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## Chief Minister reviews Infrastructure Development Project of Assam Medical College and Hospital



**Dispur :** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma held a meeting at the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Dibrugarh with officials from the Public Works (Building) Department and the

Medical College authorities to review the proposed residential colony project for Assam Medical College and Hospital (AMCH). The project, aimed at infrastructural

development, is set to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crore. It may be noted that the project involves the replacement of existing residential quarters with new accommodations designated for the Principal, Vice-Principal,

senior and junior faculty members, GNM staff, and students, alongside housing for third- and fourth-grade employees. Additionally, the plan includes the construction of a convention centre and the provision of other essential facilities. During the meeting, the

Chief Minister assessed the broader environment of AMCH and examined the architectural plans for the proposed residential colony. He emphasised the necessity of incorporating modern amenities within the housing units. Furthermore, *see page 10*

## CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Attends Tiwa Sahitya Sabha's Open Session



**Lipika Bora, Morigaon :** The vibrant cultural procession showcasing the rich Tiwa heritage captivated everyone as part of the 11th Tiwa Sahitya Sabha session. The grand event witnessed the participation of thousands, celebrating the unique traditions, language, and art of the Tiwa community. Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma graced the concluding open session of the Tiwa Sahitya Sabha, held under the presidency of Dipendra Nath Bordoloi. Addressing the gathering at around 5:30 PM, the Chief Minister emphasized the significant contribution of Tiwa language, literature, and culture to Assam's rich heritage. He stressed the importance of documenting the authentic history of the Tiwa community and urged the literary and cultural leaders to take the initiative in compiling a comprehensive historical account. During his speech, CM Sarma made several key announcements *see page 10*

## CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma visits BCPL

**Assures State government's total support to transform BCPL into an anchor of Assam's growth**

**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on the third day of his Dibrugarh tour, visited the Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) at Lepetkata today and took stock of its central control room, warehouse and production units of the company. He also reviewed BCPL's operations, expansion plans,



product diversification and assured full support from the State government for capacity expansion of

the company. During his visit to BCPL, he attended a meeting and took stock *see page 10*

## Assam Governor Attends Women Achievers' Award Ceremony In Guwahati



**Guwahati :** Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya attended the Annual Women Achievers' Award ceremony organized by the Northeast Women's Organization of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at a hotel in Guwahati yesterday. During the ceremony, Governor Acharya extended his best wishes to all the women associated with FICCI, appreciating their remarkable contributions *see page 10*





**Part-84**  
**The Divine power:**

The praise of Rama cools very sweet  
Fulfil the desires of the devotees,  
O Hari, the merciful Lord,  
I depend upon You.  
O Rama,-Krishna,  
the Lord of mercy!  
Spelling the word Rama,  
The sinners save themselves,  
All menace go away,  
The devotees sing the praise of Rama  
The awful illusion shivers in fear.

**Part-85**  
**Compassion**

The triumphant Lord of the universe !  
O my heart, he destroyer of Mur,  
With the pleasure of hearing, I have heard that  
You are the Saviour of the poor.  
O Gopinath, the wealth of my life  
I worshipped Your feet.  
Let my mind be plunged in Your name.  
In the word Rama  
There are just two letters  
The sweetness oozed from the name Shri Rama  
Is so soft, so good, fulfils every desire.  
The ever triumphant Niranjana,  
The eternal Siva,  
Your feet are super-fearless.  
The destroyer of the three warmths.  
O benevolent Damodar, You are the friend of the poor.  
The destroyer of the evils, you are merciful, merely a sea of mercy,  
O Hari, I call You repeatedly.  
You are the merciful destroyer of the poverty.  
Knowing that You are the destroyer of the fear of your devotees,  
I worship your feet.  
O Krishna, benevolent to the poor,  
Donot give up mercy upon me. Destroying the cloud of ignorance,  
lead me to light.  
O Rama-Krishna, you are the Saviour of the unsaved.  
Achinta, beyond any thinking and infinite sea of happiness,  
The devotion of the feet of Lord Krishna.  
O the master of my heart,  
The sufferer in high degree, I beg your cool shadow of your feet.  
O the Lord of my heart, give me this offering. Make me drink the  
sweet satisfaction of serving Your feet.  
O Sadasiva, I bow to your feet, the Master of the world.  
I beg devotion beyond any menace through prayer to Your feet.  
O the preceptor of the world, Narayana, my Master, Rama-Krishna,  
Rama, Hari Rama Krishna Rama.  
O Rama -Krishna  
Niranjana  
Rama-Krishna Niranjana,  
Dinabandhu Narayana.  
You are the saviour of those beyond any way.  
O Gopinath, my Kamalakanta,  
My Master Rama Narayana.  
I worshipped Your fearless feet.  
O Anadi Ananta, the friend of my life,

Rama-Krishna, the sea of mercy.  
The benevolent Damodar, the master of the masterless.  
O Hari, Paramananda, the Super being,  
You are the Super reason.  
Your sunny feet are the wealth of the devotees  
Ananta, Achyuta Sadasiva Sanatana.  
O victorious preceptor of the world,  
Nitya, Niranjana, Nirakara  
Ever unstained, incorporeal  
Our adoration is always at your feet.  
O my Master, Daivakee nandana,  
The Supreme preceptor,  
The unstained merciful god,  
Let my mind immerse at Your feet.  
O the life of the world, Jadava, the offspring of the Jadus.  
The Master of the Jadus, the reason of the world.  
Merely You are the  
Saviour of Your devotees.  
O Master, submissive to devotees, friend to the devotees.  
The destroyer of fear and pleasure-giver to the devotees.  
You are the destroyer of the evils and the Saviour of the fallen downs.  
You are the infinite Supreme God.

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**Thana Charali Overbridge in  
Dibrugarh Set to Reopen in April 2025**

**Dibrugarh :** In a significant development for the people of Dibrugarh, the much-anticipated Thana Charali overbridge is preparing for its reopening in April 2025. The overbridge, which has been under renovation and structural enhancement, is expected to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity in one of the busiest areas of the town. Sources from the concerned authorities have confirmed that the final stages of work are currently underway, with efforts being made to ensure safety standards and timely completion. Once opened, the overbridge will play a crucial role in streamlining vehicular movement around Thana Charali, a key junction connecting various parts of Dibrugarh town. The reopening of the overbridge is expected to bring great relief to commuters who have faced traffic diversions and delays over the past months due to the ongoing construction. Meanwhile, the Assam Public Works Department (PWD) is working diligently to complete the railway overbridge (ROB) at Panikhaiti's Railway Crossing Gate in the Kamrup (M) district by June 2025. The ROB, which will be a two-lane overbridge, is being constructed at a cost of Rs 57 crore, with the expenditure being shared equally by the Assam PWD and NF Railway.

**Alleged Mastermind Of Document  
Forgery Arrested In Nagaon**

**Nagaon :** In a major breakthrough, police in Nagaon's Juria on Monday night arrested a man for his involvement in a large forgery racket involving Aadhaar, PAN and voter ID documents. It is suspected that Asadul Islam is the mastermind of the large scale fraud racket. The arrest followed a formal complaint lodged by Gulzar Hussain at the Dagaon police station, which accused Islam of defrauding individuals of crores of rupees by posing as a loan provider. According to the complaint, Islam deceitfully secured a loan of Rs. 3,75,000 in the name of Hussain's son, Ghulam Usmani, using forged documents. Reports indicate that Islam attempted to evade responsibility by faking a suicide. Subsequent investigations showed that Islam's fraudulent activities were not confined to this one case. Officials suspect that he has victimized many others by producing forged identity documents, which he then used to get loans and steal large sums of money. Victims, mostly ordinary citizens who needed financial help, have reported losses that could run into crores. Other leads on the case are being actively pursued by the police with the aim of having a comprehensive understanding of Islam's operation and knowing any other possible victims. The investigation is still ongoing as the authorities pursue the aim of delivering justice to the victims of this alleged scam.

# Sunita Williams and the Challenges of Space Exploration

■ **Lalit Nath**  
Itakhola, Sonitpur

Among those who have expanded the horizons of space exploration, the name of Sunita Williams holds a place of distinction. As an American astronaut of Indian-Slovenian heritage, she has become a global inspiration. Her perseverance, courage and unwavering dedication to science have paved new paths in space exploration. “Born on September 19, 1965, in Euclid, Ohio, USA, Sunita Williams is the daughter of Dr. Deepak Pandya, originally from Gujarat, India and Bernadette Pandya, of Slovenian descent. Her passion for science and aviation began early. In 1987, she graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy and joined the US Navy. Williams trained as a Basic Diving Officer and Naval Aviator and piloted the H-46 Sea Knight and CH-46 helicopters in various missions. Later, she served as a test pilot after completing training at the United States Naval Test Pilot School. This experience was pivotal to her selection by NASA as part of Astronaut Group 17 in 1998.

At NASA, Williams underwent rigorous physical and mental training in preparation for space missions. She went on to complete three major missions: Expedition 14/15 (2006-2007), Expedition 32/33 (2012) and the Boeing Starliner Crew Flight Test (CFT) in 2024. “In Expedition 14/15, launched in December 2006, Williams spent 195 days aboard the International Space Station (ISS). During this mission, she completed four spacewalks totaling 29 hours and 17 minutes, setting a then-record for the longest space stay by a female astronaut. Her work included installing equipment and conducting scientific experiments.

Her second mission, Expedition 32/33 in 2012, saw her spend 127 days in space. She completed three more spacewalks and played a key role in installing solar panels and maintaining ISS operations. By the end of these two missions, Williams had accumulated 50 hours and 40 minutes of spacewalks—setting a world record for female astronauts at that time.

In 2024, Sunita Williams em-

barked on one of the most challenging missions of her career, the Boeing Starliner Crew Flight Test, alongside fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore. This was the first crewed test flight of Boeing’s Starliner spacecraft, launched from Kennedy Space Center’s Launch Complex 41. Its goal was to establish Starliner as an alternative to SpaceX’s Crew Dragon for NASA’s Commercial Crew Programme.

During the mission, Starliner successfully docked with the ISS and the astronauts tested the spacecraft’s Autonomous Flight Control and Manual Operations systems. Williams conducted two more spacewalks during this mission, totaling 13 hours. By the end of 2024, she had amassed 63 hours and 40 minutes of spacewalks in her career.

The Starliner mission was initially planned to last eight days. However, technical anomalies arose, delaying their return to Earth indefinitely. Despite the challenges, both astronauts continued their research aboard the ISS, engaging in studies related to bio-material science, orbital habitat systems and testing new technologies. Instead of eight days, Williams and Wilmore spent 286 days on the ISS, orbiting the Earth 4,576 times. “After resolving the spacecraft’s technical issues, NASA arranged their return via SpaceX’s Dragon capsule. On March 18, 2025, they successfully departed the ISS and re-entered Earth’s atmosphere, landing in the Atlantic Ocean off Florida’s coast. This prolonged mission presented several unprecedented challenges. The Boeing Starliner’s new spacesuits, while more secure, required greater physical effort and limited mobility. Williams had to adapt through extensive training at NASA’s Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory and Johnson Space Center. Additionally, the Starliner systems were new and, in some cases, untested. Williams manually resolved issues during the spacecraft’s docking process, demonstrating exceptional problem-solving skills. Testing the spacecraft’s Thermal Protection System (TPS) under the harsh conditions of space further complicated the mission.

Throughout the ordeal, Williams maintained composure under immense mental pressure. Her resilience and expertise were instrumental in the mission’s even-



tual success, marking a milestone for NASA’s Commercial Crew Programme. By proving Starliner’s capabilities, Williams played a vital role in opening a new chapter in space transportation.

Sunita Williams’ achievements have paved the way for future astronauts, especially women, in science and space exploration. Her missions continue to inspire students, scientists and space enthusiasts worldwide. Beyond her technical accomplishments, Williams symbolizes human resilience, perseverance and

the belief that no frontier is beyond reach.

From her early days as a naval aviator to her historic missions in space, Sunita Williams has consistently demonstrated that courage and hard work can unlock new realms of possibility. Her journey is not just a story of scientific success but a beacon of hope for future generations. “Her dedication to exploration and her trailblazing achievements will continue to inspire humanity’s quest for knowledge and discovery in the years ahead.

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## Devastating Fire In Chirang Destroys Homes, Leaves Livestock Dead

CHIRANG: In a devastating incident, a late-night fire engulfed South Makra No. 4, located within the Bijni subdivision of Assam’s Chirang district, on Monday, March 25th, causing extensive damage and substantial losses for local residents. The rapid spread of the inferno destroyed two residential properties and also caused the tragic death of livestock. The fire’s origin has been traced to the home of Sarabat Ali, a resident of the area. The blaze quickly escalated, engulfing nearby residences at a startling rate. Amidst the chaos, one cow lost its life, while another sustained serious injuries and is currently in critical condition. According to preliminary investigations, the devastating fire is suspected to have been caused by a short

circuit. With the help of quick response of the local population, Bijni Fire Department emergency personnel were able to contain the fire and prevent what might have been a far more serious disaster. To determine the exact cause of the fire and to assess the entire extent of the damage caused, local authorities have launched a comprehensive investigation. As the investigation continues, further details are expected. Meanwhile, a massive fire erupted in Habidangra village, located in Bagbar in Assam’s Barpeta district, last month in February, resulting in the destruction of a house owned by Javed Ali. Fortunately, there were no reported human casualties; however, the blaze claimed the lives of at least five livestock.



# District Development Committee Meeting Held in Morigaon



**Lipika Bora, Morigaon :** The monthly meeting of the District Development Committee (DDC) was held in the conference hall of the Morigaon Deputy Commissioner's office. Chaired by Deputy Commissioner Devashish Sharma, the meeting reviewed the progress and performance of various departments in the district. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of interdepartmental cooperation in line with the Chief Minister's vision of developing districts as the foundation of progress. He urged the Irrigation Department to take proactive measures in water conservation, including reviving unused ponds with community

participation. He directed all departments to identify such water bodies within 10 days and submit a report on their potential use for water conservation. During the review of the Public Works (Building) Department, officials informed the DC that the construction of the new Circuit House building is set to commence in July-August. Additionally, discussions were held regarding the progress of a proposed auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000 people. The officials also informed that the Outpatient Department (OPD) of the under-construction Morigaon Medical College would be operational by March 2026. The meeting also addressed concerns re-

garding electricity supply in an upcoming industrial park spanning 1,000 bighas. The Deputy Commissioner held discussions with APDCL officials regarding power supply planning for the project. Additionally, concerns over the lack of electricity connections for nearly 200 households in Shagunpara, Lahorighat, due to a pending land acquisition issue, were raised. The DC directed officials to resolve the matter before the next DDC meeting.

A significant directive was issued to the Transport Department to regulate the increasing number of e-rickshaws in the district and to launch a strict enforcement drive against two-wheeler riders without helmets. The Deputy Commissioner also expressed concern over the presence of stray cattle in Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, instructing the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department to address the issue seriously, including the risk

of rabies from stray animals.

During the review of the Education Department, the DC encouraged officials and the general public to contribute small donations to schools under the Vidyanjali initiative. He also instructed all departments to ensure that employees receive their retirement benefits on the day of retirement without delay.

While reviewing the Health Department's work, the Deputy Commissioner urged all officials to become Nikshay Mitras by providing minimal financial assistance to tuberculosis patients. Additionally, he instructed the Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Department to intensify efforts to achieve the district's paddy procurement target. The Legal Metrology Department was also directed to conduct regular inspections of petrol pumps to prevent any malpractices.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla

Parishad, Sanjeev Kumar Bora, provided an update on the progress of various rural development schemes, including MGNREGA, Aadhaar linkage, and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural). The meeting also reviewed the performance of departments such as Public Works (Roads), National Highways, Water Resources, Public Health Engineering, Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Environment & Forest, Fisheries, Land Conservation, Industries & Commerce, Handloom & Textiles, Social Welfare, Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission, Food & Civil Supplies, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sports, Dairy Development, Statistics, Cooperative, and Skill Development. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Arpa Baglari, Sub-Divisional Officers Biman Das (Jagiroad) and Pranjal Barua (Lahorighat), along with heads of various departments.

## Mahuramukh Press Club celebrates foundation day

**Numaligarh :** Mahuramukh Press Club marked its 7th foundation day with a grand celebration that included the Annual Awards Distribution and Special Honour Ceremony at Mahuramukh Yuva Natya Mandir on Saturday. The event was organized with the support of Mahuramukh Sakha Sahitya Sabha, Mahuramukh AASU, and Mahuramukh Yuva Natya Sangh. The day commenced with an environmental cleanliness drive, followed by the formal inauguration of the stage by social worker Devendra Barukiyal. The lamp-lighting ceremony was conducted by former Aham Xahitya Xabha executive member Gunedhar Bora, Mahuramukh Shakha Sahitya Sabha President Arun Saikia, and Mahuramukh Yuva Natya Sangh President Tileshwar Bora. The event featured an annual awards distribution and a special honour ceremony, where former president of Golaghat District Sahitya Sabha Maheshwar Saikia spoke on the vital role of journalism in democracy. Several awards were presented, including the 'Govin Dale Memorial Sahitya Sadhana Garima Award' to poet and teacher Sharad Hazarika, the 'Praveen Patrakar, Swadhinata Senani Sagar Bora Memorial Journalism Service Award' to

journalist Sarudhan Marang, and the 'Praveen Kalakar Mohini Rajkumari Memorial Artist Award,' which was posthumously awarded to actor and director Pratap Kalita. Additionally, the 'Adarsh Krishak Award' was given to farmer Pradeep Kumar Chetri, the 'Sahitya Sadhana Prerna Award' was presented to poet Ronaldo Taid, and the 'Seuj (Green) Award' was conferred upon artist Badan Das. Each award included a certificate, a traditional Assamese angabastra, a memento, and a cash prize. Three distinguished individuals were also honoured for their contributions in various fields—Jagannath Phukan for sports, Padmakanta Loing for social service, and Madan Bauri for trade and business. Additionally, Minati Dale, recipient of the Sahitya Seva Award, Mahabir Prasad Agarwala, who received the Bharat Gaurav Award, and Dr Prajwal Loing were also felicitated. The celebrations also featured cultural performances by the Diha Naam Mandali of Bamungaon-Bharalipar Namghar, Mula Gabharu Dance Group, and vocalist Yogen Taid. The event concluded with a closing address by Mahuramukh Press Club President Pawan Kaman.

## Assam Govt To Commemorate Former CM Golap Borbora's 100th Birth Anniversary



**Guwahati :** The Assam Cabinet has unveiled a series of initiatives to honor the birth centenary of former Chief Minister Golap Borbora. The state government will officially commemorate his 100th birth anniversary on August 29, 2025, with a grand state function, paying tribute to his legacy through various events. In recognition of his contributions to Assam's political and social sphere, a state-level institution will be named in his honor. To ensure a fitting year-long celebration, a Cabinet sub-committee has been established to oversee the planning and execution of various programs leading up to the centenary. "In the recent #AssamCabinet meeting chaired by Dr. @himantabiswa, a significant decision was taken to honor the legacy of former CM Late Golap Borbora: a birth centenary celebration on 29th August 2025 as a state function, a state-level institution to be named after him, and a cabinet sub-committee formed for year-long celebrations," stated a post by CMO Assam on X. Earlier in February marked the daylong birth centenary celebration of Nidhi Ram Saharia, a renowned yet unsung freedom fighter and social reformer affectionately known as Nidhi Volunteer.





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অসমৰ শিপিনীসকলক ন্যূনতম সমৰ্থন মূল্যত বহু বিক্ৰীৰ সুবিধা প্ৰদানৰ উদ্দেশ্য আগত ৰাখি বিগত বৰ্ষৰ দৰে এইবাৰো শিপিনী আৰু উদ্যোগীসকলৰ পৰা সন্মত অসমৰ বিভিন্ন জিলাত স্থাপন কৰা ২৯ টা ক্ৰয় কেন্দ্ৰৰ জৰিয়তে ৫,০০,০০০ খন গানোচা ক্ৰয়ৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া ১ মাৰ্চ ২০২৫ তাৰিখৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে।

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- ২ হুজুৰাত খণ্ডৰ জগত জড়িত উদ্যোগীসকলৰ পঞ্জীয়ন, ক্ষেত্ৰভিত্তিক পৰীক্ষণ আৰু প্ৰমাণ-পত্ৰৰ সুবিধা।
- ৩ হুজুৰাত খণ্ডৰ জগত জড়িত ব্যবসায়ীসকলৰ পঞ্জীয়ন, ক্ষেত্ৰভিত্তিক পৰীক্ষণ আৰু প্ৰমাণ-পত্ৰৰ সুবিধা।
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# A Greener Earth with Green Energy

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Green energy technology is a way to produce energy without harming the environment. It is important because the world needs clean and safe energy sources. Traditional energy sources like coal and oil cause pollution and harm nature. They release gases that make the Earth hotter and change the climate. Green energy helps to reduce these problems and make the planet a better place to live.

There are different types of green energy. The most common one is solar energy. It comes from the sun. Special panels capture sunlight and turn it into electricity. Many houses and buildings use solar panels to get power. They do not produce smoke or waste. The sun is always there, so this energy never runs out.

Another type of green energy is wind energy. It comes from the wind. Big machines called wind turbines spin when the wind blows. This movement creates electricity. Wind energy is used in many countries. It does not pollute the air. But it needs open areas where the wind is strong. Some people do not like the noise of wind turbines, but they are useful for making clean energy.

Water can also produce green energy. This is called hydro energy. Dams are built on rivers to store water. When the water flows, it moves big machines that create electricity. This energy is clean and powerful. Many countries use hydro energy because it is reliable. But building dams can change the natural flow of rivers and affect fish and animals.

Another green energy source is biomass. It comes from plants and waste materials. These things are burned or changed into fuel. This energy is different from coal because new plants can grow again. It is useful in villages where people use wood or farm waste for cooking and heating.

There is also geothermal energy. It comes from the heat inside the Earth. Deep underground, there are hot rocks and steam. This heat is used to make electricity or warm houses. It is found in some places where the Earth's surface is thin. This energy does not cause pollution and is always available.

Green energy is very important for the future. The world is using more energy every day. Factories, cars, and homes need power to work. But if we only use coal, oil, and gas, the air will become dirty. Many people get sick from pollution. Forests and animals are also in danger. Green energy helps to keep the air clean

and the land safe. It also helps to slow down climate change.

"Many countries are now using more green energy. They are building solar farms, wind farms, and hydro plants. Some places are making laws to use less coal and oil. People are also using electric cars and bikes instead of petrol cars. Many companies are finding new ways to make green energy better and cheaper.

One of the best things about green energy is that it never runs out. The sun, wind, and water are always there. Unlike coal and oil, which will finish one day, green energy will be available forever. This makes it a smart choice for the future.

People can also use green energy at home. Solar panels can be placed on rooftops to make electricity. Some people use wind turbines in their gardens. Saving energy is also important. Turning off lights, using less water, and choosing energy-saving appliances help a lot.

Green energy can also create jobs. Many workers are needed to build and maintain solar panels, wind turbines, and other machines. This helps people earn money and improve their lives. When more people use green energy, the demand for clean technology increases. This is good for the economy and the

environment.

Some people worry that green energy is expensive. It is true that solar panels and wind turbines cost money to build. But in the long run, they save money because they do not need fuel like coal and gas. Governments are also helping by giving support to people who want to use green energy. In many places, the cost of green energy is getting lower.

There are still some challenges in using green energy everywhere. Solar panels do not work at night, and wind turbines do not spin without wind. But scientists are working on ways to store energy for later use. New batteries and smart systems are being developed to solve these problems.

In the future, green energy will be even more common. Many people believe that one day, the world will run only on clean energy. This will make the Earth a healthier place. Everyone can help by learning about green energy and using it in daily life. Schools, businesses, and governments all have a role to play.

Green energy is the key to a better future. It protects nature, keeps people healthy, and provides energy for everyone. By choosing green energy, we are taking care of the planet for ourselves and future generations.

## AMC awarded the country's best medical research award for the second time



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** Assam Medical College, located in Dibrugarh, which has been providing medical services to the poor patients of Upper Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland, has been awarded the title of the best performing medical college in the field of medical research for the second consecutive year in India. The award was presented at the "Medical College Research Connect - 2025" event held at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on March 20. Dr. V.K. Paul, Honorable Member of NITI Aayog, Dr. B.N. Gangadhar, Chairman of the National Medical Commission, Rajeev Bahel, Secretary of the Health Research Department, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and Dr. V.M. Katoch, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, pre-

sented the award to the authorities of Assam Medical College. The award was received on behalf of the institution by Professor Dr. Sanjeev Kakoti, Principal of Assam Medical College, and Associate Professor Dr. Reema Nath, Vice-Principal. Naturally, receiving this award for the second time has made the medical institution proud, and this achievement has become a matter of great honor for the entire state of Assam. This has left the doctors, staff, and local residents of Assam Medical College excited. Dr. Kakoti, the Principal of the College, congratulated the local community as well as the teachers and researchers involved in the research work, acknowledging that this success was only possible because of the collective efforts of everyone involved. It is worth noting that in 2024, under the initiative of the Ministry of Health, Government of India, and ICMR, a multi-disciplinary unit was set up in 118 medical colleges across the country. Through this initiative, a "Research Award" has been introduced to recognize the top-performing medical colleges in the field of medical research annually.

## Brutal Attack Leaves Three Critically Injured in Nagaon District

**Nagaon :** In a sensational incident, one Shankar Lagachu, a resident of Majuli, attacked his wife, brother-in-law, and mother-in-law with a sharp object, leaving them critically injured at Nonoi Namkurigaon village under Nagaon PS last night here. According to sources, the incident occurred around 11 pm when Lagachu entered into his brother-in-law's house and attacked him first. He then attacked his wife, Anjali Bora, and mother-in-law, Anima Bora. Besides, the perpetrator also tried to kill his nine-year-old girl. But the girl luckily escaped from his attack with the help of some locals, sources added. The injured were brought to a local hospital immediately for treatment, and the police have recovered the sharp object used in the attack. According to the victim's family, Lagachu had married Anjali despite being already married and having three children from his first wife. He had also been physically abusing Anjali since their marriage, for which she was brought back later to her maternal house in Nagaon from Majuli a few months ago. The family alleged that Lagachu had been suspecting Anjali of having an affair with her brother and had been threatening to kill them. The locals have condemned the incident and demanded severe punishment for the perpetrator.





## Saikia Sees New Opportunities for Cricket Development in the Region



**Guwahati :** Devajit Saikia, the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), believes that the selection of Guwahati as a new Test venue, along with its inclusion as a host for the upcoming ICC Women’s World Cup, will create new avenues for the growth of cricket in Assam and the entire North East. He anticipates significant benefits for young cricketers in the region. The Apex Council of the BCCI on Saturday held a meeting in

Kolkata, where it finalized the venues for the upcoming Women’s World Cup and the two-Test series between India and South Africa, as well as India and the West Indies. Guwahati has been chosen as one of the five venues for the Women’s World Cup. Additionally, the city will host its first-ever Test match in November, with South Africa visiting for the series. Speaking to the media, Saikia shared his excitement, saying, “It’s a great piece of news that Guwahati will be the first Test cricket venue in the entire North East. No Test or World Cup matches have been held in Guwahati before, so this is a significant milestone. Guwahati will host both events this year. South Africa will come to Guwahati to play the Test match. The series will feature two Tests, three ODIs, and five T20Is, with the second Test match taking place in Guwahati starting on November 22 at the ACA Stadium, Barsapara.”

## Five Skaters from Assam Selected for Indian Team in International Championship



**Guwahati :** Five skaters from Assam have been selected to represent India in the upcoming International Skating Championship, which is scheduled to take place in Indonesia from May 20. The selected players are: Prayan Raj Baruah, Neerja Bora, Rajvee Nath, Gitangshu Bora, and Geet Kashyap.

## Biswanath Blue Warriors Clinch 8-Wicket Win in 7th APCC Cricket

**Guwahati :** Biswanath Blue Warriors registered thumping 8 wickets win over Rangia Cricket Academy in 7th APCC Cricket at the Judges Field here today. Elected to bat Rangia Cricket Academy bowled out 106 in 24.2 overs. While Parviz Aziz (32) was the top scorer, Amit Kandaiburu (25) and Aryan Kashyap (22) was the other major contributors. Rohit Prasad Rowniar took 3-31. In reply, Biswanath Blue Warriors reached the target in 16.1 overs losing just two wickets. Darshan Dutta played 30 balls 41 runs knock and Sidhartha Baruah (35no from 17 balls) was equally good with his bat. Bikash Kurmi remained not out on 33. Prasanta Barman took both the wickets that Biswanath lost in the game.

## Tengapara Cricket Club Defeats Nambor Club by 115 Runs in Assam Premier Club Cricket

**Guwahati :** Tengapara Cricket Club defeated Nambor Club of Golaghat by 115 runs in the 7th Assam Premier club Cricket match at the Judges field here on Sunday. Brief score: Tengapara Cricket club 226-8 (40 overs)- Bishal Saha 32, Jitumoni Kalita 30, Adriyan Kashyap 3-28, Palla Appa Rao 3-28; Nambor Club 111 (23.3 overs), Dipankar Gogoi 36, Bhargav Lahkar 3-34. Monday’s match: Itkhola Club vs Star Sporting.

## Nagaon Lift Hockey Title at Khelo India ASMITA Junior Girls Championship

**Guwahati :** Nagaon clinched the title in the Khelo India ASMITA Junior Girls Hockey Championship, defeating Makum 4-0 in the final at the Md Tayabulla Hockey Stadium in the city on Sunday. The scorers were Minu Deka, Hema Rawat, Anjali Bhagat, and Sagarika Barman. In the third-place match, Naharkatia dominated Tezpur, winning 13-0. The closing ceremony

was attended by Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Nandita Gorlosa, who also presented the awards to the winners. Meanwhile, the sub-junior competition began at the same venue on Sunday. In their opening match, Guwahati drew 2-2 with Morigaon. Other results witnessed Udalguri defeat Bhergaon 6-0, Charaideo triumphed over Kaliabor 8-0, and Barhampur beat Lakhimpur 2-0.

## Khelo India NTPC City Open Archery Tournament Concludes at Arya Vidyapeeth College

**Guwahati :** The Khelo India NTPC City Open Archery Tournament concluded at the Arya Vidyapeeth College ground in the city on Sunday. Altogether 190 archers from across the State participated in the one-day event, which featured three categories: Indian round, Recurve, and Compound. Gold Medal Winners:Indian round (Men): Labajit Baro (Baksa). Indian round (Women): Rita Basumatary (Assam Police). Recurve (Men): Production Borgoyary (Gossaigaon). Recurve (Women):



Jashna Brahma (Kokrajhar). Compound (Men): I Jagjeet Singh (PREMDAA). Compound (Women): Hainasri Baro (Udalguri).





The Himba are an ethnic group with an estimated population of about 50,000 people living in northern Namibia, in the Kunene Region (formerly Kaokoland) and on the other side of the Kunene River in southern Angola. There are also a few groups left of the OvaTwa, who the OvaHimba consider to be part of their tribe, but are hunter-gatherers. Culturally distinguishable from the Herero people, the OvaHimba are a semi-nomadic, pastoralist people and speak OtjiHimba, a variety of Herero, which belongs to the Bantu family within Niger–Congo. The OvaHimba are semi-nomadic as they have base homesteads where crops are cultivated, but

# Himba people

may have to move within the year depending on rainfall and where there is access to water. The OvaHimba are considered the last (semi-) nomadic people of Namibia. The OvaHimba are predominantly livestock farmers who breed fat-tailed sheep and goats, but count their wealth in the number of their cattle. They also grow and farm rain-fed crops such as maize and millet. Livestock are the major source of milk and meat for the OvaHimba. Their main diet is sour milk and maize porridge (oruhere ruomaere) and

sometimes plain hard porridge only, due to milk and meat scarcity. Their diet is also supplemented by cornmeal, chicken eggs, wild herbs and honey. Only occasionally, and opportunistically, are the livestock sold for cash. Non-farming businesses, wages and salaries, pensions, and other cash remittances make up a very small portion of the OvaHimba livelihood, which is gained chiefly from their work in conservancies, old-age pensions, and drought relief aid from the government of Namibia.



## Clothing and hair style



Both the Himba men and women are accustomed to wearing traditional clothing that befits their living environment in the Kaokoland and the hot semi-arid climate of their area. In most occurrences this consists simply of skirt-like clothing made from calfskins and sheep skin or, increasingly, from more modern textiles, and occasionally sandals for footwear. Women's sandals are made from cows' skin while men's are made from old car tires.[citation needed] Women who have given birth wear a small backpack of skin attached to their traditional outfit. Himba people, especially women, are famous for covering themselves with otjize paste, a cosmetic mixture of butterfat and ochre pigment. Otjize cleanses the skin over long periods due to water scarcity and protects from the hot and dry climate of the Kaokoland, as well as from insect bites. It gives Himba people's skin and hair plaits a distinctive texture, style, and orange or red tinge, and is often perfumed with the aromatic resin of

the omuzumba shrub. Otjize is considered foremost a highly desirable aesthetic beauty cosmetic, symbolizing earth's rich red color and blood, the essence of life, and is consistent with the OvaHimba ideal of beauty.

From pubescence, boys continue to have one braided plait, while girls will have many otjize-textured hair plaits, some arranged to veil the girl's face. In daily practice the plaits are often tied together and held parted back from the face. Women who have been married for about a year or have had a child wear an ornate headpiece called the Erembe, sculptured from sheepskin, with many streams of braided hair coloured and put in shape with otjize paste. Unmarried young men continue to wear one braided plait extending to the rear of the head, while married men wear a cap or head-wrap and unbraided hair beneath.[5][6] Widowed men will remove their cap or head-wrap and expose un-braided hair. The OvaHimba are also accustomed to use wood ash for hair cleansing due to water scarcity.



## Customary practices

The OvaHimba are polygamous, with the average Himba man being husband to two wives at the same time. They also practice early arranged marriages. Young Himba girls are married to male partners chosen by their fathers. This happens from the onset of puberty, which may mean that girls aged 10 or below are married off. This practice is illegal in Namibia, and even some OvaHimba contest it, but it is nevertheless widespread. Genetic testing was used in a 2020 study of a semi-nomadic group near the Angolan border. It showed that 48% of all children were conceived by a



father outside of the marriage; and that more than 70% of the couples had at least one child from an extra-pair father. Furthermore, parents of both sexes could, with a reliability of 72 and 73% percent, tell which ones of their children were fathered by a man outside of the marriage. Among the Himba people, it is customary as a rite of passage to circumcise boys before puberty. Upon marriage, a Himba boy is considered a man. A Himba girl is not considered a fully-fledged woman until she bears a child. Marriage among the OvaHimba involves transactions of cattle, which are the source of their economy. Bridewealth is involved in these transactions; this can be negotiable between the groom's family and the bride's father, depending on the relative poverty of the families involved. In order for the bride's family to accept the bridewealth, the cattle must appear of high quality. It is standard practice to offer an ox, but more cattle will be offered if the groom's father is wealthy and is capable of offering more.





# Yash starrer Toxic to release on Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Eid weekend March 19, 2026



Rocking Star Yash is gearing up for his highly anticipated action film, Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups, which is set to hit theaters on March 19, 2026. The release coincides with festivals like Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, and Chaitra Navratri, with Eid-al-Fitr following on March 20/21. With a four-day extended

weekend, the film is well-timed to attract a wide audience across India. This Thursday's release is a significant moment for Kannada cinema, taking it to a global stage. Toxic is the first large-scale Indian film to be conceptualized, written, and shot in both Kannada and English, offering an international

cinematic experience. Bringing together top talent from Indian and international cinema, the film will also be dubbed in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and other languages to reach a wider audience. To mark the date announcement, a striking new poster for Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups has been unveiled. The action-packed image features Rocking Star Yash emerging from the flames, setting the stage for an intense cinematic ride. A shadowy figure shrouded in smoke adds an element of mystery, hinting at the film's gritty, stylized world. Following the viral birthday glimpse earlier this year, this poster offers a closer look at Toxic, building anticipation for its action-packed drama.

# Son of Chandni Bar producer responds to The Kerala Story director Sudipto Sen's claim of acquiring rights



Chandni Bar (2001) is remembered not just for its gritty narrative and award-

winning performance but also because it made Madhur Bhandarkar a director to watch out for. Talks of the sequel have been going on for a long time and if recent reports are to be believed, then it's all set to materialize soon. Sudipto Sen of The Kerala Story (2023) and Bastar – The Naxal Story (2024) fame confirmed to journalist Vicky Lalwani that he was in the process of acquiring the rights to the first film from producer R. Mohan. He further added that certain legal formal-

ities remain and that it should be completed by next week. He further expressed his desire to make a sequel to this much-acclaimed film. But when Bollywood Hungama contacted Amit Mohan, the son of R. Mohan, he clarified, "We had discussed with him some months ago. Nothing has been decided or finalized. The rights are with us". Chandni Bar starred Tabu and Atul Kulkarni and was the story of a girl working in a dance bar to earn a living.

# Veteran actor Rakesh Pandey passes away at 77 due to cardiac arrest



Veteran actor Rakesh Pandey, known for his contributions to Hindi and Bhojpuri cinema, passed away on March 21, 2025, at the age of 77. He breathed his last at 8:50 AM at Arogyanidhi Hospital, Juhu, where he was in the ICU. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He is survived by his wife, daughter Jasmeet, and a granddaughter. His last rites were held at Shastri Nagar crematorium, attended by family and close acquaintances. Rakesh Pandey made a remarkable debut in Indian cinema with Basu Chatterjee's 1969 classic Sara Akash, a film that established him as a promising actor and earned him the President's Award. Trained at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, and later associated with the Bhartendu Academy of Dramatic Arts, Pandey had strong roots in theater before transitioning to films. In his early years, he was also linked with IPTA (Indian People's Theatre Association), which helped shape his craft and bring natural realism to his performances.

# CBI files closure report in Sushant Singh Rajput death case, no evidence of murder found



Over four years after taking over the investigation, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has submitted a closure report in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case, sources revealed on Saturday. Sushant Singh Rajput, 34, was discovered dead in his Mumbai Bandra apartment on June 14, 2020. His passing stunned numerous fans and led to various conspiracy theories, including claims of black magic involvement, which triggered an inquiry. Officials confirmed that the closure report was filed for two cases: the accusations made by Sushant Rajput's father against his then-girlfriend and actress Rhea Chakraborty, and Ms. Chakraborty's claims against Sushant's family.





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## CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma visits BCPL

of the challenges that the company faces. He also reiterated the government's commitment to find a solution that will make operations sustainable and profitable, and help the company grow as a strong anchor of Assam's growth. The meeting at the BCPL was attended by Industry, Commerce and Public Enterprises Minister Bimal Borah, Power Minister Prasanta Phukan, Assam Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Rituparna Baruah, BCPL Managing Director Pranjal Changmai, and several other senior officials from the Industries and Commerce and Public Enterprises department and the BCPL. Earlier, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma chaired a review meeting at the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Dibrugarh and took stock of the progress of various projects, schemes, and other development works being implemented in the Dhemaji Legislative Assembly constituency. In the meeting, Dr. Sarma reviewed the implementation of various announcements made in the cabinet meetings related to Dhemaji district and provided necessary directives. He also initiated discussions on floods caused by the Jiadhol, Moridhol, and Gainadi rivers in the district. He also took stock of the construction of a convention centre in Dhemaji town, drainage system development, upgradation of a children's park, and resolving the boundary issues in Dhemaji and Gogamukh circles. During the meeting, the Chief Minister also took note of the progress of infrastructure projects under Public Works (Roads), Public Works (Buildings), Water Resources, Housing and Urban Affairs, Power, Panchayat and Rural Development, Health and Family Welfare, Agriculture, Industries and Commerce, Finance, Revenue, and Disaster Management. The Chief Minister reviewed ongoing projects such as upgradation of the road cum embankment from Jonai to Majuli, the development of road from Dhakuakhana to Telijan under the Assam Mala 1.0, and the improvement of the road from Butikur to Ghilamora under Assam Mala 2.0. Dr. Sarma also asked the District Commissioner to conduct regular monitoring to ensure timely implementation of the projects. It may be noted that work is currently underway for the construction of Dhemaji Medical College and Hospital, an integrated office building of the District Commissioner, and an integrated sports complex. Moreover, the upgradation work of the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and Dhemaji Polytechnic Institute, as well as the infrastructural development of Dhemaji Higher Secondary School, is in progress. The Chief Minister took stock of the project works and directed the concerned authority to ensure their qualitative and timely completion. The meeting also discussed the implementation of the schemes under the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, including the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, MGNREGA, and Amrit Sarovar. He directed officials to take steps to initiate economic activities around Amrit Sarovars. Dr. Sarma also mentioned that boundary disputes of the seven villages out of the 10 villages in the district have been resolved, as he said that discussions are underway to bring about tangible solutions of the remaining three villages with the neighbouring state. Under the Agriculture Department, the Chief Minister directed officials to ensure 100 per cent implementation of schemes such as paddy and mustard procurement, the Crop Insurance Scheme, and PM Kisan etc. Under the Chief Minister's Atmanirbhar Assam scheme, the District Commissioner informed that financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh has already been provided to each of the 205 beneficiaries in the first phase. The Chief Minister asked the DC to have regular monitoring on the businesses and activities started by these beneficiaries. The Chief Minister also reviewed the progress of 34 model anganwadi centers presently under construction in the constituency. The District Commissioner informed that three batches of trainees from the Gogamukh Skill Training Centre, inaugurated by the Chief Minister in July 2024, had successfully completed training and secured jobs in private organizations. Moreover, the Chief Minister reviewed issues related to human resources at Dhemaji, Gogamukh, and Gerukamukh police stations, road accident statistics, case disposal rates, crimes against women and children, steps taken to prevent child marriages, and the implementation of new criminal laws in the constituency. Chief Minister also held another meeting to review the progress of CG implementation of different welfare schemes and projects for Dhakuakhana Legislative Assembly constituency in Dibrugarh.

## Chief Minister reviews Infrastructure Development Project of Assam

he instructed the relevant departments to ensure that provisions for future expansion and development are integrated into the planning process. He also directed the Public Works (Building) Department to coordinate closely with the medical college administration to facilitate the project's effective implementation. The planned demolition of old and deteriorated housing structures, followed by the construction of new multi-storey residential buildings, is expected to release several bighas of land within the AMCH premises for better utilisation. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Power etc. Prasanta Phukan, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Dr. K.K. Dwivedi, Special Commissioner and Special Secretary of the Public Works (Building) Department Raj Chakrabarty, District Commissioner Bikram Kairi, AMCH Principal Dr. Sanjib Kakoti, Superintendent Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhuyan, and other senior officials from the relevant departments.

## Assam Governor Attends Women Achievers' Award Ceremony In Guwahati

to society. He highlighted the importance of women empowerment, underscoring India's rich heritage and the progress made towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Governor praised the exceptional talents of women from the northeastern region, citing inspiring figures such as boxer Lovlina Borgohain and Mary Kom, athlete Hima Das and "Hargila Baideu" Purnima Devi Barman and others. He stressed the importance of women's participation in key sectors such as management, environmental protection and inclusive economic and social development. He also commended the central and state government's initiatives to promote women entrepreneurship. He acknowledged the significant role of women entrepreneurs in driving the nation's economy, noting that India is home to over eight million women entrepreneurs. The Governor congratulated all the award winners and encouraged them to continue contributing to the progress and development of the nation. It may be noted that the FLO Women Achievers' Award 2025 was conferred upon several distinguished women for their outstanding contributions in various fields. Baryl Vanneihsang from Mizoram, the youngest MLA, was recognized for her remarkable political achievement. Mangka Mayanglambam from Manipur, a renowned folk singer, was honored for her contribution to preserving cultural heritage. Moirangthem Muktamani Devi from Manipur was recognized for being an accomplished entrepreneur. Minakshi Chetia from Assam received the award for her impactful work as a social worker under the ASHA program and Meenakshi Das from Assam was celebrated for her inspiring achievements as a biker. Additionally, the FLO Trailblazer Awards 2025 celebrated the achievements of Nilakshi R. Sarma for her excellence in content creation, Payal Aggarwal Jain for her visionary entrepreneurship, Abhishruti Bezbaruah as a cultural icon, Barsha Rani as the Pride of Assam, and Lovlina Borgohain for her outstanding accomplishments in sports. FICCI FLO, the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), was established to encourage women to explore their potential as entrepreneurs, business leaders, and professionals, while also contributing to social welfare and community development.

## CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Attends Tiwa Sahitya Sabha's Open

for the development of the Tiwa community. These include the recruitment of Tiwa language teachers, freeing Tiwa belt and block areas from encroachment, and establishing a Tiwa cultural project at Ujari in honor of the late Jemen Chandra Bordoloi. A major highlight of the event was the mesmerizing performance of Borot dance by 1,000 Tiwa artists in front of the Chief Minister. Deeply moved by the vibrant display of Tiwa folk culture, he assured that this traditional dance would soon be showcased at Sarusajai, Guwahati. The session was attended by Minister Pijush Hazarika, MLA Ramakanta Deuri, Chief Executive Member of the Tiwa Autonomous Council Jibon Chandra Konwar, former CEM Paban Manta, and other dignitaries. Adding to the cultural fervor, MLA Ramakanta Deuri's self-composed song, "O Mukhyamantri, Amar Maati Ghurai Diya", enthralled the audience. Earlier in the day, a grand cultural procession marked the occasion, leaving spectators in awe. The 11th Tiwa Sahitya Sabha session saw the adoption of several landmark resolutions for the preservation and promotion of Tiwa language and heritage.



# অসম চৰকাৰৰ নিয়মীয়া আৰু স্বায়ী কৰ্মচাৰীৰ কল্যাণার্থে বীমাৰ সুবিধা

ষ্টেট বেংক অব ইণ্ডিয়া, ইউনিয়ন বেংক অব ইণ্ডিয়া, এফিছ বেংক, ইণ্ডিয়ান বেংক আৰু পাঞ্জাব নেচনেল বেংকৰ সৈতে অসম চৰকাৰৰ বুজাবুজিৰ চুক্তি

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# Heartfelt Congratulations to Lieutenant General (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita on Receiving the "Assam Baibhab" Award

■ Heramba Nath

It is a moment of immense pride and joy for the people of Assam that Lieutenant General (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita has been conferred the Assam Baibhab Award—the highest civilian honour of the state. Instituted by the Government of Assam, this prestigious award recognises individuals who have rendered exceptional service and brought distinction to the state through their contributions in diverse fields. Lieutenant General Kalita's selection for this honour is a tribute to his exemplary career in the Indian Army and his enduring commitment to the nation.

A native of Assam, Lieutenant General Kalita has had an illustrious and highly decorated military career, marked by integrity, discipline, and strategic leadership. As one of the most senior officers from the Northeast to serve in the armed forces, his rise to the top ranks of the Indian Army is a source of inspiration for countless youths in the region. His service has included key command assignments in sensitive, high-altitude, and operationally critical regions, important staff roles at Army Headquarters, and decisive leadership during challenging times.

Throughout his distinguished career, he has upheld the highest standards of professionalism and dedication. His leadership not only strengthened India's defence capabilities but also brought Assam's valour, resilience, and cultural

strength into the national spotlight. He is admired not just as a soldier, but also as a visionary, mentor, and symbol of patriotic service. His contributions reaffirm the message that individuals from Assam and the Northeast can excel in the highest echelons of national service.

The Assam Baibhab Award bestowed upon Lieutenant General Kalita reflects the state's gratitude and recognition of his decades-long service to the nation. It also serves as a reminder that courage, sacrifice, and dedication to duty are timeless values that continue to uplift and inspire society. In an era where leadership is often measured by visibility, General Kalita's quiet strength, steadfast resolve, and dignified service stand as a model of true national commitment.

This honour will undoubtedly inspire the younger generation of Assam to dream big, serve selflessly, and contribute meaningfully to the country. It sends a powerful message that Assam proudly acknowledges the achievements of its people, especially those who have brought honour to the state on national and global platforms.

On behalf of the people of Assam and all well-wishers, I extend my sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant General (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita. May his life and legacy continue to shine as a guiding light for generations to come. Assam is proud of his accomplishments, and this well-deserved honour stands as a symbol of our collective respect and admiration.

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## Cyclist Killed By Speeding Dumper Truck At New Saraighat Bridge

**Guwahati :** In a tragic road accident which occurred at the New Saraighat Bridge located on the outskirts of Guwahati, a cyclist was killed on the spot after a speeding dumper ran over him in the early hours of Tuesday. According to eyewitnesses, the victim was riding towards Amingaon when the dumper hit him. Preliminary reports suggest that the deceased was employed as a security guard. However, his identity is yet to be confirmed. The incident sparked immediate action from the Jalukbari Traffic Police, who chased down and apprehended the driver of the dumper truck. The driver has been identified as Jamal Ali, a resident of Nagarbera

in Kamrup district. Shockingly, reports indicate that he was operating the heavy vehicle without a valid driving license. Following the accident, police officials sent the body for a post-mortem examination at the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). The accident has once again raised concerns over reckless driving by heavy vehicles on the bridge, which has witnessed multiple such incidents in recent times. Further investigation is underway. Similarly, 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.

## Assam's Joha Rice to Enter Vietnamese Market Through Landmark Partnership

**Guwahati :** Marking a significant step in fostering cultural and economic ties between the two regions, Vietnam will soon experience the unique aroma and flavor of Assam's famed Joha rice. A well-known Vietnamese business, LeKha Distributor Co. Ltd., has partnered with Assam to offer its high-quality agricultural products to Vietnamese customers. The first consignment, comprising 1,000 kilograms of Joha rice, is slated to reach Ho Chi Minh City by early April. Speaking about this collaboration, Le Trong Kha, Director of LeKha Distributor Co. Ltd., praised the exceptional quality of agricultural products from Assam.



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