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CM inaugurates two newly constructed flyovers in Dibrugarh city

Prime Minister's development process now encompasses every district of Assam: CM



Staff Reporter, Dibrugarh : Chief Minister Dr.Himanta BiswaSarman inaugurated the newly constructed flyovers at Convoy Road and the junction of the old National Highway 37 in Dibrugarh city, connecting Thana Chariali and Chowkidingee Chariali. Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Sarma stated that

the state government has placed significant emphasis on the development of Dibrugarh district in recent times, and has been working continuously to advance its progress. He mentioned that the flyover at the junction of Convoy Road and the old National Highway 37 has been dedicated *see page 7*

CM attends Golden Jubilee celebration of Chandraprava Bora High School



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of Chandraprava Bora High School, situated in Azara, Guwahati. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sarma said that the development of an appropriate human *see page 7*

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(An Assamese metre):

"The daily praise and prayer to Vishnu":
O victorious Krishna Rama,
I call You , Achyuta, Sanatana, Narayana,
You are my heart.“O Govinda, Rama Murari,
Hari is the owner of the whole world.
Govinda Rama Murari,
Mukunda Rama Murari,.
The shiner of the devotees, destroyer of pain, and fear of the devotees,
O the Supreme person, the supermost pleasure, the supermost preceptor Murari. Anadi, Ananta, Achyuta (not decaying),
Govinda, the reassurer of the devotees.
O victorious Jadava, my heart,
The life of the living beings, Narayana,
Your sunny feet are the wealth of the devotees.
O Rama, Krishna,“Hari,“
The victorious Narayana,
Rama, “The life of the living beings,
The master of the Jadavas.“Rama, Rama, Rama,
O Hari Rama, Narayana,Rama, Rama, Rama,
Rama, Krishna Hari', Rama, Narayana.
O Hari Rama Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Hari,
Rama Krishna Ram Krishna Hari“Rama Krishna
Rama Krishna Hari,“Rama Krishna Rama Krishna
The victorious Rama Krishna . Narayana Hari.
Rama Rama Rama Rama
Rama Rama
O Hari
Narayana,
Rama Rama Rama.
Rama Hari Rama Hari Narayana
Rama Rama Rama Rama
Rama Hari Hari.
Hari Hari Rama Rama Krishna Hari Rama Rama.
O victorious Shri Rama ,
Rama Rama Rama Gopal.
O the master of the Jadus,
The life of the living beings.
O victorious Rama Krishna Rama
The ever benevolent Damodar,
Damodar O Lord Damodar.
O Hari, Anadi, Ananta, Sadasiva Sanatana,
Nitya Niranjana Hari Nitya Niranjana
Murari Modhuripu Raghava Shri Rama Roghupati
Rama Rama Rama Hari Rama Rama
Rama Rama Narayana
The victorious Narayana
Jadava, Jadupati, Madhava
Rama Rama Krishna Hari
Rama Krishna Govinda, Gopinath Hari Gopinath
Gopinath Hari Gopinath
The sea of benevolence, my bosom friend
Rama Rama Rama“ Rama Rama Rama Rama Govinda.
Rama Rama Ram Rama Hari Rama Rama Rama, Rama.

Rama- Krishna Hari Gopal
Govinda Mukunda Rama Murari
Rama Rama Rama Rama Hari Rama Rama Rama Rama
Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Rama Krishna
Rama Krishna Rama Krishna“Rama Krishna Rama Krishna.
Rama Govinda jay
Rama Rama Krishna
Rama Krishna
Rama Krishna
Rama Krishna.
Hari Rama Rama Rama Rama
The Saviour of the fallen ones.
My master Narayana Rama Krishna Rama
Affectionate to devotees Hari is unique in virtue.
Rama Krishna Narayana O Hari Hari,
My master Rama Rama
Mukunda Madhava Murari Modhuripu
The life of the world.“O victorious Jadupati
The life of the world.
Jadava Madhava Rama Hari Hari
The supermost being Rama.
Rama Rama Krishna Rama Rama Krishna .
Rama Rama Rama Hari Hari
Rama Rama Roghupati.
The Saviour of the worshippers
The victorious Hari.
Hari Rama Rama Hari Hari.
O Krishna, the master of the poor,
The pleasure- giver to the devotees,
Destroyer of the fear,
O Murari, Gopal Gopinath Govinda Rama
Govinda Rama Krishna Govinda Rama.
Govinda Rama Govinda Rama Gopala Govinda Rama Rama.
Hari Hari Rama Govinda
Murari Mukunda the triumphant Rama
Rama Krishna Hari Rama Rama
Gopal Govinda the victorious Rama
Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Rama
Your name is very sweet like nectar
Rama Krishna Rama Krishna the victorious Rama
Krishna the benevolent to the poor
Jadava Jadava merciful to the poor
The offspring of Daivakee Rama Gopal
Rama Roghupati, the super-pleasure
The super being friend to the poor Govinda.
My tutelary divinity the master of the Jadava
Praising Your name is the way to serve
O Govinda, victorious Krishna
The life line of the world, Rama The life of the world Rama Hari
The Superior God the real pleasure
O pleasure hearted Hari Super-pleasure
Gopal Govinda Rama Madhava“Gopal Govinda
The wealrh of the votaries the reason of life.
Rama Narayana Niranjana
The benevolent , victorious master of the world
Govinda Govinda Govinda Krishna
Your name is the rescuer of the fallen down
Holiram Shri Rama Bamana Parashuram
Mukunda Murari the benevolent Hari
The lotus-eyed destroyer of sadness Murari
Rama Narayana Rama Krishna Rama
Benevolent Govinda Rama Krishna Rama
The life of living beings Mukunda Murari Narayana
Rama Krishna Hari
Ananta Murari
O Hari Narayana
The destroyer of fear of the devotees
O Hari Narayana
I salute Narayana, I salute Niranjana
Nirbikar the true eternal
I salute Narayana.
Narottama,
I salute Narayana.
Govinda Rama Govinda Rama
Rama Krishna Govinda Rama.

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May Day: The Struggle for Justice and Dignity

■ **Lalit Nath**
Itakhola, Sonitpur

International Workers' Day, also known as May Day, is celebrated to honour the contributions and achievements of workers the true architects of civilization. Every year on May 1st, International Workers' Day is observed globally to commemorate the historical labour movement and advocate for workers' rights, fair wages and improved working conditions. May Day has a vibrant history that reflects the ongoing global struggle for social justice and workers' rights. "During the 19th century, rapid industrialization led to the emergence of a large working class across Europe and America. However, instead of receiving due respect and fair compensation, workers were subjected to exploitation, humiliation and extreme hardships. In such dire conditions, the suffering of workers became unbearable. In protest against this exploitation and inhumane treatment by employers, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labour Unions of the United States and Canada organized public demonstrations on May 1, 1886. Workers gathered to demand an eight-hour workday. When an unidentified individual threw a bomb at the police surrounding the workers, the police opened fire, resulting in the deaths of about 10-12 workers and police officers. Despite such brutal repression by the government and employers, the wave of protest among workers did not subside. "In July 1889, during the centenary celebrations of the French Revolution in Paris, workers from many countries assembled and conceptualized the idea of an International Workers' Day. On May 1, 1890, strikes and demonstrations were held to commemorate the previous year's tragic events and to demand reduced working hours and better working conditions. Soon, May Day became a symbol of the struggle for workers' rights and social justice. Later, in 1904, during the International Socialist Congress held in Amsterdam, a resolution was passed calling upon all socialist parties and trade unions worldwide to organize demonstrations and rallies on May Day to advocate for an eight-hour workday and to promote peace. It was agreed that workers around the world would not engage in regular work on this day. "Socialist,

communist and other radical organizations adopted May Day as a significant day to raise their demands. Since then, May Day has been observed worldwide to honour the contributions of workers and to highlight ongoing struggles. Through protests, rallies and demonstrations, workers across the globe remember the countless sacrifices made in the pursuit of justice, dignity and fairness in the workplace. Beyond its symbolic significance, May Day continues to inspire workers to actively engage in building a just and equitable society. "In India, May Day was first celebrated on May 1, 1923, in Chennai. It was referred to as "Kamgar Divas" (Workers' Day) and 'International Workers' Day.' The Hindustan Labour Kisan Party organized the celebration and declared it a national holiday. Over time, the Indian government enacted several labour laws to safeguard workers' welfare and rights, addressing issues like fair wages, safe working conditions and social security. Prominent among these laws are the Factories Act, 1948; the Minimum Wages Act, 1948; the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972; the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; and the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. "To ensure social security, the Indian government has introduced schemes like the Employees' Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance and the National Pension System, providing workers with retirement savings, healthcare and insurance facilities. Various skill development



programmes and vocational training initiatives have been launched to enhance workers' employability and capabilities. To protect the livelihood of rural workers, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was enacted, guaranteeing 100 days of wage employment annually to rural households. "Additionally, both state and national labor welfare boards have been established to meet the welfare needs of different classes of workers. In Assam, the government has launched several welfare schemes for the benefit of workers and their families, such as: "Assam Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Scheme, Provident Fund and Pension Scheme for Tea Garden Workers, Industrial Workers Health Scheme for providing healthcare to workers and their dependents, "Assam Labour Welfare Fund Scheme for financial assistance in education, healthcare and housing. "Despite

all these welfare measures, workers often find themselves deprived of the dignity they deserve. "Even today, May Day remains highly relevant. Although there have been improvements in workers' rights and labour laws, the socioeconomic condition of many workers, especially in industries, has not seen substantial change. Organized workers frequently face obstacles from capitalists who oppose their unity. Even today, countless laborers, through hard toil and sweat, continue their struggle to secure basic necessities like food, clothing, and shelter. "On this significant occasion of May Day, there is a need to build a united struggle to confront these challenges. May Day calls upon all of us to stand in solidarity with workers and to uphold the principles of justice, equality and social welfare. It urges us to strive for a world where the dignity and rights of every worker are fully respected and protected. **Mobile : 9954139493**

NDRF Conducts Intensive Monsoon Preparedness Drill in Assam

Kamrup : The 1st Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted an intensive mobilisation drill in Assam to enhance monsoon preparedness. As part of the training, 18 flood rescue teams were mobilised and deployed within a stipulated timeframe to the Mini Stadium at Sonapur in the Kamrup Metro district. The teams carried out realistic flood rescue simulations addressing challenges frequently faced in the northeastern region beginning on Saturday. The exercise focused on rapid mobilisation, search and rescue operations, evacuation of affected people, and pre-hospital treatment in both rural and urban areas. Supervised by



Commandant Sh HPS Kandari, the drill involved over 550 rescuers, including women rescuers and members of the canine squad. In a press statement, the NDRF emphasised that the drill aimed to evaluate the operational readiness of rescue teams and strengthen their capability to handle diverse emergencies such as floods, landslides, and earthquakes. "The 1st Battalion NDR has been at the forefront of disaster response in the northeast, playing a crucial role during past incidents such as floods, earthquakes, and landslides. With this comprehensive monsoon preparedness initiative, the NDRF reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding lives and livelihoods in the region," the statement read.

Protest by Gorla Moria Deshi Jatiya Parisad in Dibrugarh Against Terrorist Attack in Pahalgam



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : In protest against the brutal killings carried out by terrorists in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, the All Assam Gorla Moria Deshi Jatiya Parisad organized a protest yesterday (25-4-25) at Chowkidingee playground, Dibrugarh. The protest was led by Dibrugarh District Committee

President Rahimul Hussain, Central Committee Assistant Secretary Rubul Ali, District Committee General Secretary Yakub Ali, Executive President Raiyan Zuberi, alongwith Juber Akhtar Hussain, Ruhon Ali, Paplu Hussain, Jishan Ali, Akib Zaman, Misbahul Haque, Amzad Ali, Farid Ahmed, Safiul Bora, Yunus

Ali Ahmed, Nizam Uddin Ahmed, and other committee members. They collectively condemned in strong terms the killing of innocent tourists by Pakistan-backed terrorists in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. They prayed for the eternal peace of the souls of the deceased and wished speedy recovery for the injured. The protestors also lit candles, demanding justice and strict punishment for the culprits. During the protest, members of the Parisad observed a one-minute silence in memory of the deceased. They also raised slogans such as "Ugraponthi Muedabad" and "Ugraponthi Husiar," etc and demanded that the government completely eradicate terrorism from Jammu & Kashmir.

Green

Satabdi Sarmah

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There is a green land, "With green sands.

There is no place for any other color;

Only green lives, and green spreads across the fields.

A green boy, full of hope, Plays with a green football.

There are no green flowers, But green butterflies

Fly away from green to green. It is green.

That green covers my body With utmost care,

With no harshness or judgment within it.

"The Existence of Rongali Amidst the Clamor of Modernity"

■ **Priyashree Neog**
■ **Deborshi Gautam**

With the end of winter comes the vibrant arrival of spring, bringing an unending message of vitality to nature's heart. As the king of seasons, spring adorns nature in a new form. With its gentle touch, the air is filled with the melodious calls of cuckoos and other birds. Trees burst into bloom. The arrival of spring brings a renewed transformation to plants and trees. Young leaves shimmer in the wind, creating mesmerizing beauty. Flowers like kopou keteki, palash-modar, shimolu, nahar, sonaru-krishnachura, and many others bloom in colorful splendor, perfuming the air and sky with a radiant brilliance. Nature seems to sprinkle flower-dust upon the earth, evoking an unmatched intoxication—where the naked trees of shameless Phagun stir the madness of creation, and the wide fields blush like crimson clouds, drawing hearts to drift away with the breeze.

Among the three Bihus, Bohag Bihu is intimately intertwined with Assamese society and daily life. There was a time when Bohag meant the eager embrace of the new—a poem welcoming renewal, full of hope, aspiration for greener days ahead, and preparation to overcome future struggles. Bohag signified the familiar rhythm of the dhol's beats, energizing lives

burdened by hardships in the quest for livelihood. It illuminated minds shaped by both gains and losses.

Bihu is an agricultural festival. Bohag Bihu, closely tied to rural life, has seen a gradual decline due to the influence of modernity. The relevance of this traditional celebration of spring is fading. Whether in villages or cities, spring's natural call is now overshadowed by the allure of extravagance. Furthermore, globalization has weakened the emotional connection Assamese people have with agriculture, dimming the charm of their cherished Bihu.

With time and under the influence of globalization, mechanical civilization has shifted Bihu from beneath the trees to decorated stages. Its form has changed. The flowing threads of culture have altered its external appearance, though the inner essence remains untouched. Songs no longer connected to agriculture have taken center stage. The sweet melody of the earth is fading. The cassette era has distorted Bihu's tunes. Traditional attire and ornaments worn during Bihu are now unrecognized by some of the younger generation.

If present-day Bihu committees host authentic Bihu exhibitions, it would greatly benefit the new generation. Events like Bihu fairs, Bihu meets, and Bohagi Bidai (farewell to spring) could enrich and uplift our national life. Bihu committees must en-

sure the preservation of national dignity and honor. The focus should be on spiritual joy rather than mere entertainment. It's important to ensure our national festival doesn't become a laughingstock in a commercialized culture. Due to changing circumstances, Bihu has gradually moved from the open fields to formal stages. Once celebrated in the village fields, it is now celebrated within the concrete walls of cities.

The enthusiasm may appear the same, but what's missing is heartfelt affection, the earthy scent of fresh soil, and the lively, spirited troupes of dancers and drummers. The existence of Bihu now seems confined to the stage. In villages, authentic Bihu is hardly found anymore. What little remains has shifted toward city life, glimmering in the dazzle of modernization. Due to the promotion of Bihu songs accompanied by modern musical instruments as traditional, the rural essence and national pride are diminishing.

Bihu once involved the playful sounds of spinning wheels, bathing of cattle, paying respect to elders, preparing yarn and weaving for weeks in advance, visiting homes while singing Huchari, and enjoying communal feasts with the offerings collected—these traditions are now memories. On the other hand, Western fashion dominates society today, but during Bihu, the simple Assamese attire still re-

flects the spirit of heritage and tradition.

However, the recent rise of stage Bihu has brought an unspoken competition of colors. The joy and vibrancy of Rongali seem lost amidst the glitz of Western elitism. Change with time is natural, but not at the cost of tradition. Although modern influences have broadened the reach of Bihu, distorted presentations now threaten the preservation of folk culture.

To safeguard Bihu's essence, thoughtful and aware individuals connected to folk arts must prioritize theoretical and practical concerns. Otherwise, alongside the decline of Bihu culture, the Assamese national life itself risks fading. Yet, from the Assamese heart, Bohag still arrives, pouring green vitality. It overflows on both banks of the Brahmaputra, spreading far and wide. The nahar tree's tender leaves bloom, welcoming the New Year.

Let us, in this moment, remove all hatred and malice from our hearts and greet the dawn with purity of mind. In the words of the patriotic Tarun Ram Phukan, Bihu has preserved the identity of the Assamese. It has fostered nationalism and inspired patriotism in the hearts of people. This very Bihu, through its year-long transformative journey, has strengthened body, mind, and soul.

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Guwahati City FC Launches Elite Residential Football Academy



Guwahati: Guwahati City Football Club (GCFC) has launched elite residential football academy with integrated academic education, located at Kaziranga English Academy campus, Gorchuk. The facility offers modern football training alongside education, allowing aspiring young footballers to pursue their passion without compromising academics. Announced the news at a

press conference at the Assam Olympic Association hall, GCFC Director Siddhartha Sankar Deka shared that this project is a long-cherished dream, built on eight years of grassroots and youth development. Co-director Kaustab Chakraborty added that the academy will be staffed by AFC/AIFF licensed coaches and a professional support team. Admissions will be through open applications

and trials. Another director Darick Ranjan Deka highlighted GCFC’s prior success with initiatives like the Greater Guwahati Baby League and five non-residential academies, stressing the need for a combined schooling and sports setup for out-station players. Two additional training centres are also in the pipeline. Kaziranga English Academy will provide access to its top-class facilities, including a football pitch, AC hostels, swimming pool, gym, and modern classrooms. A trial and campus visit for interested students and parents will be held in May. Admission is open to children born between 2008 and 2015.

Double Crown for Chandogya, Aanya at AATA-AITA Tennis Championship



Guwahati : The AATA-AITA Championship Series Tennis Tournament for boys and girls U-12 and 14 years concluded at the All Assam Tennis Association complex here today. In the boys under 14 event Chandogya T Pathak of Assam lifted the double crown by winning both the singles and doubles events. Aanya Biswas of

West Bengal also lifted the double crown in the girls under 14 singles and doubles events. In a brief prize distribution ceremony AATA secretary Ankush Dutta and treasurer Swapnil Borthakur distributed the awards among the winners and runners up: FINAL RESULTS: Boys Singles U-12: Ekalavya Roy (WB) Beat Aryan Bharali (AS)

6-4, 7-6(8), Boys Singles U-14: Chandogya T Pathak (AS) Beat Mokshagna Talasila (TL) 6-3, 6-2. Girls Singles U-12: Dhyanaa A Morang (AS) Beat Phaagun Jyoti (AS) 6-3, 6-2. Girls Singles U-14: Aanya Biswas (WB) Beat Evana Arora (WB) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2. Girls Doubles U-14: Navanita Dutta (AS) / Aanya Biswas (WB) Beat Dhaniska Mahanta (AS) / Evana Arora (WB) 3-6, 6-2, 10-3. Boys Doubles U-12: Anirban Deka (AS) / Aryan Bharali (AS) Beat Ayaan Rahman (AS) / Dhanush Mahanta (AS) 6-2, 6-3. Boys Doubles final U-14: Chandogya T Pathak (AS) / Enrich Patar (AS) Beat Saatvik Gupta (UP) / Mokshagna Talasila (TL) 6-4, 6-3.

Guwahati Sports Association Postpones 67th Foundation Day Celebration



Guwahati : The Guwahati Sports Association (GSA) has postponed its 67th Foundation Day celebration, originally scheduled for Friday, in light of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Expressing deep sorrow and condemnation of the incident, the GSA stated that a new date for the event will be announced later. GSA General Secretary Devajit Saikia said, “Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and everyone affected by this horrific tragedy. This is a time of national mourning. The entire sporting community stands together in grief and solidarity.” As a tribute, the GSA Senior District cricket team will wear black armbands during their upcoming Nuruddin Ahmed Trophy match on April 26-27. The Association has also called on all affiliated clubs and members to observe a moment of silence before their fixtures in the coming week.

Hritik, Chirantan Power Rhinoland to Big Win in U-19 Tournament

Guwahati : A stellar 94-run knock from Hritik Rowniar and a sensational 7-wicket haul by Chirantan Khataniar propelled Rhinoland Cricket Academy to a commanding 171-run win over Navajyoti Cricket Coaching Centre in the 10th Sitaram Chhawchharia Memorial U-19 Cricket Tournament, held at the NFRSA Stadium, Maligaon on Wednesday. After being invited to bat first, Rhinoland Cricket Academy posted a strong total of 241 for 6 in 46 overs. Hritik Rowniar anchored the innings with a composed 94 off 121 balls, featuring ten elegant boundaries. He was well supported by Rajveer Mishra (33) and Pratik Mour (27), while Ujjal Choudhury was the pick of the bowlers for Navajyoti, finishing with figures of 3 for 46.



A True Friend: The Ultimate Treasure

■ Heramba Nath

In an age where life moves swiftly and human connections often lack depth, it becomes easy to forget what truly matters. Amidst the constant distractions and noise, a true friend shines like a guiding light—offering hope, loyalty, and love. Such a friend is life's most precious treasure—someone whose presence brings joy, comfort, and deeper meaning to our everyday existence.

A true friend is distinguished by a rare blend of qualities. They are loyal, dependable, and always ready to offer a helping hand or a listening ear. Their honesty is refreshing, and their authenticity creates a sense of trust that is hard to find. They speak the truth with kindness, share their feelings without fear, and offer understanding and empathy when it is needed the most.

Genuine friendship is vital for our emotional and mental well-being. It gives us a sense of belonging and strengthens our identity and purpose. With a true friend by our side, we gain the courage to face life's difficulties, the confidence to pursue our goals, and the resilience to recover from setbacks. Friendship adds laughter, joy, and memorable experiences to our lives, making the journey of life richer and more fulfilling.

The Bhagavad Gita presents a timeless example of true friendship through the bond between Lord Krishna and Arjuna. Lord Krishna, the divine charioteer and guide, stood by Arjuna not just in battle, but in his deepest moments of doubt and confusion. Their friendship

was rooted in unwavering trust, deep respect, and mutual loyalty. It endured through the gravest trials and continues to inspire generations.

This sacred relationship between Krishna and Arjuna teaches us profound lessons. True friends stand firm through joy and sorrow alike. They encourage one another, offer guidance without judgement, and are willing to make personal sacrifices for each other's well-being. Their bond is not built on self-interest but on pure, selfless love and commitment.

In today's world—heavily influenced by technology, social media, and fleeting online interactions—many of our relationships risk becoming superficial. We may find ourselves surrounded by contacts but lacking true companionship. Yet, the importance of real friendship remains unchanged. It is this bond that brings emotional stability, spiritual growth, and a deeper connection to life itself.

Now more than ever, it is essential to focus on cultivating meaningful and lasting friendships. We must invest time and effort into building relationships grounded in trust, loyalty, and mutual respect. These connections require care, presence, and sincerity—qualities that cannot be rushed or replaced by virtual exchanges.

We should value and keep close those rare individuals who remain by our side through every challenge and triumph. Their presence brings warmth, courage, and comfort in ways words often fail to capture—because a true friend is, without doubt, life's greatest treasure.

Salman Khan postpones UK Tour after Pahalgam attack



In the wake of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack in Kashmir, Salman Khan has postponed his highly anticipated performance tour The Bollywood Big Ones. The event, which was set to feature an exciting lineup including Kriti Sanon, Madhuri Dixit Nene, Tiger Shroff, Sara Ali Khan, Disha Patani, Varun Dhawan, Maniesh Paul, and Sunil Grover, was originally scheduled for May 4 and 5 at

the Co-Op Live in Manchester and the OVO Arena in London.

Announcing the news on social media, Salman shared a heartfelt caption that read, "In light of the recent tragic events in Kashmir, and with profound sadness, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone The Bollywood Big One shows, originally scheduled for May 4th and 5th in Manchester and London. While we understand how much our fans were looking forward to these performances, we feel it is only right to pause during this time of grief. We sincerely apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience this may cause and deeply appreciate your understanding and support. New dates for the shows will be announced shortly."

Vicky Kaushal extends lease for Juhu apartment; to pay Rs. 6.2 crores over three years

Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal has renewed his lease for an apartment located in Mumbai's prestigious Juhu locality, for a monthly rent starting at Rs. 17.01 lakh, according to property registration documents reviewed by Square Yards on the website of the Inspector General



of Registration (IGR). The three-year lease renewal transaction was officially registered in April 2025. Juhu, one of Mumbai's most prestigious and sought-after residential areas, is home to several Bollywood celebrities. The locality is known for its scenic beach, upscale restaurants, and proximity to business hubs like Andheri and Bandra. It also boasts excellent connectivity via the Western Express Highway and the Mumbai Metro network. Bollywood stars such as Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor, Kartik Aaryan, and Shakti Kapoor also own apartments in Juhu, as per Square Yards' analysis of IGR property registration documents.

Replaces 'Railway Mantri' with 'Bada Mantri' in Ajay Devgn-starrer Raid 2

All eyes are on Raid 2, the big release of the week. The excitement is there as it stars popular actors like Ajay Devgn, Riteish Deshmukh and Vaani Kapoor.



It's a rare flick to feature Riteish in the role of a villain. Moreover, the first part, Raid (2018), was a hit, collecting Rs. 100 crores and the character of Saurabh Shukla has been brought back in the sequel. In this Bollywood Hungama feature, we'll throw light on the cut list of Raid 2.

Usually, the censor process for a film begins a couple of weeks before and the censor certificate is handed over one week before or 10 days before the release. Hence, it is surprising to see Raid 2 getting a certificate way back on March 28, 2025. That's more than two months before its scheduled release of May 1.



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CM inaugurates two newly constructed flyovers in Dibrugarh city

to Dr. Lila Gogoi, a prominent writer and educator. In addition, the flyover between Thana Chariali and ChowkidingeeChariali has been named in honour of the renowned poet NilmaniPhookan. The Chief Minister elaborated on the state government’s ongoing efforts to transform Dibrugarh district and city into a vibrant hub for the national life, industry, and commerce of Assam. He mentioned that on 26th January, the foundation stones for four new flyovers in Dibrugarh were laid. These flyovers include the one at Mancotta Road, for which ¹ 83.62 crore has been allocated, the flyover at AmolapattyChariali, with ¹ 157.73 crore allocated, the flyover at the junction of Lahowal-Bordubi-Tinsukia and the old National Highway 37, for which ¹ 71.52 crore has been earmarked, and the LezaiKalakhowa Road flyover, which would be constructed with an allocation of ¹ 62.15 crore. The Public Works Department has already completed all the necessary preparatory processes for the construction of these flyovers, he added. Cabinet meetings have been held in each district to approve critical projects for those regions, further underscoring the state government’s commitment to infrastructure development. Dr.Sarma highlighted that the Prime Minister’s development process has now expanded to cover every district, and Assam is gradually becoming more confident in its development trajectory, while also envisioning new schemes. He cited the steps being taken for the construction of an underwater tunnel across the Brahmaputra and an elevated corridor in Kaziranga. He added that the state government is planning to advance a new economic corridor within this year. Additionally, he mentioned that the ongoing work on the national highway connecting Guwahati and Dibrugarh is expected to be completed within the year. The CM said that Dibrugarh city has been granted the status of Assam’s second capital. He stated that construction work for both the Chief Minister’s Secretariat and the Assam Secretariat in Dibrugarh would commence in September. The state government also plans the construction of the Legislative Assembly building in Dibrugarh, a hall capable of accommodating 1,500 people, residential accommodations for legislators, and a100 bedded Circuit House. He further noted that sessions of the Assam Legislative Assembly would now be held twice a year in Guwahati and twice in Dibrugarh. He also mentioned that the state government has decided to build a stadium in Khonikor with a seating capacity of 35,000 people. Additionally, the government has decided to appoint an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer as the Commissioner of the Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation. Dr.Sarma stated that the state government has already taken significant steps to address several pressing issues in Dibrugarh district. He discussed the revival of the Namrup fertiliser plant and the steps being taken by the central government to establish a new fertiliser plant in the region. He added that both the central and state governments have been providing economic support for this initiative. He said that NRL would setup a methanol project in Namrup with an investment of ¹ 700 crore. The fertiliser plant and methanol project are expected to create a new industrial environment in Dibrugarh district, contributing to the region’s economic growth. He mentioned that both the central and state governments have provided ¹ 100 crore to Dibrugarh University, further supporting educational development in the region The event was attended by SarbanandaSonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways; PrasantaPhukan, Minister of Power etc.; RupeshGowala, Minister of Labour Welfare etc.; MP RameswarTeli; MLAs Binod Hazarika, PonakanBaruah, ChakradharGogoi, and Taranga Gogoi; RituparnaBaruah, Chairman of the Assam Tourism Development Corporation; Dr.SaikatPatra, Mayor of Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation; Professor Jiten Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University; and BibhutiSaikia, Special Secretary of the Public Works Department, along with other dignitaries.

First General Meeting of Kanoi College Branch Xahitya Xabha held in Dibrugarh

Dibrugarh : The 1st general meeting for the newly-formed DHSK College branch of the Axam Xahitya Xabha (AXX) was held at the historic DHSK College on Monday. The meeting was chaired by the President of the branch, Dr Trishna Duwarh Kalita, and the Secretary of the Branch, Dr Nitumoni Saikia. Convener of the Inter-State-International Friendship Sub-Committee of AXX, former president of Dibrugarh Xahitya Xabha, panelist of United Nations North East Resource Centre, Principal of DHSK College Dr

Sashi Kanta Saikia, addressing the gathering, said that out of about 7,000 languages in the world, about 40 per cent were endangered. He said that more than 500 languages have already disappeared, including Eyak in Alaska, Ubykh in Turaska, Tasmanian in Australia, and Yahí in the United States. He said that many languages of the world have become extinct due to cultural and political oppression, economic influence, indifference of the rising generation towards their own languages, natural disasters, etc.

CM attends Golden Jubilee celebration of Chandraprava Bora High School

resource base in Assam would be attainable if educational institutions incorporate a holistic educational framework. He attributed the declining enrolment in Assamese-medium schools to several causes, among which he emphasised the persistent infrastructural deficiencies. In response to these issues, he outlined that the state government has introduced a special scheme for the development of school infrastructure, under which new buildings are to be constructed for 4,000 high and higher secondary schools across the state. He noted that an amount of Rs. 8 crore has been allocated for each school, and that the projected total expenditure for this initiative stands at approximately Rs. 32,000 crore. Acknowledging the limitations in immediately disbursing such a substantial amount, he said that construction would initially be undertaken for 500 high and higher secondary schools. He further stated that new buildings for around 200 schools are expected to be completed by the end of the current year, and that the government aims to continue constructing infrastructure for 200 schools annually, with the target of completing this comprehensive upgrading process by 2035. The CM stated that schools with lower student populations have been merged with neighbouring institutions to optimise resources. He cited Gordon Higher Secondary School in Nalbari and Rangmahal High School in North Guwahati as examples where both English and Assamese mediums of instruction have been introduced. He remarked that this development fulfils the aspirations of economically disadvantaged families to provide their children with education in both mediums within government institutions. He additionally mentioned that Science and Mathematics subjects in such schools would be taught in English. Commenting on examination reforms, he noted that questions in the high school leaving examination have transitioned to a concept-based format. Previously, he observed, students had encountered difficulties in competitive examinations owing to a lack of exposure to concept-based learning. Further, he stated that the government is considering initiatives whereby local youths would offer evening tutoring to students preparing for matriculation examinations. He suggested that Bihu committees, Puja committees, and temple committees might assume responsibilities in facilitating educational support. The government, he added, would provide financial assistance to social organisations arranging special classes for examination candidates. He concluded by stating that cooperation between the government and the public would expedite the state’s progress. He also noted that the government has undertaken measures to promote skill development in schools, referencing a memorandum of understanding signed during the Advantage Assam 2.0 summit. As a result of this initiative, educational institutions would introduce entrepreneurship and skill training programmes. During the event, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma extended his congratulations to the current and former principals, teachers, and students of Chandraprava Bora High School, as well as to the residents of Azara, on the occasion of the school’s Golden Jubilee. He also paid tribute to the late Rajdhar Bora, the donor of the school building, and acknowledged the contributions of all individuals involved in the establishment of the institution. The event was attended by several noted individuals, including Mukutmoni Das, President of the Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee; Bhaben Chandra Medhi, Executive President; Dr. Haricharan Medhi, Chief Advisor; and Karunakanta Nath, Head Teacher i/c, among others.

Lecture Programme Held at Dibrugarh University on the Occasion of the 472nd Birth Anniversary of Srimanta Aniruddhadeva



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : A lecture programme was organized today (30-04-25) by the Aniruddhadeva Chair of the Department of History, Dibrugarh University, on the occasion of the 472nd birth anniversary of the great saint Srimanta Aniruddhadeva. The keynote address on the topic “Political and Socio- economic Conditions of the Matak-Moran Communities in Colonial Assam” was delivered by noted historian and Vice Chancellor of Majuli Cultural University, Dr. Nirod Baruah. Through a well-researched and analytical presentation, the historian brought to light many previously undocumented facts and events from history. “The event was inaugurated by

Dr. Sarat Borkotoky, Acting Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Jahnavi Gogoi Nath, Professor of the Aniruddhadeva Chair. The programme, anchored by senior professor of the Department of History, Dr. Chandan Sharma, was graced by the presence of several eminent personalities, including the Satradhikar of Sri Sri Mayamara Dinhjoi Satra, Sri Sri Mukundananda Goswami; former professor of the Aniruddhadeva Chair and current Vice Chancellor of Majuli Cultural University, Dr. Damborudhar Nath; Registrar of Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University, Pankaj Barthakur; executive members of the Chair Tarun Kumar Gogoi and Yagneshwar Chetia; former president of the Matak Sammilani, Chandra Senapati; Uday Shankar Mohan; Yadav Gogoi; Bolin Chetia, and many other distinguished guests, professors, and students. “Dr. Sumi Phukan enthralled the audience by performing a devotional song composed by Srimanta Aniruddhadeva.

Organizations condemn killing of innocent people in Pahalgam

Jamugurihat : Organizations and individuals from all sections of society of the greater Sootea area condemned the brutal killing of innocent tourists by terrorists in Pahalgam. A general meeting convened by the Brahman Samaj, Sootea was held at the Bishnu Mandir premises located at Bagalibari with Purandar Goswami in the chair today. Prabin Sarma conducted the proceedings while Ranjan Bhagawati read out the condolence

paper. The general meeting condemned the brutal killings of the innocent 26 tourists in Pahalgam. On the other hand, Sootea and Nagsankar primary branches of Srimanta Sankardev Nam Dharma Samaj organized a bhagawat oration programme at Bhakat Gaon namghar premises. Lakhi Kanta Saikia, President of Biswanath district committee of Srimanta Sankardev Nam Dharma Samaj, hoisted the institutional flag.

Awareness Programme on Malaria held at Itakhola



Jamugurihat : An awareness programme organized by the Health Department, Biswanath on the occasion of World Malaria Day was held at

Itakhola on Friday. Bipul Saikia, Deputy Inspector of the Malaria department, briefly explained the objectives, importance, and significance of World Malaria Day and stated some precautionary measures to prevent the spread of malaria. Nearly 100 blood samples were collected and testing was done using Rapid Diagnostic Kits (RDks). A good number of mosquito nets were distributed among the local residents and mosquito nets of the villagers were disinfected by the department.

(An Inspiring life- lesson)

The Role of a Teacher

The life of a student is always enriched by the values that are inculcated at time of nurture and education. A great teacher can turn a lazy student into excellence and make him the promise of tomorrow. Rev FR Thomson of sacred heart higher secondary school, Kochi is one such example, who was not just a teacher to his budding pupils, but instead he reposed a vitality ahead of his own time.



He inspired us in our systemic and academic endeavors that gave light and hope in idleness. The schooling we had was shaped and supported by his ideas. FR Thomson stood beside, he was the captain of the sailing ship, that knew the purpose and direction. He made us laugh out in thunder, in joy and also in our wonder. Fr Thomson’s lessons gave us meaning to look up, the way we should. As years went on, I still recall the lighter shade of joy, giving me the power to realize my destiny.

■ Sidharth P K
Kochi

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