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The progress of Assam's new generation a matter of pride: CM

CM attends the bhoomipujan ceremony of 'Guwahati Marriott Resort and Spa' and 'Fairfield by Marriott Guwahati' at the Guwahati Airport Road



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the bhoomipujan ceremony of two hotels, "Guwahati Marriott Resort and Spa" and "Fairfield by Marriott Guwahati" located along the Guwahati Airport Road. It may be noted that the hotels are to be developed at an investment of Rs. 500 crores by Jonali Constructions Private Limited as per an MOU signed during the Advantage Assam 2.0 summit. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sarma remarked that the enjoyed a relatively peaceful environment

construction of such state-of-the-art infrastructure represents a significant progression in Assam's hotel, hospitality, and tourism industries. He stated that the project holds the potential to influence the socioeconomic landscape of the state in a substantive manner. In this regard, he acknowledged the contributions of both the Marriott Group and Jonali Constructions Private Limited. He said that Assam has

over the past four years, and underscored the importance of such stability in facilitating long-term development. Emphasising the inter-relationship between industrial expansion and economic stability, he noted its role in shaping the aspirations of younger generations.

Referring to the Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit, the Chief Minister reiterated its intent to develop a favourable climate for investment in the state. In response to this initiative, Jonali Constructions Private Limited committed to undertake the development of two hotel properties in proximity to the Guwahati Airport. With preparatory work now complete, he announced the commencement of construction. The Guwahati Marriott Resort and Spa, he stated, would feature a total of 196 rooms, while Fairfield by Marriott Guwahati would comprise 288 rooms. In addition to both underground and open parking facilities, the properties would include ballroom space and open

Assam Government remains committed to the holistic development of BTR: Minister Hazarika



Water Resources etc., Pijush Hazarika, undertook a day-long visit to Tamulpur district today to review the progress of several key embankment projects in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).

Tamulpur: Minister for This visit was part of a broader effort strengthen flood and erosion protection measures in anticipation of the upcoming monsoon season. During the course of his visit, Minister Hazarika conducted detailed inspec-

tions of four key embankment projects that are currently in progress within the district. It may be noted that each of these projects employs advanced geo mega tube technology, which is intended to enhance both the durability and long-term effectiveness of the flood and erosion mitigation measures being implemented. The Minister visited the Dikpar (Ghatirpam) site near Goreswar, where a 3.5kilometre embankment along the see page 10

Negligence won't be tolerated in implementation of flood protection measures: Minister Hazarika



Guwahati: With the monsoon season approaching, Minister for Water Resources etc., Pijush Hazarika chaired a review meeting today with engineers, officials of the Water Resources Department, and contractors to assess the progress of flood and erosion control measures implemented through the see page 10



No--90 Metre-Naam

(An Assamese metre):

O triumphant Hari

Hari Hari Paramananda my mastwr Pitambar

Hari Hari Rama my bosom friend Rama

Hari Hari O Rama Narayana Govinda.

Hari Hari O Paramananda Hari

Kamalakanta You are victorious

Hari

Kamalalochana Banamali

O Damodar Daivakee nandan Dinabandhu

O Hari Dinabandhu.

Rama,

The life of the world

Hari Hari Rama

O Jadu pati Jagata Jiwana* Hari Hari Jagata Jiwana.

Jagata Jiwana Rama Jagata Jiwana

Your name is the wealest one in the world.

Your name is the prosperity in the world.

Modhusudana Dev Modhusudana Dev

Beyond You, the helpless ones have no other way.

Rama Krishna Rama Krishna

Rama Hari Hari

We immerse in Rama ceaselessly.

Rama fulfills the desire of the devotees

In the age of Koli, The name of Rama is the essence holy.

Beyond the name of Rama nothing is there,

Praising Rama one can cross the sea of the world

O Rama.

The name of Rama rescues the world

The name of Rama is the way through which one can have salva-

Through the name of Rama devotion is easy

One should ever praise Rama.

No other devotion is equal to the name of Rama

The praise of Rama is the best religion

O Rama Rama. "The name of Rama is the death of the sinners

The name of Rama is the crown of all religions.

The name of Rama is the flame of sins "The praise of Rama is the enlivening nectar."Praise the name of Rama

Jagannath

Jagannath Jagannath Hari.

Jagannath Jagannath Jagannath

Jagannath Jagannath Hari.

Niranjana Hari

Hari Hari Rama Niranjana Niranjana Hari

Gopal Gopal Gopal Gopal Gopal Rama

Gopal Gopal Rama.

Rama Hari Hari Rama Hari Hari Rama

Rama Hari Hari Rama Hari Hari Rama.

Govinda Rama

Govinda Rama

Hari,

■ Rita Borua

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Dihiri, O Dihiri

In what melody are you lost,

Dihiri, O Dihiri?

Whose enchanting flute echoes"within your heart today?

Have you hidden the sorrowful smile"of love deep in your soul,

Dihiri, O Dihiri?

The evening breeze that brushes

through your dark, wavy hair,

never whispered to me its destination—

I never asked where it belonged,

Dihiri, O Dihiri.

Where will you lose

your dream of golden hues?

Who will soothe the wailing wind

on a stormy night,

Dihiri, O Dihiri?

What longing sets the sun aglow,

painting your silvered image

in shades of gold?

Dihiri, O Dihiri.

Do not search for life

in fleeting reflections of water;

Do not call me back in sorrow.

Do not let your feet touch the green,

lest your wounded heart

sprout thorny shoots,

and both shores bloom

with pain anew.

You will drift away

toward the endless blue,

Dihiri, O Dihiri.

Will you promise a new dawn,

wash away the stains of blood?

Will you paint a crimson morning,

sing the song of humanity's triumph?

Poets tread this land,

bearing the satchel of verses, Dihiri, O Dihiri.

Will you whisper a word of love,

banishing the echoes of death?

Will you sing a soft lullaby

to mend broken dreams,

Dihiri, O Dihiri-

my melody of life?

Translate by **■ Chandana Choudhury**

International Nurses Day celebrated at Numaligarh Tea Estate Hospital

Bokakhat: The birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale is celebrated as International Nurses Day. The day was observed at the Numaligarh Tea Estate Hospital. Dr Ajay Kataki greeted everyone and stated that a nurse or caregiver is essential during times of service, peace, and war alike. Whether it is a patient suffering from illness, a victim of an accident, an injured soldier on the battlefield, a sur-



gery, or caring for the elderly, it is the nurse who tends to them all with a smiling face.

Understanding Uterine Conditions and the Healing Power of Ashoka (Saraca asoca

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The uterus is a vital organ in the female reproductive system, playing a crucial role in menstruation, fertility, and pregnancy. Therefore, Uterine health is fundamental to overall well-being. However, many women suffer from various uterine disorders, which significantly impacts their quality of life. In the realm of traditional Indian medicine, particularly Ayurveda, the Ashoka tree (Saraca asoca) has been revered for centuries as a powerful remedy for numerous gynecological ailments. This article explores common uterine conditions and delves into how Ashoka supports

uterine health.

Common Uterine Conditions

1. Dysmenorrhea (Painful Menstruation)

A common complaint, dysmenorrhea refers to intense menstrual cramps, often caused by uterine contractions or conditions like fibroids or endometriosis.

2. Menorrhagia (Heavy Menstrual Bleeding)

This condition involves abnormally heavy or prolonged periods. It can be due to hormonal imbalances, fibroids, or uterine polyps.

3. Amenorrhea (Absence of Menstruation)

Amenorrhea is the absence of periods in a woman of reproductive age. It can be

primary (never had periods) or secondary (periods have stopped), and is often caused by stress, hormonal imbalances, or underlying medical conditions.

4. Uterine Fibroids

Benign tumors in the uterus, fibroids can cause heavy bleeding or pressure symptoms depending on their size and location.

5. Endometriosis

A painful condition where endometrial-like tissue grows outside the uterus, leading to inflammation, pain, and sometimes infertility.

6. Uterine Prolapse

This occurs when the uterus descends into or beyond the vaginal canal due to weakened pelvic floor muscles, common in older women or after childbirth.

Ashoka Tree: The "Friend of Women" in Ayurveda Botanical Profile:

- Scientific Name: Saraca asoca (or Saraca indica)
- Family: Fabaceae
- Common Names: Ashoka, Asok, Ashok

Ashoka, which literally means "remover of sorrow," lives up to its name by relieving women of various reproductive and gynecological troubles. Its bark is the most commonly used part in Ayurvedic medicine.

Benefits of Ashoka for

Uterine Health Benefits of Ashoka (Saraca asoca) Based on Chemical Composition

Ashoka bark and flowers are traditionally used in India to manage female reproductive issues, especially menorrhagia. The plant's chemical composition includes tannins, flavonoids, glycosides, steroids, and antioxidants like gallic and ellagic acid, which contribute to its therapeutic properties.

Key Pharmacological

Key Pharmacological Actions:

- Uterine Effects: Acts as a uterine sedative and supports healthy endometrial and ovarian function without inducing strong contractions. Certain glycosides promote balanced uterine contractions.
- Dual Smooth Muscle Action: Aqueous extracts contain components that both stimulate and relax smooth muscle, ensuring balanced uterine tone.
- Anti-inflammatory & Antioxidant: Gallic acid in the flower and leaf extracts reduces inflammation and oxidative stress in uterine tissues, beneficial in conditions like fibroids or cysts.
- Menstrual Řegulation:
 Methanolic and aqueous extracts regulate uterine contractions and help manage menstrual disorders. Flavonoids and phytoestrogens in the plant assist in hormone balance and menstrual cycle control.
- Bleeding and Discharge Control: Tannins reduce bleeding by tightening uterine tissues, while flavonoids and glycosides strengthen capillaries and reduce discharge, supporting conditions like menorrhagia and leucorrhea.

Balances Hormones

Ashoka bark is known to support hormonal balance, particularly estrogen, which plays a key role in regulating the menstrual cycle. Steroidal compounds and ketosterol present in Ashoka enhance ovarian and endometrial tissue activity, mimicking mild hormonal effects. It helps in managing irregular periods and hormonal imbalances.

Fertility Booster

By regulating the menstrual cycle and supporting uterine health, Ashoka indirectly supports fertility, especially when infertility is linked to hormonal imbalances or uterine dysfunction.

How Ashoka is Used in Ayurveda

Ashoka is typically used in the form of:

- Ashoka Bark Decoction (Kashaya)-20-30ml Twice daily
- Ashokarishta A fermented herbal tonic made from Ashoka bark and other herbs like Dhataki, Haritaki, and Musta. This is the most popular formulation for women's health issues-20-25ml twice daily with equal water for a proper duration
- Powders, Syrups and Capsules containing
 Ashoka are also available in the market.

Above formulations should be taken under proper guidance for a better reproductive as well as general health.

Conclusion

Ashoka is more than just a sacred tree—it's a time-honored ally in promoting female reproductive health. Whether dealing with painful periods, fibroids, or general hormonal imbalances, Ashoka offers a gentle, natural, and effective remedy. With increasing scientific interest in herbal medicine, Ashoka continues to emerge as a nectar for women seeking holistic uterine care.

Reasons Behind the Ceasefire **Between India and Pakistan**

■ Deborshi Gautam

Bongaon

After a terrorist attack on Indian soil, India launched Operation Sindoor, targeting approximately nine terrorist camps located within Pakistan. During this operation, India ensured that no Pakistani military bases or civilian areas were harmed. This was clearly stated by two female Indian Army officers and the Indian Foreign Secretary during a press briefing. However, the destruction of these terrorist camps led to the death of several notorious militants. Pakistan's military and government could not accept India's successful operation lightly. In retaliation, the Pakistani Army launched cross-border attacks using gunfire and mortars along the Line of Control (LoC). In addition to these attacks, Pakistan used missiles and drones against However, India's India. Sudharshan Chakra defense system successfully neutralized these threats. In return, India managed to destroy several Pakistani defense infrastructures, including radar systems and military airbases, causing a significant morale breakdown within the Pakistani military.

It became evident to the Pakistani side that the Chinese-made weapons they had heavily relied upon were of inferior quality

when compared to India's superior defense systems. Amidst all this, Balochistan separatists within Pakistan escalated their own operations, launching several attacks against the Pakistani Army, resulting in many casualties. These internal attacks further weakened Pakistan's position, especially as their army was already engaged at the Indian border. Pakistan's economic situation also played a major role. With an extremely weak economy, Pakistan was once again forced to seek loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to run the country. The bulk of Pakistan's military assets — including missiles, drones, fighter jets, and defense systems — are imported from China, and with depleted resources, Pakistan found it difficult to procure new weapons. Reports indicated that Pakistan had foreign reserves sufficient to import only one month's worth of essential goods. Hence, Pakistan had neither the financial strength to buy new arms nor the fuel to operate its existing military equip-

Despite their initial belief that Chinese weapons could challenge India, Pakistan realized their ineffectiveness in the face of India's superior military response. This led them to once again approach the IMF for loans. Pakistan reportedly received around \$100 billion in loans from the IMF, but intensified Baloch rebellion, dis-

this financial aid came on the condition that Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire with India.

U.S. President Donald Trump played a key role in preventing the India-Pakistan conflict from escalating into full-scale war. He assigned the U.S. Secretary of State and the National Security Advisor the task of mediating between the two nations. Both American officials actively engaged with the military chiefs, national security advisors, and foreign ministers of India and Pakistan through individual phone conversations.

Following these discussions, India laid down a clear condition: If Pakistan violated the ceasefire or if any terrorist attacks occurred on Indian soil, such incidents would be considered a direct "Act of War." Through this condition, India sent a strong message that any future terrorist activity would lead to immediate and severe re-

This message was conveyed to the Pakistani government via the U.S. mediators. Pakistan, under pressure and with limited choices, agreed to the ceasefire by accepting India's conditions. Analyzing Pakistan's acceptance of the ceasefire reveals several factors:

Pakistan lacked the financial resources for a prolonged war.

Fuel shortages made it difficult to operate its war machinery.

Internal unrest, especially the

tracted the Pakistani Army.

Without adhering to U.S. advice, Pakistan wouldn't have received the IMF loan, which it desperately needed.

By agreeing to the ceasefire and accepting India's conditions, Pakistan implicitly admitted that its territory was still being used as a safe haven for terrorists. The fact that Pakistan initiated the ceasefire proposal via a phone call to India clearly indicates that India did not provoke the conflict, but only responded in defense.

India's military has never sought conflict with any foreign nation without reason. However, when the country's sovereignty or the safety of its citizens is threatened, the Indian Army is always prepared to respond appropriately as was seen in this conflict.

If Pakistan had agreed to the ceasefire only to secure loans, then it should be aware that any further violation will result in even greater consequences. The damage Pakistan faced in the current situation is already significant, and any future conflict could be far more devastating — possibly even threatening Pakistan's existence on the global map.

India's government and armed forces remain fully prepared to confront any hostile actions. From now on, every mistake by Pakistan will only bring new dangers and consequences upon itself.

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Actress Mridula Baruah awarded "Basant Award 2025" by the National-Ethnic Unity Forum in Dibrugarh

Maanas Robin receives Bishnu Prasad Rabha Award from Asom Barta

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: In coordination with the central Bohagi Farewell Festival held over two days with a vibrant cultural program at Chowkidingee Field in Dibrugarh, Assamese film actress Mridula Baruah was officially presented with the "Bosonta Award 2025." The award includes a memento, a certificate of honor, a traditional gamocha, a seleng chador, and a cash prize. At the same event, a commemorative book titled "Aikya" (Unity), edited by journalist Jyotish Kumar Patir, was unveiled by Jyoti Borgohain, president of the Dibrugarh Literary Society. The open meeting, inaugurated by noted litterateur and President's Award winner Gandheswar Saikia, was graced by literary figure Dr. Hridayananda Mahanta, senior journalist and secretary of the Greater Dibrugarh Press Club Ratul

Burhagohain, Dr. Premananda Das, political advisor of the National- Ethnic Unity Forum Chandan Phukan, president Ranaranjan Gogoi, secretary Bitupan Duwara, celebration committee president Manoj Kachari, secretary Mintu Dutta, and several other distinguished individuals. During the daytime program, a colorful cultural procession titled "Aikya Parade" was also taken out. The parade, inaugurated by renowned actor Arun Hazarika, featured the enchanting actress Amrita Gogoi and Dhyanimohan, among others. Cultural troupes from various ethnic communities participated in the parade, marching from Chowkidingee Field to Thana Chariali and Phoolbagan. In the evening cultural session, popular singer Maanas Robin performed songs. Due to the prevailing national situation, the event concluded by 10

PM. As part of Asom Barta's fifth anniversary celebration, the BishnuPrasad Rabha Cultural Award 2025 was officially presented to popular singer and music director Maanas Robin by Tanay Bora, publisher and director of Asom Barta newspaper, staff reporter M. Hashim Ali, associate Nabajita Bora, and others.





Omaha Beach

Omaha Beach was one of five beach landing sectors designated for the amphibious assault component of Operation Overlord during the Second World War. On June 6, 1944, the Allies invaded German-occupied France with the Normandy landings. "Omaha" refers to an 8-kilometer (5 mi) section of the coast of Normandy, France, facing the English Channel, from east of Sainte-Honorine-des-Pertes to west of Vierville-sur-Mer on the right bank of the Douve River estuary. Landings here were necessary to link the British landings to the east at Gold with the American landing to the west at Utah, thus providing a continuous lodgement on the Normandy coast of the Bay of the Seine. Taking Omaha was to be the responsibility of United States Army troops, with sea transport, mine sweeping, and a naval bombardment force provided predominantly by the United States Navy and Coast Guard, with contributions from the British, Canadian and Free French navies. The primary objective at Omaha was to secure a beachhead eight kilometers (5.0 miles) deep, between Port-en-Bessin and the Vire River, linking with the British landings at

Gold to the east, and reaching the area of Isigny to the west to link up with VII Corps landing at Utah. The untested American 29th Infantry Division, along with nine companies of U.S. Army Rangers redirected from Pointe du Hoc, assaulted the western half of the beach. The battle-hardened 1st Infantry Division was given the eastern half. Opposing the landings was the German 352nd Infantry Division. Of its 12,020 men, 6,800 were experienced combat troops, detailed to defend a 53-kilometer (33 mi) front. The German strategy was based on defeating any seaborne assault at the water line, and the defenses were mainly deployed in strongpoints along the coast. The Allied plan called for initial assault waves of tanks, infantry, and combat engineer forces to reduce the coastal defenses, allowing larger ships to land in follow-up waves. But very little went as planned. Difficulties in navigation caused most of the landing craft to miss their targets throughout the day. The defenses were unexpectedly strong, and inflicted substantial casualties on landing U.S. troops. Under intense fire, the engineers struggled to clear the beach obstacles; later landings



bunched up around the few channels that were cleared. Weakened by the casualties taken just in landing, the surviving assault troops could not clear the exits off the beach. This caused further problems and consequent delays for later landings. Small penetrations were eventually achieved by groups of survi-

vors making improvised assaults, scaling the bluffs between the most well-defended points. By the end of the day, two small isolated footholds had been won, which were subsequently exploited against weaker defenses further inland, achieving the original D-Day objectives over the following days.

Plan to attack

Omaha was divided into ten sectors, codenamed (from west to east): Charlie, Dog Green, Dog White, Dog Red, Easy Green, Easy White, Easy Red, Fox Green, Fox White, and Fox Red. The initial assault was to be made by two Regimental Combat Teams (RCT), supported by two tank battalions, with two battalions of Rangers also attached. The infantry regiments were organized into three battalions each of around 1,000 men. Each battalion was organized as three rifle companies each of up to 240 men, and a support company of up to 190 men. Infantry companies A through D belonged to the 1st battalion of a regiment, E through H to the 2nd, I through M to the 3rd; the letter 'J' was not used. (Individual companies will be referred to in this article by company and regiment, e.g. Company A of the 116th RCT will be 'A/116'). In addition, each battalion had a headquarters company of up to 180 men. The tank battalions consisted of three companies, A through C, each of 16 tanks, while the Ranger battalions were organized into six companies, A through F, of around 65 men per company. V Corps' 56th Signal Battalion was responsible for communications on Omaha with the fleet offshore, especially routing requests for naval gunfire support to the destroyers and USS Arkansas. The 116th RCT of the 29th Infantry Division was to land two battalions in the western four beaches, to be followed 30 minutes later by the third battalion. Their landings were to be supported by the tanks of the 743rd Tank Battalion; two companies swimming ashore in amphibious DD tanks and the remaining company landing directly onto the beach from assault craft. To the left of the 116th RCT the 16th RCT of the 1st Infantry Division was also to land two battalions with the third following 30 minutes after, on Easy Red and Fox Green at the eastern end of Omaha. Their tank support was to be provided by the 741st Tank Battalion, again two companies swimming ashore and the third landed conventionally. Three companies of the 2nd Ranger Battalion were to take a fortified battery at Pointe du Hoc, five kilometers (3.1 miles) to the west of Omaha. Meanwhile, C Company 2nd Rangers was to land on the right of the 116th RCT and take the positions at Pointe de la Percée. The remaining companies of 2nd Rangers and the 5th Ranger Battalion were to follow up at Pointe du Hoc if that action proved to be successful, otherwise they were to follow the 116th into Dog Green and proceed to Pointe du Hoc overland. The landings were scheduled to start at 06:30, "H-Hour", on a flooding tide, preceded by a 40-minute naval and 30-minute aerial bombardment of the beach defenses, with the DD tanks arriving five minutes before H-Hour. The infantry were organized into spe-

cially equipped assault sections, 32 men strong, one section to a landing craft, with each section assigned specific objectives in reducing the beach defenses. Immediately behind the first landings the Special Engineer Task Force was to land with the mission of clearing and marking lanes through the beach obstacles. This would allow the larger ships of the follow-up landings to get through safely at high tide. The landing of artillery support was scheduled to start at H+90 minutes while the main buildup of vehicles was to start at H+180 minutes. At H+195 minutes two further Regimental Combat Teams, the 115th RCT of the 29th Infantry Division and the 18th RCT of the 1st Infantry Division were to land, with the 26th RCT of the 1st Infantry Division to be landed on the orders of the V Corps commander. The objective was for the beach defenses to be cleared by H+2 hours, whereupon the assault sections were to reorganize, continuing the battle in battalion formations. The draws were to be opened to allow traffic to exit the beach by H+3 hours. By the end of the day, the forces at Omaha were to have established a bridgehead 8 kilometers (5.0 miles) deep, linked up with the British 50th Division landed at Gold to the east, and be in position to move on Isigny the next day, linking up with the American VII Corps at Utah to the west.

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Approval by Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma's Cabinet to Rename Dibrugarh Airport after Dr. Bhupen Hazarika



Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: On May 10, marking the fourth anniversary of the government led by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, several important decisions were taken during the weekly cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister. On this special day, one of the key decisions taken was the of renaming the Dibrugarh Airport to "Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Airport". Additionally, several other significant initiatives were approved, including the launch of a

scheme for tea garden workers in Assam, the approval of guidelines for the Jeevan Prerana scheme, and the expansion of benefits under the Apon Ghar and Apon Bahan schemes. The meeting was held at the Janata Bhawan in Dispur. After the meeting, the Chief Minister briefed the media about the cabinet decisions. As announced Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the cabinet approved the proposal to rename the Dibrugarh Airport after

Hazarika. A one-day session of the Legislative Assembly will be held next month to formally approve the proposal, following which it will be forwarded to the central government.In the same cabinet meeting, approval was also given to the "Eti Kali Duti Paat" scheme, under which each permanent and temporary tea worker will receive a onetime financial aid of ?5,000. Moreover, the benefits of the Apon Ghar and Apon Bahan schemes, previously meant for government employees, will now be extended to employees of NHM (National Health Mission), SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), Samagra Shiksha, three departments under the Power Department, and profitmaking corporations and boards. The cabinet also approved a 50% increase in housing rent allowance assistance Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen for master roll workers

and casual employees, which will benefit 13,822 workers. Additionally, the cabinet approved the Chief Minister's Jeevan Prerana Scheme, under which candidates appearing for various interviews will receive ?2,500 per month for a year. However, students from private educational institutions will not be eligible.Research scholars from universities will receive a one-time grant of ?20,000, while differently-abled research scholars will be provided ?40,000. To promote electronics manufacturing, the central government has launched an Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme, which Assam has supplemented with its Assam Electronics Component Manufacturing Top-up Scheme. This has also been approved by the cabinet.Furthermore, under the Assam Cooperative Societies Act, 2007, stitutions.

the cabinet approved a proposal to reduce the registration fee for cooperative societies from 1% of authorized share capital to 0.5%. This will apply to both new cooperatives and existing ones that seek to revise their authorized share capital. In another decision aimed at promoting pumped storage solutions, the cabinet approved the Assam Pumped Storage Energy Policy 2025. The goal is to establish Assam as a hub for pumped hydro storage energy. The policy includes favorable incentives, a dedicated single-window clearance and other benefits. This decision to rename the airport is part of the government's broader efforts to commemorate the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, a move widely welcomed by various organizations and in-

Padumi Das launches books on Assamese Biyanam and Bihunam

Sivsagar: As many traditional customs and rituals related to Assamese weddings fade into the past, one woman's efforts are helping preserve this disappearing cultural heritage. Padumi Das, a former celebrated Bihuwati of the 1980s and now a well-known social worker from the Joysagar area of Sivasagar, has compiled and published collections of traditional Biyanam and Bihunam, passed down orally through generations. In a heartwarming event held on May 11, in Joysagar, Padumi Das unveiled two new books capturing these cultural treasures. The book on Bihunam, titled "Hasati", was launched by Dr Sabyasachi Mahanta, Principal of Gargaon College and a noted essayist. The second book, "Uruli", a collection of traditional Biyanam, was unveiled by Monika Saikia, retired Vice Principal of Sibsagar College. The event was hosted in a cheerful atmosphere by Pradip Baruah, a retired ONGC

official and a key community figure in Joysagar. Notably, the launch was held during the weekly gathering of the "Hasyamadhur Mancha", an initiative started two years ago by Baruah to bring together retired government and private employees from the area. The group aims to help seniors avoid loneliness and spend time joyfully every Sunday. Padumi Das, who previously published two books of Bihu songs titled "Rongali" and "Tongali", has also contributed articles and essays to various newspapers and journals. Her latest books, which document oral traditions rarely archived, are considered significant for students, researchers and cultural enthusiasts interested in Assamese heritage. During the event, both Dr Mahanta and Monika Saikia highlighted the importance of these books in reconnecting the younger generation with the roots of Assamese culture, calling them valuable resources for academic and cultural exploration.

Silver Jubilee of Sur Sanga Sangeet Vidyalaya celebrated in Haflong

Haflong: Celebrating 25 years of excellence in musical education, Sur Sanga Sangeet Vidyalaya marked its Silver Jubilee with a vibrant cultural evening at the Cultural Institute Hall in Haflong on Sunday. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of a holy lamp and floral tributes to a beautifully adorned portrait of Viswakabi Rabindranath Tagore, presented by distinguished guests and the organizers. Students of the Vidyalaya mesmerized the audience with captivating performances of Rabindra Sangeet, Rabindra Nritya, Kathak, and other classical art forms. The evening was enriched by the presence of eminent personalities, including Samir Mazumder, Bikramjit Choudhury, and Rishikesh Upadhyay, among others. Addressing the gathering, the guests emphasized the significance of institutions like Sur Sanga Sangeet Vidyalaya, which nurture young talents in disciplines such as Rabindra Sangeet, Rabindra Nritya, fine arts, Kathak, and classical dance. They expressed their heartfelt wishes for the institution's continued success and growth. Adding to the grandeur of the occasion, a special segment featured artists from Barak Valley delivering spellbinding performances in Rabindra Sangeet and Rabindra Nritya, leaving the audience deeply moved.

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Naval component

Task Force O, commanded by Rear Admiral John L. Hall Jr., was the naval component responsible for transporting the troops across the channel and landing them on the beaches. The task force comprised four assault groups, a support group, a bombarding force, a minesweeper group, eight patrol craft, and three anti-submarine trawlers, numbering in total 1,028 vessels. Assault groups O1 to O3, tasked with landing the main body of the assault, were organized along similar lines, with each comprising three infantry transports and varying numbers of tank landing ships (LST), Landing Craft Control (LCC), Landing Craft Infantry (LCI(L)), Landing Craft Tank

(LCT), and Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM). Assault Group O4, tasked with landing the Rangers and the Special Engineer Task Force at Pointe du Hoc and Dog Green, comprised only six smaller infantry transports. The infantry transports of assault groups OI and O2 comprised two US Navy Attack Transport (APA or AP) ships and a Royal Navy Landing Ship, Infantry (LSI(L)). All three infantry transports of Assault Group O3 were US Navy AP ships. Each US transport typically carried 1,400 troops and 26 Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel (LCVP, popularly known as Higgins Boats), while the British LSI(L) carried 900 to 1,400 troops and 18 Landing Craft Assault (LCA). The infantry transports of Assault Group O4 - all Royal Navy ships - comprised three LSI(S) and three



LSI(H), both smaller variants of the LSI(L). Each of them carried 200 to 250 troops and eight LCA. The Support Group operated a mixture of gun, rocket, flak, tank, and smoke landing craft, totaling 67 vessels. The Minesweeper Group comprised four flotillas, the 4th comprising nine Royal Navy minesweepers; the 31st comprising nine minesweepers of

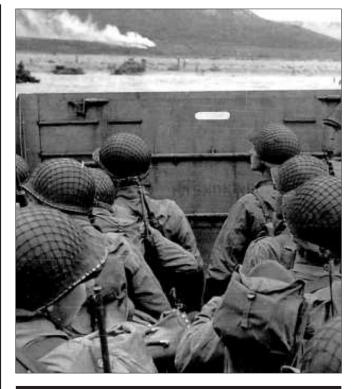
the Royal Canadian Navy; the 104th comprising ten Royal Navy inshore minesweepers; and the 167th comprising ten Royal Navy coastal minesweepers. Bombarding Force C comprised two battleships, three cruisers (two Free French and one Royal Navy), and 13 destroyers (three of which were provided by the Royal Navy).

Pre-landing bombardment

While reviewing Allied troops in England training for D-Day, General Omar Bradley promised that the Germans on the beach would be blasted with naval gunfire before the landing. "You men should consider yourself lucky. You are going to have ringside seats for the greatest show on earth," he said, referring to the naval bombardment. However, Rear Admiral John L. Hall strongly disapproved of what he considered to be the small amount of air and naval bombardment used, saying "It's a crime to send me on the biggest amphibious attack in history with such inadequate naval gunfire support." Just after 05:00 the Germans at Port-en-Bessin reported ships off the coast, and at 05:30 opened artillery fire on the destroyer USS Emmons. The destroyer was joined in returning fire by the Free French cruiser Georges Leygues, and later by the battleship USS Arkansas. At 05:50 the planned naval bombardment began. Pointe-du-Hoc was targeted by the battleship USS Texas, and the destroyers USS Satterlee and HMS Talybont, the latter having first destroyed the radar station at Pointe et Raz de la Percée. The focus of the main naval bombardment was then switched to the beach defenses, and at 06:00, 36 M7 Priest howitzers and 34 tanks that were approaching the beach on LCTs began to supplement the naval guns. They port given to landings in the Pacific.

were joined by fire from ten landing craft-mounted 4.7-inch guns and the rockets of nine Landing Craft Tank (Rocket), the latter planned to hit as the assault craft were just 300 meters (330 yd) from the beach. At 06:00, 448 B-24 Liberators of the United States Army Air Forces, having already completed one bombing mission over Omaha late the previous day, returned. However, with the skies overcast and under orders to avoid bombing the troops which were by then approaching the beach, the bombers overshot their targets and only three bombs fell near the beach area. Shortly after the bombardment began, the German 916th Grenadiers reported their positions to be under particularly intense fire, with the position at WN-60 very badly hit. Although the Rangers at Pointe-du-Hoc were greatly assisted in their assault of the cliffs by the Satterlee and Talybont, elsewhere the air and naval bombardment was not so effective, and the German beach defenses and supporting artillery remained largely intact. Later analysis of naval support during the pre-landing phase concluded that the navy had provided inadequate bombardment, given the size and extent of the planned assault. Kenneth P. Lord, a U.S. Army planner for the D-Day invasion, says that, upon hearing the naval gunfire support plan for Omaha, which limited support to one battleship, two cruisers and six destroyers, he and other planners were very upset, especially in light of the tremendous naval gunfire sup-





Initial assault

Despite these preparations, very little went according to plan. Ten landing craft were swamped by the rough seas before they reached the beach, and several others stayed afloat only because their passengers bailed water out with their helmets. Seasickness was prevalent among the troops waiting offshore. On the 16th RCT front, the landing boats passed struggling men in life preservers and on rafts, survivors of the DD tanks which had sunk in the rough sea. Navigation of the landing vehicles was made difficult by the smoke and mist obscuring the landmarks they were to use in guiding themselves in, while a strong current pushed them continually eastward. As the boats approached to within a few hundred yards of the shore, they came under increasingly intense fire from automatic weapons and artillery. The force only then discovered the ineffectiveness of the pre-landing bombardment. The bombers, facing overcast conditions, had been ordered to implement a pre-arranged plan to compensate for decreased accuracy. The center of targeting was displaced inland to assure the safety of the landing allied troops. As a result, there was little or no damage to the beach defenses.



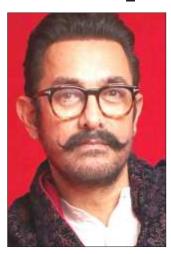
Manish Goel clears air on Anupama exit rumours and fallout buzz with Rupali Ganguly



Amid swirling rumours about his exit from Anupama and alleged differences with lead actress Rupali Ganguly, actor Manish Goel has finally broken his silence and set the record straight. Speaking to Money Control, Goel clarified that his role as Raghav was never meant to be permanent and was designed as a limited-time appearance from the outset. "My character was only meant to last four months. Out of that, I have completed three months already," he stated, dismissing claims that he was quitting the show due to internal conflict. He further shared, "When a cameo of an actor is extended, it works excellently for them and if it is not, then also fine, you were already informed stars Adrija Roy about the same in advance", indicating in the lead roles.

that there was no sudden change or fallout that led to his character wrapping up. The buzz around Goel's alleged exit intensified following reports that hinted at a fallout between him and Rupali Ganguly, with rumours suggesting that their off-screen differences may have led to his departure. An India Forums report even hinted that the show might be heading for another leap, further fuelling speculation. However, Manish was quick to shut down these reports. "Not quitting as of now, no information on the leap too," he asserted. Addressing the rumours of a tiff with Ganguly, the actor said, "Rupali aur meri pehchaan aaj ki nahi hai (We don't know each other from now). I have known her since I landed in Mumbai. This is the fourth time I am working with her. Usually, there is no fire without a spark, but in this case, there is neither spark nor fire. I do not know why people spread such things. This is false." Manish Goel made his entry into the popular Star Plus series earlier this year as Raghav, a character who added drama and intrigue to the evolving storyline. While the show continues to captivate audiences, it also stars Adrija Roy and Shivam Khajuria

Aamir Khan Productions releases statement mourning the demise of makeup artist Vikram Gaikwad



Among the many members of the Indian

film industry were Aamir Khan and his production house who mourned the loss of legendary makeup artist Vikram Gaikwad after he passed away in Mumbai on Saturday. Known for his exceptional work across Hindi, Marathi, and South Indian cinema, Gaikwad's contribution to Indian cinema has been hailed as nothing short of transformative. His final rites were reportedly held at Shivaji Park in Dadar, where close friends, col-

leagues, and fans gathered to bid farewell to one of the finest artists in the industry. Aamir Khan Productions, with whom Gaikwad collaborated on multiple successful projects, paid a heartfelt tribute on X (formerly Twitter). The post read, "It is with great sorrow that we say goodbye to the legendary make-up artist Vikram Gaikwad. I had the pleasure of working with him in films like Dangal, PK and Rang De Basanti, to name a few.

Aamir Khan delays Sitaare Zameen Par trailer release in response to the tensions at India-Pakistan border



Amid the growing cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan, actor Aamir Khan has decided to delay the trailer release of his upcoming film, Sitaare Zameen Par, which was supposed to happen on May 8. Prior to this, Maddock Films, a well-known film production house, had cancelled the theatrical release of Rajkummar Rao starrer Bhool Chuk Maaf, opting instead for a digital release on Prime Video. According to sources, Aamir Khan's production team made the decision to delay the trailer release in light of the ongoing developments at the country's borders and the subsequent nationwide alert. A source close to the production house mentioned that they stand in solidarity with the armed forces who are safeguarding the nation. They further added that the team, as responsible citizens, felt it was crucial to uphold unity and exercise restraint during such times. Sources suggest that the makers had considered launching the trailer over the weekend.

Saif Ali Khan stabbing case takes new turn as accused claims illegal arrest

In a surprising development in the Saif Ali Khan stabbing case, the accused intruder, Mohammad Shariful Islam - allegedly a Bangladeshi national - has now filed a plea asserting that his arrest was unlawful. According to a report by PTI, Islam's lawyer Ajay Gawli submitted a plea to the Judicial Magistrate First Class in Bandra, stating that the arrest was carried out in clear violation of Section 47 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. The plea argues that the arrest was "clearly and blatantly disregarded" by the investigating authorities, as Islam was allegedly not informed about the reasons for his arrest nor provided any information about his right to bail - both of which are legal requirements under BNSS, revealed the petition submitted to the court.



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The progress of Assam's new generation a matter of pride: CM

lawn areas, designed to accommodate large events. The projected timeline for completion is estimated at thirty-six to forty-eight months, he added. He expressed confidence that the resort's location, given its proximity to the airport, would attract both domestic and international visitors. He further suggested that tourists may extend their visits to include sites such as Kaziranga, Manas, and Kamakhya, thereby enhancing the broader regional tourism economy. He stated that a rise in visitor expenditure would, in turn, positively influence Assam's gross domestic product. Dr. Sarma highlighted the increasing popularity of destination weddings, once predominantly associated with international locales and elite sections of society. He noted a growing domestic trend in this regard, and referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's encouragement, particularly expressed in the Mann Ki Baat programme, for Indian states to position themselves as hosts for such events. He highlighted that Assam is presently an attractive destination to organise such weddings like Haryana, Karnataka etc. The Chief Minister said that although industrial enterprises yield profits for entrepreneurs, it is the unemployed youth who derive even greater advantage from such undertakings. He cautioned against any measures that might dissuade potential investors, stating that such deterrents could prompt the redirection of capital to regions perceived as more favourable, thereby curtailing local prospects. With reference to the hotel project, he observed that approximately 500 families stand to benefit from its implementation, either directly or indirectly. He anticipated that the surrounding area would, in time, witness heightened economic dynamism. Addressing concerns regarding the involvement of major corporate conglomerates, he contended that opposition to these entities would hamper the generation of employment opportunities for local youth, who may then be compelled to seek livelihoods outside the state. He underscored that the state administration remains steadfast in its commitment to this issue, persistently endeavouring to channel investment into Assam so as to foster local employment. He called upon the contractors of the State to establish industries and others business ventures beyond their official engagements. He affirmed that Assam must aspire not only to attract external capital but also to nurture a class of local industrialists. He further said that 80 percent of local contractors have been engaged under PWD department. The ceremony was also attended by Member of Parliament Bijuli Kalita Medhi, MLAs Ramendra Narayan Kalita and Hemanga Thakuria, Director of Jonali Constructions Private Limited Anil Das and other dignitaries.

Assam Government remains committed to the holistic development of BTR: Minister Hazarika

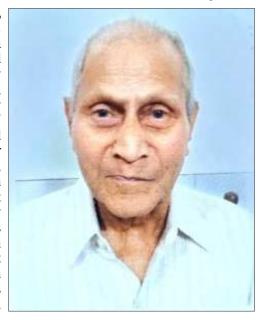
Suklai River is under construction, costing Rs. 5.75 crore under the SOPD (G) scheme. He then inspected a 2.1-kilometre embankment at Kakatichuba (Bholajhar), costing Rs. 2.65 crore, followed by a 4.7kilometre project from Palokata to Balabari in Tamulpur, with an estimated cost of Rs. 6.44 crore. The final inspection was at a 3-kilometre stretch between Chapatal and Gohain Kamal Ali, costing Rs. 5.10 crore, contributing to a total of 13 kilometres of embankments planned for Tamulpur district this year. "Addressing the media at the site of the visit, the Minister stated that the use of Geo Mega Tubes in embankment construction has significantly enhanced the structural integrity and durability of these flood protection measures. He added that these reinforced embankments are expected to provide sustained protection against flooding and soil erosion, thereby improving the safety and resilience of adjacent areas. He further outlined that the Assam Gov ernment, under the leadership of Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, remains committed to the holistic development of BTR, with particular emphasis on flood control as a key policy area. The Minister highlighted that effective flood management is essential for the protection of infrastructure, agricultural productivity, and the wellbeing of local communities. The BJP and its alliance partner UPPL is ushering in a period of rapid development in BTR and with the people's support this growth will continue, he asserted. The Minister was accompanied during his visit to the district by several dignitaries, including MLA Tamulpur Jolen Daimary, Member of the Assam Youth Commission Ratul Sharma, Executive Member of the BTR Ranendra Narzary, the Chief Engineer of the Water Resources Department, and other senior officials.

Negligence won't be tolerated in implementation of flood

Flood and River Erosion Management Agency of Assam (FREMAA) at Jal Bhawan at Basistha in the city. During the meeting, the Minister reviewed the availability and positioning of flood mitigation materials such as Geo Bags, porcupines, and other necessary resources. He directed officials to ensure that adequate stocks are maintained and that materials are placed in all identified vulnerable and highrisk areas to allow for timely response. Minister Hazarika emphasised the urgency of addressing the 216 vulnerable sites identified through field surveys. He instructed all the officials of the department and contractors to accelerate the pace of work and adhere to established deadlines. Noting the risk of delays, he issued directives to prevent negligence and stated that accountability would be enforced in cases of non-compliance. He reaffirmed the state government's commitment to protecting lives and property from recurring flood and erosion risks. Stating that he would personally monitor the progress of ongoing preventive works through site visits and field inspections, the Minister called on all stakeholders to coordinate closely and remain prepared to ensure effective and timely implementation of flood control measures. Minister Hazarika reiterated that the Department has to remain committed to reducing the impact of floods and riverbank erosion through proactive planning and the continued prioritisation of public safety, particularly in high-risk areas. In today's meeting, Special Chief Secretary of the Water Resources Department Syedain Abbasi, Chief Executive Officer of FREMAA Dr. Jeevan B., Chief Engineer of the Water Resources Department, senior officials, and contractors were present.

Renowned Dibrugarh Doctor Colonel Dr. Mohammad Asad Ullah Passes Away

Hashim \mathbf{M} Dibrugarh Mohammad Asad Ullah, a distinguished doctor and resident of Samannay Path, Bairagi Math, Dibrugarh, passed away last night at the age of 87 age-related to ailments.Born on October 1, 1938, in Panchali, Dibrugarh, Dr. Asad Ullah began his education at Dighali Bazar Primary School and passed his matriculation Dibrugarh Government High School in 1953. In 1955, he completed his ISC from Hanumanbux Surajmal Kanoi College,



Dibrugarh. In 1962, he earned his MBBS degree with distinction from Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh. He later joined the Indian Army as a medical officer, serving in various parts of Assam and across India. He retired as a Colonel in 1995. In 1999, he fulfilled the Hajj pilgrimage. Following his retirement, Dr. Asad Ullah offered dedicated voluntary service at the Progressive Muslim Citizens' Forum located in Naliapool until 2019. Six months ago, he also lost his spouse. At the time of his death, he is survived by one son, one daughter, and two grandchildren. His funeral (Janaza) will be held today (13-05-2025) at 1:30 PM at the Amolapatty graveyard. Dr. Mohammad Asad Ullah was actively involved with several organizations. He was a lifelong member and advisor of the Center for Islamic Studies in Dibrugarh. Upon his demise, the center's president, Sehir Ahmod, and Secretary, M. Hashim Ali, expressed deep sorrow. Additionally, office bearers of the Dibrugarh District Jamiat Ulema, the Naliapool Mosque Committee, and several other organizations also mourned his passing.



133rd Foundation Day of the All Assam Ahom Sabha celebrated in Dibrugarh

Padmanath Gohain Baruah Memorial Award conferred to eminent Tai researcher and litterateur Dr. Pushpa Gogoi



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : Padmanath Gohain Baruah was a true Assamese and a genuine nationalist. Even without shouting 'Joy Ai Asom,' what he did for the Assamese community cannot be ignored. Yet, the literary stalwart who made selfless contributions to Assamese language and literature, Padmanath Gohain Baruah, remains completely neglected today." These were the comments made by eminent Tai researcher, author, and sculptor Dr. Pushpa Gogoi upon receiving the Padmanath Gohain Baruah Memorial Award during the 133rd Foundation Day of the All Assam Ahom Sabha held in Dibrugarh. The event was organized by the Dibrugarh district unit of the Sabha under the initiative of the central committee, with support from the Dibrugarh Sadar Regional Ahom Sabha and the local public."Dr. Gogoi, who has already authored a comprehensive researchbased book and a documentary on Padmanath Gohain Baruah, stated that neither the state government nor national institutions like the Asam Sahitya Sabha have given Gohain Baruah the recognition he truly deserves. He emphasized that unlike Lakhminath Bezbaruah, who was given due importance by both the Sahitya Sabha and the Assam Government, Padmanath Gohain Baruah was not accorded the same respect, despite his unparalleled sense of responsibility toward the Assamese language and culture. According to Dr. Gogoi, in terms of contributions to Assamese language and literature, Gohain Baruah was in no way inferior to Bezbaruah."He noted that had Gohain Baruah not devoted himself to national and cultural causes, he could have produced many more valuable literary works. It is unfortunate, Dr. Gogoi added, that even the Asam Sahitya Sabha has not honored its first president appropriately. Gohain Baruah had returned from Kolkata at the age of 23 and initiated the Ahom Sabha, striving to lead a large community forward. He urged the 133-year-old Ahom Sabha to renew its mission of uniting and or-

ganizing the greater Ahom community as originally envisioned by its founder Padmanath Gohain Baruah. The open meeting was presided over by Shashank Neog, President of the All Assam Ahom Sabha, and inaugurated by Dr. Ranjan Changmai, Principal of Dibru College. Joint Secretary of the celebration committee Diganta Phukan anchored the meeting, where Dr. Pushpa Gogoi was honored with a traditional shawl, memento, citation, and cash award in recognition of his contributions. Speaking as the keynote speaker, Prof. Uttam Duarah, retired head of the English Department at Tinsukia Women's College, elaborated on how the Ahom community, despite ruling Assam for 600 years, gradually lost their language and culture over time."General Secretary of the Sabha, Tapan Kumar Gogoi, delivered the welcome address, while Celebration Committee President Ranjit Baruah read out a formal welcome speech. As part of the foundation day celebration, a commemorative book titled "T-Phau," edited by Indra Gogoi, was released by Dr. Jaydev Gogoi, Principal of Dibrugarh Kanoi Commerce College.Notable guests included Rajiv Bora, President of Moran Sabha; Kiran Rajkhowa, General Secretary of the Matak Sanmilan; Bibul Hazarika, President of the Chutia Jati Sanmilan; Ashok Gogoi, Principal of Tingkhong Higher Secondary School; social workers Amrit Burhagohain, Bargohain, Durlabh Chetia; Jyoti Bargohain, President of Dibrugarh Sahitya Sabha; Durlabh Gogoi, Treasurer; Rajiv Burhagohain, Organizational Secretary; Hiralal Phukan, Publicity Secretary; and former presidents of the Sabha, Mahen Burhagohain and Hem Kanta Dihingia, among other dignitaries. Following the open meeting, cultural performances in the Tai language, including songs and dances, were held under the direction of Gandheswar Chamua, Ruby Gogoi Sandikoi, and Bhuvan Gogoi."In the morning, despite adverse weather, the All Assam Aĥom Sabha's General Secretary Tapan Gogoi lit a ceremonial lamp at the statue of founder-president and literary stalwart Padmanath Gohain Baruah in front of the Dibrugarh District Court. A cleanliness drive and maidam tarpan (ritual offering at ancestral tombs) were also conducted, led by Central Executive President Dhiren Chetia.

My Sister, where are you?

(A Tale of Missing)

■ Sidharth P K

I search in life, I search in vain, I search in the forest, I search o'er the skies, but you are missing from the scenes. The aura your blush left makes me mourn tonight, as my movement into dreams fall. The strength of my heart was mixed with tears and some music of your voice. The stars are gentle and it carries an emotion to me, as once you shoot it down with your smile.

I roll tears as my pledge, it seems me to a joy and the midnight of this day collapse our love into two. The picture is fresh and I hold a vague memory of time, that appeals to me like epoch.

I miss your sister tonight and the day returns to me like a host for my awakening thoughts, lies deep down into the ocean.





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