth and Sourabh Verma advanced to the third round of the USD 120,000 Thailand Grand Prix Gold after notching up contrasting wins in the men's singles competition, here today.

Sourabh, seeded 12th, survived a challenge from compatriot Anand Pawar 21-17, 22-21, 22-14, while third seed Praneeth, who won the Singapore Open last month, defeated Malaysia's R Sathieshthan 21-15, 21-13 in another match.

Young shuttler Sai Uttejitha Rao Chukku dished out a gallant fight to reach the second round with a 13-21, 22-22, 27-25 win over Indonesia's Jessica Muljati in women's singles that lasted an hour and 16 minutes.

However, it turned out to be a dismal day for other Indians with P Kashyap, Shreyansh Jaiswal and Subhankar Sen bowing out of the men's singles competition, while Reshma Karthik and Rithvika Shivanji Gadde faltered in the opening round of women's singles.

Kashyap, who had defeated Slovakia's Milan Drstva 21-6, 21-14 in his opening match that started past midnight, went down 14-21, 18-21 to second seeded Marc Zwiebler of Germany in the second round match, which took place in less than 12 hours of his first-round clash.

Shreyansh lost 9-21, 18-21 to local shuttler Supanyu Avhingsanon, while Malaysian Daren Liew ended Subhankar's campaign with a 21-21, 22-15, 21-19 win.

While Reshma lost 14-21, 12-21 to Indonesia's Susanto Yulia Resephin, Rithvika went down 18-21, 11-21 to another Indonesian player Sri Patnawati.

Women's doubles pair of Meghana Jakkampudi and Poovarisai Ram also crashed out after losing 10-21, 18-21 to Indonesian combo of Tania Oktavianii Kusumah and Nisak Puji Lestari.

Prakjota Sawant and her Malayan partner Yogendran Krishnan lost 13-21, 12-21 to local combo of Chaloempon Charoenkitamorn and Chasinee Korepap in mixed doubles. - PTI

## Aquathlon, triathlon meet

GUWAHATI, May 31: A nine-member Assam team will take part in the National Aquathlon and Triathlon Championship which will be held at Bajalwadi Stadium, Panbari from June 2 to 4. Maharashtra Triathlon Association will conduct the triathlon championship where individual and team events will be held.

The team members are, (Group I boys) Nilanjan Dutta, Vivek Kashyap Baruah, Shekhar Ashadulla, (Group II boys) Biju Deka, (Aquathlon girls group III) Devika Sarma, Jennifer Yasmin, (Triathlon group I girls) Binita Dutta, Coach - Mirnal Basumatary - Sports Reporter.

Boby backed for Arjuna Award

GUWAHATI, May 31: Noted bodybuilder A Bobby Singh has been nominated by the Indian Railways for Arjuna Award for his outstanding performance in the field of bodybuilding. Recently the Indian Railways, of which he is an employee, has awarded him an amount of Rs 48 lakh for his performance in national and international competitions. The Assam Bodybuilders and Fitness Association thanked the Indian Railways for their gesture, stated a release.

Loveleena in Indian squad

GUWAHATI, May 31: Loveleena Borgohain has been picked to represent the Indian team in the President's Cup International Boxing Championship to be held at Astana in Kazakhstan from June 4 to 11.

Loveleena will fight in the 75kg category. A seven-member Indian team, four men and three women, will participate in the championship.

The team: (Men) Deepak Singh (52kg), Devarshu Jaswal (81kg), Gaurav Chauhan (91kg), Parveen Kumar (91kg). (Women) Neeraj (81kg), Swi (60kg), Loveleena Borgohain (75kg). - Sports Reporter



## Five Indian boys reach last eight in Asian juniors

PUNE, May 31: Five Indian boys, led by top seed Siddhant Bantia, advanced into the singles quarterfinals of the HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championships here today along with four girls.

Top seed Bantia had things in control barring the extended second set when getting past Thai qualifier Akan Pumjit 6-2, 7-5 in a boys' singles pre-quarterfinal match.

Also through to the last eight with Bantia were his Indian compatriots Nitin Kumar Sinha, a wild card, seventh seed Dhruv Sunish, Digvijay Pratap Singh and Megh Bhargav Patel who upset second seed J Trotter of Japan.

Bartar Patel, who was stretched to three sets by his seeded Japanese rival before closing out the match 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, others scored straight-set victories over their respective pre-quarter final rivals.

Bantia will play against Taipei's Ho Ray Sinha is lined up against third seed T Ichikawa of Japan. Sunish faces Christian Didier Chin of Malaysia and Patel will cross swords with Digvijay Singh in gain spots in the semis.

In the girls' singles, India's top-seeded Mahak Jain, wild card Salsabila Aher, seventh seed Vaidehi Chaudhari and second seed Mihika Yadav made the last eight girls.

Also through were no. 4 seed Lee Kuan Yi of Taipei, fifth seed M Nirendum of Thailand, along with Mana Kawamura and Funa Kozaiki, both of Japan.

**Boys' singles (Preliminary):**

Boys' singles (Preliminary):

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## Why? What?

### When did former American President Carter win the Nobel Prize?

**O**n October 11, 2002, former American President Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize "For his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to promote democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development". Carter, a peanut farmer from Georgia, served one term as president from 1977 to 1981. One of his best achievements as the President was mediating the peace talks between Israel and Egypt, in 1978. The Nobel Committee had initially chosen to give the award to Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian President. But, Begin died before the ceremony. So, Carter accepted the award on behalf of both men.

Carter signed the framework for peace in the Middle East with the then United States' President Jimmy Carter, and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on September 17, 1978, in Washington, D.C. Although the accords led to a peace treaty between Israel and other Arab states. For their efforts to resolve their long-standing conflict, Sadat and Begin received the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize.



## My viewpoint

What is the future of Kaziranga?



The word Kaziranga brings to our minds the picture of a large forest area with rhinoceroses, especially the one-horned rhino, grazing all over. But, Kaziranga today is in a state of severe crisis. There are less rhinos lying everywhere due to deforestation, which is now ubiquitous, is also seen. We have received so many reports to predict the future of Kaziranga. It shall soon become a very barren land, with no rhinoceroses. What is the price of 'Money'? It has been shown by the greed for money, it is tragic to imagine the one-horned rhinos in pictures and imagination alone. Please, don't let Assam run out of its resources. Stop poaching!



The Kaziranga National Park is one of the largest bio-reserves in India. It is home to the one-horned rhino. But, these rhinos are on the verge of extinction, and so are the tigers. The tigers are in decline. The hunters kill the rhinos for their horns. Natural calamities also strike Kaziranga National Park. We must not compromise choices, but we can stop the poachers. It is the fault of people who cut down the trees, because of which the animals have nowhere to go.



Nature is so lavish and lovely, especially in the Kaziranga National Park (KNP). It is blessed with great beauty, and is filled with rich wildlife. The KNP is the pride of Assam and we should preserve it with all our hearts. UNESCO and the World Heritage Committee are interested in the promotion of the KNP as a unique World Heritage Site. We should promote an eco-friendly lifestyle; be sensitive to Nature. Only then will the KNP continue to shine like a star.



If we come across today's Kaziranga, we will not see the earlier example of the one-horned rhino. Today, better, only then will it be tomorrow the best. If today we do not care about our environment, we will have nothing left. The future of Kaziranga depends on how we treat it now. If animals are killed and forest lands are grabbed by people, there will be nothing left in the future.

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## For a better future

"Get to aerial support, fast." A command came on the radio attached to my trousers.

I ran as fast as I could to the nearest chopper I could see. While I was running, many people trying to get into one of those. There were thousands of bodies on the ground, some were machine firing and smoke everywhere. The situation was desperate.

I was about to load the chopper when I saw, held a sharp pain on my left shoulder. I realised that a bullet had struck me, but I somehow managed to push myself abroad.

But what was worse was more terrible. There were many more injured ones on the floor and medics were attending to them. The pilots were shooting for more supplies.

The chopper reached a nearby camp in that region. We were taken for medical assistance and were tended to by medics.

I was shocked to see an answer to these. The camp was training young boys so that there would be sufficient reinforcements. Those boys were not training trained by senior veterans.

A young boy from that camp started a conversation with me. When I asked about our lives when he suddenly asked me why there was so much violence.

I started narrating to him the reason:

There is another war. But unlike other wars in history,

this is being fought not for land, nor for power. This is a war where the whole world is fighting for water. As you know, our earth has very little fresh water available now.

Two centuries ago, we still



- Pratyush P. Baruah, Class-X,  
St. Martin School, Jorhat, Assam.

## I, ME, MYSELF

Dr. Kamal Kumar Tanti is a well-known Assamese poet and was the winner of the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar in 2012.



The person who has influenced me the most. Albert Einstein. He is the best human being the world has ever known.

The biggest turning point of my life. There have been two major turning points during the short span of my life. First, when I joined Cotton College after my matriculation in 1997. The second was when I got selected at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, in 2006, for a Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The happiest moment in my life. I would consider, the moment of receiving the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar, for my first book of poetry, Marangburu Amra Pita, as the most special moment in my life. Another happiest moment was to have the first copy of my first book of poetry, in print, directly from the press!

The changes that I would like to see in the society. Society should be more liberal towards every individual's thinking and every individual should widen his/her horizon and open up the thought process so that society can be more humane.

My message for today's youth. You should never step back while telling a truth. Also, always look around you, what's happening in the society, in your village, in your town, in your city, and in your country.



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Bongaigaon.



POEM  
OF THE WEEK  
Subrata Chakraborty,  
Numaligarh.



SKETCH  
OF THE WEEK  
Tahmeedur Rahman,  
Nagaon.



**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
I am so over-burdened with studies that I have lost my sleep and appetite. Please advise. — Mitali

**Dear Mitali,**  
It is good you are not sleeping right. Draw up a time-table and stick to it. Form a study group with friends to understand concept. Get some exercise to de-stress. I am sure you will be fine.

**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
I went to a party recently and used a bit of make-up. My mom is upset about it. Really, what do I do? — Ramona

**Dear Ramona,**  
You are still too young to be experimenting with make-up. It is important to be neat, well-groomed and presentable in the best sense, but even then the line at your age is thin.

**Dear Ishani Aunty,**  
We were playing cricket at school and a ball I hit injured one of my fingers. I am feeling very bad about it. — Ronoy

**Dear Ronoy,**  
It was not your fault; don't feel bad about it. If you still wish to make amends, visit him at home and apologise. These things do happen.

### JUNIOR PUZZLES

1) What types of cards are used to tell fortunes – Playing cards, Tarot cards or Birthday cards?



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

**Tanisha Deka, Class-V  
Daha Public School, Guwahati.**

**Outfit:** "Dude, this is my favourite T-shirt!"

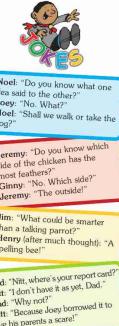
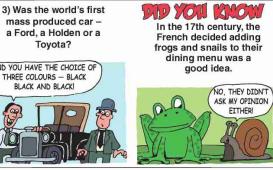
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**Mini M@ths**

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

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**H**omer is a name which is traditionally assigned to the authorship of repeated epic poems – the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. These are the two major epics of Greek antiquity. Nothing is known of Homer the individual, and the question of whether a single person can be said to be responsible for the creation of the two epics is highly debatable. Homer is considered the parent of the all-successing Greek literature; drama, historiography, and even philosophy – all started with him. He is also believed to be the tragic, used in the epics and the techniques Homer used to approach them. For the later epic poems, the authorship of Homer is, of course, always the master.

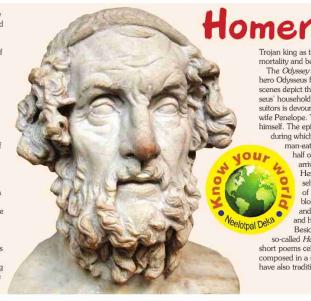
Linguistic historical evidence, however, suggests that the poems were composed in the Greek settlements on the west coast of Asia Minor some time in the ninth century BC. Both epics are believed to be oral poems, which are believed to have occurred many centuries before their composition. The *Iliad* is set in the final part of the Trojan War, while the *Odyssey* is the background for its central plot, the story of the wrath of the Greek hero Achilles. Inspired by his Companions, Agamemnon, who had a warrior Achilles withdraws from the war, leaving his fellow Greeks to suffer terrible defeats at the hands of the Trojans. The poem does not

mention the name of Achilles, nor does he consider the corner of Hector to Priam for hand, receives a certain kinship with the mortals and becomes one.

The *Odyssey* describes the return of the Greek hero Odysseus from the Trojan War. The opening scene shows Odysseus returning to his wife and household during his long absence. A band of sailors is.decorating his property as they had no wife to receive him. Odysseus is disguised as a beggar. The epic tells of his 10 years of travelling, during which he has to face such dangers as the many Cyclopes, the Sirens, the Cyclops, the half of the poem begins with Odysseus arriving at his home island of Ithaca.

Besides the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, the so-called *Homeric Hymns*, a series of relatively short poems celebrating the various gods and goddesses of the Greek pantheon, were composed in a different style. These hymns, however, have also traditionally been attributed to Homer.

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### What's the BUZZ?

A 12-year-old goalie is represented India in Russia as Kishore Kumar, a Class-V student of a Mission school, has been selected to represent the country at the Football for Friendship Tournament in St. Petersburg in June. India has qualified for the final round of the tournament after winning the semi-final against Thailand. In the semi-final, when 12-year-old boys from 64 countries were required that a goalkeeper be selected from India.

For Kickz, a 12-year-old boy from a municipal schools to teach football to 2,500 children in the city of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, lego backgrounds, was roped in to find a player here. He has been training with the local football club Sufi after a month of training and tryouts. Once there, Sufi will participate in the tournament. On the last day of the week-long event, his new friends and he will get to watch the final of the Confederation Cup, where he is convinced he will see his favorite players, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

#### Amazon Prime's summer bonanza

Amazon Prime Video is all set to entertain kids this summer with a summer blockbuster line up of brand new shows. The company has announced that the best in kids entertainment with four brand new shows named *Archio*, *Astra Force* — which features Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan, *Munki* and *True & The Storm*. They can also start watching the first ever Indian original series, a brand new episode of *Legends of Mahabali* and *The Lost Legend* starting this week.

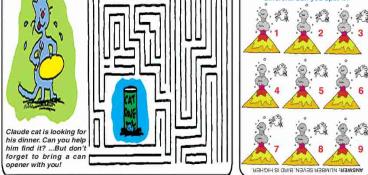
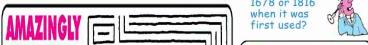
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Claude cat is looking for his hat. Can you find it? ... But don't forget to bring a can openers with you!

### Kids' Stuff BRAIN TEASERS

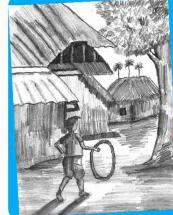
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Tahmeedur Rahman, Class-VIII,  
Sandipani Vidyamandir, Nagaon.

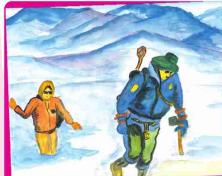
**The teen years**

I come from the land of twists and turns.  
I am usually lost and cannot seem to find  
A shore to set my feet on.  
My heart is filled with glee, ready to fly high.  
But the treacherous roads don't give me a chance  
To be steady!  
I leave the storm, I crave for independence.  
I want to reach for the stars.  
But the clouds of fear and fear are too black  
And the winds of pressure and fear  
My dreams are merely built of seed,  
And the winds of pressure and fear  
Have crushed them to dust.  
So, I pray to God to give me the  
Courage, strength and wisdom  
To live the life of teenage life  
With flying colours.

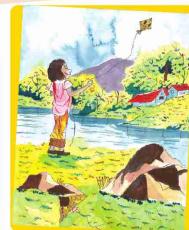
- Tapashya Das, Class X  
Kendriya Vidyalaya, C.R.P.T., Ameieng, Guwahati.

**Our environment**

Oh wonderful environment!  
You have water,  
You have plants,  
You have stones,  
You have hills.  
All the beauty you have,  
You give us air,  
You give us fire,  
You give us water,  
You give us everything  
That we need to live.  
Oh wonderful environment!  
Oh wonderful environment!  
I wish that you may always be green.  
- Minali Deka, Class-VI  
St. Mary's School, Nafar.



Leena Basumatary, Class-XI  
Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati



Harsmita Choudhury, Class-VII  
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati



Bikash Bharti, Class-V  
Modern High School, Guwahati

**Plant more trees**

The environment is our world. We  
should not destroy the environment.  
The environment is home to all living  
things, including animals and birds. We  
should plant more and more trees. It makes the environment  
beautiful. When we cut down trees, cutting down  
the trees will increase pollution. We  
should try to keep our environment  
more and more clean.

- Bidisha Changmal, Class-V,  
Mother's Pride School, Oshnaj.



Thunali Narzary,  
NIDS Jr. College, Kharabari

**POEM OF THE WEEK**  
- Subham Chakravorty, Class-IX,  
Delhi Public School, Numaligarh.

**Peace**

This valley of ours looks to a violent place,  
In war and misery are spent most days.  
Wars and battles which are fought among kings  
Cause pain and grief, among all other things.  
Bloodshed and violence are the world;  
The cruel hand of Man has inflicted.  
Peace is far from us.  
The journey to humanity must begin.  
We should walk on the path of peace,  
And let hatred and violence cease.  
We must do everything in our power,  
To stop the injustice and inhumanity of this hour.

Guwahati, Thursday,  
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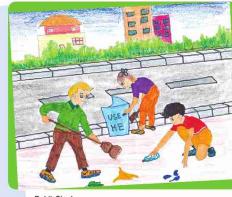
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**The mighty Brahmaputra**

I am the river Brahmaputra flowing.  
I flow through the people of the country.  
Taking the curse of Parasurama, I still flow.  
My sole aim is to make the valley fertile.  
Water is my life.  
Sometimes I may become aggressive,  
And destroy the shelter  
Of many innocent families.  
I can really make a difference.

- Chandana Kashyap, Class-XII,  
Royal Academy, Nafar.



Rohit Singh,  
Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati



Nilutpal Baruah, Class-IV,  
Sri Satya Sai Vidyavihar, Golaghat

**Bedtime stories**

All it takes is one fictional story,  
To create a world of glee,  
A world of magic and tales  
Poured into your heart to make merry.  
You walk with a heart  
Where you go, thoughts and poetry,  
Create magic and mystery.  
Learn to embrace yourself and feel the beauty,  
And be an unbroken gem  
And be some clarity.

- Yashodhara Kataki, Class-IX,  
Cambridge International School, Guwahati.



Damini Das, Class-VII,  
Kendriya Vidyalaya, NFR, Maligaon



M. Surjana Singh, Class-VI,  
Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kharaspur, Guwahati



Angana Bora, Class-III,  
Mani's Public School, Guwahati