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# State government also considering the establishment of a police medical college within the Academy campus: CM

Union Home Minister, in the presence of the Chief Minister, inaugurates the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Dergaon



**Dispur :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in the presence of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, inaugurated the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Dergaon, which has been constructed with advanced training infrastructure and modern technological facilities. Additionally, the

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Union Home Minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of the academy's residential complex. It may be noted that the Government of Assam has undertaken a project worth <sup>1</sup> 1,024 crores for the infrastructural development of the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy. Spanning a total

area of 1,022 bighas, the first phase of this project has seen the construction of a fivestorey building equipped with smart classrooms. This newly inaugurated facility, built at an approximate cost of <sup>1</sup> 167 crores, includes an arms simulator, a library, a computer laboratory, a see page 10

#### CM attends the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual **Conference of ABSU** BTR will be transformed into a region of peace and progress: CM

Biswa Sarma attended the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) at Dotma in Kokrajhar in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma highlighted the pivotal role of ABSU in the advancement of the Bodo community. He emphasized that since its establishment, ABSU has remained dedicated to the holistic development of the community. Paying tribute to Bodofa Upendranath Brahma, Dr. Sarma noted that under his leadership, the Bodo community pursued the vision of

Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta self-governance. In alignment with this vision, a peace accord was signed in 2020 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, bringing together ABSU, NDFB, and representatives of the Bodo community, he said. Dr. Sarma further said that since the signing of the accord, the government has undertaken sustained efforts to promote the welfare and development of the Bodo community. The Chief Minister announced that the government is taking necessary steps to transform Kokrajhar University into a fullsee page 10

Guwahati : In a recent Facebook Live session on March 17, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma spoke about the concerns expressed by HSLC students over the difficulty of the social studies exam. While speaking on the live broadcast, see page 10

# An Unique Literary Event 'Basontor Baatsarat Bakhoruwa Bartalap' Organized in Morigaon

Lipika Bora, Morigaon : A unique intellectual and literary event titled 'Basontor Baatsarat Bakhoruwa Bartalap' was organized at the Morigaon District Education Department's Itihas Bhavan in Bakori under the initiative of the educational group Dibbyasar. The event began with a mesmerizing flute performance by teacher and musician Bharat Bora. "The Inspector of Schools of Morigaon district and advisor of Dibbyasar, Apurba Thakuria, welcomed the gathering and emphasized the need to intellectually nurture future generations. He also

recited a poem on the oc- charm of the program, casion. Renowned writer and essayist Mileswar Pator, participating in the event, highlighted the importance of intellectual practice in enriching human life and praised the initiative of organizing such a distinctive program. "The event was graced by Additional Commissioner of Morigaon District, Anusuya Sharma, social worker Atanu Sharma, and General Secretary of Morigaon District Employees Association, Khagen Mahanta, who lauded Dibbichar's efforts in fostering intellectual and literary discussions. "Adding to the

Dr. Sangeeta Barthakur, Additional Commissioner of Morigaon, recited a poem, while teachers and artists Dithak Konwar and Kamal Chandra Nath presented musical performances. "Several renowned poets and literary figures, including Manoj Kumar Deworja, Chandan Goswami, Chandra Deka, Nava Rajan, Trishna Gogoi, Senehi Deka, Rohini Dutta (District Planning Officer), Barsha Bora Georgeena (critic), Begum, Rita Mishra, Dipamoni Devi, and Hirak Jyoti Nath, en-



riched the program with poetry recitations. "Dibbichar Secretary Pragyan Jyoti, Madhab Devajit Deka, Assistant Secretary Naharin Sultana, and Coordinator Raju Medhi played key roles in organizing the event. Rajiv Saharia, a teacher, hosted the program. "A notable highlight of the event was the donation of books to the 'Sanchipat' Library of

the Education Department by poets Nava Rajan and Trishna Gogoi, symbolizing their commitment to literary growth. The event concluded with a note of appreciation from Dibbichar Coordinator Yuva Sharma, who thanked the participants for their enthusiastic engagement in this remarkable intellectual gathering.

## Centre Approves Rs. 1019 Crore Revised Cost Estimate For Completion **Of Majuli-Jorhat Bridge**

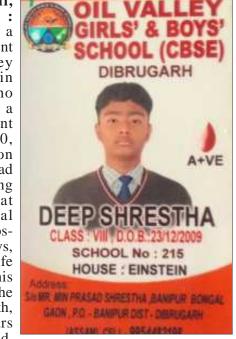
Guwahati : The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has approved a Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) of Rs. 1019.16 crore for the completion of the twolane bridge connecting Majuli and Jorhat over the Brahmaputra River, marking a significant milestone in Assam's infrastructure development. "The revised cost estimate for the construction of the 2-lane bridge connecting Majuli and Jorhat over Brahmaputra has been approved by @MORTĤIndia. A revised cost of Rs.

1019,16,55,015 has been approved for completing this crucial link to the world's largest river island," Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma stated in his official handle X. The 6.8 kmlong bridge (Package II) on NH-715K, a crucial link between Majuli (North Bank) and Jorhat (South Bank), has been a long-pending demand to improve connectivity to Majuli, the world's largest river island. The revised cost approval follows the deliberations of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) on

March 6, 2025, chaired by the Secretary of Road Transport & Highways, where the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) had approved the revised cost estimate of approximately Rs 700 crore for the construction of the much-awaited two-lane bridge over the Brahmaputra, linking Majuli with Jorhat. The completion of this bridge is expected to boost regional connectivity, facilitate economic growth, and reduce reliance on ferries for transportation between Majuli and the mainland.

**Dibrugarh Oil Valley School's 9th-Grade Student Deep** Shrestha Dies in Accident

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh Deep Shrestha, a 9th-grade student of Oil Valley School in Dibrugarh, who was injured in a scooter accident on March 10, passed away on March 15. He had been undergoing treatment at Assam Medical College and Hospital for six days, battling for his life before taking his last breath. At the time of his death, he was 14 years and 3 months old.



A resident of Banipur Bangalgaon in Dibrugarh, Deep Shrestha was a bright student, and his untimely demise cast a shadow of grief over the area. His last rites were performed yesterday in the presence of many well-wishers. It is noteworthy that Deep and his elder brother were involved in the accident when their scooter crashed into a small iron bridge near a house in their village. Both sustained severe injuries and were immediately taken to the hospital. However, Deep Shrestha succumbed to his injuries, while his elder brother, Shiva Prasad Shrestha, remains in critical condition and is currently undergoing treatment. Deep Shrestha's father is Min Prasad Shrestha, and his mother is Anu Pradhan Shrestha.



# 13,080 Beneficiaries in Morigaon Receive Housing Approval Letters Under PMAY-G



Lipika Bora, Morigaon : Alongside other districts of Assam, Morigaon district also launched the distribution of housing approval letters under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme today. A total of 13,080 beneficiaries from the district were granted approval letters. Among them, 3,454 beneficiaries are from the Morigaon Assembly constituency, 6,873 from Lahorighat, and 2,753 from Jagiroad. As part of the initiative, 10 selected beneficiaries from each constituency were handed over their approval letters in an official ceremony. "The Jagiroad constituency's distribuceremony was held tion at Jagibhakatgaon Bishnu Rabha Bihutoli stage, where Assam's Minister for Water Resources, Information & Public Relations, and Social Justice & Empowerment, Pijush Hazarika, was present. In his speech, the minister stated that the Chief Minister's vision has led to significant improvements in flood mitigation efforts across Morigaon district, including Jagiroad. He emphasized that Morigaon was once a flood-prone region, but the government has made notable progress in controlling floods through embankment construction, road and bridge development, and the establishment of a medical college. He further assured that higher educational institutions would also be set up in the district in the future. "The event was attended by Tiwa Autonomous Council's Chief Executive Member Jibon Chandra Konwar, Jagiroad Sub-Divisional Commissioner Biman Das, and Block Development Officer Juri

Saikia, along with other dignitaries. Similarly, in the Morigaon constituency, an official distribution event was organized at the Tarun Ram Phukan playground in Morigaon town, where local MLA Romakanta Deuri handed over the approval letters. Addressing the gathering, he reiterated that the government is committed to ensuring that all eligible individuals receive benefits transparently. He emphasized the state government's dedication to a corruptionfree system, where deserving individuals would receive government jobs and scheme benefits without bias. The event was also attended by Morigaon Zilla Parishad's Chief Executive Officer Sanjeev Kumar Bora, Additional Deputy Commissioners Anusuya Sharma, Dr. Sangeeta Barthakur, and Sulakshana Barpatragohain, as well as social worker Prabin Medhi. "In Lahorighat, the approval letter distribution took place at the Lahorighat Development Block office playground, where Morigaon Deputy Commissioner Debashish Sharma attended as the chief guest. Addressing the beneficiaries, he assured that those who have not received approval yet should not be disheartened, as all eligible individuals will gradually be included under the scheme. Other dignitaries present included Sub-Divisional Commissioner Pranjal Barua, Assistant Commissioners Pramod Sharma and Namrata Sahu, Circle Officer Bikash Chetri (Lahorighat), and Circle Officer (In-charge) Mridul Nath (Bhurogaon). "Officials from the Panchayat & Rural Development Department, district and sub-divisional administration, along with a large number of beneficiaries, were present at all three events. Additionally, before the approval letter distribution, the attendees watched a live broadcast of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma's address from the central event in Palashbari constituency, where he elaborated on the government's housing initiatives.

### Assam's Sivasagar Selected Under Swadesh **Darshan 2.0 To Boost Eco-Tourism**

**Sibsagar** : Sivasagar, Assam's his- ment of Swadesh Darshan as one of the 42 destinations in India under Eco Tourism & Amrit Dharohar Site category, which will greatly boost tourism in this historic town." This selection is expected to significantly enhance tourism in Sivasagar, bringing infrastructural improvements while preserving its cultural and ecological heritage. With its iconic monuments like the Shiva Dol and Rang Ghar, Sivasagar is set to gain national and global recognition as a prime ecotourism destination.

**Assam's Siddarth Baruah** Leads India's Largest Hyperloop Test Facility At IIT Madras



Chennai : Siddarth Baruah, a final-year BTech student from Assam, is leading India's largest Hyperloop test facility at IIT Madras. As the head of the software team, Baruah is overseeing the operations of the 410-meter-long Hyperloop test pod. During the visit of Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to the Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras, he commended Baruah's team for their hard work. The minister stated that the testing system for Hyperloop transportation has been developed entirely using indigenous technologies. Currently, the Hyperloop test track at IIT Madras Discovery Campus is the longest in Asia. Hyperloop technology is a futuristic high-speed train system that operates in a vacuum-sealed tube, reducing friction and allowing for rapid transit. Baruah has formerly worked as a software engineer at Indian Railways and has contributed to various projects, including the creation of a data-analyzing platform. His expertise includes cloud computing, software development, and user-centric design. Earlier, 'PLUTO' (Plug-and-Train Robot), an innovative, cost-effective, and portable robot for hand rehabilitation, was developed by researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) and Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore, marking a significant milestone in healthcare technology. PLUTO offers an affordable solution for clinical and home-based therapy, addressing a crucial gap in rehabilitation technologies. As India's first indigenous robot tested in home settings, it has benefitted over 1,000 patients in the last four years.

#### **Elderly Couple Attacked In Dhubri Amid Financial Dispute**

Dhubri : A shocking incident of brutality has been reported from Batua Tuli village in Assam's Dhubri district, where an old couple was attacked with sharp weapons. The victims, Askar Ali, 60, and his wife Rupkhan Bibi, 55, suffered grievous head injuries and are now admitted to Dhubri Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. According to their daughter, Anju Khatun, the attack was allegedly perpetrated by three brothers: Shahidul Haque, a portal journalist, along with Sadeq Ali and Sahibul. The violence reportedly stemmed from a financial dispute involving the couple's son, who had previously worked for the accused. Witnesses claim that the assailants, led by Shahidul Haque, launched a vicious attack, leaving the couple severely injured.

toric town known for its rich Ahom heritage, has been selected under the 'Challenge-Based Destination Development' initiative of the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme by the Ministry of Tourism. It is among 42 destinations chosen nationwide under the 'Eco-Tourism & Amrit Dharohar Site' category. Taking to his official handle X, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma stated, "Sivasagar has been selected by @tourismgoi under Challenge Based Destination DevelopPAGE-4

# Dibrugarh District Mahila Samiti commemorates the legacy of Chandraprabha Saikiani



Μ Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh The Dibrugarh District Mahila Samiti, a century-old institution, solemnly paid tribute to Assam's distinguished social reformer Padmasri Chandraprabha Saikiani in Dibrugarh on 16 March, 25. The event was organized in collaboration with the Samannay Mahila Samitee of Development Area at the Development Area Auditorium, commencing with a ceremonial lamp -lighting by Dipali Saikia, President of the Dibrugarh District Women's Association.In her keynote address, Dipali Saikia reflected on the life, contributions, and enduring relevance of

Padmasri Chandraprabha Saikiani's ideals in contemporary society. The meeting was presided over by Anju Kakati, President of Samannay Mahila Samiti, and featured Dr. Pallavi Deka Bujarbaruah, Professor in the Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University, as the chief guest. Dr. Bujarbaruah eloquently spoke about Chandraprabha Saikiani's revolutionary journey, emphasising that women must first recognize their own identity before they truly can honor Chandraprabha Saikiani's legacy. She also expressed her commitment to working with the Women's As-

sociation in furthering Saikiani's ideals. The event also featured an insightful address by Prof. (Retd.) Mamoni Gogoi Borgohain of Demow College, who shed light on Chandraprabha Saikiani's literary contributions. Ad-Swapnali ditionally, Bhuyan, Executive Officer of Community Radio Station Radio Gyanmalinee, Dibrugarh, shared her thoughts and reflections on the occasion. The meeting witnessed the presence of over fifty women from Dibrugarh and its neighboring areas. A highlight of the event was a captivating Jyoti Sangeet performance by child artist Rainy Phukan. The program commenced with a collective prayer session led by the women members of the association, followed by a ceremonial tree plantation drive led by eminent local figure Kanok Hazarika within the auditorium premises, which led to the formal inauguration of the event.

## **Royal Global University grants faculty** Rs. 50,00,000 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) to support research and academic initiatives

Guwahati : The Assam Royal Global laboratories, libraries, and research University recently awarded its faculty a grant/incentive of more than Rs. 50,00,000 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs) for supporting their research conducted in 2024. The amount includes over Rs. 26,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs) in Seed Money Grant, Rs. 15,00,000 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs) as incentive for Research Publications, and Rs. 9,00,000 (Rupees Nine Lakhs) for attending academic events including international and national seminars, webinars, workshops, FDPs and others. The Assam Royal Global University is rapidly emerging as a research-centric institution with strong emphasis on academic excellence. RGU is creating a robust environment for research across diverse disciplines equipped with highly qualified faculty actively engaged in research projects, collaborating with national and international institutions, armed with state-of-the-art research infrastructure, including modern

centers, that foster innovation and intellectual exploration. The university also encourages students to engage in research activities from an early stage, offering them opportunities to work on projects that contribute to societal development, as a result of which research output is growing steadily, with publications in reputed journals, patents, and collaborations with industries. RGU is also committed to addressing unique challenges faced by the Northeast region, focusing on varied areas including environmental sustainability, bio-technology, and regional development. Royal Global University's commitment to fostering research excellence and academic rigor positions it as a key player in the educational landscape of Northeast India. For further information, contact: Office of Public Relations, Royal Global University, pr@rgu.ac

## Anjela Changmai: The Flame of a **New Dawn**

(A tribute to Anjela Changmai — the radiant voice of Assam's youth and culture)

#### Heramba Nath

In the land where the Brahmaputra flows, Where silken muga and jasmine grows, Rose a soul both fierce and fair, Anjela Changmai, beyond compare. Not just a name, but a rhythm, a fire, A voice that lifts, a heart that inspires. She speaks—and silence learns to listen, Her words like stars in twilight glisten. A youth speaker with vision wide, With purpose strong and head held high. She walks where many fear to tread, Her words ignite the paths ahead. She speaks of dreams, of strength, of light, Of breaking chains, of claiming right. In halls, in fields, in minds, in air, Her voice—a banner bright and rare. Her speaking style—a rarest art, It captivates both mind and heart. I do not tire, I do not stray, When Anjela speaks, I gladly stay. It is as if Goddess Saraswati reigns In her voice—a sacred strain. She also has a smile serene, And every speech—a living dream. May wise, inquisitive speeches shine Like pole stars in the night divine. That's what I wish to God above-To guard her path with light and love. She is the mirror of youthful might, A reporter chasing truth and light. With pen and mic, she paints each scene— From whispered truths to moments unseen. Her questions pierce, her stories sing, A journalist with an eagle's wing. To Assam's youth, she brings new scope, She teaches them to strive and hope. But she's not only words and news, She dances too, in sacred hues. A flame of Sankari culture's grace, In Sattriya steps, she finds her place. A classical fire in every turn, Where ancient rhythms softly burn. A living thread of art refined, She keeps tradition well-aligned. Her voice—a melody rich and deep, That stirs the soul from silent sleep. A singer, poet in tone and rhyme, Her music flows beyond all time. Yet what makes her truly rare— Is not just talent, charm, or flair. It is her truth, her fearless part, Her kindness wrapped in a warrior's heart. She does not follow—she lights the way, A torch in youthful hands today. Aniela Changmai, a rising flame. Etched in Assam's hall of fame. Unique in soul, in style, in grace, With wisdom far beyond her place. A daughter of this sacred land,' With fire in voice and truth in hand. Mobile: 70027-97540



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# Uttara Basti: A Key Ayurvedic Treatment for Reproductive and Urinary Health



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Uttara Basti is an Ayurvedic therapeutic practice primarily used to treat disorders related to the urinary system,

reproductive health, and overall vitality. This procedure involves administering medicated liquids into the uterine cavity through the cervical canal in females, or into the urinary bladder through the urethra in both males and females, targeting the



underlying pathology. It is indicated for genito-urinary disorders in both genders. The procedure is particularly chosen for treating various female disorders due to its superior qualities, hence it is referred to as Uttara Basti.

What is Uttara Basti? Uttara Basti is a specialized form of Basti (enema therapy) which is helpful in treating the fertility issue of male as well as female. It is also helpful in many other Genito urinary conditions. It is a non invasive procedure which helps in restoring the reproductive health. The treatment is typically used to treat conditions like: reproductive organs

- Sexual dysfunction
- Dysmenorrhoea
- Amenorrhoea
- Dribbling of urine
- Retention of urine
- Pain during intercourse
- Painful menstruation **Procedure of Uttara Basti**The procedure of Uttara Basti varies depending on the specific condition being treated, but the general process includes the following steps:

**Preparation of the Patient**: The patient is first prepared by undergoing certain preparatory steps such as a detoxifying therapy, minimal investigations and local hygienic measures.

Selection of Medicinal Solutions: These treatments are chosen based on the individual's specific condition and the desired therapeutic effect. Specialist may also prescribe a combination of medications if needed. For instance, in cases of fallopian tube blockage, the doctor may opt for a medication with a scraping effect to help address the issue.

Administration of the Medicinal Solution: The medicinal liquid is introduced into the body through specific channels. For male patients, it is usually administered through the urethra (urinary passage), and for female patients, it may be introduced through cervical canal was well as urethra based on the condition. This is only done under strict medical supervision by experts. **Duration and Follow-Up**: The treatment duration may vary depending on the individual case. But 3-5 consecutive days can be considered as ideal period. After the administration of the liquid, the patient is typically asked to rest for a while to allow the medicine to take

effect. Patent can be sent home few hours after close monitoring.

Absolute contraindications: Pregnancy and presence of contraceptive device inside the uterine cavity.

**Relative contraindications:** Female genital infection , Cervical infection & inflammation, Endometritis, Endometriosis, Cervical cancer, and Endometrial cancer.

Benefits of Uttara Basti:It offers several potential benefits for the ganito urinary system, especially when it comes to restoring balance to the urinary and reproductive systems. Some of the key benefits include:

Improvement in Urinary Health: By flushing out toxins from the urinary tract, Uttara Basti can help reduce the risk of urinary tract infections and improve bladder function. It is also helpful in the management of conditions like urinary retention, incontinence of urine, and prostate related issues specially in old age males. Enhancement of

Reproductive Health: Uttara Basti is often used to address male and female reproductive health issues. For women, it can help in regulating menstrual cycles, reducing menstrual cramps, rejuvenates endometrium & stimulates certain receptors, nourishes the ovum and helps in ovulation, scrapes out tubal block, and addressing conditions like leucorrhea. For men, it can improve semen quality, corrects different seminal pathology and enhance sexual health. Detoxification: Detoxificationtherapy not only cleanses urinary and reproductive organs but also rejuvenates it. Thereby gives a healthy long reproductive life and reduces the chance of urinary

problems.

**Promotes Fertility:** Uttara Basti is believed to have positive effects on fertility, especially in cases of unexplained infertility. By improving blood circulation, balancing hormones, and



strengthening the reproductive organs, this therapy can enhance a person's ability to conceive.

**Precautions and Considerations** While Uttara Basti can be highly beneficial for both healthy as well as disease condition, it is essential to undergo this treatment under the supervision of a qualified Ayurvedic practitioner.

Uttara Basti is an advanced Ayurvedic treatment that focuses on the restoration of balance in the urinary and reproductive systems. Whether used for detoxification, fertility enhancement, sexual issues, or urinary problems, this therapy addresses a range of ailments while promoting well-being. It is important, however, that the treatment is carried out by a skilled practitioner to ensure safety and efficacy. (Above information are collected from different textbooks of PTSR, reliable articles and websites. Picture

source: Internet)

- Infertility and reproductive disorders
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs)
- Prostate issues
- Impotence
- Menstrual disorders
- Chronic diseases affecting the

# NFRSA win maiden Bordoloi Trophy title, NEUFC's valiant effort fall short

Guwahati : North East Frontier Railway Sports Association (NFRSA) lifted their maiden Bordoloi Trophy title after a thrilling penalty shootout victory over NorthEast United FC (NEUFC) in the final at Judges Field here today. The match, witnessed good turnout, ended in a 1-1 draw after regulation and extra time before NFRSA triumphed 7-6 in the sudden death phase. This victory marked NFRSA's second title of the season, following their earlier triumph in the Guwahati Premier League Football at the same venue. The final was an exciting contest with both teams showing their attacking prowess. NEUFC had the upper hand in the early stages, organizing more attacks, but as the match progressed, NFRSA gradually grew into the game. The first real scoring opportunity came in the 30th minute for NEUFC, when Hangshing made a brilliant run down the left wing and delivered a perfect pass. Despite a couple of NEUFC players in the box, none could connect with the ball to direct it towards goal. A few minutes later, NFRSA had a chance of their own when Akash Dutta found space in the box and unleashed a powerful shot. However, NEUFC's goalkeeper, Arman Tamang, made an excellent save to deny the effort. After a goalless first half, NFRSA took the lead in the 51st minute through Souvik Kar. NFRSA earned a free kick

just outside the box, and Kar's expertly placed shot sailed past the goalkeeper into the net. NEUFC responded strongly and organized a series of attacks. Their efforts paid off in the 81st minute when Danny Meitei rose high to head in a cross from the right flank, levelling the score at 1-1. In the extra time, NEUFC dominated possession and pressed forward, but NFRSA's defense held firm, preventing any further goals and ensuring the match went to penalties. Both teams scored four goals each in the penalty shootout. In the sudden death phase, NEUFC converted their first kick, but faltered on the second attempt. NFRSA took advantage of this, converting their second kick also to seal the win and claim the Bordoloi Trophy. The Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, along with Sports Minister Nandita Gorlosa, was present at the venue and they were introduced to the players before the match, along with other distinguished guests. As champions, NFRSA received a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, while NEUFC were awarded Rs 5 lakh. The two semi-finalists Shillong Lajong FC and Global FC also earned Rs 2.5 lakh each. Individual Awards: Most Promising Player: Fredy Chawngthansanga (NEUFC). Best Goalkeeper: Arman Tamang (NEUFC). Player of the Final: N. Rohen Singh (NEUFC). Highest Goal Scorer: Nicodim Narzary (Global FC). Player of the Tournament: Prabik Ghisingh (NFRSA).

# Kaziranga Chess Carnival Starts March 22 in Kohora

**Guwahati :** The Kaziranga Chess Carnival will be held on March 22-23 at Kaziranga National Park Higher Secondary School, Kohora. The tournament will have three categories: Under-10, Under-15, and Open, with a total cash prize pool of Rs 1 Lakh. Organized by Aaghun Foundation in association with Assam Chess Club, the event will follow the Swiss League system, consisting of nine rounds over two days. In addition to the tournament, a chess and tourism-themed quiz will also take place. Day one will feature five rounds of play, followed by an evening screening of a chess-related film.

#### Niloy Dutta Inter-Varsity Cricket Tournament Starts March 18

GUWAHATI: The 4th edition of the Niloy Dutta Inter-Varsity T20 Cricket Tournament is set to begin on March 18 at Dibrugarh. The 12-day competition will be held at the Dibrugarh University Ground. A total of 13 teams will compete in the tournament and they are: Assam University, Silchar; Assam Agricultural University; Srimanta Sankardeva University of Health Sciences; Tezpur University; Cotton University; IIT Guwahati; Kumar Bhaskar Verma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University; Gauhati University; Bhattadev University; Dibrugarh University; Royal Global University; Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University; and Assam Down Town University.

### Veteran Footballer Padmeswar Deka Passes Away at 81

Guwahati : Former national footballer Padmeswar Deka passed away on Friday. He was 81 years old. Deka, a celebrated forward from Morigaon, was an influential player during his time. He represented Assam twice in the prestigious Santosh Trophy and was a key member of the Assam Police team that won the Bordoloi Trophy in 1971. Recently, Deka was honored by Guwahati Sports Association during the second semi-finals of the 70th Bordoloi Trophy, recognizing his significant contributions to football. Guwahati Sports Association expressed deep condolences over Deka's passing. In a statement, Association President Paresh Chandra Das said, "Deka was not only a talented player but also an inspiring figure who served Assam Police with distinction, retiring as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in 2004. His legacy in Assam's football community will always be remembered with pride and gratitude. His death is an immense loss to the sports world."

# Shah Rukh Khan May Visit Guwahati During IPL 2025



Rajasthan Royals will host two highprofile matches-against the defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders on March 26 and Chennai Super Kings on March 30. Adding to the excitement, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan is expected to make a special appearance to support his team, the reigning IPL champions. Fans are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of cricket icon Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who will be traveling with the Chennal Super Kings for their clash with the Royals on March 30. The stage is set for an unforgettable spectacle in Guwahati, as the city plays host to some of the biggest names in both sports and entertainment.



**Guwahati :** Guwahati is gearing up for an extraordinary blend of cricket and Bollywood as the IPL 2025 season heads to the ACA Stadium. The



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# **Bismillah Khan**

Ustad Bismillah Khan (born Qamaruddin Khan, 21 March 1916 – 21 August 2006), often referred to by the title Ustad, was an Indian musician credited with popularizing the shehnai, a reeded woodwind instrument. His virtuosity made him a leading Hindustani classical music artist, indelibly linking his name with the woodwind instrument. While the shehnai had importance as a folk instrument played primarily by musicians schooled in traditional ceremonies, Khan elevated its status and brought it to the concert stage. Khan was a

devout Muslim but performed at both Hindu and Muslim ceremonies, and was considered a symbol of religious harmony. Owing to his fame, he was selected to perform for the ceremony at Delhi's historic Red Fort as the Indian flag unfurled at the hour of India's independence on 15 August 1947. His music was played (in Raag Kafi) on television every Independence Day. Khan turned down invitations to perform in other countries before 1966, when the Indian government insisted that he play at the Edinburgh International Festival.



This gained him a following in the West, and he continued to appear in Europe and North America thereafter. In 2001, Bismillah Khan was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, and the country

observed a national day of mourning following his death in 2006. He became the third classical musician of India after M. S. Subbalakshmi and Ravi Shankar to be awarded the Bharat Ratna.

day. Bismillah Khan

#### Persional Life



Bismillah Khan was born on 21 March 1916 into a family of traditional Muslim musicians at the big town of Dumraon, India, as the

*legacy* 

Sangeet Natak 2018. In the documentary Akademi, New Delhi, film, Eric Clapton: Life instituted the Ustad in 12 Bars, Clapton cites Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar in 2006, in his honour. It is given to young artists in the field of music, theatre and dance. The Government of Bihar has proposed setting up of a museum, a town hallcum-library and installation of a life-size statue at his birthplace in Dumraon. Bismillah Khan was commemorated on his 102nd birth anniversary by Search Engine Google which

second son of Paigambar Bux Khan and Mitthanbai. His father was a court musician employed in the court of Maharaja

for him on 21 March

Keshav Prasad Singh of Dumraon Raj. His two grandfathers Ustad Salar Hussain Khan and Rasool Bux Khan were also musicians in the

showed a special doodle Bismillah Khan as an on its Indian home page influence and how he tried to use his guitar to imitate the music of Khan's woodwind instrument.



Dumraon palace. He was named Qamruddin at birth, to rhyme with his elder brother's name Shamsuddin. Upon seeing the newborn, his grandfather Rasool Baksh Khan, also a shehnai player, is said to have exclaimed "Bismillah", or "In the name of Allah", and thereafter he came to be known by Ustad Bismillah Khan. At the age of three, he moved to Varanasi in the state of Uttar Pradesh, to be apprenticed to his maternal uncle, Ali Bux 'Vilayatu' Khan, a shehnai player attached to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple. At the age of 14, Bismillah accompanied his uncle to the Allahabad music conference. He used to practice with his shehnai on the banks of the river Ganga every-

#### In popular culture

Khan had a brief association with films in India. He played the shehnai for Rajkumar's role of Appanna in the Vijay's Kannada-language film Sanaadi Appanna which became a blockbuster. He acted in Jalsaghar by Satyajit Ray and played the shehnai for Vijay Bhatt's Goonj Uthi Shehnai (1959). Noted director Goutam Ghose directed Sange Meel Se Mulaqat (1989), an Indian documentary film about the life of Khan. Imtiaz Ali's Rockstar character Ustad Jameel Khan played by Shammi Kapoor was slightly inspired by Khan. On 17 March 2006, Bismillah Khan's health deteriorated and he was admitted to the Heritage Hospital, Varanasi for treatment. Khan's last wish - to perform at India Gate, could not be fulfilled. He wanted to pay tributes to the martyrs. He waited in vain till his last rites. He died of cardiac arrest on 21 August 2006, at the age of 90. The Government of India declared a day of national mourning on his death. His body along with a Shehnai was buried at Fatemaan burial ground of old Varanasi under a neem tree with a 21-gun salute from the Indian Army.

began his career by playing at various stage shows. He got his first major break in 1937, when he played at a concert at All India Music Conference in Kolkata or Calcutta. This performance brought Shehnai into the limelight and was hugely appreciated by music lovers. He then went on to play in many countries including Afghanistan, USA, Canada, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, West Africa, Japan, Hong Kong and in various parts of Europe. During his illustrious career he played in many prominent events throughout the world. Some of the events that he played in include World Exposition in Montreal, Cannes Art Festival and Osaka Trade Fair.

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Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor starrer Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari gets a new release date



**D**harma Productions has officially announced the release date for its upcoming romantic entertainer, Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari. The muchanticipated film is set to hit theatres on September 12, 2025, promising au-

of romance, emotions, and family drama. The film stars Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor in lead roles, reuniting after their successful collaboration in Bawaal. Adding to the excitement, Sanya Malhotra and Rohit Saraf diences a delightful mix also join the cast, making

it a star-studded affair. Known for his expertise in crafting heartwarming love stories, Shashank takes Khaitan the director's chair once again. The filmmaker, who previously helmed hits like Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania, Badrinath Ki Dulhania, and Dhadak, is expected to bring his signature charm to this film as well. The film was initially slated for an April 2025 release, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the makers decided to push the date to ensure a grand theatrical experience for the audience. With the new date now confirmed. fans of Varun and Janhvi can mark their calendars for an exciting cinematic treat later in the year.

## Amitabh Bachchan to begin shooting for sequel of Kalki 2898 AD in May

Delays Hrithik Roshan's Krrish 4 to 2026



Actor Amitabh Bachchan is gearing up for an action-packed return to the dystopian sci-fi universe of Kalki 2898 AD. According to a recent report by

Mid-Day, the veteran actor will commence shooting for the highly anticipated sequel, Kalki 2, in May 2025. With an expanded role as Ashwatthama, Bachchan's fans are in for a treat as the sequel promises a grander narrative, intense action sequences, and a clash of titans featuring co-stars Prabhas, Kamal Haasan, and Deepika Padukone. After wrapping up the emotionally charged 16th season of Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC), Bachchan is shifting his focus to this cinematic spectacle, directed by Nag Ashwin. Here's everything we know about his upcoming venture.

A.R. Rahman gets discharged after hospitalization; son confirms he is 'doing well'



Legendary music composer A.R. Rahman was hospitalized early Sunday morning with reports of him complaining of chest pain going viral. However, recent reports suggest that the music maestro was facing problems due to dehydration and has now been discharged as well. These reports insist that the actor is now recuperating at home. The news was confirmed by his son, AR Ameen, who reassured fans and well-wishers about his father's health through an Instagram post. Ameen expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support on his Instagram report, stating, "To all our dear fans, family, and well-wishers, I sincerely thank you for your love, prayers, and support. My father felt a bit weak due to dehydration hence we went ahead and did some routine tests, but I'm happy to share that he is doing well now. Your kind words and blessings mean a lot to us. We truly appreciate your concern and continued support. Much love and gratitude to you all!" In another Instagram story, he also shared a picture of the health report from Apollo Hospital.

## Ayan Mukerji's father, veteran actor Deb Mukherjee passes away at 83

Veteran actor Deb Mukherjee passed away at 83 due to age-related ailments. The news was confirmed by his spokesperson to Zoom. A member of the renowned Samarth-Mukherjee family, he was



Roshan franchise Krrish is the most awaited of Indian Cinema, however, the fourth installment of the superhero saga is time and again getting delayed due to several reasons. We have exclusively heard that Krrish 4 is set to postpone

The Hrithik Roshan and Rakesh once again and this time, it's due to budget constraints. A reliable source shared with Bollywood Hungama, "Krrish 4 warrants the budget of approx. Rs. 700 crores, and no studio is willing to shell out such an exorbitant amount and take that big a risk.

the father of filmmaker Ayan Mukerji and the fatherin-law of Ashutosh Gowariker. Deb Mukherjee's funeral will take place at Pawan Hans Crematorium in Juhu on March 14 at 4 pm.



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#### State government also considerinag the establishment of a police medical college within the Academy campus: CM

research laboratory, a conference hall, and administrative offices. Furthermore, a dedicated museum has been established alongside a modern parade ground. In the second phase of the project, an estimated <sup>1</sup>425 crores have been allocated for the construction of residential facilities within the academy. As part of this phase, the project would include residential quarters for 240 families, a hostel for 312 officers and staff, and a residential hostel to accommodate 2,640 trainees. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sarma remarked that, for the first time in 400 years since the birth of Lachit Barphukan, the Assam state government has established an institution dedicated to his legacy. Expressing his gratitude on behalf of the people of Assam, he thanked the Union Home Minister for his guidance in the realisation of this endeavour. He recalled that during the 400th birth anniversary celebrations of the brave general in New Delhi, the Union Home Minister had proposed translating his biography into multiple Indian languages and later visited Assam to inaugurate these translated works. Describing Assam Police as a distinguished institution of the state, the Chief Minister stated that the Assam Police Academy in Dergaon has been instrumental in training officers and personnel, contributing to the development of a strong police force. He stated that <sup>1</sup>167 crores have been allocated for the construction of the Academy's main building and a police museum, and in the next phase, approximately <sup>1</sup> 400 crores would be invested in residential facilities for police personnel and trainees. He announced further plans for a largescale sports infrastructure within the campus, similar to the one in Sarusajai, Guwahati, a CBSE school, a nursing academy, and a skill development centre to benefit both the Assam Police and the local community. He added that the state government is also considering establishing a police medical college within the campus in the future. Dr. Sarma stated that Assam has made significant progress in law and order due to the state government's sustained efforts over the past four years. He observed that the number of registered criminal cases has declined from 1,21,609 in 2020 to 50,215 in 2024, reflecting a 60% reduction in crime. He further noted that the number of pending cases has decreased from 1,54,280 in 2020 to 14,800 in 2024. The charge sheet filing rate has increased from 47% to 66%, while the conviction rate has risen from 5.5% to 25%. He also stated a decline in cases of crimes against women, from 26,352 in 2020 to 5,000 in 2024. The Chief Minister said that the recent improvement in law and order, along with a stable and peaceful environment, has brought notable changes to the lives of Assam's citizens. He noted that the state has secured investment proposals worth <sup>1</sup> 5.23 crores during the recently concluded Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit, marking a significant step towards sustained development. He added that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of the Union Home Minister, Assam is advancing towards becoming a leading state in the country. 'The event was attended by the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal; the Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Pabitra Margherita; Minister of Agriculture etc., Atul Bora; Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management etc., Keshab Mahanta; Minister of Finance etc., Ajanta Neog; Minister of Water Resources etc., Pijush Hazarika; Minister of Labour Welfare etc., Rupesh Gowala; MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa; and MLAs Mrinal Saikia, Bhabendra Nath Bharali, and Biswajit Phukan. Also present were Home Secretary of India Govind Mohan, Director of the Intelligence Bureau of India Tapan Kumar Deka, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam A.K. Tewari, Director General of Police Harmeet Singh, and Assam BJP in-charge Harish Dwivedi, along with other dignitaries.

#### Assam CM Announces Extra Marks For HSLC Students In Social Studies

CM Sarma said that numerous students had come to him, seeking extra marks for the subject due to the toughness of the question paper. Sarma stated, "I have received numerous requests from students asking for extra marks in social studies because the question paper was hard." He further explained that he had consulted with the Chairman of the Secondary Education Board of Assam (SEBA), who confirmed that the examination pattern varies each year, which can lead to unexpected challenges for students. Considering these concerns, the Chief Minister has formally asked the SEBA board to consider granting additional marks to the students who fared well in their other subjects. This action is taken in order to provide relief to students who might have performed poorly on the social studies exam but scored well in other subjects. The decision has been greeted with an acceptance by the students and parents as it indicates the government's readiness to tackle education-related issues and assist learners in their studies. Further details regarding the implementation of this decision are expected to be communicated by the SEBA board in the coming days.

#### CM attends the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of ABSU

fledged university, which would provide fresh intellectual impetus to the Bodo community. He also stated that a new campus of Bodoland University would be established in Udalguri. Additionally, he assured that work on a new medical college in Udalguri would commence within the next three years. Referring to the proposed railway line between Gelephu and Kokrajhar, the Chief Minister stated that this connectivity project would bring significant socio-economic transformation to the Bodoland region. He further mentioned that in consultation with ABSU, steps are being taken to introduce the Bodo language as a medium of instruction at the higher secondary level, with plans for future extension to the undergraduate level. Reiterating an announcement made in the Assam Legislative Assembly, he stated that 35 higher secondary schools in the Bodoland region would be upgraded to model high schools. Additionally, he announced that in October this year, a grand cultural showcase featuring Bagrumba and Bardoisikhla dance forms would be organized at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati, with the participation of 8,000 to 10,000 young men and women, to promote these traditional dance forms globally. He also highlighted the government's continued efforts towards the socio-economic development of the Bodoland Territorial Region, including the establishment of a new 1,200 MW power generation plant. The Chief Minister stated that as per the request of ABSU, the birth anniversary of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma has been observed across the state as Chatra Divas on March 31. Furthermore, he announced that the state government has taken a decision to recognize Bodofa's burial site in Dotma as a state-level memorial, with plans for its beautification and development. Additionally, he stated that the Assam government and the BTR administration would observe May 1 every year to commemorate the death anniversary of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma. Dr. Sarma reiterated the government's commitment to the full implementation of the Bodo Peace Accord. He said that following the accord, new villages have been incorporated into the Bodoland Territorial Region. He also mentioned that a Directorate for Bodo Language has been established and for Bodos residing outside the BTR, the Bodo-Kachari Welfare Autonomous Council has been formed. Measures are also being taken to grant land rights to Bodos in districts such as Sonitpur and Biswanath, he added. Highlighting a historic milestone, Dr. Sarma stated that on February 17, for the first time, a session of the Assam Legislative Assembly was held in Kokrajhar. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring selfgovernance and upholding the rights of the Bodo people. He emphasized that the BTR would be transformed into a region of prosperity, peace, and progress. Minister of Agriculture Atul Bora, Minister of Handloom & Textiles U. G. Brahma, Minister of Health and Family Welfare Ashok Singhal, Assam Legislative Assembly Speaker Biswajit Daimary, Chief Executive Member of the Bodoland Territorial Council Pramod Boro, BJP Assam Pradesh President and MP Dilip Saikia, MPs Joyanta Basumatary and R.G. Narzary, Chief Executive Member of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Tuliram Ronghang, ABSU President Dipen Boro, Bodo Sahitya Sabha President Surat Narzary, and other distinguished dignitaries were present in the conference.

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# 45th Foundation Day of NIPM held at Dibrugarh University



**Dibrugarh :** The 45th Foundation Day of the National Institute of Per-Management sonnel (NIPM) was celebrated with great enthusiasm, bringing together industry leaders, HR professionals, academicians and students at Centre for Man-Studies, agement Dibrugarh University. The event, organized by the NIPM Assam Chapter, focused on the theme "Navigating HR Towards Business Sustainability." The event saw the participation of representatives from leading Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) such as Oil India Limited (OIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), Assam

Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL), and Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL). Students and faculty members from Dibrugarh University and the Centre for Management Studies (CMS) also attended the event, enriching the discussions with their academic perspectives. Eminent speakers for the event included Dr. Shyamal Baruah, CGM, OIL, Samit Mohapatra, GM-HR, BVFCL and Asit Das, GM-HR, BCPL. Students of CMS have also given a presentation on the theme. Their insightful addresses highlighted the evolving role of HR in driving sustainable business practices, employee engagement and workforce resilience in an ever-changing corporate landscape. The programme was graced

by Dr. Pranjal Bezborah, Chairman, NIPM Assam Chapter, who emphasized the importance of continuous learning and adaptation in the HR domain. Representatives from all major PSUs in the region, along with HR professionals and students, actively participated in the discussions, making the event a resounding success. Dr. Pratim Baruah, Chairperson, CMS, Dibrugarh University graced the occasion as chief guest and shared his views. The NIPM Foundation Day celebration served as a platform for industry-academia collaboration, reinforcing the need for HR leaders to align business strategies with sustainability goals. The event concluded on a high note, with participants reaffirming their commitment to fostering an HR-driven approach to business sustainability. A new committee of NIPM – Assam Chapter has also been constituted who would be taking care of the activities of NIPM Assam Chapter for next two years.

#### 11 Kg Cannabis Seized At Badarpur Station, **Two Women Arrested**

Guwahati : In a significant operation, the Government Railway Police (GRP) successfully seized a substantial quantity of cannabis, approximately 11 kilograms, from the Tejas Rajdhani Express at Badarpur Railway Station, marking a massive narcotics bust. The operation led to the arrest of two women suspected of trafficking the illicit substance. Vigilant GRP officers uncovered the discovery during a standard security check.



# Syed Sadullah of Dibrugarh to Receive the Ganashilpi Maghai Uja Award on April 19



Kalakshetra, has been conferred this year on renowned artist, composer, lyricist, and retired instrumentalist of All India Radio (AIR) Dibrugarh, Syed Sadullah. The announcement was made on the occasion of the 45th death anniversary of the legendary

AIR Dibrugarh in 1977, recording his dhol playing and thus preserving his musical legacy for future generations. Later, he also composed songs about Maghai Uja, recorded them for AIR, and wrote a detailed account of his life and contributions. The

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Dibrugarh : The prestigious Ganashilpi Maghai Uja Award, presented annually by the Maghai Uja

folk artist Maghai Uja, oraward will be presented ganized by the Maghai Uia during Kalakshetra at Hatigarh Sammelan scheduled to Naosaliya, Jorhat.Notably, be held at Maghai Uja Syed Sadullah had con-Kalakshetra on April 19, ducted an extensive inter-2025, as per information view with Maghai Uja for from the organizers.

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