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PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Advantage Assam 2.0

Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit to mark a new era of growth and opportunity: CM

inaugurated the two day Advantage Assam 2.0: Investment and Infrastructure Summit in presence of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, several union and state government ministers, number of foreign envoys and a host of industry captains here in Guwahati. Delivering the inaugural address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit is an event to

to emerge as a leader in the country's industrial landscape. The Prime Minister while reiterating Government of India's unwavering support and commitment for Assam's rise as an industrial powerhouse, also complimented the state in diversifying its economy with focus on technology and manufacturing. It may be noted that

Dispur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Assam's rich industrial legacy and its promise present the rich investment and industrial ecosystem existing in Assam along with its locational advantage, tailored made and customized investment policies and a sprawling market with good potential to give rich investment dividends. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma termed the summit as a landmark event in Assam's industrial journey. He said that with the blessings and esteemed

Assam is laying the foundation for cutting-edge technology: CM

Session on "Advancing Semiconductor Horizons in Assam for Viksit Bharat"



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma in the presence of Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw attended a thematic session titled "Advancing Semiconductor Horizons in Assam for Viksit Bharat," organized as a part of the 'Advantage Assam 2.0 - Investment & Infrastructure Summit at Guwahati. The session aimed to highlight Assam's semiconductor manufacturing and design ecosystem,

emphasizing innovation, infrastructure development, and investment opportunities was participated by key stakeholders from the government, industry, and academia to discuss the future of the semiconductor industry in Assam and its role in India's broader semiconductor strategy. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while speaking on the occasion said that the state is laying the foundation for cutting-edge technology that will shape industries, transform lives, and place Assam on the global semiconductor map. The Chief Minister said that the state-of-the-art OSAT unit at Jagiroad, developed by Tata Electronics, is set to commence production in 2025, with an impressive capacity to produce over 48 million chips daily using indigenous technologies, which is poised to be a game-changer. The project is expected to generate 27,000 direct and see page 10

Governor launches two new schemes

The initiatives will strengthen the spirit of "Nation First": Governor



Guwahati : Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, today launched two new schemes namely Governor Assam Rashtriya Suraksha Protsahan Sankalp and Governor Assam Rashtriya Sewa Protsahan Sankalp at Raj Bhavan. It may be mentioned that Assam Governor's Rashtriya Suraksha Protsahan Sankalp is an initiative proposed and envisaged by Raj Bhavan, Assam, in partnership with the National Cadet Corps (NCC), Assam. The campaign aims to educate not only the NCC cadets but also the larger student community of 35 districts across the state in various academic institutions about different aspects see page 10



Part-79 ''Self-reproach'

O my heart's heart, the Supreme God You are my sole soul. O Hari, You are my Supreme Soul, O my heart's Lord, Not knowing you, Considering the false body the soul, I became a thief of worship. O my heart's friend, what an unwise I am!

Part-81 "Reproach"

One, who does not know the happiness of praising Hari, Is sent away by Him.
The wicked-minded,
Who doesnot praise Hari,
He becomes the slave to,
One, not doing the act of praising,
Will suffer from the oppression of Yama.
One who doesnot praise of Hari
For what this wicked- minded was born as man?
One, who is not fond of praising Hari,
He is more inferior than the beasts.
One, who does not wander by praising Hari,
Its clear that he is fascinated by the illusion of Hari.
One, who didnot attach his intellect to the praise of Hari
That unfortunate is refrained from Hari.

■ **Rita Boruah** 99545-94823

ULFA-I Militant Surrenders In Tinsukia

Tinsukia: A chapter in Assam's insurgency history came to a close as Arunjay Bora, an active member of the banned United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent (ULFA-I), surrendered before the Tinsukia police on Sunday. Known within the outfit as Ujjal Asom, Bora laid down his arms at Ritu Kathalguri, officially severing ties with the militant group. Bora, a resident of Tekeri village in Pengeri, Tinsukia, had been associated with ULFA (I) since 2018. His surrender marks a significant step towards disengaging from years of armed conflict. Security agencies view this development as a crucial breakthrough in their continued efforts to dismantle insurgent networks in Assam. Authorities have reiterated their commitment to rehabilitating former militants, integrating them into mainstream society, and offering them a path towards a peaceful future. In the meantime, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had sent a notice to the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and its groups, and asked them to explain why they should not be labeled an unlawful organization for five years, effective from November 27, 2024, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967. ULFA was given 30 days upon receiving of the notice to submit a written response to the MĤA and the reply was asked to be filed before the "Register of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the Matter of the United Liberation Front of Asom.'

Two Amrit Bharat Trains To Link Dibrugarh, Silchar With New Delhi



Dibrugarh: Assam is progressing rapidly with new railway projects and industries. Two Amrit Bharat trains have been launched, and new railway tracks are being built. These changes will improve travel, create jobs, and help Assam become an important economic center in the region. Two Amrit Bharat trains is expected to improve rail travel between Dibrugarh, Silchar, and New Delhi, making the journey faster and more convenient. This is believed to strengthen Assam's connectivity with the national capital and other major cities, helping in economic and social development. Four new railway tracks will be built at the Chicken's Neck corridor, a key route linking Northeast India to the rest of the country. Also, a new railway line will connect Kokrajhar in Assam with Gelaphu in Bhutan, helping to increase trade and enhance relations between the two countries. In addition, a locomotive engine repair center will be established in Lumding, enhancing railway maintenance and operational efficiency in the state. Meanwhile, Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is working to make train travel safer. It is using new technology to improve and maintain its infrastructure. To increase safety and efficiency, NFR has upgraded and replaced signaling systems and other safety equipment in different areas. In January 2025, NFR installed advanced switch point machines at two locations in the Alipurduar and Rangiya divisions. It also replaced 20 machines at Katihar and 11 at Alipurduar. These upgrades will help prevent derailments and make train travel safer for passengers and goods. To improve safety, five level crossings in Katihar, Lumding, Rangiya, and Tinsukia divisions now have new electric lifting barriers. Also, 17.712 km of signaling cables have been installed at stations in Rangiya, Lumding, and Alipurduar divisions.



Paresh Baishya: A Visionary Educator

■ Partha Pratim Deka

I have had the privilege of knowing Paresh Baishya Sir, now Retired Principal of Dadara Higher Secondary School, for a considerable amount of time, and I can confidently attest that he embodies the qualities of a perfect gentleman: straightforwardness, tenacity, vivaciousness, and having a dynamic charisma that has transcended the attributes of many ordinary individuals. His unwavering dedication to education, unrelenting passion for teaching, and unshakeable commitment to the student community have made him a shining example of excellence and a beacon of inspiration for countless lives. I first met Sir at a felicitation program organized by the Inspectorate, KDC, under the aegis of Prasanna Borah, the then Inspector of Schools, KDC. It was an honour to share the dais with him, and I still cherish the moment when he warmly embraced my hands after my speech, exuding love, respect, and genuine appreciation. That moment has remained etched in my memory, and I continue to draw inspiration from his kindness and generosity.

As I got to know him better, I discovered that Sir is an exemplary administrator, renowned for his meticulous approach to school management. During his principalship, he ensured that the school timetable was adhered to, confirming teachers' presence from 9 am to 3:30 pm. He also engaged teachers in various school activities, fostering a sense of community, teamwork, and collaboration. His leadership style, characterized by empathy, compassion, and a willingness to listen, created a positive and inclusive school culture that promoted academic excellence, creativity, and critical thinking.

Sir's vision for education extends far beyond the confines of the classroom. He organized various activities, including international seminars on biodiversity conservation, which brought together acclaimed experts and students. These initiatives positioned the school as a center of excellence, promoting insightful learning, higher conscience, and a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of our world. His commitment to education has inspired a generation of students, teachers, and educators, and his legacy continues to shape the educational landscape.

As an educationist, Sir has been a driving force for positive change. He has served on various district and state-level committees, sharing his expertise and insights to inform educational policy and practice. Even after his retirement, he continues to be an invaluable resource, offering guidance and support to schools across the state. His tireless advocacy for education has improved the lives of countless students, teachers, and communities,

and his contributions to the field of education have been recognized and celebrated.

The Paresh Baishya Foundation, established by Sir, is a testament to his unwavering commitment to education. His innovative concept of 'Pohar Vidyalya' has created a world of imagination for students, focusing on contemporary history, geography, life skills, language, culture, science, and mathematics. This initiative has provided students with a unique opportunity to engage with the world around them, develop critical thinking skills, and cultivate a deeper understanding of the complexities of our world. Sir's life is a shining example of the power of dedication, hard work, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world. Rising from a humble background, he has become a living legend, inspiring countless lives through his creative vision, selfless service, and generosity of spirit. His story is a testament to the human spirit's capacity for resilience, adaptation, and transformation.

As a writer, Sir has authored numerous textbooks, including 'Adv Mathematics,' 'English Grammar,' 'Magic of Mathematics,' and various books for children. His research work on the "Alaboi War" has brought this significant historical event to the forefront, while his encouragement of researchers like Purnima Devi Barman(recently her name has been incorporated in Time



Magagine of USA as" Woman of the year") has been instrumental in promoting conservation efforts. His writing and research have not only enriched the field of education but have also inspired a new generation of scholars, researchers, and educators.

Sir's contributions to education and society are a beacon of hope for future generations. His magnanimous disposition, sense of belongingness, and commitment to the student community will be remembered forever. I wish him and his family to be endowed with robust health, happiness, and continued success, so that we may always see him as a greater version of himself. May his legacy continue to inspire, motivate, and guide us as we navigate the complexities of our world.

(The writer is the Principal of Madhya Panduri H.S School, Jamtola, Rangia.)

Eco Club of THB College organizes workshop on Solid Waste Management

Club of THB College, Jamugurihat, organized a workshop Vermicomposting, Solid Waste Management, and Rain Water harvesting, day-long a programme today. The programme was organized under the Environmental Education Program (EEP), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and implemented by Assam Science Technology and Environment Council, Government of Assam. The programme aimed to proenvironmental awareness and sustainable

Jamuguri: The Eco practices among school discussed the concept of students and teachers. It was coordinated by Dr Tulshi Upadhyay, Coordinator of Eco Club of the college. The programme began with the inaugural speech by Dr Anju Chetry, Vice-Principal of the college. In her inaugural speech, Dr Chetry emphasized the significance of environmental conservation. The workshop was chaired by Dr Khanjan Kumar Das, Associate Professor of the Department of Assamese of the college. Dr Ratul Nath, Assistant Professor of Behali Degree College, conducted the workshop on vermicomposting and

vermicomposting, its benefit and material required. The second session was conducted by Bipul Chandra Saikia of the college. In his speech, he explained the importance of solid waste management in educational institutions, homes, and communities. More than ninety students and teachers from various schools of the locality attended the workshop. Manisha Das, Head of the Department of Zoology of the college gave the vote of thanks to all the participants. Participation certificates were also distributed among the students.

Birla Opus Paint Outlet inaugurated in Golaghat's Begenakhowa

Golaghat: A Birla Opus Paint outlet was inaugurated in Golaghat's Begenakhowa recently. Proprietor Lalita Devi Jitani inaugurated the outlet by cutting a ribbon and hailing lord Ganesha thereafter. Meanwhile, Regional Manager Mohit Agarwal, Area Sales Manager Abhishek Deka, Territory Sales Manager Dhritiman Deka, Franchise Manager East Subhodip Mazumdar, Customer Experience Dhiraj Das, Proprietor Lalita Devi Jitani, Biki Jitani, Laxmi, and Journalists Amit Nagori & Priyam Jyoti Das were felicitated with a Phulam Gamocha. Regional Manager Mohit Agarwal, addressing the gathering, said that it is their 10th franchise store in the North East and they are happy to have a partner like KAMDHENU. He also said that they have varied ranges from economy and premium to luxury and are hopeful to give something new in respect of painting techniques. Area Sales Manager Abhishek Deka said that the Birla Opus Paint Outlet will undoubtedly change the outlook of customers in terms of purchasing paint.

Mahashivaratri: A Festival of Transformation

■ Satyabrat Borah

Mahashivaratri is one of the most significant festivals in Hinduism, dedicated to Lord Shiva, the god of destruction and transformation. It is observed on the 14th night of the waning moon in the Hindu month of Phalguna, which usually falls in February or March. Unlike many other Hindu festivals that involve grand feasts and daytime celebrations, Mahashivaratri is a night of devotion, fasting, and meditation. It is a time when devotees turn inward, seeking spiritual growth and divine blessings.

People across India and other parts of the world celebrate Mahashivaratri with deep reverence. Temples dedicated to Lord Shiva witness large gatherings, with devotees offering milk, honey, water, and bel leaves to the Shivling, a representation of Shiva. Some people observe a strict fast, consuming only fruits, water, or milk, while others choose to abstain from food completely. Staying awake through the night, chanting mantras, and engaging in prayers are common practices, as it is believed that these acts bring peace, prosperity, and spiritual upliftment.

Mahashivaratri holds different meanings for different people. For some, it marks the divine wedding of Shiva and Parvati, symbolizing the union of masculine and feminine energies. Others believe it is the night when Shiva performed the Tandava, a cosmic dance that signifies creation, preservation, and destruction. Many also see it as a time of deep spiritual significance, when the planetary positions align in a way that enhances meditation and selfawareness. Yogis and seekers use this occasion to focus on their spiritual practices, believing that the energy on this night is especially conducive to inner growth.

The festival is not just about rituals; it is also about personal reflection. Shiva represents both destruction and renewal, reminding people that life is a continuous cycle of change. Letting go of negativity, breaking old patterns, and embracing transformation are essential aspects of this night. Devotees take this opportunity to shed burdens, forgive past grievances, and set positive inten-

tions for the future. It is a reminder that destruction is not always negative; sometimes, it is necessary for new beginnings.

Mahashivaratri is also an occasion for community gatherings and devotion. Many temples organize bhajans and kirtans, where people come together to sing praises of Shiva. The rhythmic chanting of "Om Namah Shivaya" creates a powerful atmosphere, believed to purify the mind and soul. The vibrations of these prayers are said to bring a sense of calmness and focus, helping individuals connect with their inner selves.

One of the fascinating aspects of Mahashivaratri is its emphasis on staying awake throughout the night. This tradition is not merely symbolic; it carries a deeper meaning. It signifies awareness, mindfulness, and the pursuit of higher consciousness. In many Shiva temples, priests and devotees perform four rounds of worship throughout the night, each representing different aspects of existence. The first quarter is linked to creation, the second to preservation, the third to destruction, and the fourth to transcendence. This cycle reflects the essence of life itself.

For those who follow yogic traditions, Mahashivaratri is a time of heightened energy. Many spiritual practitioners believe that the natural energy of the earth is at its peak during this night, making it an ideal time for meditation. It is said that by sitting with a straight spine and remaining awake, one can align with this cosmic energy, leading to spiritual awakening. This belief is supported by modern research, which suggests that meditation during certain phases of the moon can have a profound impact on mental clarity and emotional balance.

Mahashivaratri is not just a religious festival; it is a night that transcends barriers of faith and culture. Even those who do not actively follow Hindu traditions find meaning in its message of self-discipline, resilience, and renewal. In a world filled with distractions. Mahashivaratri serves as a reminder to slow down, reflect, and connect with something beyond the material world. It is a time to look within, reassess priorities, and focus on personal growth.

In some parts of India,



Mahashivaratri is celebrated with grand processions, where idols of Lord Shiva are carried through the streets accompanied by music and dance. Devotees chant prayers, seeking blessings for their families and communities. In Varanasi, one of the most sacred cities for Shiva worship, the ghats along the Ganges come alive with lights, offerings, and rituals that continue till dawn. The energy in these places is said to be electrifying, with thousands of people coming together in devotion.

For those who observe the festival at home, simple acts of worship such as lighting a diya, offering prayers, and meditating in silence can be equally powerful. The essence of Mahashivaratri is not in grand rituals but in sincere devotion. It is about recognizing the presence of Shiva within oneself, understanding the impermanence of life, and embracing the journey with faith and courage.

Children are often told stories about Shiva on this night, reinforcing the values of strength, patience, and righteousness. One of the most popular legends associated with Mahashivaratri is that of the hunter who unknowingly worshiped Shiva. According to the story, a hunter climbed a tree and, in an attempt to attract prey, plucked and dropped leaves throughout the night. Unbeknownst to him he was dropping bel leaves onto a Shivling beneath the tree. Pleased with this accidental devotion, Shiva blessed him, showing that sincerity and faith are more important than knowledge of rituals. This story highlights the belief that anyone, regardless of background or status, can seek Shiva's blessings through genuine intent.

Another significant story revolves around the churning of the ocean, or Samudra Manthan, in which Shiva drank the poison that emerged from the depths of the ocean to save the world. This act symbolizes selflessness, sacrifice, and the ability to face challenges with courage. Mahashivaratri serves as a reminder of these qualities, inspiring people to embrace difficulties with strength and grace.

As the night progresses and the first rays of sunlight appear, devotees complete their prayers and break their fast. The sense of peace and fulfillment that follows is often described as deeply transformative. Whether one experiences it in a crowded temple or in quiet solitude, Mahashivaratri leaves a lasting impression. It is a festival that encourages people to rise above their limitations, seek wisdom, and move forward with clarity and purpose.

In a fast-paced world where distractions are constant, Mahashivaratri stands as a moment of stillness and introspection. It invites people to detach from the chaos and reconnect with their inner selves. Whether one is religious or not, the themes of renewal, strength, and self-discovery resonate with all. The festival reminds us that beyond our daily struggles, there is a deeper meaning to life, waiting to be explored.

Mahashivaratri is not just a night of worship; it is a journey into the depths of the soul. It is a time to embrace change, overcome fears, and step into a new phase of life with faith and determination. As the chants of "Har Har Mahadev" fill the air, devotees find themselves drawn closer to the essence of Shiva – the infinite, the formless, and the eternal.



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Soaring Above the Ordinary: How Assam Boy Debanga Sarma, An RGU Alumnus Became A Successful UAV Disaster Pilot

Picture this: a determined young engineer from Guwahati, armed with little more than curiosity, a passion for drones, and the unshakeable support of his alma mater. Fast-forward a few years, and he's making history as the first UAV Disaster Pilot in Assam—ready to revolutionize emergency response for an entire region. Meet Debanga Sarma, the Royal Global University graduate whose story is equal parts tenacity, technology, and trailblazing triumph. Graduating in 2020 with a Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering from the Royal Group of Institutions—now known as The Assam Royal Global University—Debanga Sarma reflects on his time there with deep admiration. He credits the university for "establishing a solid groundwork" in engineering principles and for instilling in him the 21st-century skills—critical thinking, creativity, and leadership—that have proved vital in his career. The faculty at RGU served as genuine mentors rather than mere educators," he recalls. "Their unwavering support and constructive feedback were instrumental in shaping my professional journey." From practical workshops to academic case studies, the RGU ecosystem offered him exposure to realworld problem-solving, equipping him with the know-how to navigate the demanding field of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The Road to UAV Pioneering "Upon completing his undergraduate studies, Debanga pursued advanced training in UAV technology in New Delhi. Determined to merge his core mechanical engineering expertise with emerging technologies, he found his calling in drones—an area that has swiftly be-

come indispensable in disaster management and relief operations. Choosing to specialize in UAV technology felt like a natural extension of my engineering background," he says. "Drones are at the frontier of innovation, offering capabilities that can save lives and revolutionize emergency response." The turning point came when he joined the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, a critical body tasked with mitigating and responding to disasters across the state. As a certified UAV pilot by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Debanga has led numerous missions that leverage drone technology for surveillance, mapping, and relief supply deliveryefforts that have already proven to be life-saving in remote and flood-prone regions. A Gratitude-Filled Journey "Debanga's ascent in the UAV field is not one he claims to have achieved alone. He acknowledges the profound influence of his mentor, ShriSuranjib Sarma, whose guidance and encouragement shaped his understanding of UAV technology and expanded his professional network. The support he received from RGU also played a pivotal role in his development. Workshops and events organized by the university connected him with industry professionals and alumni, providing him with essential insights that proved vital when stepping into the professional world. Embracing the Future of UAV Technology "Now stationed at ASDMA, Debanga envisions a future where drone technology will be integral in areas ranging from agriculture and urban planning to disaster relief. As the first UAV Disaster Pilot in Assam, he sees himself as a catalyst for

broader acceptance of drones in critical missions. The scope of UAV pilots in the future of technology is immense," he notes. "Whether it's rapid disaster response, precision agriculture, or infrastructure inspections, drones are revolutionizing how we approach challenges." His story underlines how a solid educational foundation—combined with dedication and an eye for opportunity can yield transformative outcomes in any sector. Message to the Next Generation "When asked what he would share with current RGU students, Debanga's advice extends beyond textbooks and exams. He stresses the importance of honesty, perseverance, and gratitude in both personal and professional spheres. Social media can be a distracting echo chamber," he cautions. "Focus on realworld experiences, maintain genuine relationships, and remember why you started in the first place. Your parents and teachers have made sacrifices to give you these opportunities—make the most of them.""He also urges students to relish the jour-



plication. For the university that helped shape him, his success reaffirms RGU's role in producing future-ready leaders. For Assam, it marks a significant leap in harnessing modern technology to address local challenges. The journey doesn't end here,"Debanga says with a confident smile. "I look forward to exploring new frontiers and hope to inspire others to see that with the right guidance, dedication, and a bit of courage, they too can soar to unimaginable heights." In an era of constant global change, it is stories like Debangaa Sarma's that remind us of the remarkable impact education and mentorship can have. For more details contact: "Office of Public Relations"Royal Global



Sanmilita Nakari Rongali Bihu: New **Leadership Formed, 32nd Celebration to** be Held in Bayanchuk Village

Bihu Conference, Nakari the General Meeting were held at Senchua M.V. School. The meeting was presided over by Dhan Baruah. The purpose of the meeting was explained by the General Secretary, Avinash Saikia. During the meeting, speeches were delivered by the Chief Advisor of the Central Committee, Pradip Baruah, Advisors Uma Gogoi and Indeswar Gogoi, Vice President Arun Gogoi, and Joint Secretaries Gokul Gogoi and Biswajit Deka. The 31st Celebration Committee presented the finan-

Pranjal Gogoi, Duliajan: On Februcial report for the previous year's celebraary Sunday 23rd the Sanmilita Rongali tion, which was submitted by Treasurer Tridip Hazarika. A new Central Committee was also formed during the meeting, with the following key members- President: Arun Gogoi, General Secretary: Avinash Saikia, Cultural Secretary: Panaw Jyoti Phukan Along with them, a total of 31 members were included in the committee. Additionally, during the meeting, Bayanchuk village applied to host the 32nd Bihu celebration, and the assembly approved the request. Several other decisions were also taken in the meeting.

The power of autobiographies: Lessons from great lives

Heramba Nath

Reading autobiographies of great individuals is a habit that can profoundly impact our lives. By exploring the lives of those who have achieved greatness, we gain valuable insights into their thoughts, emotions, and experiences. Autobiographies provide a unique opportunity to understand the personal journeys of exceptional individuals, offering lessons from their successes and failures. They allow us to uncover the habits, traits, and mindsets that contributed to their achievements, providing a roadmap for personal and professional growth. These firsthand accounts offer an intimate look into the challenges and triumphs faced by great individuals. They reveal the influences that shaped their lives, including their upbringing, education, relationships, and career decisions. Understanding these factors helps us see the broader patterns of success and resilience. Many great personalities encountered struggles and setbacks, but their helped them overcome obstacles. By reading their life stories, we can draw strength from their experiences and apply their wisdom to our own journeys. One of the most significant benefits of reading autobiographies is the ability to learn from others' experiences. By studying the lives of remarkable individuals, we gain valuable knowledge about the attitudes and strategies that led them to greatness. Their successes and failures serve as lessons, guiding us toward better decision-making and personal growth. Many autobiographies also highlight the importance of discipline, hard work, and adaptability—qualities that are essential for achieving excellence in any field. By understanding the thought processes of influential figures, we can adopt their best practices and avoid the pitfalls they encountered. Autobiographies also provide a unique perspective on history, offering a personal and firsthand account of significant events and societal

determination and perseverance that often present facts in a generalised manner, autobiographies allow us to see events through the eyes of those who lived them. This personal connection makes history more relatable and engaging. By reading about the social, political, and cultural environments that shaped great individuals, we gain a deeper appreciation of the challenges and opportunities of different eras. This understanding can also help us reflect on present-day situations and draw meaningful comparisons." Another powerful aspect of autobiographies is their ability to inspire and motivate. The stories of great individuals often highlight their struggles, sacrifices, and moments of doubt. Seeing how they overcame adversity can ignite a sense of determination within us. Their courage, resilience, and unwavering belief in their goals serve as a reminder that success is not achieved overnight but through consistent effort and perseverance. These narratives encourage us to push changes. Unlike history books beyond our limitations and pur-

sue our aspirations with renewed vigour. Beyond inspiration, autobiographies can also provide practical guidance. Many influential figures share personal philosophies, principles, and strategies that helped them navigate life's complexities. These insights can serve as a source of guidance for readers, offering valuable life lessons that can be applied in various situations. Whether it is about leadership, creativity, problem-solving, or self-discipline, autobiographies offer a wealth of knowledge that can be directly beneficial in our own lives. Reflecting on the impact of autobiographies, it is clear that they offer much more than just personal stories. They provide a means to understand the journeys of great individuals, learn from their experiences, and draw inspiration from their achievements. By engaging with these narratives, we not only enrich our knowledge but also develop a deeper appreciation for the resilience and determination required to succeed.

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New job makes me more hungry: Jayanta



Guwahati: Arjuna Awardee and Olympian archer Jayanta Talukdar, who was recently appointed as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in Assam, shared his thoughts with The Sentinel in a candid interview. Here's what he had to say about his new role, his journey, and future aspirations.

Q: You've recently been appointed as DSP in Assam Police. How do you feel about it?

Jayanta: I'm truly delighted. I would like to express my gratitude to Assam's Chief Minister, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, and everyone who supported me in achieving this position. I've always wanted to come back home

and share my experiences with young archers in the state on a regular basis. This appointment will help me fulfill that goal.

Q: Who do you credit for helping you reach this position?

Jayanta: There are many people I owe my success to. I've always received great support from the

people of Assam and from Tata Archery Academy Jamshedpur, where I spent much of my career. But there is one person I deeply miss-my father. He was my first coach and the one who constantly motivated me to push myself further. He would have been the proudest person at this moment if he was still with us.

Q: Do you think the state government's decision to recruit successful athletes into government jobs will take sports in Assam to greater heights?

Jayanta: Absolutely. During my time, we didn't have the opportunities that athletes have

today in Assam. Now, even winning a medal at the National Games can land you a government job, in addition to international medals. Parents no longer have the excuse to say that pursuing sports is a waste of time. In fact, many are now encouraging their children to pursue sports, and this growing interest will help elevate the standards of games in Assam.

O: What is the current state of archery in Assam?

Jayanta: There's a lot of raw talent in archery here, and our young players are performing really well in national competitions. However, we do need a dedicated archery academy in Assam. Many archers face techchallenges nical when transitioning from junior to senior levels and an academy could address these issues. As I understand, the Assam government plans to establish a fullfledged archery academy, and once it's in place, it will significantly help improve the game's standard in the state.

Q: Can we expect to see

you training young Assam archers in the future?

Jayanta: Absolutely. I've been waiting for this opportunity. I'm eager to share my experiences with the next generation. Back in my time, there weren't many coaching facilities in Guwahati, and the number of archery ranges was limited. I'll do my best to give young archers the chance to learn the nuances of the sport and improve their skills.

Q: What are your future plans?

Javanta: This new role as DSP has made me even hungrier. I've won medals in almost every international competition except for the Olympics. Now, I'm fully focused on the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. I've already mapped out a plan for that. Archer Rahul Banerjee has set up a nice academy in Kolkata where top archers from across the country come to train. I'm also planning to train there with full dedication, with the ultimate goal of winning an Olympic

MoU signed at Advantage Assam

Guwahati: Royal Global University on 25th February, 2025, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Government of Assam for the establishment of Royal Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital at RGU campus. It was exchanged in the presence of Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare Minister, Assam, Shri Ashok Singhal, at the historic occasion of Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment

2025 with Prof. YSR Assam-Sri Murthy, Vice Chancellor, RGU and Dr. Diganta Munshi, Registrar-Administration, RGU. Represented as a hub of knowledge and education capital of the state and featuring in the official video of Advantage Assam, that has been run across platforms by Government of Assam including to highlight strengths of the state to Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi and other dignitaries, and Infrastructure Summit Honourable Governor of

Prasad Acharya, Prime Minister of India-Sri Narendra Modi, Minister of External Affairs-Dr. Jaishankar, Commerce and Industry Minister-Sri Piyush Goyal, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister-Sri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shipping Minister-Sri Sarbananda Sonowal and Ministers Union Jyotiraditya Scindia, Ashwini Vaishnaw, industry leaders Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani, Anil Agarwal, Savitri quality education from the of the same.

Laxman Jindal, along with visiting foreign dignitaries and delegates, Royal Global University is now set to expand its wings into the field of Ayurvedic medicine in line with PM Modi's vision of promoting research and innovation in Ayurveda for global health, investing in India's indigenous superpower. This Memorandum of Understanding will enable students from national and international arenas to gain access to



field of ayurveda and its allied spheres, boosting global health and promoting education, research, innovation, and awareness

Morigaon Education Department Inaugurates Newly Constructed Office and "Sanchipat" Library



Morigaon: In a significant development for the district's educational landscape, the Morigaon Education Department inaugurated its newly renovated office building and "Sanchipat" Library today. The ceremony took place at the historic Itihas Bhawan in Morigaon, symbolizing the preservation of local heritage and an effort to inspire future generations.""The event began with the joint opening of the renovated District Primary Education Officer's office by retired administrative officer Rabendra Kumar Das and Deputy Commissioner Debashish Sharma. The six-room office, completed at a cost of ?23 lakh, is expected to enhance administrative efficiency.""Following the office inauguration, a formal program was held to unveil the "Sanchipat" Library. Speaking on the occasion, retired officer and author Rabendra Kumar Das emphasized the significance of trans-

forming a century-old building into a library, describing it as a unique initiative that upholds Morigaon's rich heritage. He noted the declining number of library users and expressed hope that Sanchipat Library would encourage more people to engage reading.""Deputy Commissioner Debashish Sharma addressed the gathering, highlighting the role of education in shaping society. He underscored the importance of responsible writing, stating that "a pen in the right hands can produce great works, while in the wrong hands, it can spread negativity." Sharma also mentioned that Morigaon stands second in the "Advantage Assam" ranking, anticipating rapid progress for the district in the near future.""District Elementary Education Officer Apurba Thakuriya delivered the welcome address, explaining that the library was established in the Itihas Bhawan to preserve

inspire future generations. He said the library would serve as a center of knowledge, housing historical documents and literary works that reflect Morigaon's cultural identity. Pratap Hazarika, President of the All Assam Rural Library Association, praised the enduring strength of the Assamese language, noting that the existence of Assamese-medium schools is crucial to main-

the district's legacy and applauded the leadership of a government official in establishing a library and encouraged community involvement to ensure its success.""Among the distinguished attendees were Assistant Com-Kangkan missioner Saikia, Joint Director of Health Services Dr. Arun Nath, writer Mileswar Pator, President of Morigaon District Journalists' Association Ajit Sharma, and various prominent educators, culture of reading and taining the language. He journalists, and social learning.

workers. Many guests, including notable journalist Pratap Hazarika, writer Mileswar Pator, Professor Dr. Utpal Nath, social activist Atanu Sharma, and poet Aniruddha Deka, donated books to the library.""The inauguration of both the Morigaon Education Department's renovated office and the "Sanchipat" Library concluded with a strong message of preserving local heritage and fostering a

Advantage Assam 2.0 Inaugurated in Morigaon with MoU Signing

Lipika Bora, Morigaon: The District Library in Morigaon hosted the inaugural session of Advantage Assam 2.0 today, along with a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony. Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Devashish Sharma, the event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners Sulakshana Barpatragohain and Anusuya Sharma, senior officials from the district administration, local entrepreneurs, youths, and other prominent figures.In his address, Deputy Commissioner Sharma highlighted the opportunities and benefits of Advantage Assam 2.0, an initiative by the Assam government to increase investments, promote entrepreneurship, and create new employment opportunities. He noted that the program aims to extend support to local entrepreneurs, small and medium enterprises, and startups, thereby fostering economic growth in the district. During the event, the district adminis-

tration signed an MoU with various organizations, setting the stage for future development in business, entrepreneurship, and economic sectors. Under the Advantage Assam 2.0 initiative, the district administration also distributed tablets to select individuals, aiming to promote digital empowerment and facilitate IT education.""Attendees expressed optimism that these measures would significantly boost Morigaon's economic landscape, providing more opportunities for local businesses and youths to thrive.



Yami Gautam celebrates one year of Article 370

Actress Yami Gautam recently took to social media to reflect on the journey of Article 370 as the film completes one year. Known for taking on strong roles, Yami played NIA agent Zooni Haksar in the political action thriller. Sharing her thoughts, she expressed how being part of the film was a privilege. She also highlighted the significance of the story, which revolves around efforts to combat terrorism following the abrogation of Article 370.

Posting on Instagram, Yami wrote, "Rarely does a film come along with a story so powerful, so unbelievable, yet so real, that being a part of it feels like a privilege. #Article370 is more than just a film—it's a story that needed to



be told, and I am truly honored to have played a part in it. This is a film the country will remember." Her words resonated with fans who appreciated her compelling performance in the film.

Sajid Nadiadwala's Chandu Cham-pion secures three nominations at Indie Film Festival Awards



Industry titan Sajid Nadiadwala's Chandu Champion has secured three prestigious nominations at the inaugural Indie Film Festival Awards - in New York. The film has been recognized in the marquee categories of Best Film, Best Director, and Best Actor (Male), a testament to its cinematic excellence and global appeal. Directed by Kabir ematic brilliance.

Khan, Chandu Champion brings to life the extraordinary journey of Murlikant Petkar, India's first Paralympic gold medallist. The film's powerful storytelling and stellar performances continue to receive widespread acclaim, further solidifying Sajid Nadiadwala's vision as a producer committed to bringing inspiring and high-impact contentdriven cinema to the silver screen. Adding to the film's achievements, Murlikant Petkar, recently honored with the Arjuna Award, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to Sajid Nadiadwala and the film team for immortalizing his journey. With these prestigious IFFA nominations, Chandu Champion not only elevates Indian storytelling on a global platform but also reinforces Nadiadwala's legacy of delivering cin-

Ajay Devgn to kick off work on Drishyam 3

chises across languages, Drishyam has Hindi languages. After two successful instalments of the mystery-thriller in both, now it seems that both makers are planning to take it forward with a third instalment in the pipeline. While

Known as one of the biggest fran- the Malayalam version of Drishyam 3 was announced much earlier, marking wooed audiences in Malayalam and the return of Mohanlal as George Kutty in the Jeethu Joseph directorial, now we hear that Ajay Devgn too will be making a comeback as Vijay Salgaonkar in the Abhishek Pathak directorial.

Dhanush and Sonam Kapoor starrer Raanjhanaa to re-release in theaters on February 28

The 2013 romance drama Raanjhanaa, starring Sonam Kapoor and Dhanush, is making a return to the big screen on February 28. The announcement was made by PVR Cinemas on Instagram with the caption, "Some love stories deserve an encore!" Fans of the film will get the opportunity to experience the poignant love story once again in PVR INOX cinemas. Directed by Aanand L. Rai, Raanjhanaa follows the journey of Kundan (Dhanush), a small-town boy deeply in love with Zoya (Sonam Kapoor), his childhood friend. Despite Zoya's love for Akram (Abhay Deol), Kundan remains persistent in his affection. The film explores themes of love, sacrifice, and destiny, making it a standout in the romance genre.



Sunny Deol to promote Jaat at India vs Pakistan **ICC Champions Trophy**

The highly anticipated India Vs Pakistan ICC Champions Trophy match is set to take place at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, and Bollywood superstar Sunny Deol will be in attendance. The actor, known for his power-packed performances, will use the grand sporting event as a platform to promote his upcoming film Jaat. The match, which draws massive global viewership, serves as a prime opportunity for film promotions, making Deol's presence even more significant. aat is Sunny Deol's next big project following the massive success of Gadar 2, which earned over Rs. 525.45 crore at the box office. The film is produced by Mythri Movie Makers, a production house known for backing major South Indian hits, including the Pushpa franchise. Directed by Gopichand Malineni, Jaat is expected to be a highenergy mass entertainer, and fans have been eagerly awaiting its release.



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PM Narendra Modi inaugurates

presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit will mark a new era of growth and opportunity. On this occasion, on behalf of the people of Assam, he extended his heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister. The Chief Minister said that celebrating 200 years of Assam Tea, marks Assam's industrial legacy. Referring to its history, Dr. Sarma said tea was the first major industry in Assam, discovered in 1823. Stating the rich past of Assam's industrialization, the Chief Minister said that the state has been a pioneer in India's oil industry and coal was discovered in Assam as early as in 1847, which further propelled Assam's industrial journey and laid the foundation for Assam's sustained economic growth. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that at the time of India's independence, Assam was an economic front runner, enriched with tea, natural resources and hydrocarbon reserves with per capita income above the national average by 4 per cent. Dr. Sarma said that today under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Assam has undergone a historic transformation. Prime Minister's commitment has propelled Assam into a new era of rapid development and renewed optimism. He said that since 2014, over 2,324 km of National Highways have been constructed. Indian Railways has completed gauge conversion of 600 km of meter gauge lines. Moreover, Assam is now a catalyst for India's aviation growth becoming seventh busiest airports in India. State GDP is surging from 29 billion dollar in 2013–14 to 68.7 billion dollar in 2023–24, reflecting a growth of 12.4 per cent CAGR. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma moreover requested all the industrialists, investors, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders to discover Assam's vast investment potential across diverse sectors. He reiterated that Assam is ready to be the investors' reliable partner, ensuring that their investment journey is rewarding and full of boundless opportunities. Chairman Tata Sons Natarajan Chandrasekaran, CMD Reliance Industries Mukesh Ambani, Chairman Adani Group Gautam Adani, Chairman Vedanta Groups Anil Agarwal, CMD JSW Groups Sajjan Jindal spoke on the occasion. Chairman Tata Sons Natarajan Chandrasekaran while underlining Assam's rise in technology sector, especially with the ATMP facility being developed by Tata Electronics at Jagiroad complimented the favourable industrial ecosystem in Assam. While highlighting future areas of collaboration with the Assam Government, he assured investment in the sectors like green energy, mobile manufacturing chips in Assam in next 5 years. CMD Reliance Industries Mukesh Ambani highlighting 5 priority areas for collaboration including clean energy, food and non-food, bamboo, consumer durable retails and hotels apart from silk industry of Sualkuchi assured investment of Rs. 50,000 crore over next 5 years. Adani Group's Gautam Adani also made commitment of Rs. 50,000 Cr. investment in next 5 tears in areas like clean energy, infrastructure creation including road projects. Besides, the Vedanta Groups chairman Anil Agarwal assured investment of Rs. 50000 crore, and JSW Groups CMD Sajjan Jindal assured investments in the sectors like renewable energy and thermal power in Assam. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Union Ministers Sarbananda Sonowal, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of Agriculture & Livestock, Royal Government of Bhutan Younten Phuntsho, Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha, Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita, Heads of Missions from several countries, state government ministers and industry leaders.

Assam is laying the foundation for

indirect jobs, opening doors for local talent, fostering skill development, and inspiring the youth of Assam to dream bigger. He invited global semiconductor industry to explore the vast opportunities in Assam. He also thanked Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw for his unwavering commitment to fostering an environment where semiconductor manufacturing can thrive opening remarkable opportunities for Assam. Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw in his speech highlighted the Government of India's commitment to fostering semiconductor research, investment incentives, and technological advancements. He made several significant announcements aimed at enhancing Assam's infrastructure and economic growth. The announcements include another semiconductor plant to strengthen Assam's role in India's semiconductor industry, NEILIT University campus at Jagiroad, and an electronics manufacturing cluster in Kamrup district. The Union Minister also announced two new Amrit Bharat trains, six Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals to boost logistics and trade, upgradation of over 60 railway stations across Assam to Amrit Stations, transforming Guwahati Railway Station into a state-of-the-art IT Hub, a new railway coach and repair manufacturing hub in Bodoland, a new railway locomotive engine factory at Lumding, Kokrajhar-Gelephu railway line to enhance cross-border connectivity and four new railway tracks over the Chicken Neck corridor to improve connectivity. During the session, the Government of Assam signed MoUs with 10 industry groups from the semiconductor ecosystem across Singapore, Malaysia, and Japan, strengthening international partnerships and fostering investment in the state's growing semiconductor industry. Education Minister Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Chief Secretary Dr. Ravi Kota, Randhir Thakur, CEO of Tata Electronics, Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman of the National Quantum Mission, Satya Gupta of VLSI Society of India, Chitra Hariharan of Renesas, Dr. M. M. Tripathi, Director, NIELIT and Prof. Shankara Prasad of IIT Guwahati were present at the session.

Governor launches two new schemes

of security. The program will be implemented through a structured hierarchy involving five NCC Group Headquarters, 27 NCC units, in association with District Administrations. Governor Assam Rashtriya Sewa Protsahan Sankalp has been initiated in collaboration with the State National Service Scheme Cell (NSS), Assam. This scheme aims to encourage youth participation in community service, social welfare, and nation building activities. Through this initiative, the larger student community across the state in general and NSS volunteers in particular will be taught the ways and means about instilling in them the ethos of sacrifice and service before self. The NSS volunteers will engage in awareness programs, skillbuilding workshops, social service activities. Speaking on the occasion Shri Acharya said, "From birth to death, we remain indebted to our motherland. Therefore, we must dedicate our lives, knowledge, service, and efforts to our nation. This is true patriotism and duty-consciousness." Shri Acharya also said that National development is not only the responsibility of the army and police but also requires the active participation of every citizen, especially the youth. With this objective in mind, the Raj Bhavan, Assam, conceptualized the schemes enabling the youth to contribute effectively to national prosperity. It may be noted that Raj Bhavan, Assam, has previously initiated eight schemes focused on the holistic development of various sections of society. The event was attended by Advisor to the Governor Dr. Harbansh Dixit, Major General R.D. Sharma (GOC 51 Sub Area); VC Gauhati University Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, VC Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor S.S. Meenakshi Sundaram along with other university vicechancellors, directors of NCC and NSS, and officers from Raj Bhavan.

Gargaon College organized a workshop on productivity and innovation in lab technologies

Sivsagar: The Institutional Innovative Cell of Gargaon College organized a workshop on 'Productivity and Innovation: Innovation in Lab Technologies' on an online Zoom platform recently. The event aimed to enhance awareness and skills related to modern advancements in laboratory technologies among students. Bishakha Chetia participated as the resource person, providing insightful discussions on innovative techniques and productivity enhancement in laboratory settings. The session was coordinated by Dr Nazreen Parveen Ali and Gautam Hazarika, with Dr Surajit Saikia serving as the Coordinator of the Institutional Innovative Cell (ICC). The workshop was inaugurated by Principal of Gargaon College Dr Sabyasachi Mahanta who emphasized the importance of integrating technological advancements in laboratory work to improve efficiency and research outcomes. Students and faculty members actively participated in the interactive session, gaining valuable knowledge on the latest innovations in lab technologies. The workshop concluded with a Question & Answer session, allowing participants to clarify their doubts and discuss potential research applications.



Advantage Assam 2.0 To Be Open For Public For Three Days



Guwahati: The Advantage Assam 2.0 will be open to the public for three days, from February 27 to March 1, offering an opportunity to explore exhibitions featuring leading companies, startups, and innovative initiatives. "The exhibitions at #AdvantageAssam2 are one to look out for.

Displaying the best of

Assam's achievements,

neurial spirit, its tech advancements, and much more, it is an amazing platform. It's open to the public from 27th Feb. Do visit!" Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma stated in "X." Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the summit's special sessions on February 25, along with notable dignitaries like External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Railways Minister Ashwini

Vaishnaw, and Communications & DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. Business leaders such as N. Chandrasekaran, Sajjan Jindal, Prashant Ruia, Anil Agarwal, and Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty were also present at the summit. High-level delegations from countries including Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Bhutan and Japan also participated. The event also featured corporate magnates Mukesh Ambani (Reliance Industries) and Gautam Adani (Adani Group), as well as delegates from 60 countries. Additionally, the Assam government has signed 164 Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) worth approximately Rs 1.89 lakh crore on the first day of the Advantage Assam 2.0 summit.

Tea Estates of Demow Host Live Screening of Jhumoir Binandini Programme



Demow : The Jhumoir Binandini programme was held at Sarusajai Stadium at Guwahati this evening where Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with other dignitaries both from within and outside the country were present. In the Tea Estates of Demow, arrangements were made for the live telecast of the Jhumoir Binandini programme today. When this correspondent contacted Ankan Jyoti Phukan, Demow Circle Officer, this evening, he informed that in Athabari Tea Estate, Moukhuti Tea Estate, Khongia Tea Estate, Gohainbari Tea Estate, Thowra Tea Estate, and Rajmai Tea Estate, the Jhumoir Binandini programme was shown live. In the screening at Rajmai Tea Estate, Ayush Garh, District Commissioner of Sivasagar District, was present while Ankan Jyoti Phukan, Demow Circle Officer, was present in the Thowra Tea Estate.

Hailstorm in Dhemaji Destroys 30 Bighas of Crops, Farmers Face Rs 12.5 Lakh Loss



Dhemaji: A severe hailstorm caused significant damage in the Nilakh Tarani Pather region of Dhemaji district, Assam, on February 24. The storm left farmers devastated as their crops were destroyed. The unexpected weather brought heavy rain and strong winds, flattening watermelon and king chili (Bhoot Jolokia) crops across 30 bighas of land. The storm nearly caused total devastation to the crops, leaving farmers with nothing to harvest. As per reports, watermelons were cultivated on 16 bighas of land, while the remaining 14 bighas were dedicated to king chili.

These crops were at a critical stage of growth, resulting in an estimated monetary loss of around Rs 12.5 lakh, as the produce was expected to fetch excellent prices in the market. The affected farmers—Nitul Sakai, Dilip Bhorolua, Premdhar Baruah, Tapoka Munda, Bhovan Haloi, Raju Bhajani, Anita, Bhakteshwar Sonowal, and Pinku Baruah—had heavily invested in seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation systems, often borrowing money from local shops, friends, and relatives. Following the calamity, the Area Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) visited the affected fields to assess the extent of the damage. He assured the farmers that their names would be recommended for compensation under government schemes. Local farmer organizations and community leaders have highlighted the need for long-term crop insurance policies to protect farmers from similar natural disasters in the future.



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