

NEWS CAPSULE

Gogoi plea

NEW DELHI, July 21: Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi today called for inclusion of teachings of Srikrishna Karadeva and Sankaradeva in school textbooks. He was participating in the debate on the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2017 in Lok Sabha. — Spd Correspondent

Babri Masjid case

NEW DELHI, July 21: The Supreme Court today said it will take a decision to list for early hearing a batch of petitions challenging the Allahabad High Court verdict in the Ram Temple-Babri Masjid land dispute case. — PTI

Truce violation

Srinagar, July 21: Pakistani troops today violated ceasefire along the Line of Control in Nagam sector for the third consecutive day and in Keran sector, but there were no casualties in the unprovoked firing from across the LoC. — PTI

Chopper scam

NEW DELHI, July 21: A Delhi court today granted five more days to the Enforcement Directorate for the custodial interrogation of a woman director of two Dubai-based firms in connection with its probe in the Rs 3,600-crore VVIP choppers money laundering case. — PTI

The Assam Tribune on Internet
<http://www.assamttribune.com> &
<http://paper.assamttribune.com>

CAG report

60pc shortfall of Central funds to State

Flood management

NEW DELHI, July 21: A Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report has observed that there has been a 60 per cent shortfall in release of Central funds to Assam for implementing flood management programme (FMP) guidelines and impress upon state governments to release funds to executing agencies in a timely manner.

The report comes at a time when the State is grappling with flood situation in 13 districts in which 75 people have died.

In its report tabled in Parliament today, the CAG noted

that the Centre was to share Rs 2,043.19 crore with Assam for implementing 141 projects in the State between 2007-08 and 2015-16. Of this, it released Rs 812.22 crore, a shortfall of Rs 1,230.97 crore or 60 per cent.

"There was a shortfall in release of Central assistance by 60 per cent. Further, the state government also did not release 84 per cent of the allocated budget provision. Insufficient flow of funds adversely affected the implementation of

(See page 4)

schemes," the report said. The CAG also recommended the Union Water Resources Ministry to release adequate funds in a timely manner as per flood management programme (FMP) guidelines and impress upon state governments to release funds to executing agencies in a timely manner.

The ministry may also maintain a strict vigilance on utilization of funds by the state government and executing

State MPs clash in Lok Sabha over floods

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 21: The Lok Sabha today witnessed a heated exchange of words between two Assam MPs over the issue of floods, with Gaurav Gogoi of the Congress demanding a special package for the State, while Ram Prasad Sharma of the BJP sought division of a high-level committee led by a Cabinet minister to assess the damages caused by floods.

Raising the issue of flood and erosion in Assam during Zero Hour, Sharma said 29 of the 33 districts in Assam had been

affected and the flood situation was still critical. "About 17 lakh people are out of their homes.... The entire Assam is under floodwater. The loss is incalculable. It is a huge loss to the economy of Assam...." he said, adding the floods have totally shattered the rural economy in the State.

"I would request the Government of India, through you, to send a high-level team led by a Cabinet minister to assess the flood damages and, in the meantime, give some succour to the marooned people, who have lost their homes," the BJP MP said and added that

the centre had to act fast.

He was at this point Gaurav Gogoi intervened pointing out that Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju himself had visited flood-affected Assam and the Northeast a couple of days back. "What is the outcome of the visit?" the Congress MP wanted to know amidst interruptions, even as he demanded a special package for Assam to deal with the flood problem.

The shrewd comments were made in an editorial by *The Global Times*, the mouthpiece of the Communist Party media group, which generally reflects the views of the ruling party.

The tabloid has unleashed a barrage of anti-India rhetoric in recent weeks amid tensions between the two countries.

US 'closely' following India-China standoff

WASHINGTON, July 21: The US is "closely and carefully" following the border standoff between India and China, the Trump administration said today, urging the two countries to engage in direct dialogue to resolve the tension.

The remarks came a day after India and China appeared willing to resolve the military standoff through dialogue.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj told the Raya Sabha that India was willing to talk to China on the standoff in Sikkim sector, "but both sides have to first take back their armies." She said the boundaries between

countries are not yet finalised and it will be done bilaterally through discussions.

In Beijing, China's foreign ministry said that diplomatic channels with India remained "unimpeded". It, however, reiterated that the withdrawal of Indian troops from Doklam area is a "pre-condition" for any meaningful dialogue.

"This is a situation that we are following closely and carefully," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said. "I'd have to refer you to the governments of India and China for more information" (See page 4)



**Bhabesh Ch
Goswami new VC
of Cotton varsity**
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 21: Assam Governor and Chancellor of Cotton University Banwarilal Puri has appointed Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami as the Vice Chancellor of Cotton University with effect from the date of taking over charge.

"He shall hold his office for a period of five years or till he attains the age of 70, whichever is earlier as per provision" (See page 4)

JOCOSERIOUS



Chinese media slams Swaraj

BEIJING, July 21: China cannot afford to "lose an inch" of its territory. This is the sacred wish and request of the Chinese people. The Chinese government will not breach the fundamental will of the people and the PLA will not let the Chinese people down," it said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has not reacted to Swaraj's comments.

(See page 4)



COURSES OFFERED

- BA-LL.B(Hons.)
- B.Com.-LL.B(Hons.)

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

Comprehensive Law Library Legal Aid Cell Moot Court Internship in Reputed Law Firm

APPLY NOW Application Forms are available at campus or can be obtained from www.rgu.ac.in

Address: BETULI, OFF: TIRAPURI, BALAJI TEMPLE, NH-37, Ghy-781035, Assam, India Contact +91 7860-93499, 70850-93499 | EMAIL ID: admissions@rgu.ac.in

THE GOOD NEWS HAS ARRIVED.

Hyundai's highest price reduction after GST.

		EON		GRAND i10		I20		Xcent	
Pre GST	Post GST								
₹ 3.44 Lacs	₹ 3.36 Lacs	₹ 5.37 Lacs	₹ 5.25 Lacs	₹ 5.49 Lacs	₹ 5.36 Lacs	₹ 5.50 Lacs	₹ 5.37 Lacs	₹ 5.50 Lacs	₹ 5.37 Lacs
Total Benefit up to	₹ 48,000*	Total Benefit up to	₹ 62,000*	Total Benefit up to	₹ 33,000*	Total Benefit up to	₹ 33,000*	Total Benefit up to	₹ 33,000*

Reduced GST prices on Hyundai range* Attractive Exchange Benefit* 100% On-road Finance

Book your Hyundai car online at <https://bookonline.hyundai.co.in>. Special offer for Govt. employees (Pensioners & serving) upto ₹10,000*

Exclusive offer for corporates and doctors + Hyundai is now available at DGS&C/CPG. For more details, give a missed call on 0804075740

For more details, visit www.hyundai.com/india or call 1800-210-1111

Guwahati: Saraghat Hyundai Ph: 0361-2673166, 97606099191, Naltab, 97070229670, Pathashala: 9854212459, Oja Hyundai Ph: 0361-2307048, 9864339002, Mangaldoi: 9854018241, Noor nabi: 9864339005, Guwahati Club: 8135972359, S尚那: 7080099117, Akash Hyderabad: 8876512121, Jorhat: 9869022304, Barpeta: 9868099000, Dibrugarh: 9868122110, Silchar: 9868123334, Ranipara: 9864090225, BOMANGAON: Meghna Hyundai: 9435719591 & 9435511403, Barpeta: 9869071795, Agartala: 9435171818, Dhubri: 9854078677, Goalpara: 9435812087, NAGAON: Akash Hyundai Ph: 7390000604, 03672252202, Jairampur: 7390000617, Lanca: 7390000625, NORTH LAKHIMPUR: Mandona Hyundai Ph: 8822143288, 8255003733, Sivasagar: Borah Hyundai Ph: 9954461127, Tinsukia: Borah Hyundai Ph: 950503038, 9435137239, Margherita: 9954235419, DIBRUGARH: Borah Hyundai Ph: 9678572856, 9056852502, DOKOKHUMATI: Borah Hyundai Ph: 9435030385, DURGESH Hyundai: 9127019815, JORHAT: Krishna Hyundai Ph: 9678572856, 9056852502, BOKOKHUMATI: Krishna Hyundai Ph: 9435227771, 757806186, SILCHAR: Singhji Hyundai Ph: 03842-227701, 757806186, GOLAGHAT: Krishna Hyundai Ph: 9854078715, SILCHAR: Singhji Hyundai Ph: 03842-227701, 757806186.

For DGS&C/CPG/Govt/Corporate/Bulk Purchase please mail to paragon@hml.net or call at 0808075043

PRICES REDUCED ON OTHER PACKS OF THESE PRODUCTS AS WELL.

Revised prices post GST applicable 1st July, 2017 onwards.* Effective MRP (inclusive of all taxes as applicable on 20.07.2017). New packs are still in the process of reaching the markets and revised MRP packs may not be available in few markets.

There is no increase in price on Amul Chocolates and Amul Ice Creams, despite the increase in tax percentages.

ADMISSION NOTICE

Bachelor Degree

Hotel Management

Tourism Management

Under DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY
Approved by AICTE, Govt. of India
with 100% Job Guarantee
in written
NEIMS College
NEIMS, Near RRL, Jorhat-6, Assam
Ph. 9435052453/9954390662
www.neimscollege.com

Teenager killed

SRINAGAR, July 21: An 18-year-old boy was killed and another person injured in alleged firing by security forces on stone pelters in the Beenwala area of Kashmir's Budgam district today, the police said. - PTI

MBBS
All admission will be done strictly through guidance counselling
3rd Subbari Redstone, Diven Town, Guwahati
90850 64444 / 90850 65555

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT A CAREER IN TECHNOLOGY**

IBM
Innovation Centre for Education.
B.Tech (CSE) programs
in collaboration with
Kaziranga University

KAZIRANGA UNIVERSITY
KNOWLEDGE & BEYOND

Inviting all students* to come and attend a knowledge session: "Changing Trend in Engineering Education: Choosing the right career in Technology."



*Students who have graduated 12th standard



HEAR FROM THE STALWARTS

- **Vithal Madyalkar**
Country Manager - IBM Innovation Centre for Education
- **Dr. P. K. Mishra**
Vice Chancellor, Kaziranga University
Jorhat, Assam
- **Hari Ramasubramanian**
GMU Lead,
IBM Systems University
- **Dr. Ferdous A Barbhuiya**
HoD, Dept of Computer Sc and Engg,
IIIT Guwahati; Cyber-Security Specialist
- **Lalit Yagnik**
IT Architect, Technologist and
Entrepreneur from Singapore
- **Agnimitra Biswas**
Professor, Kaziranga University;
22 years in PwC and IBM

LIMITED SEATING - FREE ENTRY

Date & Time
Saturday, 22nd July, 2017
2 PM - 6 PM

Venue
Cotton College Auditorium
Guwahati - 781001, Assam

CONTACT: PHONE: +91 91270 56383 | WHATSAPP: +91 98300 21118

CARS YOU'LL LOVE TO DRIVE.
AT PRICES YOU'LL LOVE TO PAY.

Enjoy unbelievable post-GST prices and additional benefits on the entire range from Fiat.

Price starts at ₹ 7,12,516* Lacs
+ Benefits of up to ₹100000

Price starts at ₹ 5,16,695* Lacs
+ Benefits of up to ₹100000

Price starts at ₹ 7,62,429* Lacs
+ Benefits of up to ₹100000

MAHESH MOTORS PVT. LTD.

100% Finance Available* | Solid Build Quality for Enhanced Safety • Best-in-Class Drive and Handling • Award-Winning Engines

For Test Drive Call 1800-209-5556 | www.flat-india.com | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/flatindia) | [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/flatindia)

*Terms & conditions apply. Details at the sole discretion of the financier. Technical specifications are as perved by KVIC pursuant to the GDS. 1985. Features shown and benefits mentioned may not be a part of standard equipment; model offer with certain areas are subject to availability. Actual colour of the car and upholstery may differ due to print limitations. *Offer valid for a limited period. Please visit www.flat-india.com for more details. *Subject to availability. *Offer valid for a limited period. Please visit www.flat-india.com for more details. *Subject to availability.

Department of Financial Services
Ministry of Finance
Government of India
www.financialservices.gov.in

**Pradhan Mantri
Vaya Vandana Yojana**
Exclusively for Senior Citizens
Plan No. 842 UIN: 512G311V01
8% per annum effective yield for monthly pension
(equivalent to 8.30% per annum)

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

For the welfare of senior citizens of our country, the Govt. of India announces a subsidised and attractive Pension Scheme, with LIC as the exclusive administrator.

- Eligibility: 60 years of age and above
- Single lumpsum premium: Minimum - ₹1,50,000/- (for monthly pension), Maximum - ₹7,50,000/-
- Minimum pension: ₹1,000/- per month, Maximum pension: ₹5,000/- per month
- Assured return of 8% p.a. payable monthly (equivalent to 8.30% p.a.)
- Mode of pension payment: Monthly, Quarterly, Half-yearly or Yearly
- On death of the Pensioner during the policy term of 10 years, beneficiary receives the Purchase price
- On survival of the Pensioner at the end of 10 years, Purchase price along with final pension installment will be paid

Contact your Agent/Development Officer/LIC branch or visit our website www.licindia.in or
SMS YOUR CITY NAME to 56767474

Follow us : LIC India Forever

Beware of spurious phone calls and fictitious/fraudulent offers. IRDAI clarifies to public that: • IRDAI or its officials do not involve in activities like sale of any kind of insurance or financial products nor invest premiums. • IRDAI does not announce any bonus. Public receiving such phone calls are requested to lodge a police complaint along with details of phone call, number.

For more details on risk factors, terms and conditions, please read the sales brochure carefully before concluding a sale.

A Government of India Scheme Administered by:



LIC/217-180/JENG

Zindagi ke saath bhi, Zindagi ke baad bhi.



One more step towards fulfilling the Prime Minister's dream

Fake Chinese spare parts used in indigenised Bofors guns

NEW DELHI, July 21: China-made parts camouflaged as 'Made in Germany' found their way to the production line of indigenised Bofors guns used by the Army, prompting the CBI to file a case against a Delhi-based company.

Besides Sidh Sales Syndicate, the CBI also registered a case against unidentified officials of the Guns Carriage Factory (GCF), Jabolpur, under criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery for supplying fake and cheap China-made spares passing off as 'Made in Germany' for Dhanush guns, the FIR alleged.

Dhanush is the indigenised version of the Bofors artillery guns which performed exceedingly well during the Kargil conflict in 1999.

The CBI alleged that the supplier entered into criminal conspiracy with the unidentified GCF officials to supply duplicate spare parts (bearings) used in the manufacture of Dhanush guns.

Data protection integral to Right to Life, Centre tells SC

NEW DELHI, July 21: The Centre today told the Supreme Court that the data of users was "integral" to the Right of Life and Personal Liberty guaranteed under the Constitution and it would come out with regulations to protect it. It said that there was a need for intervention by the State in the matter as data was connected to the personality of a user.

The submission was made before a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice Dipak Misra, which was examining the contentious issue of the 2016 privacy

"In furtherance of the said criminal conspiracy, unknown officials of GCF accepted the Chinese manufactured 'Wire Race Roller Bearings' supplied by Sidh Sales Syndicate which were embossed as 'CRB-Made in Germany,' " the CBI said in the FIR.

The production and supply of the Dhanush gun is extremely crucial for India's defence preparedness and "wire race roller bearing" is its vital component.

A tender was floated for the procurement of four such bearings according to the Rothe Erde drawing for 155 mm gun in which four firms had participated. The order was given to Sidh Sales Syndicate at the value of Rs 35.38 lakh in 2013, the FIR stated. The order was further increased to six bearings at the cost of Rs 53.07 lakh on August 27, 2014.

CBI files FIR against Delhi firm

The company supplied two bearings each on three occasions between April 7, 2014 and August 12, 2014. The company submitted 'certificates in origin' showing the bearings were produced from CRB Antriebstechnik, Germany.

They were also embossed with the label, CRB-Made in Germany.

GCF tests showed that the bearings were unacceptable due to deviations in dimensions.

The company provided clarifications and assured that in case of non-performance of the bearing due to manufacturing defects, they would replace the bearing free of cost and take corrective action for future supply.

"Consequently, the bearings were accepted as a special case by unknown officials of GCF, Jabolpur," the CBI alleged.

Information received by the CBI shows that the German company does not manufacture these parts. It showed that Sidh Sales Syndicate got the six bearings manufactured by Sino United Industries (Luoyang) Ltd, Henan, China.

The agency also seized several emails which were exchanged between GCF and Sidh Sales Syndicate. The letter from Germany shown by the company was also on a forged letterhead, the CBI alleged. The certificate of origin from Germany was also forged.

"The forged letter and certificate were accepted by unidentified officials of GCF with ulterior motive and by abusing their official positions as such without ascertaining the genuineness of the said letter and certificate and cause undue advantage to Sidh Sales Syndicate and corresponding loss to the Government of India," the investigating agency said in the FIR. - PTI

US 'closely' ...

(Contd from page 1)

that Indian and China were talking on the issue.

Referring to the visit of India's National Security Adviser Ajit K Doval to Beijing for meeting of the NSAs from BRICS countries on July 27-28, Nauert said: "They're going to talk to one another... We would encourage them to engage in direct dialogue aimed at reducing the tension."

Chinese and Indian soldiers have been locked in a face-off in Doklam area in the southernmost part of Tibet for over a month after Indian troops stopped the Chinese army from building a road, fearing it may allow China to cut India's access to its northeastern states. India has conveyed to China that the construction of the road would represent a significant change of status quo with serious security implications for New Delhi. India and China share a 220-km-long border in Sikkim. - PTI

60 pc short ...

(Contd from page 1)

agencies so as to avoid parking and diversion of funds.

"The ministry may release/reimburse the funds to the state governments only after ensuring receipt of statements of expenditure, utilisation certificates and other requisite documents," the report said. According to the FMP guidelines, the proportion of Central and state share of funds for flood forecasting projects approved up to July 2013 was 75 per cent to 25 per cent. For the projects sanctioned after July 2013, the proportion of Central and state share of funds was to be 50 per cent each.

In the case of special category states (northeastern states, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir) the proportion of Central and state share was to be 90 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

For the projects approved after July 2013, the Central and state share was 70 per cent and 30 per cent respectively in case of special category states. - PTI

Chinese ...

(Contd from page 1)

"India's invasion of Chinese territory is a plain fact," it said, and claimed that India's military strength is "far behind" that of China's, the Global Times said.

"If the conflict between China and India escalates to the intensity where their rows has to be resolved through military means, India will surely lose," the editorial said.

Swaraj had also said in the Upper House that India is ready for talks with China if both sides first pull back their armies to end the tense standoff in the Sikkim sector. She stressed the need for a "peaceful resolution" of border issues. - PTI

Bhabesh Ch ...

(Contd from page 1)

of Section 12 Sub-section 3&4 of the Cotton University Act, 2017," according to an official order.

Presently, Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami is working as a Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University and Director (in-charge), UGC-HRDc, Gauhati University.

Army plan ...

(Contd from page 1)

of the remote areas of the Northeast is vital for removing the feeling of alienation from the minds of the youths. The militants are now taking advantage of the feeling of alienation to lure away youths of the region into their fold and this must be stopped. Stress should be given on education and employment opportunities for the youths of remote areas, sources added.

Army sources pointed out that a lot of infrastructure development works are going on in the Northeast, which is a positive sign. The Trans-Arunachal Highway is connecting the border state, while the Dholpa-Sadiya bridge has also augmented connectivity with some remote parts of the region. New railway lines are also coming up in the Northeast that will help in integration of remote areas.

On the other hand, bringing in more youths from the region into the Armed forces will also help in improving the situation. The Army organized special coaching classes for the youths of Jammu and Kashmir so that they can prepare themselves to face the tests to get into the armed forces and the effort was a major success. The Army is now contemplating whether such a move can be launched in the Northeast.

"However, we feel that bringing more youths from remote areas into the Sainik Schools will be another option. We are setting up a new Sainik School in Arunachal Pradesh and apart from students of the border state, students from Assam, particularly those from the areas in the north bank of the river Brahmaputra, can also take advantage of the school," said Chatterjee.

Meanwhile, on Kashmire situation, Army sources expressed the hope that the situation would improve soon as Army and other forces managed to foil a number of infiltration bids from Pakistan in recent times. On frequent incidents of stone pelting on forces, sources said, "the people now watch TV and perhaps copied such stone-pelting move from the incidents in the Middle East. But such incidents have come down and hopefully, the situation will improve soon."

On Army's support to Major Leetul Gogoi's action of using a human shield to protect poll officials from a stone-pelting mob, Army sources said, "in the hindsight, someone can given ten ideas of how the situation could have been dealt with. But Gogoi had to take a decision promptly as he could not waste any time. If he had opened fire, at least ten persons could have been killed and we had information that there were armed militants in the area, who could have killed ten more to claim that 20 persons were killed by the Army. So the Army decided to back Gogoi."

29 IAF aircraft crashed in last 5 years

NEW DELHI, July 21: Twenty-nine aircraft of the Indian Air Force have crashed due to technical defects and human error over the last five years, the Government said today.

Subhash Bhamre, Minister of State in the Defence Ministry, said every aircraft accident in the IAF is investigated by a Court of Inquiry (CoI) to ascertain the cause of the accident and the recommendations of the completed CoIs are implemented.

"During the last five financial years (2012-13 to 2016-17) and the current year (up to July 18), 29 fighter jets, including five Sukhoi-30 and three trainers, have crashed. Technical defects and human error were the main causes of the accidents," Bhamre said in a written response to a question in the Lok Sabha. - PTI



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
NONGRIM HILLS, SHILLONG - 793001, MEGHALAYA

No. AD/130/12/2017-7-ADM Date: 23.06.2017
The North Eastern Council is looking for the services of a suitable officer for filling up (two) posts of Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade) on deputation basis. The pay and other terms and conditions of deputation will be regulated in accordance with DOPT M.O.M. 6/8/2009-Estt. (Pay-II) dated 17.06.2010 as amended from time to time. The Auditor General of Departments are requested to forward applications of eligible and willing candidates whose services can be spared on deputation immediately on selection so as to reach the undersigned within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News. The details of post, eligibility criteria, duty station, pay scale, mode of selection and other details for the post are available at NEC website. The Application Form/ Curriculum Vitae proforma and other details, the candidate are advised to visit and download from the NEC website <http://necouncil.gov.in>

Sd/- (E. Swey)
Dipak (Admn)
NEC Secretariat, Nongrim Hills,
Shillong - 793003
Ph. No.: 0364-2522647.
davp1104/11/0011/1718



भारतीय उद्यमिता संस्थान
Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE)
(An Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India)
Basistha Chariali, Lalmati, 37 National Highway, By Pass
Guwahati-781029 (Assam)
Website : www.iie.gov.in
Fully Sponsored Residential Skill Development Training
Under

CAPACITY BUILDING (CB) SCHEMES FOR THE SKILLING OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH OF NORTH EAST REGION, MINISTRY OF DONER AND MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SI No	Name of the Job Roles	Educational Qualification	Duration
01	Tea plantation worker	Minimum 5th Class	35 Days
02	Gardener	Minimum 5th Class	60 Days
03	Vermicompost Producer	Minimum 5th Class	35 Days
04	Organic Grower	Minimum 5th Class	35 Days
05	Rubber Nursery Worker - General	Minimum 10th Class	35 Days
06	Latex Harvest Technician (Tapper)	Minimum 10th Class	35 Days
07	Gemstone Processing - Polisher	Minimum 10th Class	45 Days

Age: Between 18 and 35 years Last Date of submission of Application: 28-07-2017
Interested candidates from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya may apply by post / e-mail / hand / fax in plain paper on the specified address given below:
Application for the Job Role.....
Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Lalmati, Basistha Chariali,
Near Game Village, Guwahati-781029.
E-mail: skillerie@gmail.com, Fax : 0361-2305394, Ph No-0361-2300840/2302646
Date of Interview etc will be intimated through telephone /SMS
No TA/DA will be provided for appearing in the interview.

Sd/- Monoj K Das, Director
davp 2511/1/0022/1718



Department of Science and Technology
KIRAN Division
Women Scientist Scheme-B (WOS-B)
(S&T Interventions for Societal Benefit)
Call for Proposals (2017-18)

Department of Science and Technology (DST) restructured all its women specific programs in 2014 and brought them under one umbrella known as "KIRAN" (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing). KIRAN endeavours to provide opportunities to women in Science & Technology (S&T) domain through its various components including conducting basic research (WOS-A), technology development & demonstration for societal benefit (WOS-B), self/ employment in Intellectual Property Rights (WOS-C), and so on.

Proposals are invited under "Women Scientists Scheme-B (WOS-B)" from women scientists and technologists who wish to utilize their knowledge and temperament to benefit society. WOS-B focuses on projects related to S&T interventions for societal benefit. Such project proposals should address a well-identified societal challenge and deliver possible solutions by way of development of viable technology/technique and/or lab-to-lab technology transfer, its adaptation and scaling up. Proposal that are primarily oriented towards basic research & development and those which do not have clear evidence of direct benefit to the society will not be entertained.

Eligibility:
Women from S&T domain having permanent position/employment are not eligible to apply in this scheme. Women scientist of age group 27-57 years having break in their career and interested in addressing a well-defined/identified societal challenge through viable S&T interventions are encouraged to apply under WOS-B. All such applications will be subjected to a rigorous selection process and only the most promising may be extended budgetary support.

Project Duration:
The project is tenable for a maximum period of three (3) years.

Emoluments:
The fellowship amount under the scheme is Rs 55,000/- for Ph.D. or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.30 lakhs), Rs.40,000/- for M.Phil/M.Tech or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.25 lakhs) and Rs.30,000/- for M.Sc or equivalent (total project cost not exceeding Rs.20 lakhs). The total project cost is inclusive of fellowship of Principal Investigator (PI), Consumables, Travel, Contingencies and minor Equipment(s) but excludes Overheads.

Selection Process:
The Project proposals received will be examined through internal screening and Principal Investigator (PI) of only such proposals that are 'screened in' may be called for presentation before an Expert Committee. The final decision of DST will be communicated to the applicants only after obtaining due administrative and financial approvals.

How to apply:
DST has started e-PMS (onlinedst.gov.in) for online submission of research proposal. Principal Investigator has to register at this portal and then upload the proposal in the given format. WOS-B Proposal Format is available on e-PMS under KIRAN Division and at DST website. Two (2) hardcopies of submitted research proposal should also be sent to Dr Vandana Singh, Scientist, Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehruli Road, New Delhi-110016, by Speed Post. The envelope should be superscribed with "Women Scientist Scheme-B (WOS-B)".

Last Date of Submission: 15 September 2017.
davp 36101/11/0012/1718



Department of Installation, Commissioning & Operation of IRBS Station
Tender Notice No. M/IRB/01: 19-07-2017
One Bidder for the Commissioning of IRBS Station, which is to be undertaken on deputation basis, for the following works:
Name of Work: Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Operation for 2 years of 10 nos. 300 KW Diesel Generator sets (DG) at Tinsukia for the period of 497 days. **Tender Value :** ₹ 4,91,319/- **Cost of transport:** ₹ 9,000/- **Tender forms (non transferable)** can be obtained from the office of the Director of the North East Frontier Railway, Tinsukia on cash payment from 31-07-2017 to 30-08-2017 upto 17 hours. **Last Date of Submission:** 01-09-2017 upto 17 hours. **Terms and Conditions:** Tender documents, terms and conditions and Tender Documents are available at nfr.indianrailways.gov.in. **Div. Civil, Security Commissioning & Operation, Tinsukia, Assam**
North East Frontier Railway
Serving Customers with a Smile

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & OPERATION OF IRBS STATION
Tender Notice No. M/IRB/01: 19-07-2017
One Bidder for the Commissioning of IRBS Station, which is to be undertaken on deputation basis, for the following works:
Name of Work: Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Operation for 2 years of 10 nos. 300 KW Diesel Generator sets (DG) at Tinsukia for the period of 497 days. **Tender Value :** ₹ 31,00,000/- **Cost of transport:** ₹ 6,000/- **Tender form can be obtained from the Director of the North East Frontier Railway, Tinsukia on cash payment from 25-08-2017 to 26-09-2017 in the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Tinsukia.** **Commissioning of IRBS Station** to be carried out in phases from 09:00 hrs. of 26-09-2017 to 12:00 hrs. of 24-08-2017 on any working day. **Commissioning work to be completed up to 15.00 hrs. of 24-08-2017** in the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Tinsukia or Chief Mechanical Engineer/Tinsukia or Head of the Divisional Mechanical Engineering section. **Commissioning work to be completed up to 12:00 hrs. of 26-09-2017** in the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Tinsukia. **Commissioning of IRBS Station** to be carried out in phases from 09:00 hrs. of 26-09-2017 to 12:00 hrs. of 24-08-2017 on any working day. **Commissioning work to be completed up to 15.00 hrs. of 24-08-2017** in the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Tinsukia or Chief Mechanical Engineer/Tinsukia or Head of the Divisional Mechanical Engineering section. **Commissioning work to be completed up to 12:00 hrs. of 26-09-2017** in the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Tinsukia.

**Suicide bid foiled**

JALUKBARI, July 21: A 22-year-old woman who tried to commit suicide by jumping from a temple near the Sani Mandir at Jalukbari on Wednesday was prevented from doing so by the temple's priest and some locals. Police said she was rushed to the GMCH in a critical condition. — Correspondent

APCC takes on Sonowal over investment claim

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 21: The APCC has dared Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to make public the names of the industrial units which have come forward with investment proposals (EIM I and II) to the aggregated tune of Rs 65,000 crore during the rule of the present government in the State.

The Congress reaction came in the wake of assertions made by Sonowal on Wednesday that, despite suspension of the NEIPP, Assam could secure an industrial investment of Rs 65,000 crore in one year of the BJP rule.

Dance workshop at Sonapur

CORRESPONDENT

The APCC alleged that industrial investment in Assam came to a grinding halt once the NEIPP 2007 was suspended by the Union government with effect from December 1, 2014. This suspension was revoked for just three months at the fag end of the policy period from December 2016 to March 2017 to enable Patanjali to get the benefits of the NEIPP, it alleged.

Now the BJP government in the State is shamelessly trying to show the investment proposals made during the Congress period as those received during its rule, alleged the APCC.

**Haj pilgrims to start leaving on July 24**

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 21: Pilgrims from the North East will begin their journey to Saudi Arabia for this year's Haj from July 24.

The pilgrims will be given an official farewell on July 23 at Haji Mushafrkhana, on the eve of the first flight to Medina. The reception committee is organising a programme where several dignitaries will be present including Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, BTC chief Hragma Mohilary and others. On that day the 'Akhiin Duwa' (final prayer) will be conducted by Hajrat Maulana Eyyah.

Altogether 4,472 pilgrims from five north-eastern states will visit Medina this year under the guidance of the Joint State Haj Committee and Northeast Haj Reception Committee.

Of them, the majority are from Assam — around 4,086. The rest are from Nagaland, Manipur and Meghalaya.

Haj Committee chairman Nekibur Zaman told *The Assam Tribune* that the first batch of the pilgrims will leave Guwahati on July 24 for Medina. The journey will continue till July 31.

Internship drive

GUWAHATI, July 21: Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), a development support organisation based in Guwahati recently conducted an internship drive in the city.

Three students from the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya and one student from the North Eastern Hill University successfully completed their internship.

Moreover, three interns from Bharti College, Ramjas College and Miranda House successfully completed their internship and were engaged in allied areas of community development, gender issues, art and culture, etc.

**MIGRATION ... the bridge between**

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam

- The existing dealers shall migrate within three months from the appointed day.
- Existing dealers who are yet to migrate after receipt of provisional ID are advised to migrate within three months from the appointed day.
- Existing dealers who are awaiting their provisional IDs are required to contact their jurisdictional tax authorities.
- Existing dealers, whether migrated or not, can continue their business with the allotted provisional ID for three months from the appointed day.
- If an existing dealer complete the migration process with a correct and completed application and all the relevant documents are properly uploaded, the provisional ID shall be the GST registration number (GSTIN) subject to due verification and completion of enrolment.
- Last date to opt for Composition Levy is extended up to 16th August 2017 for the migrated Tax Payers.

TRANSITION PROVISIONS ... the gateway for goods

- Dealers can claim ITC of VAT carried forward in the return for June, 2017 as GST credit, if the credit is available under GST and the last six months returns under the existing law are submitted.
- Dealers with no liability for registration under AVAT Act can claim credit of VAT paid on stock at hand as SGST credit on the basis of purchase invoice of goods in stock.
- Dealers can claim credit of VAT, etc paid on goods in transit on the appointed day under certain conditions.
- A manufacturer registered under earlier law can carry forward his Cenvat credit as well as credit on capital goods as CGST credit.
- Dealers who were not registered earlier or first stage or second stage dealers can claim Cenvat credit on inputs, if any invoice or other documents are produced to deduce payment of Central Excise duty on the stock.
- Dealers who were neither registered earlier nor they have any document in support of paying Cenvat can also take input tax credit @ 60% of CGST paid where the CGST rate is 9% or more and @ 40% of CGST paid in other cases on stocks for a period of six months, if the goods were not exempted under earlier law.
- Dealers need to submit an online declaration in FORM GST TRAN-1 within 90 days from the appointed day for claiming balance ITC.
- Taxpayers entitled to claim credit of VAT paid on stock at hand are required to submit an online declaration in FORM GST TRAN-2 after the end of every tax period for subsequent six tax periods during which the scheme is in operation.

For any clarification, contact Help Desk in your jurisdictional tax office

Based in public interest by: Commissionerate of State Tax, Government of Assam

Janasangrahan-05/2017

dssp_154017/13005/1778

SUPPORT US IN OUR MOVEMENT TO ERADICATE BLACK MONEY. DISCLOSE CORRECTLY...

FILE YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN ON OR BEFORE **31st JULY, 2017**

Information of Cash deposited in bank accounts from 09.11.2016 to 30.12.2016 to be disclosed:

- Details of cash deposited in bank accounts aggregating to ₹ 2 lakh or more to be given in the Income Tax Return (ITR).
- The information will be matched with the information in possession of the Income Tax Department.
- Ensure that the ITR is compliant with amount deposited in bank accounts during the period of demonetization and while computing income, the amounts so deposited are considered/ taken into account while paying taxes.
- Cash deposits made in the above period may thus be fully and truly disclosed in the ITR.

IMPORTANT: Pay your Self Assessment Tax before filing your return

For e-filing of Income Tax Return Log on to: <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>



Visit: www.incometaxindia.gov.in
www.cleanmoney.gov.in



Income Tax Department
Central Board of Direct Taxes

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Search others for their virtues, thyself for thy vices.

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

The Assam Tribune**Fait accompli**

That there had been no BJP member who has become the President of India is something of an anomaly. One may recall that there had been an NDA Government before, but then its head, Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpeyi, belonged to the older generation of political leaders who would not play politics when it came to the choice of who should be India's President. Narendra Modi and Amit Shah have no kindred qualms about making the BJP's choice in the recently-concluded Presidential election a political one. Thus, to no one's surprise, a little known, non-controversial politician from the Hindi heartland, Ram Nath Kovind, a former two-time Member of the Rajya Sabha, was chosen as the NDA's official candidate. Apart from other none too remarkable qualifications, Kovind's most important attribute was that he was a Dalit, a startlingly undisguised gesture to woo that deprived community which has been of late bearing the brunt of NDA policies. More and more the BJP was being viewed as an anti-Dalit party and the choice of Kovind was thus an attempt by the BJP to re-attract Dalits to its fold. It may be noted that Kovind is from Uttar Pradesh, where certain measures, such as strict regulations on the slaughter of cattle, by Chief Minister Arvind Singh have estranged the Dalit community by endangering its traditional livelihood in the meat and leather industry.

At the same time, as though to mirror the current state of Indian politics, trust the 'united' Opposition to field another Dalit to oppose Kovind, thereby itself playing the caste-card! Daughter of Congress stalwart Jagjivan Ram, Meira Kumar's credentials were much more impressive than Kovind's, but then in the current context this was irrelevant, for today the election of India's President has been reduced to a game of numbers. Considering that she had no chance of winning, it was sporting of Kumar to have volunteered to be a candidate and bow to the wishes of the Congress. In the event Kovind's election was a predictable *fai faalim* and all that the 'contest' did was expose rifts within the 'united' Opposition, for quite a few within the conglomerate actually voted for the BJP candidate! Expectedly, having become India's 14th President, Kovind has asserted that he would work towards protecting the Constitution and upholding its values. It is hoped that he would not work otherwise, for being the President implies that past affiliations are automatically erased and the person in question becomes a neutral figure, or figurehead in the Indian context. With this episode being over on expected lines, the sight of the nation would turn towards the Vice-Presidential elections. Since State Assemblies do not figure in the process, with the balloting being confined to the two houses of Parliament, this contest might be closer, though the outcome would be similar.

Separate time zones

The issue of having two separate time zones in India has been discussed many times over the years. Many voices have been raised during the decades from the north-eastern region also demanding a separate time zone for Assam and the other States of this region. From Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland in the East to Gujarat in the West, the geographic mass of India extends over a great distance. So during summer time when the Sun may rise at around 4 am in Nagaland or Arunachal, the first dawn lights in Gujarat will come only about two hours later. Similarly, the Sun also sets about two hours earlier in the eastern extremity of India as compared to the western part of the country. During winter months, it is dark by 4 or 5 pm in most parts of the North-East. But most of the government and educational institutions across the country remain open within certain prescribed hours of the day. That means even during summer months, many daylight hours in the North-East and the eastern parts of India are lost by the time government offices or educational institutions open. In winter months, the problem is even more serious as offices remain open till after dark hours and precious electricity is wasted. Many experts have opined that the time factor has adversely affected the productivity index in the eastern and north-eastern States.

Now the Central Government has announced that it was 'proactively' considering the matter of the country having two separate time zones. Union Minister of State for Science and Technology YS Chowdary told the Lok Sabha earlier this week that the issue of having two separate time zones is an important and sensitive matter and the Government is proactively considering the issue. The matter was raised in Parliament by Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP B Mahtab who highlighted that there was a gap of nearly two hours in the sunrise timings between the eastern and the western parts of the country. He said that some 2.7 billion units of electricity could be saved if the time zone was advanced by half an hour. While the demand for having two time zones in the country has merit, there have also been many people who have termed the idea as impractical. Some experts have suggested that the energy saved by adopting such a measure would be very negligible. Others have argued that a dual time zone will only lead to chaos in a country like India. After all, we Indians are yet to learn to stand in queues without trying to get ahead of one another! The matter is worth studying and looking into seriously. Many big countries have multiple time zones, including Russia and the USA. Maybe, we can also join that league, while gaining something from such a step.

Imagination in the extreme**PLAIN-SPEAK**

Arup Kumar Dutta

Two decades ago a tsunami swept over the world of children's literature. The magician who wrought that fantastical wave was a detective author named JK Rowling, who, legend has it, sat at a coffee-house table to write out her first Harry Potter book. She suffered a number of rejections till one publishing house, least expecting that it was holding a seismic phenomenon in its hand, decided to publish it. The rest, as the cliché goes, is history!

The Harry Potter franchise (I cannot think of any other term for it!) made the first billionaire author in children's literature. Harry, the boy wizard, has been commercially bled dry, as is the practice in these mercenary times – each book has its film version, making childish imagination redundant as the camera takes in the goings on at the Hogwarts school of magic! Now the Brits, the nation of shopkeepers who have historically never underestimated the value of a commodity (tea, for instance), are actually 'celebrating' the 20th anniversary of the release of the Harry Potter series!

No less an institution than the British Library is holding a Harry Potter exhibition to mark the occasion titled 'A History of Magic'. Publishing house Bloomsbury will be releasing two new Harry Potter themed books, though apparently not written by the original author herself. *Harry Potter – A History of Magic*, will dwell on the subjects studied by Potter at Hogwarts, while *Harry Potter: A Journey through a History of Magic* will trace the history of sorcery, taking in such esoteric topics as ancient witchcraft and alchemy!

I shall leave it to the enlightened

reader to evaluate the nature of such themes. But I do need to point out that the arrival of Harry Potter coincided with the dramatic psychological changes effected by the technological revolution and the gradual obsession with the virtual world of an entire generation of western youngsters. Today, the dependence of many children on the unreal world offered by the internet or video games to fulfil mental and emotional needs has been accepted as a fact. Another determining factor is the easy access the modern urban child has to an enormous amount of information, much of it of a nature parents might not approve of, yet have no means of shutting away. Also, appliances which purvey items of mass culture have become all too many – from the television with a greater component of programmes unsuitable for young audiences to cell phones, computers, internet, social media, *et al.*

Adding to the baggage today's child has to carry is the constant blitz of advertisement as he is exposed to, the negative outcome of which is aggravated by peer pressure. Also, the electronic media as well as the internet throng up spurious 'role models' who the impressionable child may want to emulate. The reach and depth of information technology has ensured that today children are exposed to diverse cultures and worlds, uncontrolled access to which might leave a child feeling rootless and confused, particularly so if the parents have been cut off from their own roots and live in a cultural void.

There can be no doubt that these social and psychological changes have been also responsible for the phenomenal success of books that offer an alternative world to young-

sters, one far different from the real one in which he or she feels vulnerable. Mind you, the author of the Harry Potter series uses every stereotype that a writer for children takes recourse to strike empathy with young minds, and evoke sympathy for the protagonist – as per convention, Harry Potter is an orphan, has cruel step-parents and a bully of a stepbrother; he is enmeshed in a web of intrigue and deception enunciating, what else,

Potter addiction. It must be noted that filming of scenes in these films have become feasible only because of the new advances made in cinematographic technology, thus the Harry Potter series came just at the right moment.

However, it is difficult to understand why a segment of urban Indian children too have been hooked on Harry Potter. Rowling has used Irish mythology in the Potter series, surely something of balderdash for Indian youngsters, who have a

powerful tradition of Indian mythology to which they relate. The reason lies in the propensity of today's urban generation to imitate developments in the West, but that cannot be the entire truth. Perhaps it might be because Indian writers for children base their tales broadly in 'realistic' terms and do not offer our children an absolutely escapist world which they can flee.

Interestingly, some Indian writers are making hay while the sun shines by producing hyper-imaginative stories from Indian religious mythologies. However, their output is more for 'adult' consumption than for youngsters, no matter that the contents of such books are somewhat infantile! No doubt there are writers for young adults too who are attempting Potter-clone type fantasies, but these have not attained the kind of success Rowling's hero has.

I am sure many Indian writers for young adults must be sore tempted to follow in Rowling's footsteps. For instance, Indian juvenile fiction has always been of a limited size since our *desi* publishers would hesitate to take on garrulous books like Rowling's. But it is my cherished belief that, far from

As writers living in a developing nation where millions of people live in poverty and a sizeable segment of young people do not have access to education, it is an obligation of our children's authors to create works of fiction that transcend hyper-imaginative storytelling and have more to offer.

the good versus evil archetype!

The only difference is that the leitmotif is wizardry and the background is an escapist world of magic filled with brooms which can fly (as also a car), railway stations with wall-through walls, elves and goblins, magic potions and owls which deliver mails! It is imagination taken to the extremes which require an inordinate amount of "willing suspension of disbelief" amongst the young readers. Yes, the world of Harry Potter fits snugly in the world of video games and live streaming which have literally been革命化 in western climes!

The movies made from the books have served to reinforce the

Chinese Government bears "heavy responsibility" for "inciting subversion of state power". Since he was kept in prison in solitary confinement and not allowed to communicate with others, in an attempt to do away with any memory of him.



While in prison, Liu was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010. But the 'egalitarian' government did not even allow Liu's family to visit Norway for accepting the award on behalf of him. So the award was bestowed to an empty chair, which later became a symbol of Communist China's repression. After Liu's demise, the Nobel Committee has said the

Chinese Government bears "heavy responsibility" for "inciting subversion of state power". Since he was kept in prison in solitary confinement and not allowed to communicate with others, in an attempt to do away with any memory of him.

In May this year, Liu was diagnosed with late stage of liver cancer, but, not surprisingly, Beijing refused to allow him seek treatment abroad despite Liu's wishes and international pressure. Even his wife was kept in house arrest in fear that she might inform the world about the state brutality. But his case gained increasing international attention. World leaders such as German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-Wen called upon China to allow the democracy activist to travel abroad to receive palliative care which, according to his friends and well-wishers, he had extended his life. But despite the disease being terminal in nature, Beijing was so much afraid of the spirited soul that they thought he would voice his protest against the one-party state even from his deathbed if he was permitted to travel overseas.

Liu Xiaobo, a poet, scholar and fearless advocate of human rights, died in custody of a state that boasts itself as a people's republic and is also regarded by a

bunch of hypocrite intellectuals as an egalitarian heaven. Of course, Red China's human rights violation is an old fashion. Since its inception in 1949 by Mao Zedong and Company, its illegal occupation of Tibet and destruction in the name of 'cultural revolution' are instances of brutal repression of human rights. In China-occupied Tibet, more than 12 million Tibetans have been killed so far. All Tibetans are subject to arbitrary arrest and detention. Those imprisoned for exercising their fundamental rights are often denied legal representation and Communist China's legal proceedings fail to meet international standards. Tibetan women are subjected to enforced sterilization, contraception and abortion procedures. In fact, any expression of opinion contrary to the Chinese Communist Party ideology can result in an arrest.

Xiaobo stood boldly against these oppressions and tyranny in the name of 'progressive socialism' and laid down his life to uphold the spirit of freedom, democracy and human rights. He will always remain an inspiration to those who fight for their rights in Communist China as well as other parts of the world.

Liu Xiaobo: a voice for democracy

■ Rupam Barua

The tragic end of 61-year-old democratic activist and Nobel Peace laureate Liu Xiaobo in state custody under Communist China on July 13 has shown nakedly how democracy, liberty and human rights are being trampled and murdered in the autocratic regime of the one-party ruled so-called 'egalitarian' state. In fact, after Nazi Germany of the World War II era, it is Communist China that has caused another death of a Nobel laureate in state custody. Liu Xiaobo was one of the voices of the Great Tiananmen Square Protest of 1989 that demanded democracy and liberty in China from the communist rulers who, instead, crushed the non-violent demonstration with a horrific massacre of more than 3,000 students and citizen protesters. Since then, Liu dedicated his life as a writer and activist to the pursuit of democracy and liberty for the Chinese people and had to pay the ultimate price for it as a prisoner of the Communist government. With his struggle and sacrifice, today Liu has

become a symbol of uncompromising spirit of freedom and democracy all over the world.

Born in 1955 in Jinlin province of China, Liu was exceptionally independent-minded since his childhood. Though the son of a Communist Party loyalist, he grew up with a spirit to dare and challenge the immoral system and political oppression committed by the party. He raised his voice during the Tiananmen Square movement and since then became a fearless advocate of democracy and liberty in China's one-party ruled authoritarian regime. And so, naturally, he was bound to bear the brunt of the Red China government. Liu believed that China had to advance towards freedom and democracy. So he wrote a pro-democracy manifesto titled 'Charter '08' in which he demanded an end to the one-party rule in China and called for improvements in human rights. This manifesto was signed by thousands of democracy-loving people in China. Liu was arrested in 2008, and after a year in detention and a two-hour trial, he was sentenced

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, – The recent interaction between the Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and the headmasters of some schools was a disturbing reflection on the state of primary and secondary education in the State Government-supported schools. An ASER (Annual State of Education Report) by an NGO should be carried out statewide which will offer independent insights into issues of teacher absenteeism, student-teacher dynamics, student dropouts, failure of government service delivery which, hopefully, will lead to better policy formulation (like conditional cash transfer which has been experimented in many developing countries). The outcome of a revised education policy should focus on learning and not just on school enrolment and teacher-student ratio. Yours etc., CHIRANJEET DAS, Cleveland, USA.

State school education needs better policy**Assam floods**

Sir, – Through your esteemed daily, I would like to say that although 19 districts of Assam are presently reeling under flood waters, resulting in considerable loss of human lives, farmlands, cattle and livestock, there has been no adequate measures taken by the Centre nor has our beloved been focused by any national media. Assam is witnessing more floods in these recent years soon after the completion of the Ranganghat dam by the NHPC in Arunachal Pradesh. The accumulated water when released from the other side of the dam has each time flooded Assam's immediate districts – Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Biswanath and Sonitpur. Didn't the Government, while sanctioning these projects, sense the aftermath of releasing water from the Arunachal side into Assam? And what is the advantage of having these projects? North-east's hydropower has been used to fulfil the NHPC's requirements and our State Government is

buying the same energy at a subsidized rate, which actually should have been free of cost. I would hence like to urge our State Government to take adequate steps to stop this menace and work upon a plan so that Assam doesn't get affected the way it has been this year.

Yours etc., MAUCHUMI SAHARIA, Gauhati University.

Social media

Sir, – Facebook is the dominating social media platform in India. Earlier, Facebook was used just to connect with people who were lost with time and also to connect with new people, but these days, people are using this platform as the projector of their life, that too in an unknown world of illusion. In an unknown race for becoming popular in the world of Facebook, which no way has connection with the ground realities, mere projection in social media leads one nowhere. The real enjoyment is somewhere consumed by the social media craze. These days most of the people are hit by the

social media addiction while a real thrill of enjoying life gets lost. These social media platforms in turn deliver nothing but consume precious time and data. Those who think 'FB' is helpful for getting information and news feed, there are a good number of websites and platforms which serve the same with complete authentication. Yours etc., ABHIJIT SARMA, Bilaspur.

Political play

Sir, – One knows that the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati is a shrewd and cunning politician, who resigned from the Rajya Sabha, after Deputy Chairman PJ Kurien asked her to conclude her impromptu speech on the anti-Dalit violence in Saharanpur. After she exceeded her allotted three minutes, and was given an extension of two minutes, Kurien told her that she "cannot monopolize" the floor. One has to recall that a few days ago, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj also alleged on the same

line that the former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar also named her 16 times. I can quote here James F Clarke, "The difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician thinks about the next election while the statesman thinks about the next generation." Hence, the *aam aadmi* believes that the likes of Mayawati and Sushma always remain as politicians, and will never become stateswomen. Hence, Mayawati's resignation is only a political ploy. The four-time Chief Minister and multiple-term MP of Uttar Pradesh is fully aware that the Rajya Sabha chairman Hamid Ansari is likely to reject the BSP supremo's resignation as her resignation letter also provided an explanation for her resignation, which is in contravention of the rules of the House. Yours etc., BIDYUT KUMAR CHATTERJEE, Faridabad.

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

Finance Minister's email account hacked

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 21: The email account of Finance, Health and Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has been reportedly hacked.

"My email id has been hacked by some unscrupulous elements and mails sent seeking financial help. Avoid any such mail. Case being registered," tweeted the Minister.

The Minister also posted on two tweets each mail sent from his account by the hackers, asking the recipient to make a wire transfer of Rs 2 lakh to a vendor in one of the mails.

"Can you make a wire transfer of Rs 2 lakh to a vendor which is for purchase as well as programme services and all supporting documents will be forwarded to you before the end of the week. I am in meeting now, we can communicate by mail....." the email said.

The mail also included the name and bank details of the "vendor" based in Pune.

The Minister told *The Assam Tribune* that he would lodge a complaint with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

However, no complaint was lodged with the CID or Dispur Police Station by the Minister till the filing of this report.

Government of India
Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIA)
5th Floor, Plot No. 4, Sector 1,
Consortium Circus, New Delhi - 110091

Vacancy circular for filling up the one post of Assistant Director General (Director Level) on deputation basis at NIT, Guwahati

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIA) invites application for filling up one post of Assistant Director General (AD) through its Regional Office, Guwahati on Pay Matrix Level 13 [pre-revised Pay Band (TPB)-2016] and Grade Pay Rs. 4000/- per month. The application may be furnished in the prescribed proforma and forwarded to ADG (Estt), on the above address. The last date for receipt of applications from the interested posts is 10.07.2017, after which this vacancy is to be filled up on deputation basis. Incomplete candidature and/or illegible Application received after the last date or otherwise found incomplete shall not be considered. Further details may be obtained from the website [www.uiidai.gov.in](http://uiidai.gov.in).

Assistant Director General (Estt.)
To update your Aadhaar log on to <http://resident.uidai.nic.in>

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI
Guwahati - 781 039, Assam
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FOREIGN BANKING SERVICES

No. ITGf&A/E01/17-18 Dated : 20.07.2017
IIT Guwahati invites Expression of Interest from Scheduled Banks of India (having branches in Guwahati) in the Public as well as Private Sector for providing services of remittance of money in foreign currency to vendors and others all over the world on various import and non-import bills. For more details please follow the link provided below : <http://www.iitg.ernet.in/tenders>.
The last date for submission of the Expression of Interest is 07.08.2017. All corrigendum, addendum etc. to the tender will be hosted on the above website only.

Registrar, IIT Guwahati
Advt. No. IITG/R/07/2017 Dated : 20.07.2017

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Guwahati-781039, Assam
Phone: 0361-2583000, Fax: 0361-2690762

Applications are invited for the post of Computer Trainee in the computer center of the Institute. These are purely temporary posts meant for imparting training to the selected candidates. The training period will be of one month. After successful completion of the training period, a certificate will be awarded. Those who had already undergone such training will not be considered. A stipend of Rs. 12,000/- per month will be paid during the period of training.

No of posts: 08 (Eight) nos. (Number may vary).
Minimum qualification and experience:
• Three year diploma in Computer Science and Engineering / Electronics & IT from a recognized university.
• Six months of industrial training in the selected discipline of training period, a certificate will be awarded. Those who had already undergone such training will not be considered. A stipend of Rs. 12,000/- per month will be paid during the period of training.

• Minimum qualification and experience:
• Three years diploma in Computer Science and Engineering / Electronics & IT from a recognized university.
• Six months of industrial training in the selected discipline of training period, a certificate will be awarded. Those who had already undergone such training will not be considered. A stipend of Rs. 12,000/- per month will be paid during the period of training.

General Information:
1. Candidates should be preferably between 18-30 years of age.
2. Applicants must fill their on-line application by going through the link <https://online.iitg.ernet.in/cctrainee>
3. Incomplete applications in any aspect are liable to be rejected.
4. The last date of receiving applications is 07. August, 2017.

Joint Registrar, Admin
Advt. No. ITG/R/06/2017 dated 20.07.2017

NIELIT National Institute of Electronics & IT (NIELIT)
गुरुद्वारा/Guwahati
Under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India

ADMISSION NOTICE
Disruptor Extension Centre of NIELIT Guwahati is launching NIELIT (formerly DOEACCI) IT 'O' level course and announces admission into the course for academic session July 2017.

Last date of Admission: 26.07.2017
Date of commencement of classes: 01.08.2017.
The total intake for IT 'O' level course is 60 (sixty) seats.

Admission will be on first come first serve basis. Interested students may contact the centre for further details regarding availability of seats, fee structures, eligibility criteria etc.

CONTACT DETAILS
Disruptor Extension Centre, NIELIT Guwahati, 1st Floor, Administrative Block, Lohaguri College, Lohaguri, Disruptor, Tel: 78610 (Assam)
Contact No. 0373-2315146, 230393
Silcher 03842-241039 Main Centre, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati
DISUPLARAYA YANTRAMAKALI ET SAKRA TAMILOKOKI SAMAJA (क्र. सू. नीरी)
गुरुद्वारा/Guwahati
Under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India

CONTACT DETAILS
Disruptor Extension Centre, NIELIT Guwahati, 1st Floor, Administrative Block, Lohaguri College, Lohaguri, Disruptor, Tel: 78610 (Assam)
Contact No. 0373-2315146, 230393
Silcher 03842-241039 Main Centre, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati

**INSTITUTE OF TRANSDISCIPLINARY
HEALTH SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY**
(Established in 2005 by an Act of Karnataka Legislative
State Private University USC Recognised - UNCO No. 794
International Standard Education! Internship & Opportunity for Job !!

SCHOLARSHIPS !!
Seminar & Spot Admission on various professional courses :

Undergraduate Program • B.Sc in Conservation Science
• M.Sc in Computer Science (4 Years) with specialisation in Data Science, Cyber Physical Systems, Fin Tech, Health Informatics
Post Graduate Programs-Master of Sciences • Ayurveda Biology • Conservation Futures • Science Communication • Herbal Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs • Computer Science With Data Science, Cyber Physical Systems, Fin Tech, Health Informatics

Certificate Programs • Panchakarma Therapy & Yoga Basics • Ethnobiology • Plant Systematics & Biodiversity • Ethno-veterinary Practice • One Health • Nadi Vigyan

For more Details Join us in a FREE SEMINAR on 23rd July 2017 at 10.30 a.m.
VENUE : HOTEL RIVERIA, Hatigaon Main Road, Near Rajdhani Masjid, Guwahati - 6 Phone no : +91 8723933684 www.tdu.edu.in

CITY

THE ASSAM TRIBUNE, GUWAHATI 7

DC orders clearing Bharalu of silt, encroachers

STAFF REPORTER



GUWAHATI, July 21: The Kamrup (Metro) district administration today directed civic officials to take steps for immediate removal of silt as well as encroachment on the entire stretch of the Bharalu river and along its bank.

Dr M Angamuthu, Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup (Metro) said that two separate teams have been formed for the purpose.

While the one team will carry out the work from Jonai point to Sarabhati, the other will be responsible for the stretch from Sarabhati to the confluence of Bharalu and Brahmaputra at Barahukuchi.

Bharalu is one of the most important natural channels which carries a large volume of rainwater from Guwahati city to the Brahmaputra. The carrying capacity of the river has been reduced in recent times due to heavy silting and illegal encroachment along the river, restricting the free flow of water and thereby caus-

ing severe inundation of its catchment area. There is an immediate need for de-silting of the Bharalu to remove the silt in order to increase its capacity to carry floodwater to avoid洪氾 and loss of life and property caused by urban flood in Guwahati," said Dr

Angamuthu.

He added that illegal encroachments on the bank of the Bharalu have hit dredging and de-silting work and hence removal of squatters is necessary. The GMC and City Police will assist the district administration in the exercise.

AUGUST 2017

Cong, AIUDF point finger at each other

PRANJAL BHUYAN

from the Congress or the AIUDF?

To a question if any Opposition MLA is likely to switch side and join the BJP frontally, Dass said, "We do not expect such a thing at this moment and nor is that our aim. Instead, we have identified 50 constituencies across Assam where we are looking to strengthen our own base and I am undertaking personal visits to all those constituencies." Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Rupun Bora told this

Meanwhile, State BJP president Ranjeet Kumar Dass told *The Assam Tribune* that the Opposition legislators who voted for Kovind have done so after being impressed with the performance of the legislators who resorted to cross voting.

"After all, voting for Presidential polls is secret. But we are conducting an internal inquiry to find out if any of our MLA was involved. As of this moment, we cannot be sure if the MLAs who voted for Kovind were from Congress or from AIUDF," he said. Asked about the possibility of defections from the Congress Legislate Party, Bora said, "As of today, we are united."

However, some other Congress leaders blamed the AIUDF and said that BJP and the Bradruddin Ajmal-led party have a secret understanding. "One AIUDF MLA was seen in the BJP Legislative Party office in the Assembly complex the day government granted only a single road to his constituency as part of the Annual Plan.

"But in 2016-17, we gave Rs 7 crore to each MLA for work, irrespective of party affiliation," he said.

Asked which three MLAs may have voted for Kovind, Dass said, "We can say not and they are and whether they are

AIUDF leaders, however, dismissed such a possibility and instead blamed the Congress.

AIUDF leaders, however, dismissed such a possibility and instead blamed the Congress. Both in 2016-17, we gave Rs 7 crore to each MLA for work, irrespective of party affiliation," he said. Asked which three MLAs may have voted for Kovind, Dass said, "We can say not and they are and whether they are

Health camp

GUWAHATI, July 21: Chennar-based SIMS Hospital will conduct an evening OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club (GPC) tomorrow. Dr Patta Radharanjan, who is a gastroenterologist and surgeon, will be available from 4 pm to 6 pm for free consultations to the members/journalists of GPC along with their dependents. - Staff Reporter

OFFICE OF THE STATE COORDINATOR, NRC

Acchay Plaza (1st Floor), Bharatapura, Bhaangarh, Guwahati - 781005, ASSAM

NOTICE

Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) for Selection of Social Media Agency

The State Coordinator, National Register of Citizens (NRC), Assam invites Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) from reputed Social Media Agencies for taking up monitoring & promotion of social media platforms on behalf of NRC Update Project being implemented in the states of Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh to offer their services. Those who have download the REoI document from the official website <http://www.nrccassam.nic.in>, the sealed envelope affixing court fee of ₹8.25/- containing response to the REoI should be submitted to the office of the undersigned on or before 07/08/2017 by 2.00 PM.

Sd/- State Coordinator
National Register of Citizens (NRC), Assam

NRC
Office of the State Coordinator, Acchay Plaza (1st Floor), Bharatapura, Bhaangarh, Guwahati - 781005, ASSAM

NOTICE
Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) for Selection of Social Media Agency

The State Coordinator, National Register of Citizens (NRC), Assam invites Request for Expression of Interest (REoI) from reputed Social Media Agencies for taking up monitoring & promotion of social media platforms on behalf of NRC Update Project being implemented in the states of Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh to offer their services. Those who have download the REoI document from the official website <http://www.nrccassam.nic.in>, the sealed envelope affixing court fee of ₹8.25/- containing response to the REoI should be submitted to the office of the undersigned on or before 07/08/2017 by 2.00 PM.

Sd/- State Coordinator
National Register of Citizens (NRC), Assam

Vijaya Bank
A friend you can bank upon
Regional Office, 10, Rajbari Road, Guwahati, Assam, Pin-781007
Phone: 0361-2460790, 0361-2468791

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR FURNISHING WORKS FOR FURNISHING & ELECTRICAL FOR BELTOLA BRANCH

Vijaya Bank, Guwahati Region invites sealed & super scribed tender from empanelled contractors for TENDER FOR FURNISHING & ELECTRICAL & ELECTRICAL works for BELTOLA Branch. For further details, please visit our Bank's website www.vijayabank.com

Last date for submission of the bids: 28.07.2017 up to 03:00 PM.
Place: Guwahati
Date: 21-07-2017

Sd/- DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

IndianOil

CIN - L - 23201 MH - 859 COD 01388
Registration No.: EHT/2016/120/10255
Digboi Refinery, Digboi, Assam
Dhemaji, Assam-787035
E-mail: rehab@indianoil.in

NOTIFICATION NO.: RPT-NR-APR-RT-2017-07-2017-2025

E-tender ID: 2017_AOD_57421

Name of Works: Supply of HDTU Catalyst at Digital Refinery, as per requirement

Download period of Tender (Both dates inclusive): 24-07-17 to 28-08-17

Date of Submission: 07.08.17 (10.00 hrs)

Period of Submission (upto): 28.08.17 (10.00 hrs)

Bid opening date: 30.08.17 04:30 (P.M.)

PDR (Opening):

Contact Person: Chief Manager (Contracts) : Ph - 03664 253390, E-mail : gurjan@indianoil.in

Contact Person: HR & Department: Dhrumil, Ph - 03664 253390, E-mail : kiran@indianoil.in

Bidders can get the tenders from www.indotenders.gov.in to download the tender documents, Addendum/Clarification if any, shall be posted on this website.

Annual Plan: www.indotenders.gov.in, only through Press Adv. Log on www.indot.org for details.

Sd/- Assistant General Manager
Bongaigaon Electrical Division
APDCL, LAR, Bongaigaon

SA/2017/49

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD.

NOTICE

This is for general information to the public that newly constructed 33 KV feeder under TDF scheme from 33/11 KV Bijni Sub-station to 33/11 KV Pachabari Sub-station (new) passing through the areas namely Bijni, Dotori, Mazbarabi, Baghaura, Nowpara, Mongolian, Pachabari, etc. will be energized on 25/07/2017 or any date thereafter at any time.

So, the public are advised to maintain a safe horizontal distance of 3 (three) meter from the sides, not to climb up the electrical pole, not to throw any material in the line and to maintain a safe vertical distance of 3 (three) meter from the sides, not to climb up the electrical pole, not to throw any material in the line that may cause great damage to human life and properties.

Any body acting in contravention of the above will do so at his/her own risk. The APDCL will not be responsible in the event of any electrical accident.

Sd/- Assistant General Manager
Bongaigaon Electrical Division
APDCL, LAR, Bongaigaon

SA/2017/49

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

SHUT-DOWN NOTICE

It is to inform all valued consumers that urgent preventive maintenance are proposed to be undertaken in our LT/HV Network under Guwahati Electrical Circle-I immediately group-wise as per programme showed under:

SI	Group	Division	11 KV Feeders in the group
1	A	GED East	Gopinath, Bishnupur, LNB, Dakhingaon, Jatia, SEBA, Bamunimala
2	Be	GED East	West, Northwest, Kalaphara, BN Saikia, New South, Hatigaon Bhetapara, Barshapara, Industry, Sijuban, Lakhminagar, GS, Tarun, Jorhat, Jyoti, Boruwa, Dotori, Mazbarabi, Baghaura, Nowpara, Mongolian, Pachabari, etc.
3	Ce	GED East	Bhajapuri, Jorhat, New Market, Dibrugarh, Lakhminagar, GS, Tarun, Jorhat, Jyoti, Boruwa, Dotori, Mazbarabi, Baghaura, Nowpara, Mongolian, Pachabari, etc.
4	An	GED North	Satgaon, AHB, Ghy College, Rajgarh, Uzan Bazar, Matgharia, AIA, MIRD, Gangabati, Milanpur, Jayapur, Chandmari ASEB, Akashi Nagar, Silpukhuri, Latai
5	Bn	GED North	Santipuri, Fancy Bazar (Fatasil ESD), MS Road, Fancy Bazar, Gopinath, East, Rehabari, Duplication East, High Court, RBI, Bhamtarabari, Nowpara, Lakhminagar, Sijuban, New Ulubari, Rupnagar, Rupi, Rupi, Tinsukia, Lekhapani, Lakhminagar, Jorhat, Ambari, Ibatibata, Kalaphara, AT Road, TV, Kachinbati, Old GS, New GS, Paltan Bazar
6	Cn	GED North	Rukminiagon, GS Road, New Capital, Ajanta Path, North Highway, Tripura Road, Six Mile, Chacial, New Basista, Lakhara, Beltola, Tamukuchi, Bhamtar, Nahitan, Jawaharnagar-Jorhat
7	As	GED South	Purbali Daily, Satgauja, Batahghuli, Old National, New National MES, Town, Kamalanagar, Jorhat
8	Bs	GED South	Purabi Daily, Satgauja, Batahghuli, Old National, New National MES, Town, Kamalanagar, Jorhat
9	Cs	GED South	
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			

Inconvenience caused to our valued consumers is regretted. The programme may be extended for 2-3 days more depending upon the completion of work. The undersigned reserves the right to restore the power supply at any time after completion of work.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
Guwahati Electric Circle-I
APDCL-LAR, Ghy-07

CAS/2017/61

Woman murdered at Raha

ANN Service

RAHA, July 21: A 29-year-old married woman was murdered at her residence at Utar Petbigha village under Raha PS on Thursday night.

Sharp weapon injury marks were found on the neck, breast, and stomach of the victim, Parvee Saikia. When the neighbours reached the spot, the victim was found lying on the bed with deep slits on the throat.

During the investigation by the police, it was discovered that nothing was looted from the house, which led them to suspect a personal dispute as the reason. The husband of the woman was not at home when the murder took place, neighbours said.

According to police, the accused of the murder Nitul Saikia, an youth aged about 35 and a neighbour of the deceased woman, fled from the spot after committing the crime.

Meanwhile, search operation is on to nab the accused and further investigation into the matter is under way.

Karbi Anglong
BJP leader killed in mishap
CORRESPONDENT

DIPHUP, July 21: Padma Maibongsa, a senior BJP leader who was the BJP vice president of East Karbi Anglong district was killed in a road accident here in a raid on Wednesday night, around 60 km away from Diphup. Maibongsa died on the spot while two others sustained serious injuries.

The two seriously injured co-passengers have been identified as Ram Baruha a retired forest ranger and DN Sonowal a resident of Golaghat.

According to sources, the 'Wagon R' in which they were travelling in hit a tree nearby the NH-36. State BJP president, Ranjit Kumar Das along with four MLAs Sum Ronhang, Joyram Englela, Dr Mansing Rongia and the newly-elected MACs and many well-wishers rushed to Maibongsa's residence situated at Diphup on hearing the news.

BJP workers and leaders of both East and West Karbi Anglong have condoled his demise.

It may be mentioned here that Maibongsa was involved with different social works. He contested as an MLA from Diphup constituency on a BJP ticket in 2011.

Academic meet
CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, July 21: The inter-school summer academic programme organised by Dergao AASU in association with its central unit of Dergao concluded recently.

The programme organised from July 7 was participated by several students of Dergao schools. The closing ceremony chaired by the president of Dergao AASU Polash Bora was held at Dergao Girls' HS School and was attended by several noted individuals along with students and guardians. The objective of the meeting was explained by the secretary of Dergao AASU Milonjyoti Khataniar while the adviser Deep Barakar explained the different aspects of the summer programme.

The open meeting of the closing ceremony was addressed by noted social worker Atul Goswami, the secretary of Dergao Journalists' Association Bichitra Bhushan Kalita, Director of Proficient Career Counselling Dergao Sanjoy Kr Hazarika, president of Dergao Sahitya Sabha Nurul Sultan, teacher Rajen Puji and AASU leader Abhiratan Goswami. The meeting was also attended by Eben Hazarika, Ramesh Sarma, Boni Ahmed, Abduba Siddiki, Rajib Sarma, Madhuriya Mohan Hazarika among others.

In the programme science model, quiz, essay, debating, art, extempore speech competitions were held.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal distributing free LPG connection to beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Mahmora Konwargaon in Charaideo district, on Friday. — UB Photos

Statue of martyr Subhash Sarma unveiled

CORRESPONDENT

NALBARI, July 21: AASU adviser Dr Samujal Kumar Bhattacharya on Monday formally unveiled the statue of Subhash Sarma, a martyr of the Assam Movement in a function held at Swahid Sabha.

Sarma High School premises on the occasion of the 33rd death anniversary of the martyr.

The statue of the martyr of the Assam Movement was constructed by his two brothers, Rakesh Sarma and Pradip Sarma with the fund pro-

vided by the government to the martyr's family. It is the first instance of construction of a statue of a martyr of the Assam Movement by his family members.

Unveiling the statue, Dr Bhattacharya saluted the family members for their noble effort. The AASU leader said that they won't allow the sacrifices made by the 855 martyrs of the Assam Movement to go in vain.

Terming the Assam Accord as a national commitment, he lamented the fact that even after 33 years of signing of the

accord, its clauses have not been fulfilled. He called upon the Central as well as the State government to safeguard the interests of indigenous peoples of the State.

The meeting presided over by Dr Pramathesh Bhattacharya, professor of Dibrugarh University was addressed, among others, by Dr Basanta Kumar Bhattacharya, former president of Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha, Sikhar Kumar Sarma of Cotton State University and Himan Barman, organising secretary of AASU.

The Assam Movement was

constructed by his two brothers, Rakesh Sarma and Pradip Sarma with the fund pro-

vided by the government to the martyr's family. It is the first instance of construction of a statue of a martyr of the Assam Movement by his family members.

Unveiling the statue, Dr Bhattacharya saluted the family members for their noble effort. The AASU leader said that they won't allow the sacrifices made by the 855 martyrs of the Assam Movement to go in vain.

Terming the Assam Accord as a national commitment, he lamented the fact that even af-

ter 33 years of signing of the

accord, its clauses have not been fulfilled. He called upon the Central as well as the State government to safeguard the interests of indigenous peoples of the State.

The meeting presided over by Dr Pramathesh Bhattacharya, professor of Dibrugarh University was addressed, among others, by Dr Basanta Kumar Bhattacharya, former president of Nalbari Zila Sahitya Sabha, Sikhar Kumar Sarma of Cotton State University and Himan Barman, organising secretary of AASU.

The Assam Movement was

constructed by his two brothers, Rakesh Sarma and Pradip Sarma with the fund pro-

Dhemaji flood situation reviewed

CORRESPONDENT

DHEMAMI, July 21: The Joint Secretariat, Planning and Development Department, Assam, MS Manivannan reviewed the flood situation of Dhemaji district recently. In this regard, a discussion was organised at the DC's Conference Hall here in the presence of the DC, Mr. Ranjan Das.

In the discussion, Manivannan took stock of the flood situation of Dhemaji district. The Deputy Commissioner of Dhemaji, Rosmini Aparanji Korati informed the Joint Secretary about the effective and expeditious measures taken by the Dhemaji district administration to reach out to the flood-affected people in the district.

The Joint Secretary, in the discourse, instructed the Dhemaji DC to take all possible measures for the help and rescue of the flood-affected people. He directed the Circle Officers in the district to take necessary steps so that every flood-affected family in the district is provided relief material. He also directed the PWD officials and DRDA authority of the district to take steps for repairing the bridges and roads damaged by flood in the district. In this matter, he specially stressed on rapid repair of the Tenaganga Bridge. He also instructed the authorities to construct bamboo bridges at some places if necessary to restore the communication at an early date.

The State Secretary of the concerned department further directed the Health Department of the district to take appropriate steps for preventing diseases from spreading in the flood-affected areas by holding medical camps. He also stressed that

farmers in the flood-affected areas should be provided quality seeds for cultivation.

Foundation stone laid: Rs 10 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of a two-classroom building of Sankardew Shishu Bidya Niketon, Machikhawa in Dhemaji from the MLA's Constituency Development Fund. Dhemaji, Dr Ranjan Pegu, MLA, Dhemaji LAC, laid the foundation stone of the niketon building recently amidst a large gathering. At the same time, he also laid the foundation of the permanent gate of the niketon to be constructed with the donation offered by Hem Chandra Dutta, president, managing committee of the institution.

Later, a meeting was also held in the niketon on the occasion. The meeting, chaired by retired teacher Ambeswar Dutta Phukan was initiated by Dilip Dutta, senior acharya of the niketon.

Addressing the meeting, MLA Pegu gave importance in imparting quality education in the schools. He also lauded the excellent results done by the niketon in the bygone years and called upon the people to extend helpful hands for its development.

The meeting was also addressed by advocate Jugal Buragohain, lecturer Dulal Dutta and the headmaster of Machikhawa Town High School, Gobin Dutta. Tuhimoni Boruah, Pradip Acharya of the niketon thanked the MLA in the meeting for his favour of granting an amount of Rs 10 lakh to the institution while Hem Chandra Dutta offered the vote of thanks. It may be mentioned here that retired teacher Ambeswar Dutta Phukan promised in the meeting that he would pay Rs 200 per month to the niketon from his pension for its development.

Demand to start daily intercity trains from Silchar

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, July 21: Even as the NF Railways must consider allotment of intercity trains to ply from Silchar everyday," he expressed disappointment over the excess fares charged from passengers seeking tickets to travel by the special train.

Interestingly, Roy, who is also the spokesperson of the State BJP said, "it is surprising to see that the Minister of Railways Rajen Gohar has not visited Barak Valley even once after assuming

responsibilities of the department."

Rs 1.92 lakh looted: A person escaped with cash of Rs 1.92 lakh from an open cash counter of a branch of State Bank of India in Lakhimpur subdivision of Cachar district on Thursday.

Sonowal informed that according to the CCTV footage available from the bank, two others were seen with the alleged person while he was picking up cash from the drawer of the cash counter in the absence of the bank officials.

64th Bn SSB celebrates Raising Day

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, July 21: The 64th Bn SSB stationed at Adabari battalion headquarters in Kokrajhar district on Monday celebrated its 4th raising day in a befitting manner.

On the occasion, stalls with traditional regional varieties of food cuisines across India were displayed. Personnel of the unit also conducted indoor and outdoor games. A cultural night was

also held on the occasion.

Bhanu Upadhyay, IG SSB, inaugurated the celebration and appreciated the unit's efforts and progress in the realm of insurgency and border guarding duties.

PC Basith, the incumbent unit head of the 64th Bn SSB speaking on the occasion briefed about the history of the unit since its inception till date. At the same time, he remarked about the yearmen's service of the jawan in the making of India and assured the contribution

of the unit in future with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Bikramanda Choudhury, Deputy Commissioner Kokrajhar, Rajen Sing, SP Kokrajhar, Col Jaivir Singh, Co. 3rd Raput, MM Boro, Co 7th APBn among others attended the programme.

It may be mentioned here that the 64th Bn Sashastra Seema Bal is currently deployed in BTAD area of Kokrajhar district, performing border guarding duties along the Indo-Bhutan border.

The experts of the IIT Roorkee made the above recommendations in their final report of a study on Brahmaputra erosion (Study of Brahmaputra River Erosion and its Control), which was prepared for the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of India and completed in May 2012.

They observed that data analysis and computer simulation studies conducted in the study have concisely brought out that the prime causative factor of stream bank erosion vis-à-vis channel instability process of the Brahmaputra is the inherent "sediment overloading" of the river's fluvial (stream-related) system, accompanied by the intensification of its channel braiding patterns.

They also suggested creation of a comprehensive data base comprising all pertinent data and information using the latest data management system and establishment

Checking bank erosion

of an autonomous well-equipped research and development centre. This centre should be manned by highly competent people for conducting applied research in an advanced manner.

The recommendations of the IIT Roorkee experts are relevant in the present day context. After the recession of the floodwaters, the Brahmaputra and many of its tributaries

Sonowal urges farmers to usher in green revolution

CORRESPONDENT

SONARI, July 21: Participating in 'Na-Bhu Ruwa Ut-sav' at Mahmora Konwargaon under Charaideo district today, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal urged the farmers to usher in a green revolution in Assam by cultivating two to three crops in a year. For the first time in Assam through the 'Na-Bhu Ruwa Ut-sav' (starting of plantation of crop for the season) about 1000 bighas of agricultural land was planted today by more than 500 women in Mahmora Konwargaon un-

der Mahmora LAC.

Addressing the gathering, Sonowal appealed to the farmers to make Assam the number 1 State in India through agricultural production. He assured farmers that they would get the best prices of their produce and that every village would get one tractor each to cultivate in a scientific method.

Coming down heavily on corruption, Sonowal urged the gathering not to give a single paisa as bribe in any office and asserted his government's commitment for a corruption-free administration from the Chief Minister's office to pan-

chayat office, from DGP's office to OC level PS in the State.

Sonowal said that the Assam Government would spend Rs 30 crore for Chief Minister's Samagri Gram Unmukt Yojana and reiterate his commitment to develop all the villages of Assam within five years. He said 10 crore saplings would be planted to make Assam a pollution-free State. He distributed power tillers, myadi patra land, Kisan Credit Cards, LPG connections under the Prime Minister's Ujjwala Yojana to the beneficiaries of Mahmora LAC.

Diphu Town Committee turns RF patch into garbage dump

KAMAL KUMAR BRAHMA

DIPHU, July 21: Diphu Town Committee which is plagued by scores of alleged illegal activities which includes deceitful tax collection keeping the town in an unhygienic condition, not cleaning the drains and drinking water sources, asymmetrical payment to the scavenging staffs etc., has drawn the flak of the locals of the villagers of Panbari, Saraldi, Dhalai, Hatiampi etc., situated on the Diphu-Dhansiri road.

The Diphu Town Committee has lately turned a large portion of a reserve forest into a garbage dump and dumps several tons of waste every day. The forest

land is full of vegetation and is enclosed by several tribal villages. A considerable number of wildlife is also present in that patch of forest as the jungle is a contiguous part of the Dhanbari Reserve Forest and is under the jurisdiction of the Central Range Diphu.

Diphu Town Committee fashioned open-air garbage dump has not only polluted the whole neighbourhood but has posed a major threat to both human and animal life. On top of dumping filth and garbage, the DTC sometimes burns the dumped waste. The horrendous and dreadful stink produced by the blazing garbage turns the whole area into a living hell. During

monsoons, filthy water drains out from the garbage dump and seeps into the natural water bodies like hilly streams close to the area. The contaminated water has also badly affected the cultivable lands of the nearby villages.

"The rural community has to breathe in the stink of the refuse of the people of Diphu town. We are humans like them and we have the same health issues by inhaling the foul-smelling stench and the smoke of the burned filth many of us have developed respiratory ailment. If the dump is not shifted from here, soon other environment-related problems will crop up" a villager told this correspondent.

Operation Muskan-III launched in Biswanath

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIALL, July 21: In accordance with the directives of the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Home and Political Department at Diphu, the district administration of Biswanath constituted two rescue teams, namely rescue team of Biswanath and Gohpur areas recently to launch Operation Muskan-III.

It is a joint operation by officers from the district administration, Labour Department, Education, Health, Police, Social Welfare, Child Protection Unit, GP members and NGOs. The operation will be on for the entire month and is a rehabilitation and rescue operation

for missing children.

Rescue and awareness operations were first conducted on July 5 in the Biswanath team at Biswanath Railway Station and the town areas. Again on July 7, rescue and awareness programmes were carried out by the Gohpur team in Gohpur town, Hawaian and Galigam. On that day, three children were rescued and then safely returned to their parents.

On July 12, rescue and rehabilitation was done by the Biswanath team at Borgang, Bedeti, Gingia and Behali tea gardens. On that day, the team rescued four children who were subsequently returned to their parents and respective guardians.



Local people busy in repairing the embankment of Kukurajan river with bamboo fencing, which was breached recently, in Gohpur on Friday. — UB Photos

Entry of sediment to Brahmaputra should be controlled: study

AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, July 21: A team of experts of the Department of Water Resources Development and Management of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has suggested that entry of sediment to the Brahmaputra should be scrupulously controlled, through comprehensive watershed management as well as development programme to check bank erosion by the mighty river.

Besides, sustainable channelisation measures are also to be undertaken by effecting closure of the subsidiary channels of the river for the purpose, they said.

They also recommended creation of a

comprehensive data base comprising all pertinent data and information using the latest data management system and establishment

will now in the post-flood condition, start eroding their banks. Bank erosion by the rivers in the post-flood condition has emerged as a major problem for the people of this narrow valley for the past about six decades.

The IIT Roorkee experts said in one of their recommendations that cost-effective erosion control measures like the multi-level 'RCC Jack Jetty Flood System' along with submerged viaducts should be deployed as per the site condition feasibility.'

To start with, they said field pilot studies may be undertaken at two sites – near Sualukuchi in Kamrup district and near Bhuragun in Morigaon district. For this purpose, they said preliminary designs have been evolved.

They further said that due to the prevalent inadequacy of reliable and consistent field data, modelling in relation to erosion, sediment inflow and flood forecasting may have certain elements of inconsistencies and discrepancies. These may lead to fallacious prediction of the future scenario.

This situation, hence, urgently demands strengthening and upgrading of the existing data acquisition and processing infrastructure at the ground level of the agencies concerned, they said.

The IIT Roorkee experts, who conducted the study, included Prof Dr Nayan Sarma, Dr RD Garg, Archana Sarkar, Md Parvez Akhtar and Neeraj Kumar.

STATE

CM visits flood-affected areas in upper Assam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, July 21:

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today visited flood-affected areas of Dibrugarh, Charaideo and Sivasagar districts. He repeated his time tested plea that efforts will be on to find a lasting solution to

floods and erosion in the Barak and Brahmaputra valleys. Acknowledging that the flood-affected people have been subjected to various forms of hardships during and after the floods, the Chief Minister who visited the flood victims in Lezai Kalakatia area today said that permanent solutions are to all the

miseries will require time. "Just erecting an embankment may not be the solution. We will have to look for scientific solutions so that such calamities do not occur again and again. We need to carry out scientific studies of the Brahmaputra and all the major rivers that have been threatening the people in the state and

find permanent ways to tame them. This will consume some amount of time," he said.

The Chief Minister said that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi was demanding for proposals that can bring about permanent solutions to all calamities and miseries. "The state government is therefore

making efforts to make thorough study of all the burning problems of the state so as to submit them to the Centre for assistance.

The Namami Brahmaputra festival was one such event, which tried to explore the river and look for solutions to tame it," said Sonowal.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Sonari MLA Tana Gogoi, Lahoowal MLA Rituparna Baruah and Moran MLA Chakradhar Gogoi, and other government officials, heads of the various departments.

Earlier, MLA Chakradhar Gogoi in his welcome speech

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

Addl. Director General of Police (M & L), Assam Police Headquarters, Uluberi, Guwahati-781007, Assam invites Expression of Interest (EOI) through E Procurement Portal of Consultants' Firms / Entities / Joint Ventures / Consortium of Companies for Consultancy Services to prepare a Concept Paper, Detailed Project Report (DPR), Request for Proposal (RFP), Bid Process Management and Contract and Execution for upgradation of the existing Police Training College, Dergaon, Assam into a world class Police Academy.

To participate in the EOI through the portal, the bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class II (minimum) and will have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> themselves.

The bidder who have downloaded the EOI schedules containing the details, terms and conditions, from the portal shall submit their tender on-line on the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> with proof of payment of the non-refundable deposit fee of Rs. 20,000/- Two Hundreds only in the account of their drawn account of Assam Director, General of Police (M & L), Assam from an authorized/scheduled bank, payable at Guwahati. The EOI should be submitted on-line, as per the date and time of submission, prescribed in the schedule.

Sd/- Addl. Director General of Police (M & L),
Assamanyog/187/1/17
Uluberi, Guwahati.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No:G/C/14/1/2011-12/425/B
Sealed Tenders affixing non refundable court free stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight & paise twenty five only) are invited by the undersigned from Manufacturers/ Authorized Dealer/ Supplier for supply of PAPER Testing machinery & Equipment in connection with the Up-gradation of Quality Control Laboratory at Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21.

The quoted rate should be inclusive of all taxes as per norms, packing & forwarding, Installation & Commissioning, Calibration, Insurance & door delivery & relevant expenditure for completion of the works at the Laboratory situated at Industrial Estate, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21.

The tenders will be received by the undersigned upto 1.00 pm on 17th August, 2017 & the same will be opened at 3.00 PM on the same date & place in presence of the intending tenderers or their authorized representatives.

The tender documents along with Terms & Conditions, Supporting Documents to be submitted, Specification of Machinery & Equipment etc. can be collected from the office of the undersigned or can be downloaded from www.industriescon.assam.gov.in.

Sd/- Senior Quality Control Officer,
Dept. of Industries & Commerce, Assam,
Industrial Estate, Bamunimaidam, Ghy-21.
Assamanyog/187/1/17



School children drying books at Mudoibeed LP School after they were damaged in flood at Mudoibeed in Lakhimpur on Friday. - UB Photos

Govt sanctions Rs 1 cr for flood victims of Hailakandi dist

CORRESPONDENT

HALAKANDI, July 21:
The state government has sanctioned rupees one crore for the relief and rehabilitation of flood victims of Hailakandi district.

Informing this, the deputy commissioner of Hailakandi, Krishna Govinda Bhuya said that Barkhawar village is the worst sufferer of this year's flood in the district and maximum relief has been distributed in this area.

Bhuya said that the entire district has experienced 2,000 millimetres of rain in the month of June

alone while the similar quantity of rainfall occurred in entire year in 2013 in the district.

Bhuya said that 7,800 families have been affected due to flood in the district. He said that 710 houses have been totally destroyed and 30 concession houses have been partially damaged. Dibrusah has asked the PWD engineers to repair the damaged roads within seven days and said that there is no scarcity of fund for the repairing of the road damaged by flood.

Meanwhile, the divisional

commissioner of Barak Valley, Dr Anwar Uddin Choudhury visited the various flood-affected areas of Hailakandi district on Thursday along with the officials of the district administration. He visited Nimalandapur and the districts where 50 families have been seriously affected due to flood and erosion. He asked the district administration officials to provide relief to the people of the area. Later, he also inspected the affected areas of Algapur circle.

Lawyers' demand inclusion of Bodo language in judicial exam

CORRESPONDENT

KORAJAHAR, July 21:
The Bodo lawyers' of BTAD has today demanded inclusion of the Bodo language in the As-

sam Judicial Service (AJS) examinations conducted by the Government of Assam.

They urged the Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to take a cabinet de-

Deer, tortoises raised by contractor in Karbi Anglong farm house



STAFF REPORTER

Only a lady caretaker was there in the farm house at the time of the incident. Rongpui has been summoned by the WCCB to its Guwahati office.

In the memorandum, they stated that the Bodo language has been used as an associate official language in BTAD since 2003. It was included in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution and so it ought to be included in any competitive examination in Assam

along with the Assamese language. But Government of Assam, as well as the Guwahati High Court, have been depriving the Bodos from their fundamental right. On the other hand, in the UPSC examinations, the Bodo language has got equal status with Assamese language, they said.

They further stated that the Bodo language is not included in the ensuing AJS examinations along with the Assamese language. But Government of Assam, medium candidates will not be able to clear it and will never get a chance to be judicial officers which is very unfortunate for the entire Bodo community, they alleged.

The Bodo language is not included in the ensuing AJS examinations along with the Assamese language. But Government of Assam, medium candidates will not be able to clear it and will never get a chance to be judicial officers which is very unfortunate for the entire Bodo community, they alleged.

In the ensuing AJS examinations along with the Assamese language, but Government of Assam, medium candidates will not be able to clear it and will never get a chance to be judicial officers which is very unfortunate for the entire Bodo community, they alleged.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of forms : 17th July to 3rd August (Submission of forms at Department of Economics)
- Written Test : 7th August, 2017 at Department of Business Administration
- GD & PI : 9th August, 2017 at Department of Business Administration
- Publication of List : 11th August, 2017 (after 5 p.m.)
- Admission : 14th August, 2017
- Commencement of Class : 16th August, 2017

Sd/- Secretary, University Classes.

Office of the Assistant Director Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (MHA) Govt of India Dibrugarh

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited by the undersigned upto 04.8.2017 (1100 hrs.) towards the auction of condemned Old/Unserviceable items on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS'. Separate tenders shall be accepted for Sr. No. 1 and Sr. No. 2 (mentioned below) quoting price offered in figure and words accompanied by E.M.D. mentioned against each.

Sr. No.	Description of Items	Address of inspection "As is where is" basis	Earnest Money Deposit	Demand Draft particulars for EMD/ Bid money
1.	Dot Matrix Printer - 30, Photo Copier - 2, Battery Charging Set - 1, Laptop Charger - 17, Genset - 1, Fax Machine - 18, Inverter - 21, Tape Recorder - 5, Colour TV - 3, Black & White TV - 1, MCR - 5, Voice recorder - 3, Computer - 11, Computer Printer - 1, Scanner - 1, Film Roll Camera - 20, Digital Camera - 5, UPS - 10, Stabilizer - 16, Emergency Light cum battery Charger - 4, Secondary battery 180 Ah - 25, Secondary battery 150 Ah - 7, Secondary 88 Ah - 50, Secondary battery 80 Ah - 5, LHP-212-Z, HART-B-4	SBI Office near P&T Colony, J.P. Nagar, PO C.R. Building, Dibrugarh - 786003	Rs. 5000/-	DD/Banker's Cheque on SBI Main Branch, Dibrugarh, IFSC Code-SBIN0000071 in favour of D.O.O. SIB Dibrugarh.
2.	WIPRO PRINTER LX-800-12, SERVER ML-150-1	—Do—	Rs. 500/-	DD/Banker's Cheque on SBI Main Branch, Dibrugarh IFSC Code-SBIN0000071 in favour of Assistant Director, SIB Dibrugarh.

- N.B.:**
- 1) The items are open for inspection by the intending bidders during office hours on all working days.
 - 2) The tenders will be opened at 1200 hrs on 04.08.2017 at SBI office, Dibrugarh. Bidders are welcome to attend the drill.
 - 3) Winning tenders will be liable to receive and remove the items within 10 (ten) days after deposit of the full payment.
 - 4) Bidders should enclose notarized copy of the valid registration certificate from the State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board (or Ministry of environment and forest) for items at Sr. No. 1.
 - 5) Bidders must enclose self attested photocopy of valid ID proof with tender.
 - 6) Decision of undersigned on any issue will be treated as final.

Sd/-
Assistant Director.

WEATHER
NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thunder shower is very likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Thunder shower may likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh on July 23, over Assam and Meghalaya on July 22, 23 and 24 and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on July 22 and 23.

Temperatures :	
Max ('C)	Min ('C)
Dibrugarh	33.8
Tezpur	34.2
Silchar	34.4
Dhubri	31.1
Jorhat	34.3
N Lakhimpur	33.8
Shillong	24.9
Imphal	30.3
Majuli	33.8
Aizawl	30.4
Agartala	31.6
Kohima	25.0
Passighar	33.9
Cherrapunji	22.4
	18.0

Probe on into
Delhi Golf Club
incident

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 21: Alleged issue of a Khasi lady at Delhi Golf Club is under inquiry. Minister of State for Home Affairs, Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said in the Parliament.

Delhi Police has reported that a complaint regarding discrimination and insult of the Khasi woman at Delhi Golf Club was received by them and the matter is under enquiry.

"Measures taken by Delhi Police to ensure safety of the people, hailing from the Northeastern States, include Zero Tolerance Policy in respect of crime against the North East people, functioning of a Special Cell for the people to address the issues being faced by them", the Minister said.

Manipur Budget
session begins

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, July 21: The 2nd session of Manipur Assembly began here on Thursday with the presentation of the Budget Estimates for the year 2017-18 by Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh who also holds the Finance portfolio.

Stating that the total revenue receipts have shown an estimated increase from Rs 9,950.15 crore to Rs 11,090.25 crore, the Finance Minister said, "Our government is making efforts for enhancing State's revenue from various sectors."

Despite the sharp increase of 32 per cent in the salary component from previous financial year, the government is attaching high priority to restoring fiscal balance and creating the necessary fiscal space for capital expenditure, he added.

Earlier, Chief Minister N Biren Singh gave a statement on the natural calamity that occurred in the State since cyclone Mora arrived here during May-end.

The State Assembly also observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls who lost their lives in the worst flood in the State in last two decades.

Quota row: Mizoram Govt bows down to NGO demand

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, July 21: After a protest against inclusion of four Chakma students in the category I of Mizoram quota for MBBS/BDS turned violent on Thursday, Mizoram Government succumbed to the Mizo students' demand to cancel counselling programme for the selected students.

MZP leaders said a meeting with State Higher & Technical Education Minister and top officials that ended late evening yesterday agreed that allotment of MBBS/BDS seats be given to the first eleven students, all Mizos.

"It was agreed upon that the first eleven allotment of seats be given to

NORTH EAST
Zeliang wins trust vote
in Nagaland Assembly

CORRESPONDENT



DIMAPUR, July 21: Stepping into his second inning as Nagaland Chief Minister in a span of three years, TR Zeliang won the trust vote during an emergency session of the State Assembly today. Thirty-six NPP MLAs, seven Independents and four BJP legislators totaling 47 voted in favour of the motion moved by Zeliang while 10 NPP legislators and one Independent belonging to the camp of former Chief Minister Dr Shurhozelie Liezetsu voted against it in a House of 59.

Liezetsu was not present in the House as he is not a member of the Assembly.

After administering the oath of office to Zeliang on July 19, Nagaland Governor PB Acharya asked him to prove his majority on the floor of the House by July 22. However, the Chief Minister decided to prove his majority today and won it without any fuss.

During the emergent session, some MLAs debated on the issue of the two counter whips issued by the two groups in NPP. The Chief Minister replied point-by-point to their questions during the debate.

Kohima Bench of Gauhati High Court on July 14, contending that it was an "ex facie unconstitutional, illegal and arbitrary" order that violated the Constitution. The Court dismissed Liezetsu's petition on July 18 and left the matter to the wisdom of the Governor to take a decision. Following the verdict, the Governor had asked Liezetsu to prove his majority on July 19, but he failed to turn up in the House.

Meanwhile, as political uncertainty continues, Chief Minister Zeliang did not rule out merging with other political party if situation compelled. However, he ruled out merging with the newly formed Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) allegedly formed by former Chief Minister and now Lok Sabha MP Neiphiu Rio.

Zeliang, who was expelled from the Naga People's Front (NPF) 15 minutes after he was sworn in as new Chief Minister on July 19, said he will have to discuss the issue with his MLAs before taking any decision.

If at all opting for merger, BJP would be most viable for Zeliang and the party but party sources said most of the legislators do not want to join the saffron party.

Manipur MP demands flash
flood management policy for NE

SPL CORRESPONDENT

havoc in Imphal, Guwahati, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. The two lifelines of Manipur, NH-2 and NH-38 are cut completely, causing closure of movement of goods and passengers, the MP said.

Encroachment of natural water bodies in the valley areas in the name of modern development accompanied with shallow riverbeds appear to be some of the reasons for these flash floods, he observed. It is high time to have a dedicated flash flood management policy for the entire NE region and Manipur in particular," said Dr Meinya.

This time, the death toll due to flash floods and landslides in the Northeastern region has crossed 300 people, he said. Heavy monsoon rains, flash floods and landslides created

time when most of the people didn't know the North East.

"Now, the time has changed a lot. People of the country are very much aware about the existence of NE due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives", he said.

"If everybody works together, the BJP will surely support the government in 2018 by ending a long Marxist regime. I do believe, this time regime change is waiting to happen in Tripura", he added.

During the Marxist regime, Tripura is lagging behind in the field of agriculture, education, healthcare and job opportunity, he said, adding that there was a

Itanagar bandh
fails to evoke
response

ITANAGAR, July 21: The 12-hour bandh called hand by Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) today failed to evoke response with the common man in the twin capital cities of Itanagar and Naharlagun remaining engaged in their routine works.

There was, however, no report of any untoward incident from any part of the State, according to police.

Police personnel were deployed at key locations of the capital as a precautionary measure.

Markets, shopping malls remained open with public transport plying normally. Except some private educational institutions and SBI Itanagar branch, all other Government schools, colleges, offices and commercial establishments functioned normally.

Congress supporters tried to enforce the bandh by burning tyres. However, the security personnel removed the blazing tyres to clear the roads.

The district administration declared the bandh "illegal" and appealed to the people to go fearlessly about their normal routine life. – Correspondent

People of Tripura exhorted to see
other side of good governance

CORRESPONDENT

In Assam, development has gained ground after the BJP formed the government with new projects coming up one after another, he said while addressing a rally—Sab Ka Saath Sab Ka Vikash, a flagship programme of BJP-led Central Government, in front of Rabindra Bhawan here.

During the Marxist regime, Tripura is lagging behind in the field of agriculture, education, healthcare and job opportunity, he said, adding that there was a

time when most of the people didn't know the North East.

"Now, the time has changed a lot. People of the country are very much aware about the existence of NE due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives", he said.

"If everybody works together, the BJP will surely support the government in 2018 by ending a long Marxist regime. I do believe, this time regime change is waiting to happen in Tripura", he added.



Winners of the annual Air Force Wives Welfare Association decolouration competition at headquarters of Eastern Air Command at upper Shillong on Friday. – UB Photos

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

1 killed, 5 hurt in
Tripura clashes

TRIPURA, July 21: A school teacher was killed and five others injured in separate clashes between activists of CPI(M) and BJP police clashing in which three persons were injured, Dhaliati Lal Singh Meena said.

A CPI-M activist and a BJP supporter had a drunken brawl in the local market on Wednesday night following which CPI(M) and BJP supporters clashed in which three persons were injured, Dhaliati Lal Singh Meena said.

On receipt of the news, a group of BJP activists started moving from Manu, about 10 km from here, to target the CPI(M) activists, the SP said.

The BJP supporters were resisted by a police contingent.

The BJP then clashed with the police and CPI-M activists present there, in which the officer-in-charge of Manu police station and a CPI-M activist were injured.

In another incident, a group of BJP activists attacked Babu Majumder, a school teacher, at Chaiselingta injuring him seriously. Majumder, who was a CPI(M) supporter, succumbed to his injuries at hospital yesterday.

Meghalaya Govt
flayed by rebel outfit

CORRESPONDENT

TURA, July 21: After waiting for over two years for the government to live up to its promise of a rehabilitation package, the Achik Matrik Elite Force (AMEF) has questioned the Meghalaya Government's seriousness in living up to its promise of rehabilitation for those that have laid down arms.

"Several rebel outfits have responded to the call of the government and had come forward to follow the path of peace. However, the government has not been sincere in living up to its promises to provide financial support to these organisations as was promised. The situation has forced us to think that the government is not committed to fulfil the promises and ensure sustained peace in Achik (Garo Hills) land," said the former AMEF chairman Sengian Arengch.

No. MAC05/1617/10-2016/

PRESS NOTICE

The Principal Secretary, Mising Autonomous Council, Gogamukh, Dhemaji, Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids with Price Rs. 1,34,05,772.00 for the work 'Development of Dony Polo cultural complex' with a validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the date of opening of the tender from registered PWD(Bid.) and MAC Contractor/Firm / Pvt. Limited Co. Class-I (A & C). Details of the bids and Detail Notice Inviting Bid may be seen in the Mising Autonomous Council portal assamtenders.gov.in.

The Bidders must be registered with the E-tendering system (ETS) of the Govt. of Assam. (website.assamtenders.gov.in) All terms and conditions will be as per the Bidding Documents.

The Press Notice will be a part of the Bidding Documents.

Sd/- Principal Secretary,
Mising Autonomous Council,
Gogamukh, Dhemaji, Assam.

Janasanyog/892/17

No. MAC05/1617/10-2016/

PRESS NOTICE

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

Sl. No	Name of Project	Approx. Value of Work	Bid Security	Bid Security Drawn in favour of	Time of Completion	Cost of Bid Document
1	Construction of Auditorium at Borgosh in Kamrup District under United Fund (State Specific Fund) during the year 2016-17	Rs. 2,00,000.00 for General Category & Rs. 1,00,000.00 for reserved category	EE, PWD, Guwahati Building Division-II, Dispur, Guwahati-6	06 (six) months	Rs. 3,000.00	

Note:- 1. Any modification of tender may be seen in the PWD portal www.assamtenders.gov.in.

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

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PWD
Guwahati Building Circle-II,
Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

No ATDC/CS451/2016/

PRESS NOTICE (QCBS)

Managing Director, Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Paltanbazar, Guwahati - 8 invite Bids for the following works from the contractor registered under ATDC Ltd. in appropriate category having experience in similar nature of works.

Sl. No	State / No package	Name of work	Approx. value of work (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Bid security (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Class of Bidder
1	Assam - ATDC E00_19	Development and Beautification of Historic Places of Habua, Dhemaji District (under Chief Minister special package at Dhemaji District).	1,33,16,051.00	12 (twelve) months	2,66,361.00	5,000.00	Class—I (A & B)

Details of the Bid may be seen at e-procurement portal www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 11.00 AM of 05.08.2017 to 2.00 PM of 11.08.2017.

The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director
Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd.

SITUATION VACANT

Application are invited from the intending candidates for filling up the following sanctioned vacant posts are lying vacant in the Office of the Treasury Officer, Tinsukia Treasury Establishment. The applications must be submitted in the standard form of application as published in the Assam Gazette in part-IX along with the supporting documents of Educational Qualification and other testimonials etc.

Sl. No.	Name & No. of posts to be filled up	Category of posts	Educational qualification	Scale of pay
1.	Junior Accounts Assistant 11 (Eleven) Nos.	SC-1 ST(P)-1 UR-9	(a) Candidate shall be a Graduate from University or P.M. Grade pay (b) To be deemed as a University Grants Commission Act-1956	14000-49000 P.M. Grade pay 7400 P.M.
2.	Grade-IV (Peon) 3 (three) Nos.	UR3	Minimum Qualification shall be read up to class-VIII	12000-37500 P.M. Grade pay 3800 P.M.
3.			Candidate must be an Indian citizen as defined in Articles 5 to 8 of the constitution of India.	
4.			Caste / Tribe certificate issued by the competent authority must be accompanied with the application.	
5.			Age: Minimum 18 (Eighteen) and Max 38 years for General candidates and 5 years relaxation for SC, ST(P), ST(H) and ST(D) candidates as on 01/01/2017. Age proof supporting documents must be submitted along with the application.	
6.			Candidates already in service should apply through proper channel.	
7.			Candidates for the post of – Junior Accounts Assistant will have to appear in a written examination comprising General English, General Mathematics and General Knowledge of 100 Marks each subject. Qualifying candidates will have to appear in computer test.	
8.			Candidates for the post of Grade IV (peon) will have to appear in Oral interview.	
9.			The selected candidates have to submit an undertaking to appointing Authority that will abide by the conditions of the Post under the Pay Commission Scheme rule of the Govt. vide Finance Deptt. Letter No. BW/2003/01-1/r dd. 25/01/2005.	
10.			Application must be accompanied with the following	
			(a) Self attested copies of certificate/diploma etc. in support of the Educational Qualification must be accompanied with the application.	
			(b) Three(3) copies of recent passport size photograph duly attested by a Gazetted Officer must be enclosed with the application. The name of the candidates must be written on the reverse side of the photograph.	
			(c) One (1) self addressed envelope of 5cm x 11 cm size affixing postal stamp of Rs. 10/- only must be enclosed.	
			(d) Name of the Post applied for must be written on the top of the application form.	
			(e) Incomplete/defective/invalid application will be summarily rejected.	
			(f) Copy of Employment Exchange registration card must be accompanied with the application.	
			(g) Any loss of application/ postal delay in delivery of calling letter, the undersigned will not be held responsible.	
			(h) The appointment shall be made after keeping the consideration of Reservation of vacancies for SC, ST(P), ST(H) and women as per Govt. guideline.	
			(i) The application must be submitted to The Treasury Officer, Tinsukia Treasury, P.O. Tinsukia, Dist. Tinsukia (Assam) 786125.	
			(j) Last date for submission of application 10/08/2017 up to 5 P.M.	
			No application will be accepted after the last date of submission of application.	

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Tinsukia.

Gold imports up

NEW DELHI, July 21: The country's gold imports more than doubled to USD 11.25 billion during the first quarter of this fiscal, driven by seasonal and festival demand.

Gold imports stood at USD 4.9 billion in April-June 2016-17, according to the data of the Commerce Ministry. Increase in the imports influences India's current account deficit (CAD).

In June this year, the imports of the precious metal had risen to USD 2.45 billion from USD 1.20 billion in the same month previous year.

Surge in gold imports in June contributed to the widening of trade deficit to USD 12.96 billion as against USD 8.11 in June 2016.

Silver imports in June, however, dipped by 28.6 per cent to USD 178 million. India is the world's second- biggest gold consumer after China. The imports mainly take care of demand by the jewellery industry.

At present, gold import attracts 10 per cent duty. The gems and jewellery industry along with the commerce ministry have time and again urged the finance ministry to consider a cut in the import duty.

During April to December period of last fiscal ended March 31, the current account deficit halved to 0.7 per cent, from 1.4 per cent a year ago. The surge in gold imports in June is an account of low base effect. - PTI

Reliance net profit jumped 10,000-fold in 40 years: Mukesh



Chairman of Reliance Industries Mukesh Ambani, along with his wife Neeta Ambani, at the 40th annual general meeting (AGM) of the company in Mumbai on Friday. - UNI

MUMBAI, July 21: Charting out the long journey by Reliance Industries (RIL) since it was founded by his father Dhirubhai Ambani in 1977, Chairman Mukesh Ambani said on Friday that its net profit index had jumped 10,000 times during the period.

Describing how from its beginning as a textiles start-up, the RIL has now created "multiple growth engines", Ambani told shareholders at the 40th annual general meeting (AGM) here that the company's "net profit went from Rs 3 crore to Rs 30,000 crore" during the period.

RIL's market capitalisation has grown from Rs 10 crore in 1977, to over Rs 5 lakh crore now, at a compound annual growth rate

"In the next level, we are very focussed in terms of giving fixed line connectivity to both home and enterprise," Ambani said, answering the shareholder queries at the company's 40th annual general meeting here.

Earlier, he said Jio is targeting to expand its wireless network to cover 99 per cent of the country's population in the next 12 months which will make sure that the 4G coverage in the country is more than the 2G one. - PTI

MUMBAI, July 21: Reliance Industries' chairman Mukesh Ambani today said rolling out fixed line services will be the next focus area for the company's telecom services arm, Reliance Jio, after the wireless expansion.

At the AGM, RIL also announced a 1:1 bonus issue, implying shareholders will get 1 bonus share for every one share held. - IANS

Jio to launch fixed line service

MUMBAI, July 21: Reliance Industries' chairman Mukesh Ambani today said rolling out fixed line services will be the next focus area for the company's telecom services arm, Reliance Jio, after the wireless expansion.

"In the next level, we are very focussed in terms of giving fixed line connectivity to both home and enterprise," Ambani said, answering the shareholder queries at the company's 40th annual general meeting here.

Earlier, he said Jio is targeting to expand its wireless network to cover 99 per cent of the country's population in the next 12 months which will make sure that the 4G coverage in the country is more than the 2G one. - PTI

FM launches pension plan for senior citizens

NEW DELHI, July 21: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Friday formally launched a pension scheme for the senior citizens with an assured return rate of 8 per cent, favouring security with social security.

"Banks have to lend at feasible rates, while senior citizens want secure, reasonable, unfluctuating return on their investment," Jaitley said here launching the pension scheme - Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVY).

The PMVY is a pension scheme announced by the government exclusively for the senior citizens aged 60 years and above, which is open for subscription between May 4, 2017 and May 3, 2018. It provides an assured return of 8 per cent per annum payable monthly for 10 years.

"We have to maintain a critical balance between efficiency and social security," Jaitley said.

The scheme can be purchased offline as well as online through Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which has been given the sole privilege to operate this scheme.

"Since the launch of scheme on May 4, it has already been subscribed 58,152 times so far and Rs 2,705.04 crore premium has also been collected," the LIC said.

The scheme is exempted from the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

On survival of the pensioner till the end of the policy term of 10 years, purchase price along with final pension instalment shall be payable.

Loan up to 75 per cent of the subscription amount shall be allowed after three policy years (to meet the liquidity needs).

Loan interest shall be recovered from the pension instalments and the principal from the claim proceeds. - IANS

I-T dept detects over Rs 19,000 cr black money

NEW DELHI, July 21: The Income Tax department has detected over Rs 19,000 crore in black money following investigation into global leakages including HSBC account holders in Switzerland, the government said today.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said investigations into information, put into public domain by the ICJU, pertaining to about 700 Indian persons allegedly linked to offshore entities based in no tax or low tax jurisdiction, have led to detection of more than Rs 11,010 crore of credits in undisclosed foreign accounts.

"72 prosecution complaints in 31 such cases have been filed before the criminal courts," he informed the Lok Sabha.

The government constituted a multi-agency group (MAG) in April 2016 for facilitation co-ordinated and speedy

investigation in the cases of Indian persons allegedly having undisclosed foreign assets and whose names were reportedly included in Panama papers leak.

He further said that information on 628 Indian persons holding bank accounts in HSBC bank in Switzerland was received from the government of France under the Double Tax Avoidance Convention (DTAC) between India and France.

As a result of systematic investigation in these cases, undisclosed income of about Rs 8,437 crore was recovered till May 2017.

"Besides, concealment penalty of Rs 1,287 crore was levied in 182 cases and 190 criminal prosecution complaints were filed in 84 cases," Jaitley pointed out.

He noted however that the

information received under the tax treaties can be used for tax purposes and its disclosure is governed by the confidentiality provisions of such treaties.

Replying to a query, whether the government has made any assessment of black money stashies by Indians in foreign countries, Jaitley said there is no official estimation of that.

However, he said, the government had commissioned a study on estimation of unaccounted income and wealth inside and outside the country to be conducted by NIPFP, NIFM and NCAER.

"The reports of these institutions and the government's response on the findings in the reports would be placed before the Standing Committee on Finance shortly," he added. - PTI

He noted however that the



CEO of Mercedes-Benz India Roland Folger and senior officials of the company during the launch of 'AMG GLC 43' in New Delhi on Friday. - UNI

GST Council may review rates on textiles, hybrid cars: CBEC

NEW DELHI, July 21: Central Board of Excise and Customs Chairperson Vanaja Sarva on Friday said the next Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meet, scheduled on August 5, is likely to review the tax rates on textiles and hybrid cars.

"August 5 is still a little away. Different issues will be coming to the table. Things that have been brought to our notice, may be on the rules and the implementation, may be even on the rates, possibly textiles and hybrid cars," Sarva said here on the sidelines of the conference on 'Trade Facilitation Agreement: Learning from Implementation Experiences'.

The conference was jointly organised by CBEC and industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

"Whatever has been raised and is justified will be taken up. When you roll out something as mammoth as the GST, it would say you will always find problems, probably coming in till six months or a year, you will find issues that come up," Sarva said.

The industry has been opposing 43 per cent GST on hybrid cars - 15 per cent levy over the 28 per cent GST rate.

The textiles industry is also demanding a roll-back of the 5 per cent GST levy on the sector, which was earlier exempt under the previous indirect tax regime.

On the revenue implications under the GST, the CBEC Chief said: "We are watching the revenue trends after the roll-out of the GST. But the real positions will be known after returns are filed. So, we will

have to wait for those returns to be filed. We will have to wait till post-September 5 when actually first returns come in because till then it is like a tentative return."

Sarva also said that the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) has recently adopted a 76-point National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP), which is a reflection of the government's commitment to implement the WTO's historic Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley released the NTFAP at an event here on Thursday.

The NTFAP aims to transform the cross-border clearance systems through efficient, transparent, co-ordinated, digital technology driven procedures, which are supported by advanced sea ports, airports, and land borders. - IANS

TRAI turns down floor pricing proposal

NEW DELHI, July 21: The Indian telecom regulator on Friday turned down the proposal of incumbent telecom players to fix a floor price for both voice and data services said it did not seem to be a "workable idea".

"We had a detailed discussion with industry stakeholders for two hours. Fixing a floor price was not a workable idea. Prices will continue under the principles of forbearance like now," Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Chairman RS Sharma told reporters after the meeting.

From 3,500 employees in 1997, RIL has now a total staff strength of 250,000 worldwide, he added.

At the AGM, RIL also announced a 1:1 bonus issue, implying shareholders will get 1 bonus share for every one share held. - IANS

He further clarified that there was a consensus that there is no need to pursue this idea of floor price anymore.

On June 15, the telecom industry stakeholders had suggested to TRAI to fix floor prices

for voice and data. - IANS

Jio to launch fixed line service

MUMBAI, July 21: Reliance Industries' chairman Mukesh Ambani today said rolling out fixed line services will be the next focus area for the company's telecom services arm, Reliance Jio, after the wireless expansion.

"In the next level, we are very focussed in terms of giving fixed line connectivity to both home and enterprise," Ambani said, answering the shareholder queries at the company's 40th annual general meeting here.

Earlier, he said Jio is targeting to expand its wireless network to cover 99 per cent of the country's population in the next 12 months which will make sure that the 4G coverage in the country is more than the 2G one. - PTI

At the AGM, RIL also announced a 1:1 bonus issue, implying shareholders will get 1 bonus share for every one share held. - IANS

Information received under the tax treaties can be used for tax purposes and its disclosure is governed by the confidentiality provisions of such treaties.

Replying to a query, whether the government has made any assessment of black money stashies by Indians in foreign countries, Jaitley said there is no official estimation of that.

However, he said, the government had commissioned a study on estimation of unaccounted income and wealth inside and outside the country to be conducted by NIPFP, NIFM and NCAER.

"The reports of these institutions and the government's response on the findings in the reports would be placed before the Standing Committee on Finance shortly," he added. - PTI

He noted however that the

Bank of Baroda signs MoU

NEW DELHI, July 21: Bank of Baroda has entered into an agreement with Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGSD) for extending various banking services to Government e-Marketplace (GeM). DGSD has been mandated to set up GeM as an initiative intended to bring greater transparency and efficiency in public procurements, BoB said in a statement today. The relationship of the bank with GeM will immensely benefit all the stakeholders and ensure a support system, including a dedicated team for seamless functioning of the portal, it said. - PTI

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CABINET SECRETARIAT

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post on deputation/e-employment basis as mentioned below:

Post s	Pay Scale
1. Deputy Secretary (Telecommunication) (06 posts)	PB-3Rs. 18,000-39,100 with Grade Pay Rs. 7,600/- (Pre-revised)
	Corresponding to Level 12 of the revised pay matrix

Note:-
i. The above posts also carry 20% special allowance on Basic Pay drawn plus deputation allowance as admissible.
ii. For further details, please see Employment News dated 22.07.2017. davy 58101/11/0021/1718

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA

Rajya Sabha Secretariat

Recruitment Cell

(Advt. No. 1/2017)

OPENING DATE: 25th July, 2017

CLOSING DATE: 18th August, 2017

ONLINE applications from eligible Indian citizens are invited for filling up posts of Parliamentary Interpreter (English/Hindi, Odia), Assistant Legislative /Committee/ Protocol/ Executive Officer, Stenographer (English), Security Assistant Gr.II, Secretariat Assistant (English, Hindi & Urdu), Translator and Proof Reader in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Detailed advertisement is available on Rajya Sabha website: <http://rajyasabha.nic.in>. Only online applications through the aforesaid Website would be accepted. davy 31103/11/0002/1718

INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL

8th Floor, NBCC Centre, Plot No.-2,
Community Centre
Okhla Phase-I, New Delhi-110020

वरातीय एवं परिवार सेवा कामियान में स्थान सार्वजनिक नियम
Statutory Body under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

F No.1-6/Advt/2017

NOTICE

It has come to the notice of the Indian Nursing Council that a number of Nursing Institutions are functioning on the strength of recognition obtained from the State Nursing Councils and the affiliation granted to them by the concerned University without seeking/obtaining recognition/approval from the Indian Nursing Council (INC). The recognitions obtained by students from such institutions which are not recognized by the Indian Nursing Council, will not entitle the students to register themselves as Nurses/Midwives outside the particular State.

In view of this, all students aspiring to pursue any course in nursing and intend to practice in any part of the country should first ensure that the particular institution, which they intend to join, has been recognized/approved by the Indian Nursing Council. The list of recognized institute by INC for admission for 2017-18 academic year is available on the website: www.indiannursingcouncil.org under list of recognized institute for respective programmes.

Issued in Public Interest
By Indian Nursing Council

OFFICER ENTRIES

1. Applications are invited for the following courses:-

- (a) Short Service Commission (NT) NCC Special Entry Scheme 43rd Course Apr 2018 for Men & Women (including Wards of Battle Casualties of Army personnel).
- (b) Short Service Commission (NT) JAG Entry Scheme 20th Course (Men & Women) Apr 2018 course for Law Graduates.
- (c) 50th Short Service Commission (Tech) Men and 21st Short Service Commission (Tech) Women Courses commencing in Apr 2018.

2. Online applications open as under:-

- (a) NCC (Special) - Men & Women - 25 Jul to 23 Aug 2017.
- (b) JAG - Men & Women - 25 Jul to 23 Aug 2017
- (c) SSC (Tech) - Men & Women - 02 Aug to 31 Aug 2017.

NOTE :

1. Sena में भर्ती पूर्णतया पारदर्शी और सुपूर्ण है। दलालों से साधारण रूप से परिचयिता के अन्सार परिवर्तन द्वारा सकता है।
2. अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आंदोलन खुलाने और बंद करने की तारीखों में परिचयिता के अन्सार परिवर्तन द्वारा सकता है।
3. विस्तृत नोटिफिकेशन और जानकारी के लिए, वृप्ता www.joinindianarmy.nic.in पर जाए।

1. Recruitment in the Army is totally transparent and free. Beware of touts.
2. The dates of opening and closing of online application are liable to alteration, if the circumstances so warrant.
3. For detailed Notification & latest updates, visit our website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

davy 10601/11/0009/1718

From Mohandas to Mahatma

The play *Yugurush - Mahatma's Mahatma* is an inspirational and riveting portrayal of the close association between Mahatma Gandhi and his spiritual mentor Shrimad Rajchandraji. What began as a sincere friendship, culminated in Gandhiji's proclamation of Shrimadji as his spiritual mentor. The play invites the audience to journey through Gandhiji's



internal and overt advancements on the spiritual path following interactions, letters and inspiration from Shrimad Rajchandraji.

Mahatma Gandhi wrote in *Modern Review* (a monthly magazine from Kolkata) on June 30, 1930, "Such was the man who captivated my heart in religious matters that no other man has till now."

Yugurush has taken cities across India by storm, reaching its 650th show mark in a short span of 230 days, running to full houses and standing ovations, watched by over 4,47,000 people in the country. After being played out at different centres across the country, *Yugurush* now comes to Guwahati. It will be staged tomorrow (July 23, Sunday) at the Pragyo ITA Cultural Centre, Machikhali.

In addition to the Transmedia, Gujarati Screen and Stage Awards received previously for the Best Drama, Best Director and Best Actor in a Supporting Role, *Yugurush* was recently bestowed with the prestigious Dadasahab Phalke Excellence Award 2017 for 'Best Drama'!

Yugurush highlights the values of expanding one's capacity to love and



Chandana Deka

offer selflessly, respecting diversity, supporting truth, fostering trust and building lasting communities. It brings to the forefront a powerful experience of looking within, upholding truth and fearlessness, as well as transforming character and consciousness.

This year marks the 150th birth year of Shrimad Rajchandraji. To celebrate this glorious year, this play has been produced under the guidance of Shrimad Rajchandraji's ardent devotee and the founder of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur, Puya Gurudevshri Rakeshbhai. Puya Gurudevshri

states, "The birth and life of the great ones are worth remembering. They awaken our latent strength and kindle the desire to become like them."

The Gujarati play is directed by acclaimed director Rajesh Joshi of *Code Mantra* fame, scripted by well-known playwright Uttam Gada of *Maharathi* fame. The music direction is by popular composer duo Sachin-Jigar.

The world premiere of *Yugurush* mesmerised an audience of over 4000 people at the Yogi Sahbhagruha Auditorium in Mumbai on November 14, 2016. The show saw people queue up in large numbers, and receiving standing ovations. Just a month later, the Hindi production of the play had a grand premiere at the

Royal Opera House in Mumbai.

Applauded by diverse audiences like the Indian Armed forces, industry professionals, theatre and film artists, social organisations, government officials, corporates, students and NGOs, the play has been inspiring audiences to walk on the path of love and *ahimta* across the globe.

Acclaimed film director Ashutosh Gowariker said at the Hindi premiere of *Yugurush*, "In one word, it was *ubhut*. This play holds great significance. This play should be seen by maximum people all over India and be translated in as many languages."

In order to cater to the huge demand for the play, six teams are now performing the play in six different cities, simultaneously. The play is currently running in Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Kannada and Bengali and will soon release in English and Tamil. In the coming year, the play will perform in all parts of India as well as overseas in the USA, Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Australia, UAE, Oman, Kenya and South Africa, to name a few.

The play supports the cause of Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital – a new 200-bed multi-specialty charity hospital for the economically underprivileged in South Gujarat. SRMD's aim behind the year-long celebration of Shrimad Rajchandraji's 150th birth anniversary is to spread Shrimad Rajchandraji's values of *ahimsa* and *satya* that shaped Gandhiji's beliefs, and to bring his spiritually uplifting teachings to the maximum number of people from all walks of life.

A 38-member delegation comprising educationists, lawyers and former officials of the Assam Government recently visited the UK to develop relationships with a number of prestigious UK universities such as Oxford University, Cambridge University, Edinburgh University, London and Manchester University. The group included some well-known educationists of Assam such as Jogen Chandra Kalita, professor in the Zoology department of Gauhati University and Dr Balendra Kr Das, president of Assam College Principals' Council, to name a few.

The aim of their visit was to link the best institutions of the UK for development of Assam and improve Assam's education system. Response from these UK institutions has been very promising and all members of the delegation studied the education and administration management systems of the country. This is a self-financed initiative and these efforts can only contribute to the progress of Assam's education system.

On July 15, the group was welcomed by UK's Srimanta Sankardev International Cultural Programme amongst an audience of the UK-based Assamese people who organised a fun-filled evening with a series of

Quality education

Hiramoni Sarma



Assamese cultural programmes. From Assamese *Borgat* to *Bihu* and *Bhupendra Sangeet* to *chira-dai* as snacks, the delegates were given the best Assamese experience possible even when they were in a foreign land, 7,882 kms away from Assam.

Srimanta Sankardev Centre's Founder Dr Karuna Siva Das is a well-known Assamese NRI who helps and promotes Assamese culture and society in the UK to get noticed at a global platform and yesterday's event was another example of promoting the good work by Assamese people and so ciety in the UK.

The programme was an attempt to make the Assamese delegates feel at home, even when they were far away from home!

Behu makes an impact

T he theatre lovers of Guwahati city got to witness a play titled *Behu*, presented by the Natabihanga Natya Prokkrithan Kendra of Anubhab production on June 29 at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati. *Behu* is an allegory on the socio-political and economic realities of present-day society. The play tries to depict the concepts with the help of some animal characters. It is an earnest attempt to make the audience aware of social realities and problems. The script, direction, design and lighting are by Hemanta Raj Konwar, who is an MA in Theatre Arts from the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts, Dibrugarh University. Incidentally, the Natabihanga Natya Prokkrithan Kendra is a new group and *Behu* is their very first production.



Sangita Das's Baat Sai Rou released



P romising singer Sangita Das recently released her first Assamese audio-video song, *Baat Sai Rou* at the Guwahati Press Club. The song was formally released by noted journalist Ajit Kumar Bhuyan, actor Kapil Bora and singer Zubilee, among other dignitaries. The key roles in the music video, conceptualised and directed by Mumbai-based director Arunjit Borah, have been essayed by Upal Das, Priyam Palabee Kashyap and Sangita Das.

Kenny Basumatary as Netaji in Hindi film



A ctor-director of the *Local Kung Fu* films, Kenny Basumatary will be seen playing the role of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Hindi film *Raag Desh*, directed by Tigmanshu Dhulia. *Raag Desh* is about the 1945 court-martial of three Indian National Army officers, who were captured during their failed attempt to throw the British out as Netaji."



IPTA's cultural programme

A programme of people's songs was held on July 15 at the District Library, Guwahati, under the auspices of the Kamrup (Metro) district unit of the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA), under the title *Gede Maate Janatar Kontha*. The programme was inaugurated by eminent writer Dr Hirsen Gohain. While addressing the gathering, Dr Gohain dwelt at length on IPТА's history of 75 years and stressed on creating awareness about people's culture.

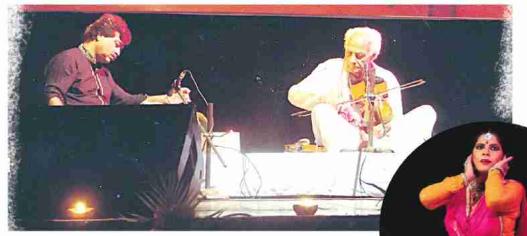
The highlights of the evening were the dance recitals, the song and recitation presentations depicting the lives of present-day farmers and workers by the troupe from Boriham Baithak and the revolutionary songs by Humayun Chowdhury and Arupjyoti Barua. Earlier, secretary Mukul Dutta explained the objective of the programme, saying that it is the need of the hour to popularise people's songs among the masses. The function was attended by a number of distinguished guests, including Badal Das, Nripen Mahanta, Kirti Kamal Bhuyan, Monjil Mahanta, Ranj Gohain and Abani Barthakur.

Readers are hereby invited to contribute original articles related to culture of the North-East (film, music, drama, etc.), along with photographs. They may be e-mailed to cultural@assamtribune.com.

- Features Editor

Meditative concert

Joykanta Sarma



'M adhuhanti', a cultural organisation set up in the early Nineties of the last century, at the behest of a group of elite academics and upcoming classical musicians, presented a superb concert of classical music and dance on the other day at the Rabindra Bhawan in the loving memory of Guru (late) Gangadhar Mishra, an accomplished maestro of Barpeta. Versed equally in violin, vocal, the sard, esraj, sitar, khol, dhol and jaltaranga innovations, Mishra was born into the family of Barpara *Sattradhikar* late Govinda Mishra. Gangadhar, along with his siblings, took *talim* on classical music at their home from early childhood, inviting ustad from Kolkata.

Gangadhar's brother nonagenarian Satyakrishna Mishra, retired Principal of Barpara Bidyapeeth, regaled the audience that day with his violin recital on *Raga Nandakosh*, then *Raga Bi-hag* and *Basant Bahar* set to *vilambit etakal* in *Bihag* and *tintal* in others. He concluded his recital with a *dhun* on *Raga Mishra Pilu*. He was accompanied on the *tabla* by his son Bidyut Mishra, an accomplished musician equally well-versed in all major strings, apart from vocal. Satyakrishna Mishra's melodious touch, strict adherence to the traditional shape of the

ragas, learnt by authentic *talim*, great *riyaz* and a conventional format of presentation has, in fact, won him many admirers.

The cultural evening opened with the presentation of *Devi Vandana* by the young students of Surasree Sangit Mahavidyalaya, run by famous classical Guru Damodar Bora. The *Devi Vandana* was based on the composition of late Kamal Narayan Choudhury — *Tani Devi Deyanoye janani amar*.

Dr Meghnad Bhowmik, an eye specialist by profession and based in Bengaluru, played *star* on *Raga Desh*. Accompanied on the *tabla* by Govindirama Sarma, he could play a subtle and expertly executed raga that was set to *vilambit tin tal* and *drut tin tel*. He concluded with a brief *dhun*. Dr Bhowmik, who took his early *talim* from Guru Bidyut Mishra, is now learning under the guidance of Sadhil Parasher.

Munin Goswami from Nowrang, an officer in the State Cultural Department, presented his solo *tabla* recital set to *tin til vilambit madhyalaya* and *drut*. He was ably assisted by Bidyut Mishra on the harmonium. Munin Goswami, a mechanical engineer by profession, took his early training from late Bibekanta Bhattacharya of

Nowrang — and is now learning from a Kolkata maestro.

Kalpana Mahanta and her group, who are young students of Bidyut Mishra, presented a violin recital set to *Raga Durga*, then *Misra Khamachi*. Kalpana, a teacher at the Delhi Public School, could show her careful and dedicated training, and her recital seemed to be elegantly crafted.

The concluding programme featured a well-choreographed Kathak solo recital by young talent Ruparani Das Bora, a disciple of late Kathak maestro Surendra Saikia who shot to fame all throughout the country by dint of his sincerity, intelligence and diligence. Ruparani opened her recital with *Ganesha Vandana*, based on the composition of young vocalist Samanta Chamuni's *Gaya Ganapati jaga vandana*. Then she switched over to *Sudh Nritta* set to *vilambit madhya* and *drut tala*. Her solo showcased her *nritya* and *abhinaya* excellence (in the *Gowardhan Leela* episode). Her footwork repertoire was varied, *hangsangani chalan*, *mayargamini chalan* and *hastigamini chalan*, for instance — rooted in the classical tradition with no artistic liberties whatsoever. The *hastta mudras* were crystal clear. She traversed the cycles of speed in the languid idiom of Kathak, which was so refreshing to watch.

Kaabil to be remade in Hollywood?

I t's good news for Bollywood as Fox International Productions has shown interest in remaking Hrithik Roshan's *Kaabil* into a Hollywood flick and the head of the production gave a call to Hrithik while he was in New York last week. Also, Sanjay Gupta confirmed the news to *Mid Day* by saying, "It's true that Fox, through Tomas Jegerus (President, Fox International Productions) has approached Hrithik. Even though the developments are too premature to talk about at this moment, it is an honour for the team. What is also exciting is that *Kaabil* has been declared the best film of 2017 via an online poll. So, it's a double win for us."

Also, an insider opened up to the leading daily by saying, "Before he jetted off to New York, Hrithik was pleasantly surprised to get a call from Tomas, who wanted to buy the remake rights of *Kaabil*. They feel the film is a pure entertainer and has all the ingredients for a great Hollywood film. Hrithik will discuss the matter with his father when he is back."

Salman plays cameo in Sonakshi's film

T he *Dabangg-jodi* Salman Khan and Sonakshi Sinha might be seen again in *Crazy Hui*. The stunning actress had been shooting for this movie at the IIFA awards in New York City, organised by Wizcraft, which is a co-producer of the movie, along with Vashi Bhagnani. The film is said to explore what goes behind the scenes at a Bollywood award show.

Recently, there was news of Salman performing a cameo in this Sonakshi Sinha and Diljit Dosanjh film. And Salman Khan confirmed the news at the green carpet of the IIFA Awards and told the media that he has already shot for the film.

The duo will also be seen in the next sequel of *Dabangg*. The movie, *Crazy Hui* directed by Chakri Toleti will rope in a few other Bollywood celebrities to play themselves. The movie with Diljit and Sonakshi in the lead might also have the director Karan Johar playing a cameo. Aditya Roy Kapoor is also said to be a part of the movie.



movie MAGIC

Verses from the region...

Is North-East Indian poetry an exclusive canon with uniform patterns and substance? Certainly, North-East Indian poetry cannot be clubbed under a homogenous domain. Because, and which is quite obvious, all the states that come together to build up the umbrella term called "North-East India" have unique and rather dissimilar histories, cultures, ethnicities and diverse schools of tribal and sub-tribal languages and modes of living. However, if seen as the unifying factor for the people living in this region, the similar term called "North-East Indian poetry" is not to be held only as a main-land construct, as is mostly argued. It is also not as amorphous as it is often proposed, since there are common strands which bind it together in the poetic language and send a strong message of its shared existential commonalities and crises. And perhaps this congregated geographical feature also enables a platform for the poets of this region to express and bring into focus their subjective realities amid the often-attached notorious labels of "conflict" and "periiphery".

However, it cannot be bluntly argued, just for the sake of defending the aesthetics of poetry that the subject of conflict in North-East Indian poetry is only a myth meant to be discarded. Who can erase conflict from poetry if that is the reality intruding lives? The North-East Indian poet fights bullets with words. He is a wordsmith fully equipped with acute understandings of not only the world around him, but also the world outside. Above all, he is not just a scribbler dabbling in his cerebral capacity to call eyes upon his ornate works. In this case, the North-East Indian poet deviates from the usual sophistication of contemporary metropolitan poetry. His work is not a handicraft designed in leisure to impress upon an audience.

Rather, the targets he makes are razor-sharp and his objectives crystal clear, bereft of ostentation. Written in simple yet stark words, the poet's works automatically become a sovereign political force sufficient to encounter other overarching sovereignties.

Love, for land and people, is particular to North-East Indian poetry. There is intense longing in the teeth of all cosmopolitanisms, to be with the people of the land and with a last past, to participate in

the ancestors' storytelling and to assimilate oneself with the flux of historical time. However, there is a constant fear – of the unknown intruder of the sovereignty killer or of the violent demander. It is a fear that might overturn the landscape, the memories and the culture that the poet has toiled hard to imbibe into his own. It is also a fear of the physical other, who attunes time and again to sultry the aesthetics of existence itself.

*Strangely an unseen hand picks me up
sucks my sap and leaves me empty...*
(Snails, Anupama Basumatary, Translated from Assamese by Pradip Acharya)



*Be careful
Don't venture outside.
Something will happen here tonight...*
(Inspiration, RK Bhuponsa, Translated from Ma-nipuri by Robin S Ngangom)

The poet also acts as a soothsayer and warns of an imminent uncanniness, an "other" that looms somewhere in the dark future. He is in fear that the identity he or his people has so far



acquired might soon vanish into thin air. That is why he takes recourse to poetry as a weapon and he himself becomes the fighter.

Above all, what fascinates the readers of North-East Indian poetry is the close association of the poets with Nature and the simple and chaste mode of rustic living. The poet resorts to the minimal standards of living in a countryside and emphasises on the sufficiency that Nature already provides and the need to restrain from superfluous ornaments of capital-driven lives. The poet also meticulously selects words to subvert capitalist ubiquitous practices like that of corruption in our everyday lives and particularly draws our attention to the nature of banality that this practice has hitherto acquired.

In a way North-East Indian poetry is simply a mélange that conveys a mode of revolution that would ultimately connect one with the other. It is a bridge that makes cultural exchange easier and a reminder to recognise until its late that man is an integral part of the pristine Nature. Although exploring poets of individual states would definitely open up new avenues of cultural productions, yet the common grounds that define North-East Indian poetry as such can almost be summed up around what the Syrian poet, Adonis would write in his poem—

*A page in a book,
bombs mirror themselves inside of it
prophecies and dust-proverb mirror themselves
inside of it
cloistered mirror themselves inside of it, a carpet
made of the alphabet
disentangles thread by thread
falls on the face of the earth, slipping out of the needles
of memory. (Desert, Adonis)*

Enriching experience

Cinema is a very powerful medium to project any subject to the masses. Along with the mode of entertainment, it always reflects the image of our society. In the present times, we get to experience numerous movies

Anurag Barman



ranging from drama to action but very few movies come our way to give an enriching experience and stimulate our minds. One such incredible film is the entrancing *Doonorir Nirola Pota*, written and directed by Dhruva Jyoti Bordoloi, which released on July 7.

A simple film with a credible story, it has the ability to converge your mind into its outstanding screenplay. The story revolves around the life of Hiranya Barua, a private insurance employee and his small family of two children and wife. It presents a visual picture of the perspective and aspirations of a middle-class family in a small town. While watching the movie, you will feel that you are literally living the movie – because the characters in the story are so much relevant to our daily life. Each character in the film is so well-developed that one could deeply connect to them at a personal level.

Being an Assamese film, the noteworthy aspect

of this film is the authentic depiction of the customs and traditions of the Assamese people of today's times. Starting from the characteristic traits of womenfolk to the young love between teenagers, each and every scene is worth watching. The key roles of the film have been magnificently played by Minu Barua, Jayshree Goswami, Partha Hazarika, Raghavi Dutta, Bibhuti Bhushan Hazarika and Sonia Sarma. The soulful background score by Tony Deori Basumatary and Utkarsh Dhotekar along with the two delightful songs by our very own Papon, serves as the spine of the film as it goes in tune with the screenplay, creating a refreshing atmosphere. Dhruva Jyoti Bordoloi has beautifully edited the entire film himself.

The co-producers of the movie are Hemanta Kumar Bordoloi and Dhruva Jyoti Bordoloi, and it has been produced by Sanjive Narain under the banner of AM Television Pvt Ltd Productions. The entire cast and crew have done such a fabulous job that you will feel that they have put up a real-life incident on screen. Above all, the film tries to spread the message that people should always strive to walk on a positive path, in spite of living amongst daily problems. Such films should really be encouraged because they not only tell a story, but also ignite our senses to ponder upon several pertinent issues.

prelude

Teji is a generic name for a number of festivals and it refers to the monsoon festivals, observed particularly in the western and northern states of India and Nepal. Teji refers to the "third" day that falls every month after the New Moon (*Anavaras*), and the third day after the full moon night of every month.

The monsoon festivals of Teji include *Haryali Teji*, *Kajari Teji* and *Hartalika Teji*. The festivals celebrate the bounty of Nature, arrival of clouds and rain, growth and the start of the new season. Customs and traditions of the festival is celebrated primarily by girls and women, with songs, dancing and prayer rituals. The festival includes dancing, singing, getting together with friends and telling stories, dressing up with henna-coloured hands and feet, wearing red, green or yellow clothes, sharing festive foods, and playing under trees on swings on *Haryali Teji*. Women also pray to Goddess Parvati seeking the wellness of their families and their own selves. The festival is primarily dedicated, in many parts of India and Nepal, to Goddess Parvati and Her union with Lord Shiva.

E-mail your questions with answers to: colosseum@assamtribune.com.

harmonisers

From Shajid Khan, Tengla –
2) Desdemona, Cassio, Bianca, Emilia, Brabantio, Roderigo are characters of Shakespearean tragedy?

3) It is an art of setting gold on glass, a rare and distinct skill of the Rajasthani Rajonians of Pratapgarh. Name it.

4) It was founded by Mohammad Ali Jinnah in Delhi, India on October 26, 1947, as a mouthpiece of the Muslim League. This issue was printed at the Lutfi Press on October 12, 1942. It is one of the most widely read newspapers of Pakistan. Name it.

5) *Puhandi Bije*, *Chhera Pohaura* and *Babuda Yatra* are associated with which festival?

unities

From Shajid Khan, Tengla –
6) *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1949), *Down and Out in Paris and London* (1933), *Homage to Catalonia* (1938), *Burmese Days* (1934), *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* (1936) are noted works of Eric Arthur Blair. How do we know him better than?

the colosseum

■ Neelopal Deka

side screen

1) Picture Clic: He won the IIFA Award for the Best Male Playback Singer 2017. Just name him. (Hirak Jyoti Lahiri, PTC, Dergaon)



7) Who composed a number of songs and plays under the pen name of Akhtari Pia?

8) Which character in the Harry Potter series has been named after the brightest star in the night sky, also called the Dog Star?

do-re-me

9) According to Hindu Mythology, Lord Krishna was born when Vishnu sent a black hair into Devaki's womb. Who was born when Vishnu sent a white hair into Rohini's womb? (Adish Agarwalla, Moramhat)

10) Who wrote the screenplays for *Pride and Prejudice* (1940) and *Jane Eyre* (1944)? (Mridusmita Talukdar, Tangla College)

11) In ancient Rome, there was a custom where a father would acknowledge the paternity of a newborn birth by placing it on his knee. It gave birth to which word in the English language? (Narjuna Begum, Hospital Road, Tengla)

ANSWERS

1) Amit Mishra 2) *Othello* 3) Thewa art 4) *Dawn* 5) *Rath Yatra* 6) George Orwell inc, as 'genit' means 'kneé' in Latin 12) The Golden Temple 13) Equator 14) Cliffhanger 15) *Toilet: Ek Prem Katha*.



Observations on life

Bidyut Ranjan Bora

Author-physician Dr Nandita Devi's second collection of short-stories, titled *Akash Jaal* appears to be more of a silent onlooker's close observation of life and reality rather than a physician's microscopic examination of patients. However, the occasional glimpses of her professional experience in her stories have made them only richer; her interaction with patients being an added advantage.

If not all, the majority of Dr Devi's stories revolve around characters hand-picked from our day-to-day life and are often seen falling victim either to adverse circumstances or to unfriendly destiny or sometimes both. While Gajen, a railway employee and the central character of the introductory story *Akash Jaal*, falls prey to the invincible plot of powerful fate; Nurbana, the beautiful and innocent daughter of a poor fisherman in *Aushadhi* (the remedy), is compelled to get married to the ailing son of a rich Zamindar and falls victim to adverse circumstances in social and human manifestations. Notwithstanding the feminist tone of Dr Arifa, who is a voice against social evils in *Aushadhi*, Nurbana has no option but to remain silent and surrender to the circumstances.

A number of stories in the collection are replete with a longing for the past. Often set against our very own rural and social milieu, the stories acquaint the readers with a humble and easy-going character, their hopes and aspirations, their pain and pleasure and their daydreams and nightmares. While reading the stories, one is bound to discover the author's underlying tone of sympathy for her characters and hence to share it too.

Written in simple and lucid style – which sometimes evolves as reasonably poetic in nature – Dr Devi's stories represent an exemplary economy of words. Precise use of symbols and imagery at appropriate places and careful use of local dialects where necessary and phrases, idioms and proverbs in addition to the short but apt allusions have helped the author carry her ideas well to the readers.



Akash Jaal
Dr Nandita Devi,
Chandra Prakash, Panbari, Guwahati.
Price: Rs 200/-

Conversing with God

Jyotirmoy Prodhan

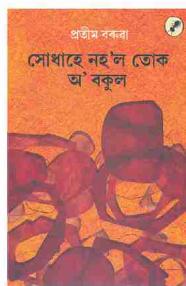
He begins a small foreword with a reference to one of Orhan Pamuk's statements where he had said that a poet was one with whom God used to converse. When Pamuk felt that God was no longer in speaking terms with him, he had left writing poems. Pratim Baruah then writes why he does write poems. You tend to wonder what he actually means to say? Why does he write poems then? That God speaks to him? One would find this rather arrogant. He, however, would confide, despite having taken Pamuk's view as true, he was clueless as to why he did keep writing poems. He is, by his own admission, overwhelmed by an endless sense of disquiet and pain and when it comes to his own poem he has his deepest desolation. Despite the relentless turmoil around him, he remains ever indebted only to his loneliness and silences. Poetry for him, as he writes, is a ritual for an intense interface with his disquieting unease and perpetual dismay.

Baruah's present collection, *Xodhahe Nohol Tok o Bokul* (2017) unveils an inner world of intense solitude and reverberating silences. For a young poet, his poetic landscape is deeply unsettling and intimately personal. Born in 1983, Pratim has been a witness to the aftermath of momentous histories of the land, therefore, more than the pathos of a romantic, his poems are distinctly characterised by the predicaments of an insatiate time and the deranged logic of violence where he, by default, finds himself as an uncereemonious victim, a desolate spectator. The only way for him to recover from this overwhelming time is to write, the only therapeutic act he access to.

What makes him stand out among other young voices is his unexpected felicity with measured reticence. He would not fancy a word extra if he could manage to say it with the bare minimum, and this is where he sounds exceptionally seasoned, beyond the boyish urge to show off, which most poets begin their career as a poet.

What makes his poetic oeuvre admirably varied and multi-layered is his equal proficiency and intensity to try his hands with narrative poetry as well. "*On Schizophrenia*" is one such poem. The story of a neurologist, Dr Saikia, who is embroiled in the clumsy negotiation with his own sense of persona split into two, where the poet finds himself unwittingly linked in an aporiae double bind.

Pratim Baruah as a young poet is rather deceptive, for he writes with an amazingly seasoned hand and refreshing maturity.



Xodhahe Nohol Tok o Bokul
Pratim Baruah,
Aank Baak, Guwahati.
Price: Rs 100/-

12) In December 1588, Hazrat Mian Mirji of Lahore laid the foundation of which famous 'temple' in India? (Shajid Khan, Tengla)

13) In Chinese, what is referred to as *Chi Dao* or the Red Hot Path? (Shajid Khan, Tengla)

14) This word literally originated from an exciting scene in an early Puranic film, *The Perils of Pauline*. Which word is it? (Mridusmita Talukdar, Tangla)

crescendo

15) Name this upcoming satirical comedy film in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan campaign to improve the sanitation conditions in India, with emphasis on the reduction of open defecation in rural areas, especially in the rural areas of India. The film will star Akshay Kumar and Bhumi Pednekar in the lead roles. (Shajid Khan, Tengla)

'Paying people to conserve trees could cut carbon emissions'

WASHINGTON, July 21: Paying people to conserve their trees could be a highly cost-effective way to reduce deforestation and carbon emission and should be a key part of the global strategy to fight climate change, scientists say.

The study, led by Seema Jayachandran, associate professor at Northwestern University in the US, sought to evaluate how effective "Payments for Ecosystems" (PES) is at reducing deforestation.

PES is a programme in which people are given financial rewards for pro-environment behaviours.

In the study, people who owned forest in 60 villages in western Uganda were given cash rewards if they kept their forest intact and refrained from deforesting it. Forest owners in another 61 villages in western Uganda received no monetary incentives.

"We found that the programme had very large impacts on forest cover. In the villages without the programme, 9 per cent of the tree cover that was in place at the start of the study was gone by the end of it, two years later," said Jayachandran. — PTI



Ousted former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra greets supporters as she arrives at the Supreme Court in Bangkok, Thailand on Friday. — UNI

Actor Red West, longtime Elvis confidante, dies!

MEMPHIS (US), July 21: Actor and songwriter Robert Gene "Red" West, a longtime confidant of Elvis Presley, has died in Memphis.

Danita Allen of Memorial Park Funeral Home said West died Tuesday. He was 81. His wife, Pat West, told *The Commercial Appeal* he died at Baptist Hospital after suffering from a stroke earlier this month. Presley was in high school and worked for West for 20 years.

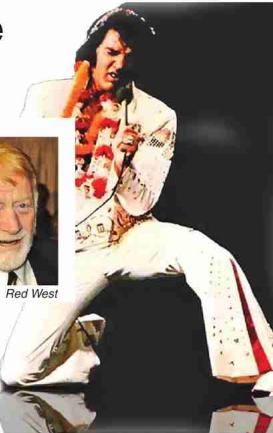
He was a friend, driver and bodyguard. He also took small roles in some of Presley's films and co-wrote some songs Presley sang including "Separate Ways" and "If You Talk In Your Sleep."

A native of Memphis, West played football in junior college, served in the US Marines and became a Golden Gloves boxer and karate instructor. He first connected with Presley when both were students at the Memphis High School, he recalled in a 2008 interview.

"Elvis was always different," he said. "We had crew cuts and wore T-shirts and blue jeans; Elvis had the long ducktail,

the long sideburns, and he wore the loud clothes and naturally was a target for all the bullies. One day luckily I walked into his bathroom at Humes High School and three guys were going to cut his hair just, you know, to make themselves look big or whatever. I turned around and stopped it."

After West was fired by Presley's father in 1976, he went on to help write a book called *Elvis: What Happened?* The book, published shortly before Presley's death, included details about the singer's drug dependency and unhealthy lifestyle. West and his co-writer, Sonny West and David Lee, wrote the book as an attempt to encourage Elvis to give up his dangerous ways. However, some fans said it was written out of spite because they were fired. — Agencies



The Assam Tribune

SHOPPERS' CORNER



GARMENTS



MEDICAL



ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS



EDUCATION



FURNITURE & FURNISHING



BOOKS & JOURNALS



SINTEX PRODUCTS



KITCHEN APPLIANCES



For Advertising, Please Call: 95085-17169



Palestinians clash with Israeli forces after Friday prayer on a street outside Jerusalem's Old City. - UNI

Trump team finding ways to pardon family, aides

WASHINGTON, July 21: US President Donald Trump's legal defense team is exploring ways to grant presidential pardons to his family members and aides amid reports that Special Counsel Robert Mueller was looking into their finances as part of his Russia probe, according to a media report.

Trump has asked his advisers about his power to pardon aides, family members and even himself in connection with the probe. The Washington Post quoted one of the people familiar with the effort.

Trump is fighting allegations his presidential campaign colluded with Russians to get him elected last year. Last month reports emerged that Trump was considering firing Mueller, drawing criticism from both Democrat and Republican lawmakers.

According to the Post, a second person said Trump's lawyers have been discussing the president's pardoning powers among themselves.

"Some of President Trump's lawyers are exploring ways to limit or undercut special counsel Robert S Mueller III's Russia in-

vestigation, building a case against what they allege are his conflicts of interest and discussing the president's authority to grant pardons, according to people familiar with the effort," the report said.

RUSSIA PROBE

Reacting strongly to the report, Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi in a late night statement called for full disclosure of the presidential pardons.

"Tomorrow, in response to a report that President Trump is

considering pardoning his aides, or his relatives, or even himself to avoid potential criminal charges, I will be formally calling upon the White House Counsel to publicly disclose all presidential pardons," Krishnamoorthi said.

"Our founders established a presidential power to pardon to protect the American people from their government, not for a president to protect himself or his associates from justice," he said.

"If President Trump were to pardon himself or his associates – especially in secret before any

charges have even been brought – that would sabotage a federal investigation. We need full transparency of the president's exercise of pardon power now," Krishnamoorthi said.

Senator Mark Warner, vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said such a move by Trump would be considered as crossing a fundamental line. "The possibility that the president is considering pardons at this early stage in these ongoing investigations is extremely disturbing." - PTI

Protests after Israel restricts Jerusalem Old City prayers

JERUSALEM, July 21: Israeli police barred men under 50 from entering Jerusalem's Old City for Friday Muslim prayers as tensions rose and protests erupted over new security measures at a highly sensitive holy site.

The rare ban came after Israeli ministers decided not to order the removal of metal detectors erected at entrances to the Haram al-Sharif mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, following an attack nearby a week ago that killed two policemen.

"Entry to the Old City and Temple Mount will be limited to men aged 50 and over. Women of all ages will be permitted," a police statement said.

Police said later in the day that discretion could be applied in the use of the metal detectors in-

stead of forcing everyone to go through them.

But Palestinian and religious leaders were still calling on worshippers not to enter until they were removed.

Crowds gathered outside Jerusalem's Old City found shops closed and streets around Damascus Gate – the entrance most heavily used by Palestinians – blocked.

A group of several hundred people, including Muslim leaders, marched towards the Lions Gate entrance to the mosque compound, but police informed them that only men over 50 would be allowed.

Police later fired stun grenades toward the protesters around the Old City.

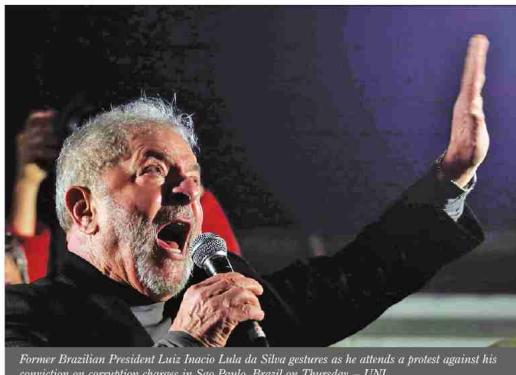
At least one Israeli checkpoint

could be seen on a major road into Jerusalem. There were reports of others and claims that Muslims were being busied in for Friday prayers were being stopped.

Tensions have risen since police installed the metal detectors in a move Palestinians and other Muslims perceive as a means for Israel to assert further control over the site.

The controversy has resonated beyond Israel and the Palestinian territories, with the United States and the UN Middle East envoy expressing concern.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has urged Israel to remove the detectors. He spoke by telephone with both Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin on Thursday. - AFP



Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva gestures as he attends a protest against his conviction on corruption charges in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Thursday. - UNI

Pak SC concludes Panama case hearing against Sharif, family

ISLAMABAD, July 21: Pakistan's Supreme Court today concluded hearing the high-profile Panama Papers case against Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his family for alleged corruption, but reserved its verdict that could jeopardise his political future.

The three-member bench headed by Justice Ejaz Afzal and comprising Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed and Justice Ijaz Ahsan did not immediately give any date to give its judgement.

Justice Saeed observed that the court will not deviate from any law while delivering its judgement. "We are conscious of the fundamental rights of petitioners and respondents."

The apex court also opened the final part of the 10-volume report submitted by the Joint Investigation Team it had set up to probe the allegations of money launder-



Sharif and his family have rejected the allegations

ing by Sharif.

The JIT has recommended that the report's Volume-X should be treated as confidential as it contains the details of correspondence with other countries.

Sharif's legal team has objected to it. The court has ordered authorities to provide a copy of the volume to Sharif's lawyer Khawaja Harris.

Exercising their right to respond

to the arguments by defence lawyers, the petitioners in their brief remarks urged the court to dismiss Sharif and order a trial against him for allegedly hiding assets and failing to disclose the sources of income used to set up businesses by his children.

"The prime minister has failed to give satisfactory answer to the allegation of money laundering and should be disqualified," argued the lawyer of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan, one of the petitioners against Sharif.

The opposition parties in Pakistan have taken on Sharif seeking his disqualification after the Panama Papers last year revealed that he and his sons – Hassan and Hussain – and his daughter Maryam – owned offshore companies which隐瞒ed their family's assets. The assets in question include four expensive flats in Park Lane, London. - PTI

Among the injured, two were restaurant employees while the rest were passengers in passing vehicles or pedestrians. The district public security bureau has identified the two persons who died in the blast. One was on the bus and the other riding a bicycle when the blast occurred.

Meanwhile, police have taken the shop owner into custody. - PTI

Sikkim standoff should not threaten deal: Chinese media

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

BEIJING, July 21: The India-China border standoff should not allow to threaten a mega economic deal Asia-Pacific nations are trying to negotiate at a meeting in Hyderabad, an article in an official Chinese daily said today.

The comment was made by The Global Times, the mouthpiece of the Communist Party media group, which generally reflects the views of the ruling party. In recent days, the tabloid has been at the forefront of verbal allegations against India amid the tension between the two countries in the Sikkim sector.

Sixteen countries, accounting for about 27 per cent of global trade, are meeting in Hyderabad to discuss the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) that is aimed at liberalising trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

The technical level talks for the RCEP began on July 18.

On July 24, the negotiations will formally start. The meeting is happening under

the shadow of the stand-off between India and China - the two largest economies taking part in the talks. The stand-off began over the construction of a road by China in Doklam area and India fears the road could be used to cut New Delhi's links with its northeastern states.

India has said it is ready for talks with China to end the tension but both sides should first withdraw their armies from the disputed area. "We are saying that the matter can be resolved through talks, but both sides have to first take back their armies," External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has said.

China and India are two prominent members of the group, but they face the task of preventing an escalation of their border tensions from becoming an obstacle to reaching trade agreements at the negotiating table," the article said.

"China hopes that India can strive to control its actions, ensuring that the escalation of the border tensions does not endanger the atmosphere of cooperation for the RCEP," it said. - PTI



Belgium's King Philippe, Queen Mathilde and their children (L-R) Princess Eleonore and Prince Gabriel leave the Sainte-Gudule cathedral after a religious service (Te Deum) on Belgian national day in Brussels, Belgium on Friday. - UNI

Linkin Park frontman Chester Bennington dies in LA at 41

LOS ANGELES, July 21: Linkin Park lead singer Chester Bennington, who sold millions of albums with an ever-changing mix of hard rock, hip-hop and rap, was found dead in his home near Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County coroner said. He was 41.

Coroner spokesman Brian Elias today said authorities investigating Bennington's death as an apparent suicide at Palos Verdes Estates, a small coastal city near Los Angeles but no additional details are available.

Band co-founder and producer Mike Shinoda said on Twitter he was "shocked and saddened."



Band co-founder and producer Mike Shinoda said on Twitter he was "shocked and saddened"

"Chester Bennington was an artist of extraordinary talent and charisma, and a human being with a huge heart and a caring soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with his beautiful wife Talinda and his many friends," Warner Bros. CEO and Chairman Cameron Stang said in a statement. The Grammy Award-winning group sold 10 million copies of their 2000 debut, "Hybrid Theory," and then another 4 million with 2003's "mild platinum" follow-up. Both albums explored feelings of frustration and fury.

Bennington's voice could soar with piercing strength or descend to a whisper. Rolling Stone once called it a "shrapnel-laced howl that sounds like it comes from someone twice his size."

The band also sold millions with its remix album, "Reanimation," and its mash-up record with Jay-Z, "Numb/Encore." They won Grammys for their hard rock performance in 2001 for "Crawling" and their best rock/metal collaboration for "Numb/Encore" in 2005. Linkin Park was on tour and had a show at New York's Citi Field scheduled for next week with Blink 182.

Bennington struggled with drug and alcohol addictions at various times during his life. He said he had been sexually abused as a child and was homeless for months before the band found fame.

Linkin Park released their most recent album, "One More Light," in May. It was a CD that divided critics and fans alike for its mixture of moody pop. One song on the album, "Heavy," opens with

the words: "I don't like my mind right now."

Although the band had always experimented with different sounds, some claimed Linkin Park had sold out, which Bennington denied. "One More Light" became the band's fifth No. 1 album debut on the Billboard 200.

"If you like the music, fantastic. If you don't like it, that's fine," Bennington said. "People say we're not doing what we're doing for a commercial or monetary reason, trying to make success out of some formula. Then stab yourself in the face!" he told NME magazine. Bennington was close friends with Chris Cornell, who died by hanging earlier this year, and performed Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" at the Soundgarden singer's memorial in late May. "I had the great privilege of being a friend of Chris and being invited to be a member of his family," he said at the ceremony. - AP



Smitten with King of Pop

Actor Tiger Shroff wants to play Michael Jackson in a biopic

actor Tiger Shroff, who is a self-confessed fan of Michael Jackson, says he would like to play the King of Pop in a film.

"Biopics are interesting. I would love to do one. I would like to do one on Michael Jackson," Tiger said.

The actor is grateful to have got an opportunity to pay tribute to his idol through his film, *Munna Michael*.

Speaking about his fondest memories of Michael Jackson, the actor said: "I was very young then, so I did not understand what was going on at the concert (in Mumbai in 1996). I was four or five years old. I couldn't see the stage, but my father picked me up and then I could see him performing in front of me."

"I was amazed with his presence. And I knew I wanted to be like that, I wanted that craze and wanted to stand like him and sing like him," the actor said.

It is not just Jackson's dancing skills that Tiger is mesmerised with, he says he is equally amazed with his charity work.

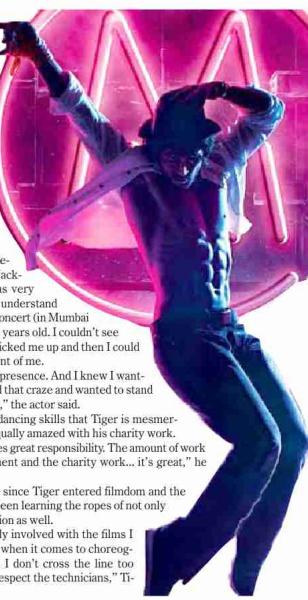
"With great power comes great responsibility. The amount of work he has done for environment and the charity work... it's great," he said.

It has been three years since Tiger entered filmdom and the *Baaghi* actor said he has been learning the ropes of not only acting but dancing and action as well.

"I am in a way creatively involved with the films I do. I do give in my inputs when it comes to choreography but that's about it. I don't cross the line too much. I don't want to disrespect the technicians," Tiger said.

In a short span of time, the actor has made a name for himself as an action and dance star. But for Tiger, a film should not just be action and dance but should also have the right content and characters.

"If the story is not there, then people will get bored seeing the dance and action on screen. There has to be a reason for me to do action in the film, otherwise it is pointless." - PTI



Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 22, 2017.

This year you will make a difference as you take the time to understand the behind-the-scenes elements that others are not aware of. As a result, you'll come up with unusually successful ideas. If you are single, you will find the friend standing in line to be the best with dating possibilities. Know what type of interests you have and you will be able to make the most of your time finding your relationship becoming stronger as long as you remain looking toward each other. Do not ignore your significant other's needs. CANCER understands how emotional you can become.

The Star Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Bad.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** Your creative surges. You can find excellent solutions just by making plans and hanging out with diverse people. Nevertheless, your mind still could be on a family member or a domestic issue. Know that you can resolve it soon. Tonight: Do not push a loved one too hard.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** A friend's impatience delights you to no end. This person is capable of making fabulous plans. The two of you might decide to buy tickets to an upcoming concert or comedy show. Make a point of reaching out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Do not need to go far.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** You could be full of ideas, but you might shy away from the costs of implementing them. You'll want to be realistic, yet you still will want to incorporate plans that are exciting and fun. Use self-discipline when handling this situation. Tonight: Keep conversations vibrant.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** You could be in the mood for making plans and opting to negotiate any idea that is too expensive. Understand that every once in a while, you can make an exception. Let others know that they're flexible. See where you can cut your spending for a week or two. Tonight: Trust your judgment.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** The Sun energizes your sign and energizes you. Though you act as if you don't have a care in the world, you do. In your mind, you might be going over an emotional issue that needs confronting. Take a few days to clear your mind. Tonight: Out and about with friends.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** You could be in the mood to change direction. Before making a final decision, give yourself some time — maybe even until your birthday — to go over the ramifications. You will have plenty of time to assess the situation. Look ahead to long-term goals. Tonight: Among the crowds.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** Tension runs high, especially when attempting to make plans. A close friend or loved one might be requesting more of your time. You have an issue that needs resolution, but you must handle another matter that is creating stress first. Tonight: Check in with a key person.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** You could be in a situation where you can make a difference. Listen to others' feedback. You might want to take off for a day trip and leave your cares at home. You have a lot to be concerned about. Don't worry; you can step up to the plate. Tonight: Try a new type of food.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** Understand what is happening around you. You might feel as if you have been placed in a positive position. You could be getting important feedback that allows you to make some excellent choices. Zero in on a long-term goal. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** Consider your feelings, financial dealings with others and honing in on your sixth sense all will become important soon. Fortunately, you know what you want, and therefore you are likely to succeed. Consider scheduling a trip in the near future. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one.

(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** Defer to others and examine their requests, especially if you are getting a negative response. Know that you won't always agree with a key person. Learn to accept your differences. You could be surprised by how a new attitude can change a situation. Tonight: Accept an offer.

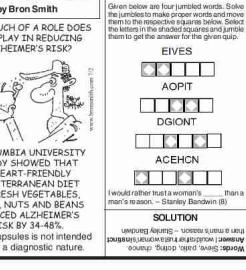
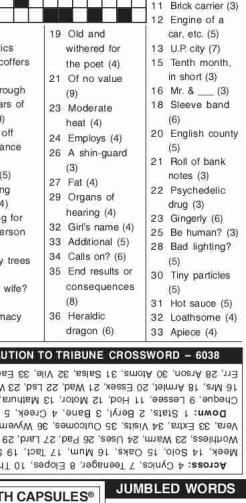
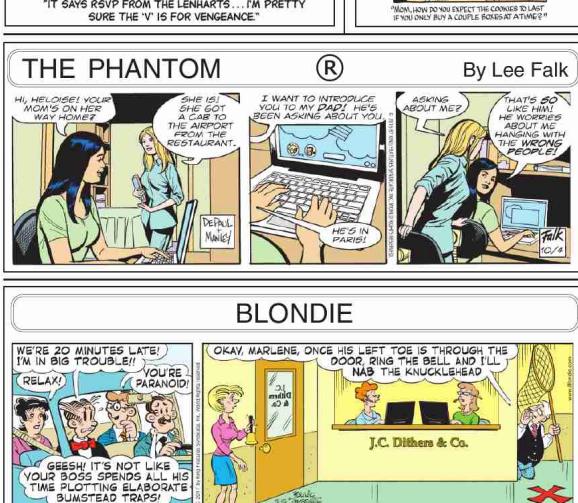
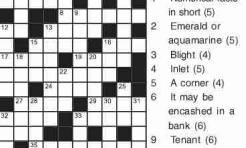
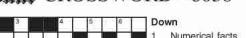
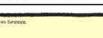
(Copyright © 2017 March 21 April 19)

***** Don't push someone too far, unless you are ready to deal with an odd or difficult reaction. A need to add a sense of decisiveness to your interactions will define your actions. Get together with others, and make fun and imaginative plans. Tonight: Do whatever would please you.

***** Thought for today:

"It was a blonde. A blonde to make a bishop kick a hole in a stained glass window."

- RAYMOND CHANDLER





Britain's Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge and his wife Princess Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, visit the International Maritime Museum in Hamburg, Germany, on Friday together with Hamburg Mayor Olaf Scholz and museum director Peter Tamm. – UNI

Trump, Mattis: US winning fight against ISIS

WASHINGTON, July 21: The United States is winning its fight against the Islamic State group and enlarging an international coalition to defeat the group, Defence Secretary Jim Mattis has said, hours after President Donald Trump said "ISIS is falling fast, very fast."

"We're winning. They're losing. How's that?" an upbeat Mattis told reporters after a closed-door briefing at the Capitol yesterday.

Mattis, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and other officials spoke with House members for more than 90 minutes. Mattis said he updated lawmakers on "where we're at in the defeat-ISIS campaign" and building an international coalition, "which is enlarging as you know."

The briefing came hours after Trump and Vice President Mike Pence met with Mattis at the Pentagon, focusing on the fight against the Islamic State group in Afghanistan.

The president didn't address an anticipated spike in troop levels in Afghanistan yesterday, telling reporters, "we'll see. And we're doing very well against ISIS. ISIS is falling fast, very fast."

The Trump administration hopes to address weaknesses in Afghan forces with a new strategy and the introduction of several thousand American forces. There are now about 8,400 there.

Asked about possible troop increases, Mattis said, "I'm sure the president will make a decision soon."

Trump avoided providing any specifics on the Pentagon meeting, which he

described as "very good." He said "you'll be hearing" about future action in Afghanistan.

About two dozen men and women in dress uniform lined both sides of the "Chairman's Hallway" in the Pentagon. The meeting took place in a secure meeting room colloquially known as the "war room" – where the Joint Chiefs of Staff typically meet. When Trump emerged, he greeted each lawmaker and woman one by one, shaking hands and saying a word or two to each. Pence followed.

Mattis said after the congressional meeting that lawmakers expressed support for the administration's efforts.

"I have no doubt we have the support of Congress, and that was loud and clear," Mattis said. – AP



The applications for this technology could be wideranging, from currency and identification badges to amusement rides and advertisements

New tech may lead to Star Wars style 3D holograms

WASHINGTON, July 21: Scientists, including one of Indian origin, have developed a new way to make low-cost holograms that are more realistic, bringing the chess game played in the Star Wars series closer to reality.

The team led by associate professor Rajesh Menon from University of Utah in the US, found a way to create inexpensive full-colour 2D and 3D holograms that can be viewed at wider angles than current holograms.

The applications for this technology could be wide-ranging, from currency and identification badges to amusement rides and advertisements.

"You can rich colours at high efficiency, with high brightness and at low cost. And you don't need fancy lasers and complicated optics," Menon said.

Typically, the projection of any image, whether it is two or three dimensional, is inefficient because when white light shines on an object, we can only see the reflected colour that bounces back to our eyes while the rest of the colours of the spectrum are absorbed.

Therefore, there is a lot of wasted light. With a typical LCD projector, for example, you may only see as little as 5 per cent of the total light at one time.

Scientists have discovered a better way that bows from the same principle behind how wings of certain butterflies display their colours.

Instead of reflecting only the colours

you see while absorbing the rest, all of the white light is redirected so you see the wavelengths of the wing's colours at different locations. None of the light is absorbed and therefore wasted.

Using sophisticated algorithms and a new fabrication method, the engineers can create holograms that do the same thing - redirect colours to appropriate locations - instead of absorbing most of it to project much brighter photographic images either in 2D or 3D and with full, natural colours.

Currently, full-colour holograms require lasers to not only make them, but also to view them. Menon's holograms can be viewed with regular white light. Most importantly, these holograms can be viewed from any angle, and the image detail does not change, much like a real object. Such technology could be used on currency notes with security holograms that produce more lifelike images.

It could also be used for identification badges, driver's licenses and security documents like passports in which an officer could use just a flashlight to authenticate it instead of a special light such as an infrared scanner.

Researchers have only produced 2D still images with their technology so far, he said it wouldn't be difficult to take the next step to create full-colour 3-D moving images similar to the holographic chess pieces in the movie Star Wars. – PTI

India, China, Pak among 10 nations accounting for 95% of HIV infections'

UNITED NATIONS, July 21: India, China and Pakistan are among the 10 countries that accounted for more than 95 per cent of all new HIV infections in the Asia and the Pacific region in 2016, according to a UN report.

Scales have tipped for the first time in the fight against AIDS as more than half of all people living with the HIV virus now have access to treatment, while AIDS-related deaths have nearly halved since 2005, said the report by the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS, "Ending AIDS: Progress towards the 90–90–90 targets".

In the Asia and the Pacific region, the majority of new infections are occurring in 10 countries led by India, China, Indonesia, Pakistan, Vietnam, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia. These 10 countries together accounted for more than 95 per cent of all new HIV infections in the region in 2016,

Using sophisticated algorithms and a new fabrication method, the engineers can create holograms that do the same thing - redirect colours to appropriate locations - instead of absorbing most of it to project much brighter photographic images either in 2D or 3D and with full, natural colours.

Currently, full-colour holograms require lasers to not only make them, but also to view them. Menon's holograms can be viewed with regular white light. Most importantly, these holograms can be viewed from any angle, and the image detail does not change, much like a real object. Such technology could be used on currency notes with security holograms that produce more lifelike images.

It could also be used for identification badges, driver's licenses and security documents like passports in which an officer could use just a flashlight to authenticate it instead of a special light such as an infrared scanner.

Researchers have only produced 2D still images with their technology so far, he said it wouldn't be difficult to take the next step to create full-colour 3-D moving images similar to the holographic chess pieces in the movie Star Wars. – PTI

The wounded were being treated in the garden of the hospital in Bodrum as the quake caused slight damage to the hospital's ceiling. Bodrum district governor Bekir Yilmaz said, quoted by Hurriyet daily. – AP

Virulent intolerance threatening India's secular foundation: NYT

NEW YORK, July 21: Criticising the Modi government, an editorial in the *New York Times* said there has been an "alarming rise" in mob attacks in India since he took office and "virulent intolerance" has been unleashed under his leadership, threatening the foundation of the secular nation envisioned by its founders.

"Narendra Modi's landslide victory as Prime Minister of India in 2014 was borne on his promises to unleash his country's economic potential and build a bright future while he played down the Hindu nationalist roots

sponsor. The editorial noted that under Modi's leadership "growth has slowed, jobs have not materialised, and what has actually been unleashed is virulent intolerance that threatens the foundation of the secular nation envisioned by its founders."

It added that since Modi took office, there has been an "alarming rise" in mob attacks against people accused of eating beef or abusing cows and most of those killed have been Muslims. The editorial also referred to India's film censor board's decision regarding a documentary on Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen. The board ruled that the documentary cannot be screened unless the director cuts the words 'cow', 'Hindu India', 'Hindutva view of India' and 'Gujarat', where Modi was the CM at the time of anti-Muslim riots in 2002. – PTI

Philippines' Duterte says he'll never visit 'lousy' America

MANILA, July 21: Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte today vowed that he would never visit "lousy" America despite an earlier invitation extended by US President Donald Trump.

Duterte made the declaration as he expressed anger at a US Congress human rights commission hearing where various advocacy groups assailed his bloody war on drugs.

"There will never be a time during my term when I will be going to America or thereafter," he told reporters.

"I've seen America and it's lousy. They have many human rights violations," he added, referring to US troops fighting in the Middle East.

Duterte, who took office last year, previously announced he was distancing the country from its main defence ally the United States after the administration of then-US president Barack Obama criticised his bloody anti-drug campaign which has left thousands dead.

But after Trump was elected president, he called up Duterte in April and praised the campaign, even inviting him to the White House.

At the time, Duterte said he could not commit to such a visit because he had other overseas trips scheduled.

At a hearing yesterday in Washington on human rights violations under Duterte's war on drugs, US Congressman James McGovern said that Duterte should not have been invited and that he would lead protests against the Philippine leader if he appeared. This Philipine president had previously called Obama a "son of a whore" for his criticism but has been friendly towards Trump. Duterte continues to enjoy wide popular support despite what makes that guy think I will go to America?"

The Philipine president had previously called Obama a "son of a whore" for his criticism but has been friendly towards Trump. Duterte continues to enjoy wide popular support despite what makes that guy think I will go to America?"

Hezbollah offensive against radicals in Lebanon

BEIRUT, July 21: The Hezbollah on Friday said it will begin an offensive to oust terrorists from the mountainous regions of Lebanon along the Syrian border.

The new operation to clear radicals from areas around the town of Arsal and in al-Qalamoun was reported by al-Manar television owned by Hezbollah, reports Efe news.



With heavy artillery and missiles, Hezbollah bombarded positions held by Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, a former Syrian Al Qaeda affiliate, in several areas located in northeastern Lebanon.

The Lebanese Army also bombed on Friday "terrorist groups" trying to flee from the Wadi al-Zaarour region to Arsal.

On Tuesday, Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri announced during the plenary session of Parliament that his government authorised the Army to carry out a planned and meticulous operation in the heights of Arsal where extremists from Syria are hiding.

A military source told Efe news that there was a decision on the part of the Lebanese authorities to put an end to the activity of "terrorists" in that area although the troops will act only in a defensive way. – IANS



DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

THROUGH www.assam.mygov.in
PRESENTS

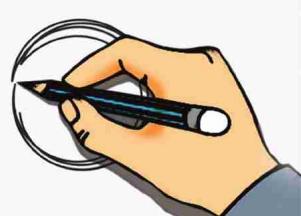


LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

FOR
PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Last date of submission: Aug 4, 2017

Winner will receive a cash prize of ₹25,000



TO PARTICIPATE, REGISTER AT
www.assam.mygov.in

Find us on

Lukaku, Rashford score to beat Manchester City

HOUSTON, July 21: Manchester United's new signing Romelu Lukaku and Marcus Rashford were on target as the Red Devils defeated Premier League rivals Manchester City 2-0 in their International Champions Cup pre-season clash on Thursday.

The Belgian international grabbed his second goal in his second start for United against a United side at Houston's NRG Stadium.

England striker Rashford meanwhile continued his impressive pre-season form with his third goal in three games of United's tour.

The game was the first ever Manchester derby played on foreign soil and both teams condoned the May 22 attacks at a concert in the city shortly before the kick-off.

United enjoyed the better of the early exchanges, with Henrikh Mkhitaryan testing new City keeper Ederson with a long-range effort just after 20 minutes.

Ander Herrera also tried his luck from distance shortly afterwards, but the young Brazilian gathered comfortably.

At the other end meanwhile, City, who handed a debut to new signing Kyle Walker, slowly got into their stride, with a deflected Raheem Sterling's fort tipped over by David De Gea.

City would have had a penalty on 31 minutes when youngster Patrick Roberts was tugged back by Chris Smalling as he burst into the area.

Instead Smalling managed to get a foot in and clear with Sterling's follow-up effort blocked.

Six minutes later United took the lead with a superb goal from Lukaku.

A long clearance from Paul Pogba drew Ederson off his line but Lukaku managed to nod the loose ball past the stranded City goalkeeper before finishing from a tight angle. Two minutes afterwards, United doubled their lead with another swift counter-attack.

This time it was Mkhitaryan who turned creator, releasing Rashford with a deft pass. – Agencies



Man United : 2
Man City : 0

Ishika, Bhushan clinch double crown in OIL-AITA tourney

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 21: Assam girl Ishika Chakma and Bhushan Haokam of Manipur clinched double crown in the OIL-AITA Super Series Tennis Tournament for U-12 and U-14 boys and girls.

On the final day of the championship at the All Assam Tennis Association complex here today, Ishika bagged the girls U-14 singles and doubles titles while Bhushan bagged the boys U-12 singles and U-14 doubles titles.

In the girls U-14 final, Ishika Chakma defeated her State mate Kristi Boro in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 while in the doubles, pairing with Kristi the duo defeated Siddhi Khandelwal and Hetveen Chaudhary of Gujarat 6-4, 6-3. Bhushan Haokam won the boys U-12 singles title defeating Aruna Majumdar of West Bengal 6-1, 6-2 while in the U-14 doubles final Bhushan and Raul Patmei, also of Manipur beat Krish Waghani of Maharashtra and Hemant Srujan of Andhra Pradesh 6-



Winners (from left) Ridhibi Kharoudhel (Gujarat), Girls U-12, Ishika Chakma (Assam, Girls U-14), Bhushan Haokam (Manipur Boys U-12), Arunay P Bhat (Karakatua, Boys U-14) pose for photographs with their trophies in Guwahati, on Friday. – AT Photo

1, 6-2, 12-10).

In the closing function, trophies and certificates were distributed by officials Anup Kumar Gogoi and Swapnil Borhatkar.

Final results: (Boys U-12) Bhushan Haokam (MN) bt 2nd seed Aruna Majumdar (WB) 6-1, 6-2 (U-14) Ridhibi Kharoudhel (AS) 6-0, 6-0 (Boys U-14) Bhushan Haokam (MN) vs Arunay P Bhat (KA) bt top seed Krish Waghani (AS) 7-6(4), 6-1, (Girls U-12) Top seed Siddhi Khandelwal (GUJ) bt 2nd seed Pan Singh (M) 6-0, 6-4, (Girls U-14) Boro 6-6.

Sainik School, Goalpara champs

GUWAHATI, July 21: Sainik School, Goalpara emerged champions in the Indian Schools Conference (ISC) U-14 Soccer Tournament.

In the final played today, Sainik School trounced Modern School, Barakbarhia Road 6-0. The tournament was hosted and organised by the Miles Bronson Residential School (MBRS), Borphukan Col Rajesh Mishra, Commanding Officer, 3 Air Formation Signal Regiment attended the closing function as the chief guest. He extended his best complements to all the participating teams. The prizes were given away jointly by the chief guest and Dr NK Dutta, founder and Principal of MBRS.

Earlier in the semifinals Sainik School, Goalpara beat Assam Valley 1-0, Surya 3-0 while Modern School beat MBRS 1-0. In the play-off for the third spot Assam PSV edged past MBRS 5-4 in the breaker.

Individual prize winners: Best disciplined team: Miles Bronson Residential School; Highest scorer: Arun Sonar, Sainik School; Goalkeeper: Gurav Sarkar, MBRS, Guwahati; Best player: Priyam Rana, Modern School, Barakbarhia Road.

Sahil champion of champions

GUWAHATI, July 21: Sahil Dey of Maris Public School became champion of champions in the Servo Challenge 6th Rakshita Dutta Choudhury Memorial North East School Chess Championship. The tournament was organised by Mind Sports Foundation at the Assam Jatiya Bidyapee premises here.

Top 10 players of three groups were presented cash award and trophies. In the closing function, Hirshilesh Goswami, press adviser of the Chief Minister was present as chief guest along with others and gave away the prizes.

Prix winners are: Open group, boys 1st Nishit Das, 2nd Mahadev Deki, 3rd Debanjan Kalita (Girls) 1st-Pernita Deka (Knight), boys 1st- Manthan Dutta Kashyap, 2nd-Anurag Kalita, 3rd-Dhrumman Bez. (Girls) 1st-Sumita Kalita, 2nd-Sonali Baruah, 3rd-Bijaya Hasmari 1st-Rituparna Ghosh Paremar Kashyap, 2nd-Ashok Talukdar, 3rd-Nived Islam Hazarika. (Pawn girls) Rikili Raj, 2nd-isaka Barman, 3rd-Balchandra Baruah.

"I didn't get a chance to bat in the whole tournament," she said after stalling her knickknack.

"Today when I got the chance I just wanted to utilise this opportunity, because today was the day where I wanted to prove myself and thanks to God, whatever I was thinking worked."

"Mitali (Raj) and Deepiti (Sharma) scored really well and Veda (Krishnamurtty) scored really well," she added complementing her batting companion.

Such was Harmanpreet's brutal assault that she was at one stage batting on 41 off 60 balls before going berserk.

The 28-year old cricketer hailing from Moga in Punjab had earned acclaim in the T20 circuit, becoming the first Indian to be picked for the Big Bash League and the KIA Super League.

Talking about her smashing knock, Harmanpreet, who idolises Virender Sehwag, said: "Today's plan was just watch the ball, hit it hard and this is what I was doing."

"Some areas they were bowling well but I just wanted to hit and rotot the strike."

Harmanpreet was involved in a 137-run stand for the fourth wicket with Deepiti Sharma (25).

"I just told her [Deepiti] to rotate the strike, you don't have to take the pressure. I was hitting the ball well and I told her to give me the strike and I will take the responsibility and she did a great job," Harmanpreet said. – PTI

34th State Taekwondo Championship from July 27

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, July 21: Tinsukia District Taekwondo Association, under the supervision of All Assam Taekwondo Association and in collaboration with the Tinsukia District Sports Association, will host the 34th State Taekwondo Championship at the Kachugan Field, Tinsukia from July 27 to 30.

Around 1500 competitors will participate in this event along with hundreds of officials. To organise the championship smoothly, a strong organising committee was formed with Sadiya MLA Bola Chetia as president, Dr Achyat Borthakur as working president, Birinchi Saikia as secretary, Pulak Chetia and Jugal Kishor Baruah as joint secretary and Bhabnam Moran as treasurer.

U-17 chess tourney: Brahmaputra Sports Coaching Centre, Borphukan will organise the 1st North-East U-17 Prize-money Chess Tournament at Chah Janajati High School, Borphukan from July 27 to 30.

The tournament has been recognised by the All Assam Chess Association and Tinsukia District Chess Association. The tournament carries a total prize money of Rs 1 lakh.

Kashyap, Sameer, Prannoy reach US Open quarters

said Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan next.

Among other Indians in fray, third seeds Manu Attri and Sri Sujeeth Reddy defeated the Indonesian combo of Hendra Tanjaya and Andrew Yunanto 21-16, 21-9 to set up a clash with seventh seeded Japanese Hiroki Okamura and Masayuki Onodera.

It was however curtains for Harshdeep Dang, Sri Krishna Prisa in singles event.

Vietnam's Tien Minh Nguyen ended Harsheel's stay with a 27-25, 21-9 win, while Sri Krishna lost 11-21, 10-21 to fifth seeded Jang Mi Lee of Korea and Rituparna suffered a 15-21, 20-22 loss to seventh seed Natalia Koch Rohde of Denmark.

Men's doubles pair of Francis Alwin and Tarun Kona fought hard before losing 19-21, 21-9, 14-21 to seventh seed Hiroki Okamura and Masayuki Onodera of Japan.

Women's doubles pair of Meghana Jakkampudi and Poorvi Viswasa S Ram also bowed out with a 18-21, 19-21 loss to seventh seeds Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara of Japan.

Mixed doubles pair of Manu and Maneesha were defeated 16-21, 12-21 by Goh Soon Huat and Chevon Jamie Lai. – PTI

I wanted to prove myself: Harmanpreet

DERBY, July 21: Harmanpreet Kaur did not get enough battoning time in the run up to her blistering knock in the ICC Women's World Cup semi-final and the Indian power-hitter said she wanted to prove her worth when the opportunity arrives.

Harmanpreet produced arguably one of the greatest ODI knocks ever in women's cricket yesterday to power India into the final of the World Cup with a stunning 36-run win over defending champions Australia.

With India in a spot of bother at 35-2 in the 10th over, Harmanpreet came in and mauled the Australian bowlers with her brutal force to remain unbeaten on 171 off 115 balls and power India to 281-4 in the rain-ten.

But in the run-up to the semifinal, Harmanpreet struggled to get time in the middle and had faced only 91 balls in five innings.

"I didn't get a chance to bat in the whole tournament," she said after stalling her knickknack.

"Today when I got the chance I just wanted to utilise this opportunity, because today was the day where I wanted to prove myself and thanks to God, whatever I was thinking worked."

"Mitali (Raj) and Deepiti (Sharma) scored really well and Veda (Krishnamurtty) scored really well," she added complementing her batting companion.

Such was Harmanpreet's brutal assault that she was at one stage batting on 41 off 60 balls before going berserk.

The 28-year old cricketer hailing from Moga in Punjab had earned acclaim in the T20 circuit, becoming the first Indian to be picked for the Big Bash League and the KIA Super League.

Talking about her smashing knock, Harmanpreet, who idolises Virender Sehwag, said: "Today's plan was just watch the ball, hit it hard and this is what I was doing."

"Some areas they were bowling well but I just wanted to hit and rotot the strike."

Harmanpreet was involved in a 137-run stand for the fourth wicket with Deepiti Sharma (25).

"I just told her [Deepiti] to rotate the strike, you don't have to take the pressure. I was hitting the ball well and I told her to give me the strike and I will take the responsibility and she did a great job," Harmanpreet said. – PTI

College boys in ISL players draft

GUWAHATI, July 21: Assam walked away with the runners-up trophy in the 5th North East Zone Shooting Championship, which concluded in Shillong yesterday.

Manipur occupied the top spot with 37 medals, while 17 gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze medals.

Assam managed a total of 30 medals which included 14 gold, 10 silver and 6 bronze. Meghalaya was the third team winning

Neymar trains with Barca amid PSG transfer talks

NEW YORK, July 21: Barcelona are hard at work in New York ahead of their International Champions Cup clash with Juventus, with Neymar among the travelling party despite talk of a record move to Paris Saint-Germain.

The two sides meet at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on Saturday night and were greeted by hordes of fans as they walked through the airport following their arrival in the city on Thursday ahead of their first training session.

While Lionel Messi received plenty of attention from the waiting fans at the airport, who sang his name as the squad walked towards their team bus, Neymar was also the subject of supporters' attention.

The Spanish giants stepped out to train in the north American heat later on Thursday ahead of their clash with the Serie A outfit.

Neymar is said to be close to a



Neymar, Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez train in New York ahead of their Saturday's International Champions Cup clash with Juventus, on Thursday.

The airport, the Barca players were put to work as they prepared for Saturday's game in East Rutherford.

They got the balls out at the Red Bull Training Facility in Whiting, with manager Ernesto Valverde having 26 players with him as he prepares for the first game of the pre-season, and his first as Barca manager.

Neymar is said to be close to a

Neymar was again with the Barca squad for training, putting aside talk regarding his future as he and his team-mates got to work.

As speculation of a potential move to Paris continues, PSG defender Thiago Silva believes his Brazil international team-mate will fit in well. – Agencies

SU DO KU

1			5				9	
4	8	6	2					
2	3	7	4	8				
			1	5	7	9		
5	6		9				4	2
8	9	2	6					
1	7			4	5	6		
5		3	8	1				
8		7					3	

Solution of last problem

8	2	1	7	4	3	9	6	1
5	6	3	8	6	4	7	2	
4	8	2	3	1	5	6	2	7
3	1	2	8	6	7	5	9	4
6	7	5	2	9	4	3	1	8
1	6	4	3	8	2	5	9	7
9	8	7	6	5	3	4	8	6
2	3	0	9	5	1	7	4	0

Originating from Japan, 'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. It is a kind of logic puzzle where one has to place numbers in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without repeating any.

Australian CA in search of Indian investors for players

NEW DELHI, July 21: Unemployment is hurting the top Australian cricketers due to their revenue sharing dispute with Cricket Australia, prompting them to look for endorsement deals in the lucrative Indian market.

The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA), which has all the top cricketers under its wing, has sent its General Manager Tim Cruickshank to speak to potential Indian investors, who would want to rope in Australian players for endorsement deals.

"The Australian players love coming to India. They have a huge fan base in India. The players are sought after in IPL. I have come to India to speak to potential partners in Indian market. I can tell you that the response from Indian investors has been great in the meetings that I have had," Cruickshank told PTI during an interaction.

The players' association in Australia has been entrusted with the duty of managing the 'Intellectual Property Rights' (IPR) of the players and hence Cruickshank's India visit.

"Let me tell you that players are keen to tour both our country and India. But till the time, we have not agreed to the terms and conditions set by CA in the 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU).

This has already led to the Australian A team pulling out of tri-nation 'A' series involving India and South Africa.

When asked whether the senior team's tour to India would be jeopardised, Cruickshank hoped that both parties (CA and ACA) could reach a common ground of solution will be reached by then, he said.

The current Australian players available for brand endorsement could be a win-win situation for the Indian corporates as a David Warner or Steve Smith, with their fan following, can be roped in at a lower cost than a Virat Kohli or Mahendra Singh Dhoni. —PTI

As of now, all the top Australian cricketers are "un-

employed" as they have not yet agreed to the terms and conditions set by CA in the 'Memorandum of Under-

standing' (MoU).

MoU is not signed on fair terms,

they won't be able to tour. Had the India tour been next week,

I would have told you that it's in serious jeopardy but since it's in October, should be hopeful that a common ground of

solution will be reached by then," he said.

The current Australian players available for brand endorse-

mment could be a win-win situa-

tion for the Indian corporates as a David Warner or Steve Smith, with their fan following, can be roped in at a lower cost than a Virat Kohli or Mahendra Singh Dhoni. —PTI

Kuldeep, Rahul impressive on day one

COLOMBO, July 21: Indi-

an spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja ran through the Sri Lanka Board's President XI (SLBP) batting before opener KL Rahul made a solid return from injury on the opening day of the two-day warm-up tie, here today.

The home team was com- forably placed at 139 for one, thanks to the second wicket Mankad stand from opener Dimuth Gunathilake (74) and Lahiru Thirimanne (59) before col- lapsing to 167 all out.

The match situation changed drastically after

India's fall in the 38th over with the next nine bat- men adding 48 to the total in the innings lasting 55.5 overs.

All eight bowlers in the Indian squad had a go with chinaman Kuldeep (4/14 in 6.5 overs) and Jadeja (3 in 9 overs) standing out.

India got to bat for 30 overs, scoring 135 for three, with opener Abhimanyu Mankad (0) and Cheteshwar Pujara (12) falling cheaply.

KL Rahul, returning to competitive cricket after a three month injury lay-off, made a fine 54 of 58 balls in-

cluding seven fours.

Virat Kohli too got to spend some time in the middle. He scored 34 off 46 balls and shared an unbeaten 43-run stand with Ajinkya Rahane (30 unbroken) off 30 overs.

Though Pujara stuck around for sometime, it was an opportunity lost for Mankad, who is competing for the opening slot with Dhawan.

SCORECARD
Sri Lanka Board President's XI: D. Gunathilake (74), L. Thirimanne (59), K. Jadeja (3), C. Pujara (12) b/w. KL Rahul, returning to competitive cricket after a three month injury lay-off, made a fine 54 of 58 balls in-

cluding seven fours.

Virat Kohli too got to spend

some time in the middle. He scored 34 off 46 balls and shared an unbeaten 43-run stand with Ajinkya Rahane (30 unbroken) off 30 overs.

Though Pujara stuck around for sometime, it was an opportunity lost for Mankad, who is competing for the opening slot with Dhawan.

Third phase of FIFA U-17 WC online ticket sales

NEW DELHI, July 21: With the first two phases of ticket sales of FIFA U-17 World Cup matches witnessing an impressive response, the Local Organising Committee today launched phase 3 on fifa.india/2017/ticketing.

During this phase, which will last until October 5, fans will have the opportunity to buy individual tickets to watch the action with a 25 per cent discount.

In Kolkata, Kochi and Guwahati all available tickets were sold in the first two phases.

New Delhi, the venue for the host country's matches, has attracted great interest from the fans, with ticket sales exceeding the 1,00,000 mark on July 14.

Speaking about the phase 3 launch, FIFA Deputy Secretary General Zvonimir Boban said: "The outcome of the first two sales phases confirmed the unique football passion of India's fans. We are very confident that the upcoming sales phase will continue the trend as the sense of anticipation grows in every host city."

"This year's FIFA U-17 World Cup will be an absolute milestone in the competition's history." —PTI

spykar
FLAT 50% OFF
ON 2 GARMENTS*

*TAXES EXTRA & T&C APPLY

Exclusive Store: Guwahati: Anil Plaza, Near IDBI Bank • Christian Basil, Opp. Central Mall, G.S. Road

Also at: [pantaloons](#)

Online Partners: [Myntra](#) | [JABONG](#) | [PUMA](#) | [amazon](#) | [Flipkart](#) | [snapdeal](#)

Shop on [spykar.com](#)

Speaking about the phase 3 launch, FIFA Deputy Secretary General Zvonimir Boban said: "The outcome of the first two sales phases confirmed the unique football passion of India's fans. We are very confident that the upcoming sales phase will continue the trend as the sense of anticipation grows in every host city."

"This year's FIFA U-17 World Cup will be an absolute milestone in the competition's history." —PTI

For other models offer, please contact your nearest Maruti Suzuki dealership.

THE ALL-NEW DZIRE AGS

ALTO K10 AGS

WAGONR AGS

CELERIO AGS

TOTAL SAVING UPTO ₹38,100

TOTAL SAVING UPTO ₹48,100

TOTAL SAVING UPTO ₹48,100

GET ASSURED GIFTS UP TO ₹ 11,297 ON PURCHASE OF KURL-ON MATTRESSES

BEDDING SET

COMFORTER

BEDSHEET

PILLOWS



NOW LOSE 2KGS IN 7HOURS ONLY*

MEGA OFFER
PRICE ₹999/-

Try It To Believe It

- No Appetite Suppressants
- No Crash Diets
- No Artificial food Supplements
- No Side Effects

SMS <VLCC LOSE> to 56161
 Toll Free Number 1800 102 8522
 Follow us on [www.vlccfitness.com](#) | [www.vlccwellness.com](#)

GUWAHATI: G.S. Road: 3rd Floor, J.K. Heritage Post Office, G. S. Road, Guwahati - 781005. Ph: 0361-2345555/ 6666. **Ambari:** Agni Shanti Business Park, GNB Road, Opp.-AGF office, Guwahati - 781001. Ph: 0361-7181910.
Gauhati: Sector 5 A & 2, 2nd Floor, Panchayati Sangha Building, Assam, Ph: 0361-2345555, Indira Purva, 2nd Floor, Block C, Complex (Above Shadmani), GNB Road, Tinsukia. Assam-786125. Ph: 0364-519510, 8811014762. **SHILLONG:** Reebok Showroom, Near Hind High School, Keating Road, Shillong-793001. Ph: 0364-2504033, 2504622, 9774080800. **IMPHAL:** Uropik Flyover Point, Imphal West - 795001, Manipur. Ph: 8575026439.

For Franchise Enquiries, please contact 8910078997 | [imphal.chakravarthy@rcfwellness.com](#)

*T&C apply. Results may vary from person to person.



Kurlon Mattress Xpress: Guwahati-Lachit Nagar - 9435011227, Tinsukia - 0372-220500, 8876185721, Shillong-Police Bazaar - 9436113937, Near Mukti Point- 0384-2504262, 8974003130, Dimapur- East Nuharibari Purana Bazar - T. Road, North Lakhipur - 994374427, Naren, VIP Road - 943573996; Silchar- Bilar Road, Near Indraprastha Hotel - 9435071265, Shyamaprasad Road, Shillong- 9435025987; Nahariganj - 812953091; 9882980349; Nrjuli- 943608897; Pasighat- 9436244471; Imphal- Yauskl Morangchon - 9856431024, Thangl Bazar - 9863800981, 9874003130, Agartala-Bordwai - 8413000855, 9883334444;

• GET ASSURED GIFTS UP TO ₹ 11,297 ON PURCHASE OF KURL-ON MATTRESSES