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The project to facilitate smooth commuters' movement to and from Barsapara stadium: CM

CM Dr. Sarma dedicates Radha Govinda Barua path and Dr. Bhupen Hazarika path CM inaugurates a RCC Bridge

Dispur: In a move to facilitate smooth connectivity within the city and ensure free movement of sports lovers to Barsapara Stadium, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today inaugurated the improvement of Radha Govinda Barua path and Dr. Bhupen Hazarika path including an RCC Bridge over River Mora Bharalu adjacent to Barsapra Cricket Stadium at Barsapra here. It may be noted that Dr. Bhupen Hazarika path measuring around 7.39 KM has started from Barsapara Cricket Stadium and ended at NH 27 near ISBT. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika road



serve as alternative an connectivity to the NH 27 from the areas like Barsapara stadium, Fatasil, Kalapahar, colony bazar etc. It will also serve as an (East and West) running parallel important linkage for 'to and fro'

NH 27 bypass. The Chief Minister further said that the road will further help commuters to reach educational institutions and hospitals along the NH 27 bypass. Dr. Sarma also expressed hope commuters. The Chief Minister

Barsapara stadium this roads will also help in minimizing huge traffic along the main road linking the stadium and will serve as the most convenient route for the along Mora Bharalu river will movement from Guwahati city to that during cricket match at also said that the see page 10

State Government Taking Steps to provide Electricity Supply to Remote and Char Areas: CM

CM lays foundation stone for Pontoon Bridge connecting Mojoli and Rani Chapori, along with electrification works in Rani Chapori



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone for the Pontoon Bridge connecting Mojoli and Rani Chapori, along with the electrification project for Rani Chapori. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sarma recalled his visit to Rani Chapori

on 14 January, where he had discussions with local farmers regarding various challenges they faced. He noted that the region has immense agricultural potential, with 4,000 bighas of cultivated land supporting over 400 farming families. He added that see page 10

Assam Govt Mandates Approval For Inter-Religious Land Sales

Guwahati: Aiming to reduce conflicts regarding land ownership, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced that inter-religious land transactions in the state will now need government approval. This initiative aims to regulate land sales across religious communities, prevent potential disputes, and safeguard the rights of indigenous people. Speaking on the topic, the Chief Minister claimed the state's authority in carrying out important land policies aligned with the Assam Accord. "We have the right to implement the recommendations of the Biplab Sharma Committee regarding Clause 6 of the Assam Accord," he stated. He further explained that the government will ensure land protection for indigenous communities in specific areas. "Under this, we will ensure that in selected blocs, only indigenous people can sell and purchase land. This is one of the recommendations that we have accepted," he said. Further explaining the rationale behind the decision, the Chief Minister discussed the previous state government's ban on inter-religious land transfers. "We banned inter-religious transfer of land last year, but that ban see page 10



Part-83 **Affliction**

O Hari, in the uncontrollable violent misfortune of the world

I am fascinated for infinite ignorance.

Considering this body beyond a soul to be true,

I am deprived of You, the Super-Soul!

Service to Your feet is the greatest joy,

Abandoning Your worship,

I am deprived of that happiness.

This violent world is full of illusion,

Considering it to be the happiness,

My intellect plunged in it.

O my Master Narayana,

You are the righteousness, intelligence.

Ever pellucid, free from the three properties,

My heart's Master Narayana, ever naturally happy.

O Hari, You are ever happy with Your self pleasure.

We are

The most ignorant ones,

Plunging in the violent sea of ignorance, we are sad.

O Hari, we are unhappy by not knowing Your realiry

Always with the undivided strength of intellect,

You are removing our illusion.

O Hari, there is no illusion near you

I donot worship Your feet,

Illusion fascinated me. O my merciful Lord,

Be kind to me and remove my illusion.

O Lord, the offspring of Daivaki

Ever friend to the poor, Damodar,

Rescue me with Your feet.

O my bosom Lord, donot avoid me.

Iknow neither devotion, nor worship nor prayer;

What will happen with me now!

Let my mind remain with you.

O Krishna, You are my own soul, the favourite preceptor, the Super

God, the destroyer of fear.

Having known all this, I worshipped

your feet.

O my Master, donot give me up and

Accept me by preventing illusion.

At the end of the works in the human vagina,

Suffering from the entire ones

O Dinabandhu,

I suffered repeatedly and infinitely.

At this opportunity, I worship Your feet.

O Hari, donot abandon me.

The bosom friend to my heart, keep me at Your feet.

O my Master, I wandered infinitely,

in the world,

How many times I came and left!

This time, o Hari

I became Your slave.

Let me be fond of you,

I salute Your feet.

O Madhava,

Mukunda, Murari,

What happened with us!

We find no bank in the stream, made of illusion.

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Assam Govt to Gift Books at Official Events, Promotes 'Year of Books'

Guwahati : In a significant move to promote reading, the Assam government has announced that all official presents given during government events would now be in the form of books. This decision was highlighted during the Assam Budget 2025 presentation, reinforcing the state's commitment to fostering a culture of learning and literature

Additionally, the government has decided to provide a one-time grant of Rs. 1,000 to each government employee for purchasing books. Earlier, as the state stepped into 2025, the Assam government had declared the year as the "Year of Books." These steps align with the larger vision of promoting knowledge and literacy across Assam. The Assam government also announced that they will provide financial support of Rs. 25,000 each to 1000 young writers with a focus on those contributing to creative, scientific, and academic writing. This was announced in the budget speech of Finance Minister Ajanta Neog on March 10. Moreover, financial support will be provided for organizing Grantha Mela as approved by Assam Prakashan Parishad, where Rs. 5 lakh will be allocated to the district and Rs. 2.5 lakh will be allocated to co-district headquarters, respectively. This initiative aims to encourage people to develop a habit of reading and engage in intellectual development and personal growth. Meanwhile, Assam Finance Minister Ajanta Neog tabled a Rs. 2.63 lakh crore budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, with a projected deficit of Rs. 620.27 crore.a

Gauhati Medical College Achieves Milestone With Assam's First Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery

Guwahati: In a landmark achievement, Gauhati Medical College has conducted Assam's first-ever robot-assisted knee replacement surgery, elevating the state's medical standards to a new high. This pioneering surgery is a reflection of the institution's dedication to embracing the latest technology in the field of medicine. Assam



Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma revealed about the successful surgery on X, describing the development of medical technology in the state. The advent of robotic surgery is expected to strengthen the healthcare facilities in Assam, providing patients with access to sophisticated treatment technologies that were lacking earlier. Founded in 1960, Gauhati Medical College has been the pioneer in medical education and health care services in Assam. The college has made a lot of progress over the years, such as the opening of a new block of radiation oncology in 2021 that includes a topotherapy machine—the first in any medical college in the country. Despite the success of conventional knee replacement surgeries, nearly 25% of the 210,000 surgeries performed annually in India result in patient dissatisfaction due to lingering pain and limited mobility. This translates to nearly 50,000 patients with impaired lifestyles, and therefore better surgical techniques are required. Robotic knee replacement surgery is turning out to be the answer to all these problems. With robotics and self-learning artificial intelligence, this new technique directs surgeons towards more accuracy and precision in performing surgeries. Robotic technology is not a replacement for the surgeon but enhances the surgical process with less human error and tolerance of challenging patient conditions. The robot constructs a 4D real-time model of the knee joint and enables patientspecific planning without the necessity for pre-operative MRIs or CT scans. It ensures optimal fixation and alignment of implants, which result in more enduring outcomes.

Rheumatoid Arthritis (Amavata) and Ayurveda: A Holistic Approach to Pain Relief

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The Goal of Ayurveda is "Swasthasya swatha lakshanam aturasya vikara prasamanam" i.e prevent illness, manage existing conditions and promote overall wellness in individuals. Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic autoimmune disorder that causes inflammation, multiple joint pain, and morning stiffness in the joints, often leading to reduced mobility and a diminished quality of life. It is the commonest among chronic inflammatory joint disease in which joints becomes swollen, painful & stiff. Due to its chronicity & complications it has taken the foremost place among the joint disease. It continues to pose challenge to the physician due to severe morbidity & crippling nature. The onset is more frequently during 4th & 5th decades of life with 80% of patients developing disease between the age of 30-50 years. Women are affected approximately 3 times more often than men.Studies suggest that genetics & environmental influences are important in the susceptibility to RA.

Understanding Rheumatoid Arthritis in Ayurveda:

In Ayurvedic classics

Rheumatoid Arthritis is similar to Amavata various means. The word Ama is the condition caused by the accumulation of ama (toxins) in the body due to impaired digestion and metabolism. These toxins accumulate in the joints, leading to inflammation, pain, and stiffness. Amavata is the most common endogenous disease which is produced due to frequently formation of Ama(toxins) and imbalance in the Vata dosha (the energy governing movement and bodily functions), which can be aggravated by poor diet, stress, and a sedentary lifestyle.

Key Principles of Ayurvedic Management

Ayurveda focuses on balancing the body, mind, and spirit. Thus offering a comprehensive way to address the root causes of the disease rather than just its symptoms. In Rheumatoid arthritis focus is on detoxification, reducing inflammation, and restoring the balance of the body. Here are some of the key approaches:

1. Diet and Nutrition

- a) Anti-inflammatory herbs: Ginger, Turmeric, Garlic reduces inflammation and relives symptoms
- b) Warm or hot water, avoid

■ Old rice, Barley, Kodomillets, Parwall, Dramstick, Crataeva Nurvala (Varuna), Tribulus Terrestris (Gouksura), communis Azadirachta indica(Neem), Garlic, Buttermilk, Meat of animal of arid region, Hot and freshly cooked meal, Hot water. Daily at least 30-40 mins of exercise, luke warm water ■ Early Dinner preferably before sun set.

> cold, raw or processed foods, and consume freshly cooked meals that are easy to digest.

Dry

- c) Ghee: Consuming moderate amount of ghee with food lubricates the joint and reduces the stiffness.
- d) Avoid triggering food products: Food which increases ama, such as dairy, refined oil & sugar, maida, junk food like fried or oily items or packed

2. Lifestyle Modifications

a) Regular Exercise and Yoga: Surya Namskara every day is better for relieving the stiffness and improves joint flexibility.

Other Asanas-

Tadasana Trikonasana Kati Chakrasana Bhadrasana Pavanmuktasana Makarasana

- b) Stress Management: Practice of Paranayamas relaxes the
- c) Adequate Rest by ensuring proper sleep is found to be beneficial.

3. External Therapies:

- a) Lepa (Herbal Paste)
- Rukasha Sweda (Dry fomentation)
- Basti (Medicated enema)

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- Heavy food, unassignable food, Contaminated water, Incompatible food (fish and milk together, curd and pickle together), Black gram, Indian Spinach, Meat of animal living in marshy lands, Curd, Ice cream, Cold water or drinks, Reheated food, Alcohol, Tobacco, Sprouts
- Day sleep, Sitting for longer duration, Awaking late night, Suppressing urges (urine, stool, sleep)
- d) Abhyanga (Oil massage)
- e) Virechana(Detoxification

The Ayurvedic Advantage

One of the key advantages of Ayurvedic management is its focus on individualized treatment. Ayurveda recognizes that each person is unique, and treatment plans are tailored to the individual's constitution and the specific imbalances present. This personalized approach ensures that the root cause of the disease is addressed, leading to long-term relief and improved overall health.

Conclusion

Through proper diet, lifestyle modification, and external therapies, Ayurveda aims to eradicate the root cause. This comprehensive treatment strategy can significantly improve the quality of life for individuals with RA . By focusing on prevention and management, Ayurveda provides valuable support for long-term relief. Embracing this holistic approach empowers individuals to better manage RA and live a healthier life.

(The article is compiled from textbooks, reliable articles, and websites, Picture *source: Internet)*



The timeless significance of namaskar A gesture of respect, humility, and unity

■ Heramba Nath

In recent times, Namaskar, a traditional Indian greeting, has garnered significant attention and appreciation from people worldwide, particularly in developed countries like the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. This simple yet profound gesture has transcended cultural boundaries, becoming a symbol of respect and meaningful interaction in intercultural exchanges. Its growing adoption globally reflects not just admiration for Indian traditions but also an acknowledgment of their universal values of respect, humility, and community spirit. Namaskar is deeply rooted in India's rich cultural heritage. Unlike the handshake, which is a common form of greeting in Western cultures, Namaskar is a gesture of humility and respect. Performed by bringing the palms together near the chest and slightly bowing the head, it conveys an unspoken message of acknowledgment and reverence. In Indian culture, greetings are seen as more than mere formalities they are expressions of warmth, kindness, and the shared human connection. Namaskar reflects a sophisticated form of etiquette. It is more than a physical gesture; it carries an underlying philoso-

dignity and compassion. The practice also encourages mindfulness, as it requires sincerity and intention. A warm Namaskar, accompanied by a smile, can bridge cultural and social divides, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie. This simple gesture carries immense cultural value, making it an art form in Indian traditions. Unlike casual greetings, Namaskar invites a deeper level of engagement. It is an outward expression of an inward attitude of respect and humility— qualities that form the foundation of meaningful relationships. Namaskar has a profound connection to the ancient practice of yoga. According to yoga scriptures, Namaskar forms the basis of Surya Namaskar (Sun Salutation), a sequence of yoga postures that offers numerous physical and mental health benefits. Surva Namaskar improves flexibility, balance, and strength, while also enhancing cardiovascular health and reducing stress. For heart patients, in particular, it is a holistic exercise that fosters wellbeing. This connection between Namaskar and yoga adds another layer of significance, as it underscores the health benefits associated with this traditional greeting. The importance of Namaskar has been highlighted

phy of treating everyone with in recent times, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the emphasis on personal hygiene and minimizing physical contact, people were encouraged to replace handshakes with alternative greetings like Namaskar. This has led to its global acceptance as a safe, hygienic, and respectful form of greeting. Developed countries have embraced Namaskar for its simplicity, cultural richness, and universal appeal. It has found a place in international events, conferences, and diplomatic interactions, where it serves as a gesture of mutual respect and understanding. By adopting Namaskar, the global community acknowledges the values of respect, humility, and kindness that it embodies. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has played a significant role in promoting Namaskar as a representation of India's cultural heritage. During the pandemic, PM Modi highlighted Namaskar as a safe and respectful greeting, further cementing its relevance in modern times. His government's emphasis on the International Day of Yoga has also brought global attention to traditional Indian practices, including Namaskar. "The growing recognition and adoption of Namaskar worldwide is a source of pride for India. It serves as a reminder of the enduring relevance

of Indian traditions and the role they can play in fostering harmony and mutual respect in a globalized world. Namaskar is more than just a greeting; it is a way of life. It encourages a mindset of respect and gratitude, reminding us to approach each interaction with humility. Its physical gesture is a reminder of our interconnectedness, as the palms coming together symbolize the unity of the self and others. On a practical level, Namaskar promotes positive body language, contributing to better communication and stronger relationships. It is a simple yet powerful tool for cultivating respect and empathy in our daily lives. As we strive to become better versions of ourselves, it is important to embrace the timeless wisdom of our cultural traditions. Namaskar, with its rich significance and universal appeal, has the potential to inspire a global culture of respect, kindness, and compassion. By incorporating this traditional greeting into our daily interactions, we honor our heritage and contribute to a more harmonious world. Let us take pride in being ambassadors of Indian culture, promoting the values of humility and respect that Namaskar represents. A simple gesture, when performed with sincerity, can create meaningful connections and foster a sense of community. **Mobile**: 70027-97540

Let's celebrate the happiness

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We are social animals, who live in a society with various rules and regulations, pros and cons. Society shapes our behavior and gives us our identity. Happiness is not given; it's earned. Happiness is a life-changing theme in the human world, essential for a healthy lifestyle. It can be found in small things and is a source of new ideas and inspiration. Happiness is the key to a successful life. As a profound and universal human emotion, happiness brings joy and beauty to our lives. It's not just about experiencing something new; it's



about valuing the small moments of enjoyment. The concept of happiness dates back to ancient civilizations, with philosophers like Aristotle and Epicurus exploring its meaning

and significance. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the word "happiness" became more widely used, encompassing a range of positive emotions. Today, the word "happiness" is a common

term in modern English, used to describe a positive emotional state. The concept of happiness continues to be explored in various fields, including psychology, philosophy, and economics. The word "happiness" has evolved over time. influenced by various cultural and philosophical traditions. Its meaning has expanded to encompass a range of positive emotions, making it a fundamental aspect of human experience. However, happiness is a rare commodity in today's world. Many people struggle with depression, demotivation and a sense of hopelessness. Personal and social problems have led to a lack of enthusi-

asm for celebrating life's joys. People have lost faith in their fate and are often at odds with their own minds. Happiness, a simultaneous concept, seems elusive. Instead of finding satisfaction in small things, people crave wealth, riches, and money. This perpetuates selfishness, competition, and a sad societal image. We should strive to be the happiest person in the world through our own satisfaction. To achieve this, we must accept the truth of life and adopt a pragmatic approach to succeed. Furthermore, we should prioritize our own needs and maintain our quality, persevering through any situation.

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Assam Government Mandates Assamese Language In English-Medium Schools

Guwahati: In a significant policy shift, the Assam government has announced that the Assamese language will soon be made compulsory in all English-medium schools affiliated with the state board and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). This decision follows the recommendations of the Justice Biplab Sarma Committee and aligns with Clause 6 of the Assam Accord, which emphasizes the promotion of the Assamese language. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the new policy, emphasizing the government's interest in preserving and promoting the Assamese language in the educational system. The new policy aims to strengthen the understanding of students about their linguistic heritage and cultural identity. Within the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), the policy will require students to

learn Bodo or Assamese as a compulsory subject, corresponding to the linguistic pluralism in the area. The move intends to instil a sense of belonging and cultural identity for the students and make them proficient in the languages spoken in their communities. Weeks ago, the Assam Cabinet and the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) held extensive discussions on implementing 52 recommendations from the Justice Biplab Sarma Committee regarding Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. One of the major decisions taken at the meeting was that all government notices, circulars, and government documents would be published in Assamese and English from 14th April. In the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), the same documents were to be published in Bodo language as well so that linguistic inclusion would be main-

Uttarakhand Rider's Stolen Bike Recovered In Fakirganj; Two Arrested

South Salmara: The Assam police has recovered the stolen motorcycle of Uttarakhand rider Noni in Fakirganj, South Salmara Mankachar district. The motorcycle was stolen from a guest house in Sarusajai and was found at Prem Bazar in Fakirganj after a joint effort by the Basistha Police Station and the Fakirganj Police. The recovery operation resulted in the arrest of two persons suspected to be involved in the theft. The suspects have been identified as Firoz Qazi, son of Afsar Kazi of Balatari village, and Ashraful Dewan, son of Abdul Jobbar, a resident of Basanipara village in Fakirganj. In a bold move to advance the investigation, the two suspects were transported overnight to Guwahati for further interrogation. Law enforcement agencies are now conducting a thorough investigation to uncover the full circumstances surrounding the theft and to determine if there are any connections to a larger criminal network. In another case, a West Guwahati Police District (WGPD) team from the Jalukbari Police Station recovered a Tata Magic vehicle in Sipajhar. The vehicle was stolen from the Adabari parking lot. Based on credible information, the police tracked the stolen vehicle and arrested Dhanmoni Hazarika, a Mangaldoi resident, in relation to the theft. Legal proceedings have been launched against the accused while the investigation is ongoing.

The Spirit of Cricket in India

■ Satyabrat Borah

Cricket has always held a special place in my heart and I believe I'm not alone in this feeling. For millions like me across India, cricket is not just a sport; it's an emotion, a passion, and in many ways, a way of life. From children playing with makeshift bats in narrow lanes to families glued to their television screens during important matches, the love for cricket flows in every corner of the country. I often wonder what makes this game so special in India, and every time I think about it, several reasons come to mind. To begin with, the historical roots of cricket in India play a huge role in its popularity. The British brought cricket to our country during their rule, and gradually, we made the game our own. While many other colonial sports faded away, cricket survived and thrived. It evolved with our culture, our people, and our identity. I find it fascinating how a foreign game became such a deep part of our national culture. It's as if we took the game and gave it an Indian soul. Another reason why cricket is so loved in India is the pride and joy it brings when our national team performs well on international platforms. I still remember the goosebumps I felt when India won the World Cup in

2011. It was a moment of pure magic, a moment when the entire country celebrated together, regardless of age, region, or language. Even those who don't usually follow cricket become fans during such big events. The success of our team has united the nation time and again, giving us a collective identity and moments of shared happiness. Cricket has also given us heroes or icons who inspire millions. I grew up admiring legends like Sachin Tendulkar, whose dedication and brilliance on the field made him a role model for generations. Later, I watched in awe as MS Dhoni led with calm strength, and now I see Virat Kohli's fiery passion energize the team. These cricketers are not just players; they are symbols of hope, determination and excellence. Their stories show us that dreams do come true, and that hard work and talent can take you to great heights, no matter where you come from. One cannot ignore the role of media and commercialization in making cricket more popular. Whenever there's a match, especially involving India, there's a buzz everywhere. The way cricket is broadcast, with expert commentary, high-quality visuals and behind-the-scenes content, makes watching the game even more exciting. And then there's the Indian

Premier League (IPL), which has completely changed how cricket is viewed in the country. With its blend of entertainment, glamour, and cricketing skill, the IPL has brought the game closer to fans. I personally enjoy the thrill of watching my favorite teams compete, and it's thrilling to see international players sharing the field with our domestic talent. Another reason cricket is so widespread in India is that it is accessible. You don't need a proper ground or expensive equipment to play cricket. I remember playing with a plastic bat and a rubber ball in my neighborhood. For many children like me, it's the first game we learn to play. It brings people together, encourages teamwork, and fills our leisure time with joy. You can see cricket being played in parks, playgrounds, streets, and even rooftops. Its simplicity and adaptability make it a part of everyday life. In comparison to other sports, cricket has always had an upper hand in terms of support and attention. While I have immense respect for sports like hockey, football, and badminton, they haven't received the same level of infrastructure, promotion, or media coverage. As a result, cricket has grown far more rapidly. Thankfully, things are slowly changing now, and other sports are getting recognition too, but cricket still holds the top spot.

Cricket has also become a great career option for many. With proper training academies, scholarships, and the possibility of playing in leagues like IPL, many youngsters are now choosing cricket as a profession. It's no longer just a hobby; it can be a serious, fulfilling career. That's another reason why parents today are more supportive of their children playing cricket. For me, cricket is more than just watching a match or cheering for a team. It's the excitement of a six, the tension of a close finish, the pride in a national anthem being sung before a game, and the discussions with friends after every match. It's about learning life lessons like patience, teamwork, sportsmanship, and resilience. It's a source of bonding, celebration, and even comfort during difficult times. I believe the reason cricket is so popular in India is because it touches our hearts in ways that few other things do. It is deeply woven into our memories, our culture, and our identity. Whether I'm holding a bat or just watching a game on TV, cricket always makes me feel connected to something greater. A feeling that is shared by millions across the country. And that's what makes it truly special.



Reliance Foundation Conducts Football Workshop For Women Match Officials In Shillong



Shilong: Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS), in collaboration with the All India Football Federation (AIFF), is conducting the ongoing Women's Football Referees Workshop to upskill and inspire over 170 women match officials across India. This initiative, which began on February 21 in Srinagar, is fostering a stronger and more inclusive refereeing ecosystem. Following successful workshops in Srinagar (February 21-22) and Kolkata (March 1-2), the Shillong session took place on March 8-9. Upcoming sessions are scheduled in Chennai (March 15-16)

and Mumbai (March 19-20). Senior Indian women's football team player Ngangom Bala Devi emphasized the importance of such initiatives, stating, "Refereeing is a very challenging job, and I have great respect for all the match officials who ensure fair play in Indian football. This workshop, organized by Reliance Foundation in association with AIFF, will empower them to officiate more regularly at national and international levels. It is heartening to see continuous efforts for the development of Indian football." Led by expert AIFF including instructors, Uvena Fernandes—India's only assistant referee to officiate a FIFA World Cup final-Maria Rebello, former captain of the Indian women's national team and FIFA-listed referee, and M Joychandra Singh, AIFF Zonal Referee Development Officer in the Northeast, these workshops are equipping match officials with crucial technical and decision-making skills.

Media Badminton competition inaugurated in Dibrugarh



Dibrugarh: To encourage sports among the media persons, All Assam Media Badminton Competition was inaugurated on Saturday. The All Assam Media Badminton Competition was organised by Dibrugarh Press Club in connection with Golden Jubilee celebrations. Dibrugarh Press Club was established in 1975 and this year the club Press club is one of the oldest and prestigious press club of Assam and this year we are celebrating 50th year. To encourage sports among the media persons, the

All Assam Media Badminton competition was organised," said DPC general secretary Ripunjoy Das. He added, "The media persons are always busy 24×7 and didn't get time to culture their sporting activity. So, to encourage the sports, we have organised the Badminton competition among media persons". DPC president Manash Jyoti Dutta said the Media Badminton competition showcased the hidden sporting talent of the media persons. "This year we are celebrating golden jubilee year and many programme will be organise in the coming days. Many media persons from across the district participated in the tournament," said Dutta. Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation (DMC) Mayor Dr Saikat Patra, DMC Deputy Mayor Ujjal Phukan, Dibrugarh Election officer Pranjil Gogoi have stepped into 50th year. "Dibrugarh and Dibrugarh District Sports Association(DDSA) President Niranjan Saikia among others were present among them at the inaugural programme.

NorthEast United FC Wins Bordoloi Trophy with Late Goal



Guwahati: NorthEast United FC beat Dhekiajuli Town Club by a solitary goal in the 70th Bordoloi Trophy (Final round) tie at the Judges Field on Thursday. Danny Meitei scored the winning goal in the 71st minute of the match. Lenroul FC will face Baradi FC on Friday.

Final Round of Assam Premier Club Cricket Championship 2024-25 to Begin on March 18



Guwahati: The final round of the Assam Premier Club Cricket Championship (APCC) 2024-25 is set to kick off at the Judges' Field in Guwahati on March 18. A total of 12 clubs from across the state will compete in this prestigious event and they are divided into four groups. The final will be held on April 6. The groupings are as follows: 'A'-Cricket Club of Dibrugarh, Rangia Cricket Academy, Biswanath Blue Warriors. 'B'-Tengapara Cricket Club, Dhemaji Cricket Academy, Nambor Club. 'C'- Itkhola AC, Star Sporting Club, Bud Cricket Club. 'D'- Rising Club. Triranga CCC Tinsukia Town Club.



Morarji Desai

Morarji Ranchhodji Desai (29 February 1896 – 10 April 1995) was an Indian politician and independence activist who served as the prime minister of India between 1977 and 1979 leading the government formed by the Janata Party. During his long career in politics, he held many important posts in government such as the chief minister of Bombay State, the home minister, the finance minister, and the deputy prime minister.

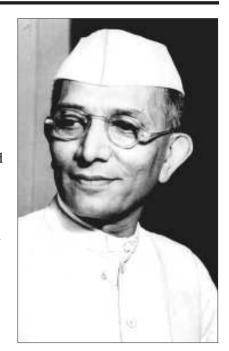
Following the death of Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, Desai was a strong contender for the position of Prime Minister, only to be

defeated by Indira Gandhi in 1966. He was appointed as Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister in Indira Gandhi's cabinet, until 1969. When Indian National Congress split in 1969 he became a part of the INC (O). After the controversial emergency was lifted in 1977, the political parties of the opposition fought together against the INC (I), under the umbrella of the Janata Party, and won the 1977 election. Desai was elected prime minister, and became the first non-Congress prime minister of India. Desai was the second and the last prime minister to have been

born in the nineteenth century.

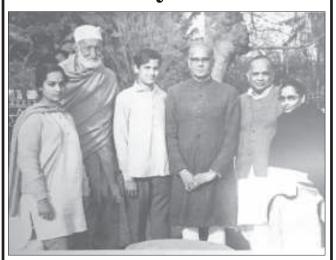
On the international scene, Desai holds international fame for his peace activism and created efforts to initiate peace between India and rival Pakistan. After India's first nuclear test in 1974, Desai helped restore friendly relations with China and Pakistan, and vowed to avoid armed conflict such as the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971. He was honoured with the highest civilian award of Pakistan, the Nishan-e-Pakistan on 19 May 1990.

He is the oldest person to hold the office of prime minister in the history of Indian politics, at the age of 81. He subsequently retired from all political posts, but continued to campaign for the Janata Party in 1980. He was conferred with India's highest



civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna. He died at the age of 99 in 1995.

Early Life



Morarji Desai was born into a Gujarati Anavil Brahmin family. His father's name was Ranchhodji Nagarji Desai and his mother's name was Vajiaben Desai. He was born in Bhadeli village, Bulsar district, Bombay Presidency, British India (present-day Valsad district, Gujarat, India) on 29 February 1896, the eldest of eight children. His father was a school teacher.

School education and early career

Desai underwent his primary schooling in The Kundla School (now called J.V. Modi school), Savarkundla and later joined Bai Ava Bai High School, Valsad. Desai resigned as deputy collector of Godhra in May 1930 after being found

guilty of going soft on Hindus during the riots of 1927–28 there. Freedom fighter

Desai then joined the freedom struggle under Mahatma Gandhi and joined the civil disobedience movement against British rule in India. He spent many years in jail during the freedom struggle and owing to his sharp leadership skills and tough spirit, he became a favourite among freedomfighters and an important leader of the Indian National Congress in the Gujarat region. When provincial elections were held in 1934 and 1937, Desai was elected and served as the Revenue Minister and Home Minister of the Bombay Presidency.

Chief Minister of Bombay and Partition into two state

Before the independence of India, he became Bombay's Home Minister and was later elected Chief Minister of Bombay state in 1952. It was a period when movements for linguistic states were on the rise, particularly in South India. Bombay was a bi-lingual state, home to Gujarati-speaking and Marathispeaking people. Since 1956, activist organisation Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti led a movement for a Marathispeaking state of Maharashtra. Desai was opposed to such movements, including the Mahagujarat Movement led by Indulal Yagnik demanding a new state of Gujarat. Desai proposed that the metropolitan Mumbai be made a Union territory. His logic was that a separate development region would suit the city's cosmopolitan nature, with citizens from diverse settings across various linguistic, cultural, and religious backgrounds living there for generations. The movement led to violence across the city and state, and Desai ordered the police to open fire on the Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti demonstrators who had gathered at Flora Fountain. The protesters were led by Senapati Bapat. In the carnage that followed, 105 protesters, were killed. The issue escalated and is believed to have forced the Central Government to agree to two



separate states based on language. After the formation of the present State of Maharashtra, Bombay, now Mumbai became its state capital. Flora Fountain was renamed "Hutatma Chowk" ("Martyrs' Square" in English) to honour the people killed in the firing. Later Desai moved to Delhi when he was inducted as finance Minister in the cabinet of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

In opposition

When the Congress party split in 1969, Desai joined the Indian National Congress (Organisation) faction of the party, whereas Indira Gandhi formed a new faction called Indian National Congress (Requisitionists). Alternatively, the two factions of Desai and Indira were called Syndicate and Indicate respectively. The 1971 general elections to the Indian parliament were won by Indira Gandhi's faction in a landslide. Desai, however, was elected as a member of the Lok Sabha or lower house of Parliament. Desai went on indefinite hunger strike on 12 March 1975 to support Nav Nirman movement of Gujarat. În 1975, Indira Gandhi was convicted of electoral fraud by the Allahabad High Court, after opponents alleged she had used government civil servants and equipment during the campaign for the 1971 General Elections.



PVR INOX honours Aamir Khan's contribution to Indian cinema with 'Aamir Khan: Cinema Ka Jadugar' film festival



PVR INOX, India's largest cinema exhibition company, has announced 'Aamir Khan: Cinema Ka Jadugar', a special film festival celebrating Aamir Khan's contribution to Indian cinema. The festival offers audiences a chance to revisit the journey of one of the industry's most influential actors and filmmakers. A press conference was held in Mumbai, where Aamir Khan was joined by legendary screenwriter and lyricist Javed Akhtar and PVR founder Ajay Bijli for a conversation about the festival. The trio unveiled the trailer of 'Aamir Khan: Cinema Ka Jadugar', adding to the anticipation. The festival will run from March 14, Aamir Khan's birthday, to March 27.

While speaking about Aamir Khan, Javed Akhtar said, "Here are some many Characters. I fear I might forget a few. Aamir was born in 1965, I started in 1965 in Bollywood. Aamir worked in the first film written by me. I was writing the film Faryaaz in Panchgani for Nassir Hussain. He saw Aamir and immediately told Nassir that he is a star and he should start with a romantic film. Aamir's first film was produced was written by Javed. My son's first film was with Aamir."

Aamir told Javed Akhtar that he was waiting by for his call post saying no to Farhan for script hearing. When Javed didn't call, Aamir realised that Farhan must have not spoken to him and he must truly believe in Aamir.

Only Aamir could have believed in these character and stories. Aamir did a film with Ashutosh with whom he had a flop before. A new director Farhan came to you with a 3 heroes film and you did it. Who would have done Dangal in their right mind. Role of such an old man who loses to his daughter in kushti. All actors work in films of directors who have given hits. You take chances no other can," added Javed Akhtar.

Tanushree Dutta reacts to Mumbai court dismissing her plea against Nana Patekar in

MeToo case; says, "We have won this case"

In a legal blow to Tanushree Dutta, a Mumbai court has rejected her plea against the relief granted to veteran actor Nana Patekar in the #MeToo case she had filed. Despite the setback,



Tanushree remains undeterred and has vowed to continue her fight with even greater determination. Taking to social media, Tanushree Dutta insisted that she has some 'good news' to share with her fans, wherein she said, "The court has cancelled the B-summary report filed by the Mumbai Police on the Horn Ok Pleassss sexual harassment complaint against Nana Patekar and others. The police had tried to close the case in 2019 by citing a false and malicious B-summary report without even talking to any of my witnesses, meanwhile my witnesses all were getting threats by Nana's goons and underworld liasons. Recently one of our prime witness directly deposited her testimony against Patekar in court and corroborated my whole complaint and also the fact that she was pressured into silence by unknown men threatening her over fone. The court took cognizance of this witness testimony via a filed affidavit and came to the conclusion that the B summary report by the police cannot be accepted by court. So we have won this case and now the Mumbai Police will have to file a chargesheet on the matter".

Interstellar back in cinemas due to public demand

Dune: Part Two to also re-release on March 14 in IMAX

A lot of Bollywood films have re-released off late but when it comes to Hollywood, a handful of classics have had a re-run in cinemas. Last month, Interstellar re-released and received a rocking response. However, it just had a one-week run. If you missed watching the cult film in cinemas, here's a reason for you to rejoice. The film will be back on the big screen on March 14, that too in IMAX. Moreover, Warner Bros will also bring back Dune: Part Two on the same day in theatres. A source told Bollywood Hungama, "Interstellar has a huge demand as it's a film worth watching in theatres, that too IMAX. However, it re-released on February 7 and had to discontinued from February 14 to accommodate the new releases, Chhaava and Cap-

tain America: Brand New World. Both these films got a release in IMAX as well." The source continued, "Many were aware that Interstellar had just a one week run. Hence, it held very well in the weekdays, collecting Rs. 2 crore plus. Yet, there was a section of moviegoers who missed out the film and they expressed their views online that a one week run for a such a high-demand film was not done. Keeping this feedback in mind, Warner Bros has decided to bring back the film in IMAX." The source further said, "Warner Bros has also decided to get rereleased Dune: Part Two. It also has a following and moreover, it is back in the news after winning the Best Sound and Best Visual Effects awards at the 97th Academy



Awards. Both Dune: Part Two and Interstellar will share shows in IMAX screens across the country."



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State Government Taking Steps to provide Electricity Supply to Remote and Char Areas: CM

as the area is accessible only by boat, transporting goods remains a major challenge. Since a conventional bridge is not feasible, he stated that a Pontoon bridge is being constructed to ensure year-round connectivity. He said that the 250-metrelong, 3-metre-wide bridge, costing ¹ 1.50 crore, would support loads of up to three tonnes. He said that the bridge would be operational for eight months annually and is expected to be completed within 40 days. The Chief Minister said that the region currently lacks electricity connectivity. While solar power has been utilised to some extent, he noted that access to a regular power supply would significantly enhance agricultural productivity. He added that a decision has been made to provide electricity to Rani Chapori through an 8-kilometre high-tension (HT) line and a 25-kilometre low-tension (LT) line. The project, with an allocation of ¹ 7 crore, includes the installation of five 63 KVA and five 25 KVA transformers, covering nearly 4,000 bighas of land. He stated that the initiative would extend electricity to both Rani Chapori and Nehali Char and is expected to be completed within two months. He reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring electricity supply in remote and char (riverine) areas and highlighted that similar projects have been implemented in Amarpur, Jonai, and Kamalpur char areas of Sadiya. Additionally, he said that the Agriculture Department is actively working in Rani Chapori, introducing bubble dryers to assist farmers in drying crops. He added that farmers have also benefited from schemes like the Kisan Samman Nidhi and access to high-quality seeds. Dr. Sarma stated that the establishment of the PepsiCo plant in Nalbari has encouraged agricultural production. He noted that the company has introduced a special variety of potato seeds, benefiting over 5,000 farmers. He highlighted that the government is working towards establishing banks specifically to support mechanised farming, providing access to modern agricultural machinery. He added that if the farmers of Rani Chapori express interest, they would receive the necessary support from the government. To address water shortages during the rabi crop season, he said that additional deep tube wells would be installed if required. He also mentioned that efforts are underway to convert the region into a revenue village, facilitating land ownership rights for residents. Once the necessary procedures, including objections and hearings, are completed, land allotments would be provided. He emphasised that several key issues in Rani Chapori have already been resolved in recent days and assured that the government would continue working for the region's development. He also expressed his appreciation to the Power Department, APDCL, and the Public Works Department (Roads) for their efforts in swiftly executing these projects. The event was attended by Minister of Power etc. Prasanta Phukan, APDCL Managing Director Rakesh Kumar, Special Commissioner & Special Secretary of the Public Works (Roads) Department Chandan Sarma, District Commissioner Sumit Sattawan, President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Guwahati Metropolitan District Tapan Das, along with other dignitaries.

The project to facilitate smooth commuters' movement to and from Barsapara stadium : CM

other road that is Radha Govinda Barua Road inaugurated today is also a vital traffic corridor providing direct connectivity to a number of entry and exit gates to the Barsapara stadium and linked with Guwahati Garbhanga road. Moreover, construction of the RCC Bridge over Mora Bharalu and its subsequent inauguration today will provide a direct linkage to both Radha Govinda road and Dr. Bhupen Hazarika road. Consequently, the visitors and public can directly commute from one end of the stadium to another and move across various gates without any difficulty, the Chief Minister added. He also assured that other roads in the city will also get the facelift in the coming days. The overall cost of the project is Rs. 14.74 crore. Minister Power, Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department Prasanta Phukan, MLA Ramendra Narayan Kalita, Mayor GMC Mrigen Sarania, Deputy Chairman GMDA Mukuta Deka, Councillor Ward No. 23 Manjita Doimary, Councillor Ward No. 21 Sandip Deb and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Assam Govt Mandates Approval For Inter-Religious Land Sales

cannot continue under the Constitution of India. So, we have allowed interreligious sale and purchase of land, but only with state government approval," he clarified. This move comes as part of Assam's broader efforts to protect indigenous land rights while upholding constitutional and legal clauses.

A Poem for India

■ Sidharth P K

(Teacher/ Writer)

Kochi I see the ocean, Before me The star seamless Stood in her evening As the night for India, Roars in full spirit.

I hear the voice, Of India, singing Like a lonely fog To share her meaning In story to be sung, And find in pain.

India is you, My brother is India My sister is India My mother is India, I am the soul Of this vastness.

Over 1 Crore People To Recite State Anthem 'O Mur Apunar Desh'

Guwahati: In a historic move, the Assam government has announced a mass recitation of "O Mur Apunar Desh," the state anthem, as part of the Assam Budget 2025. The event is intended to commemorate the unity in diversity of the state and foster a sense of overall harmony among the people of Assam. The ambitious scheme has more than one crore citizens reciting it together from different parts of the state, which will be a strong expression of unity and belongingness. This collective recitation is expected to reinforce the solidarity among the people of Assam while paying homage to the state's rich cultural heritage. The decision also reflects the intention of the Assam government to preserve the cultural diversity of the state and see that the diverse population remains cohesive. When the masses unite to sing the state anthem, they will be reaffirming their shared identity and common pride in heritage. Authorities believe that this exercise will not only unite people but also remind everyone of the significance of cultural pride in today's fast-moving world. The group recitation will be held on a specific date, with the government announcing further details.

Cyclist Killed After Getting Hit By Speeding Truck In Hojai

Hojai: A fatal accident took place in the Kharikhana region of Lanka in Assam's Hojai district when a speeding tipper truck carrying sand ran over and killed a 60-year-old cyclist identified as Alim Uddin Majumdar. The tragic accident occurred when the truck collided with Majumdar and then drove away, leaving the victim with critical injuries. Eyewitnesses said that Majumdar died from his injuries before any medical help could reach him. The incident has sparked outrage among people in the area, who for a long time have been complaining about the careless driving of sand-laden trucks and dumpers on the roads.



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Women in the garden must remove the fencing of their minds

International Women's Day Program on Aakashbani Dibrugarh



Hashim Ali, **Dibrugarh**: Aakashbani Dibrugarh is broadcasting a series of special programmes on women's rights and empowerment on Saturday, March 8 on the occasion of International Women's Day. Today's programmes like Anatra, Western Music programme, Farmers' programme, English Talk programme, which will be broadcast from 7.30 AM to 10 PM. One of the country's most powerful and modern stations in the eastern part of the country, Aakashbani Dibrugarh, organized a special program on the occasion of International Women's Day on 6th March at Khatkhati in collaboration with Moran Tea Estate.

11.00 AM and the program Co-ordinator Aakashbani Dibrugarh Indira Morang explained the significance of celebrating Women's Day to the participants. The program was inaugurated by Lohit Deka, Program Head, Dibrugarh Center of Aakashbani Doordarshan, who explained the problems of women in the tea plantation areas and the causes of these problems. The event was attended by Senior Assistant Manager of Moran Tea Estate Mr. Ramani Deka, Executive Officer of the estate Montu Barhoi, Assistant Manager of Pathalibam Tea Estate Rajbagh and several other dignitaries. A very thought provoking workshop was The program started at also held in conjunction

with the event. Five resource persons tried to raise awareness among the women of the garden area by giving speeches on women's health, education, eradication of superstitions and human rights. The topics were: Women's Education in Assam: Dreams and Reality, Importance of Women's Education for Human Rights and Gender Equality, Adolescence and Health Awareness, Pregnancy and Maternal Care and Superstition and its Impact on Society. The talks were delevireded by renowned Doctor Dr. Reena Ahmed, Dr. Kakali Bhutan, Professor, North Lakhimpur College; Dr. Shrutidhara Mahanta and Dr. Amrita Pritam Gogoi, Faculty, Dibrugarh University and Microbiologist Dr. A.K. Deepak Tasa. The event was hosted by Parsha Konwar and the women of the plantations had an intimate conversation with the resource persons and sought solutions to their problems. The recording of this event will be aired today (8-3-2025) at 11 AM. The event was attended by a number of women from Maran Tea

Assam's First Radar Speed Detection System Installed On NH In Guwahati

Detection' machine of Assam has been installed on the National Highway in Guwahati. This cutting-edge technology serves the purpose of accurately detecting and monitoring the speed of vehicles. Two devices have been set up on both sides of the national highway experiment. The real-time speed of vehicles will be displayed on the machine, thereby acting as a deterrent to drivers crossing the speed limit. However, whether the devices will automatically penalize vehicles based on the displayed speed is not yet clear and it remains to be seen. Reportedly, more than 20 such

Guwahati: The first 'Radar Speed devices will be installed at important locations across the city. Interceptors will continue to patrol the areas and monitor vehicles and take strict action against violators so as to ensure effective implementation. By using this radar system, the law enforcement agencies will get access to real-time data at Guwahati's Betkuchi locality as an which they can leverage in order to enforce strict action against traffic violations. It intends to bring down road accidents due to speeding. This step stands as a testament of the Assam government's unwavering commitment of utilizing advanced technology for enhancing traffic management and to ensure safer roadways.







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