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**Part-86**  
**Significance**

O compassionate Rama,  
Be merciful to me as much as I deserve.  
You are Rama, Krishna,  
the storage of mercy.  
Beyond your mercy, success comes to nobody.  
We expect your mercy.  
Give us refuge under Your sunny feet.  
O Rama, you are the sea of easy mercy.  
There may not be any friend as Your mercy.  
Our salvation is Your mercy,  
Little self Madhav says this with confiden.

**Part-87**  
**Humble Supplication**

O Hari,how could I have devotion to You ?  
I am a dull and know no way of worshipping you.  
O Rama, the violent misfortune is so strong !  
O Hari, abandoning our mind, donot go far.  
Your illusion has fascinated our mind,  
O Hari, falling on in the darkness of ignorance, we find no shore.  
O Hari, we worshipped at the feet of Yours,  
We expect the lamp of devotion, Your's praise.  
We donot know humble solicitation, reverential salutation,  
O Krishna, there is no other mean-minded like me  
You are the sea of merciful sentiment.  
O Hari, give me a room under the shade of Your feet.  
O Hari, the sea of mercy, life-friend ,  
O Narayana, You are the disposition,  
Your praise is the super wealth for the devotees  
O Hari, take me for Your degraded one,  
You can't avoid me.  
With the Supreme mercy, O Hari,you are called the Saviour of the degraded.  
O Rama- Krishna, merciful towards the poor, mercy me.  
I take grass with my teeth and head,  
I don't know You, the benevolent being,  
O my intimate Rama, mercy me  
Let my mouth never avoid the word Rama-Krishna.  
Calling you,the Saviour of the fallen down.  
The fallen downs call You , being one in trouble.  
We hear Your speech in the Vedas.  
The sinners in high degree save themselves by singing Your praisr.  
With the hope of the nectar of Your praise.  
I, the foolish self had been sold at Your feet.

O Jadupati, I touch Your feet and pray  
Donot abandone me, this unfortunate, beyond a master.  
O Narayana, I am Your servant,  
Its Your duty to give me Your favour.  
O Gopinath, accept me as Your servant.  
If you are benevolent, what menace may come to me!  
O benevolent Damodar,  
I spell my imploration at Your feet  
If You take me for Your servant,  
O Hari, please tell me, what do You lose.  
O Jadupati, inspite of being Super benevolent.  
For what crime, do You avoid me from being Your servant.  
Famous in scriptures one who praises Your name, You accep him  
as Yours.  
Beasts and birds are totally void of knowledge.  
O benevolent Lord, You are kind to them too.  
Knowing it, O Hari, we worshipped Your feet  
You should not avoid us,  
We became Your servants.  
The sea of mercy  
You are my own Master  
O Hari, donot avoid me, we are beyond any protection.  
We expect Your devotional- sentiment .  
O Narayana, You are the hidden gem of the Vedas,  
You exposed Yourself through Daivakee,  
For the salvation of the living beings.  
You published Your own Supreme fame and religion.  
O Hari, do You abandon me for the doubt of being submissive to  
Your devotees.  
Giving up this fear,  
O Hari, accept me as a servant of Your servants.  
Exposing Your easy, kind virtues,  
O Hari, You are acquainted with the name, submissive to devo-  
tees.  
As a cow looks after her calf,  
You take care of Your devotees  
O Hari, we all living beings are protected by You.  
Its You, who protects us as omniscient .  
O Hari, now if You protect us as Your servant, we are blessed.  
We are those whom You protect.  
We suffer from the worldly illusion so much!  
Although we became Your slave,  
O Hari, how have we become free?  
Its so strange!  
Not abiding by the matter that You are the Supreme God,  
O Hari, we treated You with malicious purpose in pride !  
Inspite of being Your slave,  
O Hari, we didnt serve Your feet !  
This violent crime has no treatment,  
But O Hari, as You are benevolent,  
You should parfon us,  
We adored Your feet.  
O Hari, I am beyond any sense,  
No body can explain my ignorance to the end.  
Abandoning this violent crime  
O merciful Krishna, keep me at Your feet.  
O Hari, Krishna is my favourite God,  
Krishna is the bosom friend and preceptor of us.  
Beyond the lotus-feet of Krishna,  
O Hari, I have no salvation.

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# The Burmese Invasion and Assam's Struggle for Freedom

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The early 19th century was a difficult time for Assam. The Ahom kingdom, which had ruled the region for nearly six hundred years, was weakening. Internal conflicts and power struggles made the administration unstable. This weakness attracted foreign powers, and among them were the Burmese. The Burmese invasions of Assam took place between 1817 and 1826. These invasions caused great destruction and suffering. The people of Assam had to fight hard to protect their land, but they could not resist the powerful Burmese forces. The years of Burmese rule were filled with terror, and the people lived in constant fear. However, their struggle did not end in defeat. Assam's resistance continued, and finally, with the help of the British, the Burmese were expelled. This period changed the history of Assam forever and had long-lasting effects on its society and governance.

The Burmese invasion did not happen suddenly. Several factors led to this event. One of the main reasons was the internal conflict within the Ahom kingdom. The nobles were divided, and there were frequent fights for power. The kingdom lacked strong leadership, and corruption weakened its military strength. This made it easy for outside forces to interfere. Badan Chandra Borphukan, a powerful noble, wanted to gain control over the kingdom. To achieve this, he sought the help of the Burmese. The Burmese king, Bodawpaya, saw this as an opportunity to expand his empire. He sent his army to Assam in 1817. This marked the beginning of Burmese involvement in the region.

The first Burmese invasion of Assam in 1817 was a major turning point. The Burmese army entered Assam with well-trained soldiers. The Ahom forces, already weak due to internal conflicts, could not resist them. The battle at Ghiladhari was one of the key battles of this invasion. Although the Assamese fought bravely, they were defeated. The Burmese then took control of the Ahom capital, Jorhat. They placed Chandrakanta Singha on the throne but kept him under

their influence. The Burmese stayed in Assam, interfering in its administration and weakening the Ahom rulers further.

In 1819, the Burmese launched a second invasion. This time, they were even more ruthless. They removed Chandrakanta Singha when he tried to resist their control. Instead of keeping an Ahom ruler, they placed their own governor in charge of Assam. This marked the beginning of direct Burmese rule in the region. The period that followed was one of the darkest in Assam's history. The people of Assam suffered greatly under Burmese rule. The invaders looted villages, killed innocent people, and enslaved many. Thousands of people fled their homes and took shelter in the hills and forests to escape the cruelty of the Burmese. This time of suffering is still remembered as the "Manor Din," or "Days of Darkness."

Despite this oppression, the people of Assam did not stop resisting. Several local leaders and nobles tried to organize rebellions. However, the Burmese forces were too strong, and they crushed every revolt with severe punishment. Chandrakanta Singha also attempted to regain control, but he failed and had to flee to British-controlled Bengal. The Assamese people realized that they needed external help to drive the Burmese out. Many leaders, including Chandrakanta Singha, approached the British for assistance.

Meanwhile, the British were also concerned about the growing power of the Burmese. They had already established control over large parts of India and did not want the Burmese to expand westward. This led to conflicts between the British and the Burmese, resulting in the First Anglo-Burmese War in 1824. Assam became one of the main battlegrounds of this war. The Assamese people saw this as an opportunity to free their land from Burmese rule. They joined forces with the British against the invaders.

The war was long and difficult. The British, with the support of Assamese forces, fought several battles against the Burmese. Slowly, the Burmese were pushed back. By 1825, they were in full retreat. Finally, in 1826, the Treaty of Yandabo was signed. According to this treaty, the Bur-

mese had to give up their claims over Assam and leave the region. The people of Assam were finally free from Burmese rule.

However, this freedom came with a new challenge. The Ahom kingdom was now too weak to govern independently. The British took control of Assam and made it a part of their empire. This ended the immediate suffering of the people, but it also marked the beginning of British colonial rule. Over time, British rule brought many changes to Assam's administration, economy, and society. While some of these changes were beneficial, they also led to new struggles. The Assamese people, who had fought against the Burmese, now had to adjust to a new foreign power.

The Burmese invasions had a deep impact on Assam. The wars and occupation caused large-scale destruction. Many villages were burnt, and thousands of people were displaced. The economy collapsed, and trade was disrupted. The Ahom monarchy, which had been the center of power for centuries, never fully recovered. Many nobles lost their influence, and a new system of governance emerged under the British. The invasions also left a deep emotional and psychological impact on the people. The terror of the "Days of Darkness" remained in their memories for generations.

Despite all the suffering, the spirit of resistance among the Assamese people remained

strong. Their struggle against the Burmese became an important part of their history. Even under British rule, the people continued to fight for their rights. The memory of the Burmese invasions served as a reminder of the need for unity and strong leadership.

Today, the Burmese invasions are remembered as a tragic but important part of Assam's history. They teach us valuable lessons about the dangers of internal conflicts and the importance of standing together against foreign aggression. The people of Assam showed great courage and determination during this difficult time. Their struggle for freedom was not just about defeating an enemy; it was about preserving their identity and heritage.

Although Assam eventually came under British rule, the spirit of independence that emerged during this period continued to inspire future generations. The people of Assam endured immense hardships, yet they never gave up their desire for freedom. Their resistance against the Burmese, and later against the British, became a symbol of their strength. The story of Assam's struggle is not just about wars and battles—it is about the resilience of a people who refused to be defeated.

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## Rashtriya Kritagyata and Jagrookta Abhiyaan organized at Mangaldai Commerce College

**Mangaldoi :** Zila Sainik Welfare Office (ZSWO) Darrang in association with the Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Assam, under a special initiative of the Governor of Assam as a part of 'Rashtriya Kritagyata and Jagrookta Abhiyaan,' organized a series of outreach programmes on sensitizing students of different academic institutions of the district towards building a strong nation. As a part of this initiative, ZSWO Darrang on Saturday organized an awareness meeting at Mangaldai Commerce College. In the jam packed auditorium, ex-Navy official Dilip Deka of ZSWO, Darrang, explained the significance and importance of this campaign launched as per the initiative of Governor of Assam Lakshman Prasad Acharya and appealed to the younger citizens of the country to get involved in making a strong nation. Senior journalist and President of Mangaldai Media Circle Bhargab Kumar Das spoke on the glorious heritage of Darrang District as well as on the rich and diversified heritage of the country, sacrifices of the freedom fighters and armed forces in safeguarding our motherland.



## Drishyapat Sivasagar Presents 'Chanakya's Oath' in its First Anniversary

**Sibsagar :** In celebration of its first anniversary, Drishyapat Sivasagar, an emerging socio-cultural organization in Sivasagar, organized the Mahurat for the play 'Chanakya's Oath', written by renowned Assamese playwright Dr Moni Pathak. This play, dedicated to the memory of the late Achyut Bhattacharjya, a social worker of Sivasagar, will be performed at the auditorium of Hindu Dharma Sabha Namghar in Amolapatty, Sivasagar. The event saw the presence of several distinguished guests, including Dr Prakash Kotoky, former principal of Sibsagar College; Dr Protim Sharma, principal of Sibsagar Girls' College; senior drama director Prasanta Sharma; and social workers Arabinda Baruah along with Anjan Kumar Baruah, Ranta Moni Sharma, and Bishwa Khanikar, who participated in

lighting the ceremonial lamp to mark the occasion. Senior citizen and adviser of Natya Sanmilan, Sivasagar Branch, Ananga Mohan Sharma also initiated the auspicious ceremony of Akhara. Dr Moni Pathak, the playwright, shared that 'Chanakya's Oath' is the first Assamese play exploring Chanakya's principles and their enduring relevance in today's society. Dr Pathak and Rupam Bezbaruah, the director, have worked together to present the play in a way that adds a fresh dimension to its storytelling and direction. The play will feature many talented young actors and actresses, alongside the artists of Drishyapat Sivasagar. It is scheduled to be staged on May 4, in association with Hindu Dharma Sabha Namghar, as announced by Abhinav Dev Kashyap, Secretary of Drishyapat Sibsagar.

## Weeklong NSS Special Camp of SMD College Concludes in Gaurisagar

**Gaurisagar :** The National Social Service (NSS) Unit of Swahid Moniram Dewan (SMD) College, Charing, organized a weeklong special camp from March 24 at Srimanta Sankardev LP School, Gajpuria Kakoti Village on the outskirts of Gaurisagar in Sivasagar District, which successfully concluded today. The camp was formally inaugurated by Rajib Dutta, senior journalist and secretary, Gaurisagar Press Club. Addressing the gathering, Dutta said that college is not only an institution of higher learning for the people of a region but also a pioneer of the overall development of the region. He also urged the students that the purpose of education should not be to obtain a university degree just in the name of acquiring knowledge. He even said that there is a lack of leadership and successors in our society and urged the stu-

dents to be socially responsible and work for the betterment of themselves and the society. The inaugural function was anchored by Jyotika Borthakur, librarian of the college, while Dr Bidyananda Borkakoti, principal of the college, explained the aims and objectives of the camp. The other dignitaries who attended the function were Anil Sarma, founder headmaster of Srimanta Sankardev LP School; Ratul Dutta, present headmaster of the school; Devajyoti Hazarika, NSS Programme Officer-cum-assistant professor of the college; senior professors Dr Ravi Kumar Jha and Dipak Kumar Borah; teachers of the college; students; and local people. The seven-day camp included planting of coconut and lemon seedlings on the college campus, handicrafts, bamboo and cane training, cleaning of the college premises.

## CM Calls For Cancellation Of Class XI Exams Amid Paper Leak

**Guwahati :** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has urged the state education board to cancel the Class XI exams following allegations of a question paper leak. This has caused serious concerns about the integrity and fairness of the examination process in the state. It has been reported that the leaked question papers got shared on social media sites, following which prompt action was taken by authorities from the education department. The

appeal by the Chief Minister is aimed at maintaining the credibility of the examination system and ensure that students are tested fairly and transparently. Earlier, the Assam State School Education Board (ASSEB) had postponed the remaining subjects of the Higher Secondary (HS) First Year Examination 2025, which was scheduled to be held from 24th to 29th March, due to a report of a question paper leak and protocol breach.

## Two Dead, Two Injured In Collision Between Two Motorcycles In Darrang

**Mangaldai :** In a tragic incident, a fatal accident took place at Gorapori Nisopi Kherajgaon under Dhula police station in Assam's Darrang district today morning. The road accident occurred when two motorcycles collided head-on with each other, claiming the life of two individuals while another two persons sustained injuries. A bajaj Pulsar bearing registration number AS 13R 3830 and a TVS Glamour registered as AS 13G 7937 were the two motorbikes involved in the crash. The deceased have been identified as Sukur Ali of Algachar village and Jamir Ali of Gorapori village. The identity of the injured persons are Kitab Ali and Nasiruddin Ali. The injured duo were initially admitted to Mangaldai Civil Hospital for medical treatment. One of them had to be rushed to the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for better treatment after his condition turned critical. Meanwhile, earlier last week, an Indian Air Force officer met with a road accident that took place on the BARPETA-HOWLY road in Assam, leaving him injured. The injured officer was identified as Dharmendra Kumar who was travelling from Shillong to Bagdogra in West Bengal along with his colleague. The road mishap occurred when a Swift Dzire vehicle bearing registration number AS 15M 6698 approaching from the opposite direction collided with their vehicle at a high speed.

## Two Bangladeshis Disguised As Sadhus Caught Duping People

**Guwahati :** In an astonishing incident, two Bangladeshi nationals under the guise of being Sadhu Babas were caught misleading and duping people. The real identity of



the disguised fraudsters came to light when locals grew suspicious of their behavior and repeatedly challenged them to recite the Gayatri Mantra and Hanuman Chalisa. Serious doubts were raised about their authenticity when the duo were not able to chant the sacred verses. Further investigations found that the imposters were carrying cigarettes in their bags, which added up to the speculations as genuine saints do not usually have such items in their possession. This discovery gave rise to further skepticism about their dubious identity, compelling the locals to directly confront the bogus individuals. Their responses to the questions posed to them were found to be unsatisfactory which eventually exposed their deceitful act. It is believed that such individuals misuse religious sentiments to win the trust of the people as they visit homes under the pretense of spirituality. They carefully observe the surroundings and later grab the opportunity to deceive or rob unsuspecting households. The presence of these anti-social elements in society has the potential to jeopardize public safety and religious harmony. Henceforth, residents have been alerted to stay cautious and verify the credentials of such individuals before dealing with them.





## Lovlina Borgohain in Kaziranga: Interested in becoming Brand Ambassador



**Bokakhat :** Assam’s Forest Department has invited boxer Lovlina Borgohain to become the brand ambassador of Kaziranga National Park. The Olympic medallist expressed her interest in the role while visiting the Kaziranga National Park. According to reports, Lovlina Borgohain arrived in Kohora yesterday with her family to explore Kaziranga National Park. During a jeep safari in the Kohora Range of the park, she was mesmerized by its beauty. She admired the breathtak-

ing natural scenery and wildlife, including the one-horned rhinoceros, elephants, deer, buffaloes, and various species of birds. Expressing her thoughts, Lovlina stated, “Many people worldwide are eager to learn about Kaziranga’s one-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga National Park, which is home to the largest population of one-horned rhinos and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a matter of pride for everyone.” Accompanied by her mother, father, and elder sister, Lovlina further expressed her deep appreciation for the park, saying, “I feel proud that our state has such a globally-renowned national park. It attracts tourists from across the country and the world, who come here to witness its wildlife.” She also mentioned that if given the opportunity to become the brand ambassador of Kaziranga National Park, she would consider it an honour.

## 'Mr.' and 'Miss Biswanath' Event Held with Bodybuilding and Yoga Performances



**Biswanath Charaiali :** The 'Mr' and 'Miss Biswanath' in Biswanath district was held on March 29. The event, which started with national yoga player Montu Medhi's performance of yoga, had three categories of bodybuilding i.e. Dehashri, Man's Fitness and Women Fitness. It was held at the Himalaya Vivah bhawan at Biswanath Chariali. Around hundred players took part in the competition. In the Dehashri category, the competition was held in three sections-according to body weight, height and one section of wome. Pabitra Basumatary won the title of 'Mr Biswanath' while Kaushalya Devi emerged as 'Miss Biswanath' in the match which was attended by Biswanath District Bodybuilding Association president Dilip Borah and secretary Nitya Kumar Sharma.

## Inter-District Gymnastics Championship Kicks Off at Nagaon

**Nagaon :** The Inter-District Gymnastics Championship, which began at the Nurul Amin Indoor Stadium, is underway with great enthusiasm. Over 300 participants from 12 districts across the state participated in the event. The championship was ceremonially inaugurated today by local MLA and the president of Nagaon Sports Association, Rupak Sarma. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Sports Association Secretary Tapan Kumar Das, Prashant Kumar Bora, Dr Krishna Kumar Bora, Asim Bhawal, H K M Rahman, and Commandant of 34th CRPF Battalion, among others. During

the event, in Ribbon (Senior) Tanishka Tanaya Baruah (Sivasagar) bagged the 1st position, while Kristikanya Goswami (Nagaon) and, Shreya Shaikia (Nagaon) secured the 2nd and 3rd position respectively. In Rhythmic Ball (Senior), Jharana Baruah (Nagaon) achieved the 1st position, while Dixita Roy (Nagaon) and Geo Swargiyari (Biswanath) secured the 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Similarly, in Floor Exercise (Cadet), Manas Kumar (Kamrup Rural) bagged the 1st position, Tokjir Kumar Dole (Jorhat) secured the 2nd position, while Manav Ray (Dibrugarh) achieved the 3rd position.

## Arunachal Netball team prepares for National Championship

**Itanagar :** The Netball Association of Arunachal Pradesh (NAAP) has announced its team’s participation in the 3rd Fast 5 Netball Championship, scheduled for March 30 to April 2 in Chandigarh, Punjab. At a jersey and tracksuit unveiling ceremony in Itanagar, NAAP officials expressed the

team’s readiness for the national tournament, hosted by the Netball Sports Promotion Association, Chandigarh. Bengia Pilia, Vice President (Admin) of the All Arunachal Pradesh Students’ Union, pledged support for netball’s development and highlighted the urgent need for a dedicated, long-term coach.

## APCC Cricket Tournament: Itkhola Athletic Club Storms Into Semi-Finals

**Guwahati :** Itkhola Athletic Club of Silchar caused a stunning upset, defeating title contender Bud Cricket Club by 4 wickets in their final league match of the APCC Cricket tournament at the Judges Field. The win took them into the semi-finals. Hritwik Dhar was the standout performer, taking 4 wickets for 32 runs in his 8-over spell. Invited to bat first, Bud Cricket Club was bowled out for 151 runs in 33.4 overs. Nipan Deka top-scored with 38 runs off 24 balls ( 4 fours and 2 sixes). Sibsankar Roy (25) and Diwiz Pathak (24) were also key contributors. Hritwik’s top performance with the ball destabilize the Bud Cricket Club’s batting lineup. Sadek Imran Choudhury (3-29) and Rahul Singh (2-24) also played crucial roles with the ball. In reply, Itkhola AC chased down the target in 38.5 overs, losing 6 wickets. Roshan Topno led the chase with a solid half-century, scoring 53 runs off 90 balls, including 4 boundaries and a six. Abhishek Thakuri (32) and Ram Chandra Das (24) provided valuable support with the bat. Sibsankar Roy, Ayushman Malakar and Swarupam Purakayastha two too wickets each.







## Salman Khan’s Sikandar leaked online hours before release, fans disappointed

With anticipation running high for Salman Khan’s *Sikandar*, the film’s online leak has disappointed many. Just hours before its release, the AR Murugadoss-directed action thriller surfaced on piracy sites. Infamous platforms like Tamilrockers, Movierulz, Filmyzilla, and various Telegram groups have made the full movie available for illegal download and streaming.

Despite strict anti-piracy laws and ongoing crackdowns, piracy remains a major concern for Bollywood. In *Sikandar*’s case, the leak likely stemmed from camcorder recordings in theatres, which were quickly enhanced to HD quality and uploaded within hours.

Meanwhile, celebrations are in full swing for Salman Khan’s Eid release, with fans lining up in large numbers outside theatres to experience the film on the big screen. Videos from around the world captured fans celebrating *Sikandar*’s release—dancing inside theatres, cutting cakes, and cheering for ‘Bhaijaan’ Salman Khan – are doing the rounds.

Directed by A.R. Murugadoss, *Sikandar* features a powerhouse ensemble, including Rashmika Mandanna,



Sathyaraj, Kajal Aggarwal, and Sharman Joshi, alongside Salman Khan.

With its grand scale and star-studded cast, *Sikandar* aims to have a good journey at the box office. Salman’s last release was *Tiger 3*, which had released in 2023. The film was a part of the Yash Raj Film’s spy universe.

## Amrita Arora Ladak testifies in 2012 hotel brawl case involving Saif Ali Khan



Actress Amrita Arora Ladak recently testified as a witness in the ongoing case against actor Saif Ali Khan, her husband Shakeel Ladak, and their friend Bilal Amrohi. The case pertains to a 2012 altercation at a five-star hotel, where businessman Iqbal Sharma accused the trio of assaulting him and his brother-in-law, Raman Patel. Speaking to NDTV, Amrita detailed the events of

that night, asserting that the incident began when an unknown individual aggressively confronted their group. “We saw someone barging into our enclosure and, in a very loud, aggressive voice, told us to shut up and keep quiet. We all got shocked at what was happening,” she stated. Amrita further claimed that Saif Ali Khan responded to the situation with an apology, standing up immediately to diffuse the tension. The altercation reportedly involved Sharma accusing Saif and his friends of behaving aggressively and abusing him. He further alleged that the actor punched him, breaking his nose, and also attacked his brother-in-law Raman Patel. The businessman lodged a police complaint soon after the incident, leading to charges of assault and criminal intimidation against Saif and his associates. However, Saif Ali Khan has consistently maintained that he acted in self-defence.

## Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah: Dayaben to return to the SAB TV sitcom

After years of speculation, the much-loved character of Dayaben is finally set to return to Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah (TMKOC). According to recent sources, producer Asit Modi is in the final stages of selecting a new actress for the role, marking the character’s comeback after a five-year hiatus. While the identity of the new Dayaben is yet to be disclosed, insiders suggest that an actress has already impressed the makers and is currently undergoing mock shoots.



## Yo Yo Honey Singh dedicates ‘Payal’ to Nora Fatehi as it crosses 200m views

Global sensation Nora Fatehi has once again proven why she is ruling the entertainment industry. The multi-talented performer recently received a heartwarming tribute from none other than singer, music composer, and rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh, who dedicated his latest hit ‘Payal’ to her, which has crossed 200M views on video streaming platforms. During his recent Millionaire India Tour concert, Honey Singh took a moment to express his admiration for Nora Fatehi, giving her a heartfelt shoutout. He praised her love for India and the Hindi language, saying, “This girl loves to speak in Hindi. She is not Indian, she is Moroccan, but she still loves to speak it that much, she loves India. That’s why you all people are supporting her. I found a great-great friend and an amazing co-artist to work with. Please make some noise for Nora Fatehi—this song is dedicated to her. Let’s do ‘Payal,’ everybody!” As soon as Honey Singh mentioned Nora’s name, the crowd erupted in cheers and applause, showing their love and excitement for the global star. Nora Fatehi, renowned for her mesmerizing dance moves and electrifying screen presence, has revolutionized dance in Indian cinema. Her power-packed performance in *Payal* became an instant sensation, with her signature hook step going viral and continuing to trend across social media. Fans celebrated the recognition, calling it well deserved.





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## The Biswanath Medical College and

would serve the districts of Biswanath, Lakhimpur, and Sonitpur. Following the inauguration, he convened a meeting with officials from the Transport Department and the facility's managing company, where a presentation was delivered on vehicle fitness testing procedures. Subsequently, Dr Sarma performed the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony and laid the foundation stone for a ropeway connecting Biswanath Ghat to Umatumoni River Island. The project, estimated to be constructed at ₹ 58.81 crore, would span 446 metres and accommodate 300 passengers per hour. In addition to facilitating transportation, it is expected to attract tourists and pilgrims to the region. He also inaugurated multiple projects, including the Circuit House (₹ 12.98 crore), Office of the Biswanath Zila Parishad (₹ 4 crore), the Tribal Rest House (₹ 1 crore), and the Assistant Commissioner's residence (₹ 91 lakh). Furthermore, he laid the foundation stone for an Industrial Park at Borgang's No. 2 Dhemaji Bari (₹ 31.54 crore), an Accredited Driver Training Centre, and an Automated Driving Test Track (₹ 4 crore). Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sharma reiterated the state government's commitment to accelerating Assam's development and ensuring the fulfilment of all public commitments. He noted that discussions on constructing a ropeway in Biswanath commenced in 2016-17, and with the laying of the foundation stone for the Biswanath Ghat-Umatumoni River Island ropeway, the project has now entered its implementation phase. He highlighted that this would be Assam's second ropeway, following the Guwahati-North Guwahati project, and stated that the government aims to complete it within 18 months. Regarding the Accredited Driver Training Centre, he stated that it would provide both driving lessons and licences. He underscored the importance of language proficiency, encouraging learners to acquire skills in Hindi and English to enhance employment opportunities outside the state and abroad. He cited Japan's plan to recruit 50,000 youths from Assam within the next five years and urged the centre's management to introduce specialised language training. Discussing the broader developmental trajectory of Biswanath, Dr. Sarma stated that the Biswanath Medical College and Hospital would be dedicated to public service next year. He also announced plans to establish a B.Sc. Nursing College and a GNM School. Furthermore, he mentioned that work on Kanaklata University in Gohpur would commence within the year and reiterated that its curriculum would include advanced disciplines such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and machine learning. He also remarked that the construction of an underwater tunnel between Numaligarh and Gohpur would significantly enhance connectivity in the district. Additionally, he outlined various government schemes aimed at supporting marginalised communities, students, farmers, youth empowerment, and women's welfare. Today's event was attended by Minister of Health and Family Welfare etc. Ashok Singhal, Minister of Transport etc. Jogen Mohan, MP Ranjit Dutta, MLAs Promod Borthakur, Utpal Borah, and Diganta Ghatowal.

## Two-Day Nature Camp Held In Karbi Anglong To Promote Environmental Conservation

**Diphu :** The Tourism NGO of Karbi Anglong, Jakve Asong, organized a two-day nature camp under the Environment Education Programme (EEP) for school children at Bio-Diversity cum Recreation Park on March 28 and 29. The program is supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Govt. of India, and implemented by the Assam Science Technology & Environment Council of the Science, Technology, and Climate Change department of the Government of Assam is in charge of carrying out the initiative, which is backed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change of the Government of India. The



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camp was organized to teach people how to be in harmony with nature. The resource person, Charne Beypi, assistant English teacher of BM Shri Chandrasing Teron High School, spoke to the children about biodiversity and its conservation in the technical session.

## New Emergency Operation Centre Unveiled In Dibrugarh To Enhance Disaster Management

**Dibrugarh :** Dibrugarh District Commissioner Bikram Kairi officially opened the newly constructed District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) at the DC's office, marking a significant step forward in the district's disaster management efforts on Tuesday. This facility is part of a broader initiative by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority to establish eight such centers in disaster-prone areas across the state. The DEOC is intended to act as a focal point for gathering and spreading vital information during emergencies, allowing for proper communication with concerned departments and higher government authorities. "This center will improve our disaster response coordination. Having a dedicated facility enables us to centralize operations and enhance our reaction time when every second counts," Kairi said. He emphasized the importance of timely intervention in curbing risks associated with natural calamities such as floods and earthquakes. With advanced communication systems and monitoring equipment, the DEOC will track impending natural disasters which are a regular occurrence in the region. In the event of an emergency, the center will function round the clock to ensure efficient transmission of vital information between field units, emergency services, and administrative authorities, minimizing response time and saving lives in the process. The inauguration function was graced by a few district officials, including additional DC (revenue and disaster management) Bipul Kumar Das and assistant commissioner Pooja Borah, besides delegates from some of the departments that will assist the DEOC during times of crisis.

## Young Girl Escapes Alleged Gang Rape Attempt On Moving Bus In Sribhumi

**Sribhumi :** In a despicable incident in Sribhumi district of Assam, a young girl allegedly escaped a gang rape attempt as she was traveling by bus. The driver and three other men allegedly assaulted her during the trip, but she resisted their move. When she refused to give in, the accused reportedly pushed her off the bus. The victim was travelling on the bus from Badarpurghat to Chargola when the terrible incident occurred. She was thrown out of the bus and was picked up by local people, who found her critically injured on the road. They took her straight away to the nearest hospital for instant medical attention. The incident has unleashed widespread protests across Sribhumi, and various community groups have demanded immediate action and stringent punishment for those responsible. Public outcry is indicative of an emerging concern for public safety and security. As a response to the incident, law enforcement officers have filed a case and started an investigation in order to arrest the suspects. Officials are trying hard to gather evidence and deliver justice to the victim. The people in the area are still in a state of alert waiting for developments on this disturbing case. Meanwhile, earlier this year, Dhekiajuli Police arrested two minor boys from a hideout in the Dhirai Tea Estate area under Dhekiajuli Police Station.



AASAA Demow commit-  
tee executive meeting held

Two bikers killed, 2 others injured  
in road mishap in Darrang district

**Demow :** An executive meeting of the All Adivasi Students Association of Assam (AASAA), Demow Regional Committee was held at Athabari Tea Labour Kalyan Kendra. In the presence of Binanda Chaura, Adviser of the District Committee, and Mahendra Manki, Vice-President, several important decisions were taken in the meeting.

**Mangaldoi :** Amidst the festive atmosphere of Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations, two bike riders were killed while two others injured when two bikes collided head-on at Gorapori Nishpi Kheraj Village on the Dhula Alga Char connecting road under Dhula Police Station in Darrang District in the early morning today. The deceased have been identified as Jamir Ali of Gorapori Village and Sukur Ali of the Alga Char area.

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