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Following the conclusion of the Advantage Assam 2.0 summit, many industrial groups have come to Assam: CM



CM Dr. Sarma attends PMAY-G Grihapravesh ceremony

Dispur: In a move to strengthen government's commitment in providing pucca houses to houseless households in rural areas, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, presented 55 thousand pucca houses to the rural beneficiaries at a central Grihapravesh ceremony held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalkashetra here. It may be noted that besides see page 10



Dispur : As part of the ongoing efforts of the Assam Government to develop industrial infrastructure and facilitate land availability for investors, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma undertook an inspection of the site of the erstwhile Assam Co-operative Sugar Mill located at Barua Bamungaon under the Khumtai constituency in Golaghat district. Speaking to the media during the visit, Dr. Sarma stated that following the conclusion of the Advantage Assam 2.0 summit, many industrial groups have come to Assam and have requested land from the state government for setting up industries. He referred to the recent approval of two industrial projects in Numaligarh and said that land allocation for these projects has already been made. He also noted that additional industrial ventures are expected in Assam, and the state government has initiated appropriate measures to allocate land for these as well. Furthermore, he said that the government is working to prevent encroachment on government vacant land and is in the process of converting such land into industrial parks. The Chief Minister identified the vacant land of the former sugar mill as a key site for future industrial development. He stated that once legal and administrative issues concerning the land are resolved, it would be made available for industrial use. The approximately 500 bighas of land could potentially be developed into an industrial park, which he said would contribute see page 10

Governor felicitates members of Assam Mountaineering Association for historic climb



Guwahati: In recognition to the daunting achievement of the members of Assam Mountaineering Association, Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya felicitated its members for their exceptional achievement in successfully scaling a previously unconquered peak at an altitude of 6,369 metres in the Kyagar La range of Ladakh at a felicitation ceremony held at Raj Bhavan here. Commending the team for its courage and resilience, Governor Shri Acharya said, "The expedition was not only a technically demanding pursuit but also a profound test of mental and physical strength of its members. By traversing the Kyagar La trekking route and summiting it's virgin peak, you have shown see page 10



No--90 Metre-Naam

(An Assamese metre):

Govinda Rama.

Mukunda Murari

Mukunda Murari

Mukunda Murari Hari Rama.

Hari Hari Rama Shri Rama.

Rama Krishna Hari Rama Krishna Hari

Rama Krishna Hari

Rama Krishna Hari

Rama Krishna Hari

Rama Krishna Hari Rama.

Rama Kridshna Mukunda Murari

Madhava Modhusudan Hari Hari

Jadava Jadunandan

Rama Rama Rama Rama Rama

Rama Rama Rama.

Rama Rama HariHari Hari Ram.

Hari Hari Hari Hari

Hari Hari Hari Hari

My heart' friend O Hari Hari

Anadi Ananta O my Lord

Touching Your feet I adore Your feet

The saviour of the world

Saviour of the fallen downs

O Narayana, rescuw Your servant.

Murari Mukunda Rama

Murari Mukunda Rama Just in recalling sins decay

Gets great pleasure,

Sadness and pangs and fear go away.

Rama Krishna Govinda

Rama Krishna Govinda

Rama Krishna Govinda Hari Banamali

Bashudeva Padmanava Janardana

Madhava Mukunda Murari Hari Rama

Madhava sweet Murari Modhusudan destroyer of demons

Pitambara Holder,

Handsome with green colour.

O the triumphant Mukunda Murari Hari Rama

O victorious Hari Rama Krishna Rama Rama Hari.

One who often recalls Rama-Krishna

what wilk he be afraid of

Sitting above all religions the name of Rama exposes itself.

Beyond the praise of Rama-Krishna"Work is infinite

The Praise of Rama-Krishna is the temple.

With the effect of praising Rama-Krishna

One can save oneself from the worldly life.

The praise of Rama-Krishna destroys all menaces

Drinking the essence of Rama-Krishna

One does desire even salvation.

One keeps oneself immersed in the sea of pleasure

By praising Rama-Krishna

One gets Hari's favour.

Praising Rama-Krishna one can make Hari his servant

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Quiz Competition organized in Demow

Demow: As a part of the Diamond Jubilee Year programme of HCDG College, a prize money Quiz Competition 2025 was organized in the HCDG College, Nitaipukhuri among the nearby school students of Class 9 to Class 12 on Saturday. In the competition, 14 teams from the nearby educational institutions participated. The competition was inaugurated by Dr Birinchi Kumar Borah, Principal of HCDG College. Brajen Borah and Rumin Barua, both teachers, conducted the competition. The technical assistance was provided by Bhaskar Gogoi and Dr LX Polin Hazarika, Secretary of the sub-committee of the Diamond Jubilee Year competition, anchored the programme. The Swarnabidyapith School Team Demow got the first prize, the Srimanta Sankardev School Team Nitaipukhuri got the second prize, and the Kotiyori Higher Secondary School Team got the third prize. The first prize was Rs 5000, the second prize was Rs 3000, and the third prize was Rs 2000.

Three Shiksha Valley Students Selected for Prestigious National Math Camp

Dibrugarh: In a significant achievement, Harshit Borah, Shlok Drishtanta, and Nikhilesh Gogoi—three brilliant students of Class X from Shiksha Valley School—have been selected for the prestigious Raising A Mathematician Training Programme (RAMTP) 2025. Vedic Vidya Kendra in



Puducherry will host this national-level mathematics training camp. The RAMTP, aimed at nurturing mathematical talent across India, is a renowned initiative. Out of hundreds of applications, only a select few students were chosen for this elite program, and it is a remarkable achievement that three of them are from a single institution in Dibrugarh. This recognition not only highlights the students' dedication and talent but also reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence. Distinguished mathematics professors from India and abroad will conduct the camp, offering participants a chance to dive deep into advanced mathematical concepts and problem-solving techniques. The students will also have the opportunity to interact with like-minded peers and gain exposure to a broader academic environment. The school management, teachers, and fellow students have expressed immense pride in this achievement. "We are extremely proud of Harshit, Shlok, and Nikhilesh. This is a significant milestone not just for them but for all of Dibrugarh," said the school principal.

Contractor Sahidul Islam arrested for fraud in land purchase case

Mangaldoi: Kharupetia Police arrested contractor Sahidul Islam for alleged fraud in a land purchase deal involving the property of former Assam Chief Minister Late Saida Anowara Taimur, at Kharupetia. The arrest follows a complaint (Case No. 31/2025) filed on March 23 by Sabir Ahmed, Taimur's son-in-law, at Kharupetia Police Station. According to the complaint, Sahidul paid Ahmed an amount of Rs 3 lakh as an advance on January 17 last for a land on Hospital Road at Kharupetia and an agreement was drafted. However, Sahidul allegedly altered the agreement fraudulently, inflating the amount to Rs 1.13 crore. Ahmed provided relevant documents to the police, prompting an investigation. The police sent the documents for forensic analysis and conducted raids to apprehend Sahidul.

Elora Science Forum's 22nd Foundation Day Celebrated in Dhekiajuli

Dhekiajuli: In a remarkable show of commitment to rational thought and scientific awareness, the Sirajuli branch of Elora Science Forum, under Dhekiajuli co-district, one Assam's foremost institutions championing scientific temperament and fighting superstition, celebrated its 22nd Foundation Day with a dignified public event at Luit National School on May 15. The event, attended by students, educators, intellectuals, and community members, was themed around 'Scientific Temperament: A Way of Life.' The programme commenced with a spirited group rendition of the forum's theme song by the teaching staff of Luit Jatiya Vidyalaya, setting a

Presided over by Nagen Chandra Baishya, President of the Sirajuli branch, the gathering was introduced and coordinated by Assistant Secretary Dharani Keot, who eloquently traced the genesis and journey of Elora Science Forum and outlined the day's objectives. Journalist and social worker Sujit Kotoky delivered the keynote address on 'The Role of Mass Media in Cultivating Scientific Temperament,' providing a panoramic analysis of how the media can combat misinformation and nurture rationality. Science educator Rana Talukdar contributed a powerful address on the 'Necessity and Challenges of Fostering a Scientific Mindset,' highlighting the importone of unity and purpose. tance of critical inquiry in

education. Adding depth to the programme, retired director of the State Fingerprint Bureau and esteemed thinker Chandan Gayan led a dynamic student interaction session on 'Constructive Dialogue to Encourage Rational Thinking,' which was both insightful and engaging. Special guest Dr Narayan Chetri, retired professor of Cotton University, urged students to rise above dogma and superstition, stressing that science is more than a subject and is a life philosophy. "Scientific thinking begins with curiosity and questioning. It is not just about gadgets, it's about how we choose to live," Dr Chetri emphasized. The event also saw a melodious devotional song by Teacher Tuzar Rava, which added a cul-

tural touch to the proceedings. Thought-provoking addresses were delivered by senior poet and retired teacher Kabindra Kumar Das and retired educatorauthor Robin Tati, further enriching the intellectual landscape of the event. A key highlight of the celebration was the formal induction of 35 individuals from the greater Sirajuli area as lifetime members of Elora Science Forum. Certificates were ceremoniously handed over by branch officials, recognizing their commitment to the forum's vision of promoting science and reason. In a deeply meaningful gesture, the forum also honoured five individuals, namely Nagen Chandra Baishya, Kabindra Kumar Das, Deka, Ghanshyam Geetawali Deka, and

Anjali Deka pledged posthumous body donation for medical education and research. They were presented with official identity cards, marking their invaluable contribution to the advancement of science. Concluding the event, President Baishya announced that the branch is gearing up to celebrate World Environment Day on June 5 at Borsola Higher Secondary School with a range of educational and environmental activities. The 22nd Foundation Day of Elora Science Forum was not just a celebration but a reaffirmation of a movement, a movement dedicated to awakening scientific consciousness and challenging ignorance, one mind

Wild elephant herd blocks National Highway in Numaligarh



Bokakhat: Near Babathan in Numaligarh, a herd of wild elephants blocked National Highway 39 on Monday morning, halting all transportation. For about an hour, traffic came to a complete standstill as the elephants roamed the road. Leading the herd was an elephant fitted with a GPS collar. A similar incident occurred on Sunday when elephants blocked a road within the Numaligarh Tea Estate. On Monday, forest department officials were deployed to monitor the situation along the highway. If the increasingly aggressive elephant herd cannot be brought under control, it could lead to a severe crisis. Workers in the Numaligarh Tea Estate are now in distress, unable to carry out their duties safely. Most elephant corridors in the outskirts of Numaligarh have become obstructed. In addition to the tea estates, large buildings have sprung up in various places, further shrinking the elephants' natural habitat. In search of food, herds are now being forced to enter human settlements.

Gargaon College Unveils Museum to Showcase Sivasagar's Rich Heritage

Sibsagar: In keeping with its vision of promoting continuous educational innovations, creative expressions and artistic productivity by fostering a vibrant knowledge-based atmosphere, Gargaon College took a significant step by launching a museum, providing a unique platform for students, faculty, and the community to engage with art, history, and culture. For the purpose of showcasing and preserving the rich culture and heritage of Sivasagar as well as Northeast India, Gargaon College established the museum along with a photo gallery which was formally inaugurated on Monday. Inaugurating the museum, distinguished academician and Principal of Gargaon College Dr Sabyasachi Mahanta emphasized the museum's importance in creating awareness and promoting regional culture and heritage. Extending his gratitude to the various donors of the museum items, Dr Mahanta highlighted the importance of a united and concerted effort from the entire college fraternity in propelling the institution towards greater heights. He further appreciated the efforts of the museum sub-committee and announced plans for future expansions. The museum, exquisitely designed and meticulously curated by faculty members Priyama Dehingia Phukan, Mina Robidas, Dr Baluram Das, and Dr

Bornali Dutta, features a diverse array of artefacts from the Ahom Period, including coins, costumes, palanquin, weapons and diverse objects of historical and cultural relevance. It also showcases traditional equipment pertaining to fishing, farming, weaving, a collection of obsolete media equipment and gadgets among others. The photo gallery curated by Dr Shyamolima Saikia, Dr Devajani Bakalial, Dr Mintu Gogoi, and Dr Surajit Saikia displays a striking and evocative visual narrative of historical monuments, festivals, costumes, rituals, etc. of Sivasagar and Northeast India. The various donors of the museum items include Dr Sabyasachi Mahanta, Dr Pobon Kumar Ğogoi, Priyama Dehingia Phukan, Mina Robidas, Dr Nilutpal Chutia, Dr Surajit Saikia, Rituraj Tahu, Harekrishna Mili, Dr Arandau Narzary, Dr Bornali Dutta, Gargaon College Teachers' Unit Department of History, Gargaon College among others. The inauguration ceremony also saw the launch of the Social Science Journal of Gargaon College, Vol. 10, 2024 edited by Dr Nilutpal Chutia and Dr Surajit Saikia. Additionally, the college newsletters Aalok, VOL: XV, 2021, Vol. XVI, 2022, and Vol. XVII, 2023 edited by Ankika Dutta, Dr Saheen Shehnaz Begum, and Jayanta Sonowal respectively were also inaugurated on the occasion.

Fifth Biennial Session of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Seva Samiti, Assam Concluded: L. Nath Choukham Elected President, Holiram Phukan Elected Secretary



M Hashim Ali **Dibrugarh**: The 473rd birth anniversary of the great spiritual leader Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva and the fifth biennial session of the Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Seva Samiti, Assam, was successfully held at the auditorium of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Junior College, located at Bairagimath, Dibrugarh."Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva, who followed in the footsteps of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev, Madhavdev, and Gopaldev, was a reformer, writer, lyricist, and the founder of the Mayamara faith. Nearly 500 years ago, he took steps to establish humanistic ideals like nondualism and equality. In honor of his invaluable contributions, the Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Seva Samiti, Assam, was established in 1996 to promote his ideals and work in society. The Samiti has also established Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Junior

College and an educational institution ranging from pre-primary to higher secondary level at Bairagimath, Dibrugarh, and has been engaging in various social service activities. To mark the occasion, a day-long program was organized. In the morning, acting president Chand Kumar Gohain planted a tree, and president L. Nath Choukham hoisted the flag of the Aniruddhadeva Seva Samiti. After General Secretary Holiram Phukan paid tribute in remembrance, the Bhagavata was placed, and devotees participated in its recitation. Following the community service session, the afternoon saw the representative and open meetings chaired by President L. Nath Choukham. General Secretary Holiram Phukan presented the report, which was adopted by the representatives. Discussions were held on the various

works carried out by the Samiti, and proposals were passed to expand the organization throughout Assam and spread the ideals of the Guru. Another proposal was adopted to establish branches in every district. During the representative session, former president L. Nath Choukham and Holiram Phukan were unanimously re-elected as president and secretary, respectively, for the upcoming term. This was followed by an open meeting. In the presence of prominent individuals such as advisors Tarun Gogoi, Gopi Dihingia, Hiranya Senapati, Thireswar Gohain, and Chand Kumar Gohain, the open meeting featured the release of the commemorative book Mayamara, edited by Bhushan Jyoti Handiqe (president) and secretaries Yadav Gogoi and Pranjal Prattra. The book was unveiled by Assamese Pratidin newspaper journalist and writer Kaunaj Saikia. With the cooperation of officials such as Uday Shankar Mohan, Jatin Dihingia, Udayan Gogoi, Madhurya Baruah, and others from the Seva Samiti and the college, the session concluded successfully with the lowering of the flag.

Sankari Sangeet Vidyalaya's Annual Classical Function held in Morigaon

Morigaon: Two noted classical artistes Narendra Khatanier Bargayan of Sri Sri Kamalabari Satra and Kush Mahanta, Satriya Artiste, was honoured with the title 'Kushilav-2025' by Sankari Sangeet Vidyalaya, Morigaon in a solemn atmosphere in Morigaon on the occasion of the annual classical function 'Kushilav-2025' of Sankari Sangeet Vidyalaya, Morigaon held at Morigaon Gandhi Bhawan Conference Hall. The programme began with a tribute to the heroic soldiers who were martyred in the successful 'Operation Sindoor.' Former president of Sankari Sangeet Vidyalaya Dhrubeswar Deka inaugurated the programme by performing the holy lyrics of Ghosa. Earlier, the tribute programme was moderated by Ajay Kumar Deurja, President, Cultural Branch, Srimanta Sankardev Sangha, Morigaon district. After the welcome address by Principal Prasanna Kumar Medhi of Shankari Sangeet Vidyalaya, Morigaon, the students of the school performed Bargeet, Ganika, and Jhumura dance. Then, the audio collection of Bargeet titled 'Re Soi' sung by student Shayarani Melang was launched, directed by the Principal of the school Prasanna Kumar Medhi and co-directed by Guru Tapas Bardoloi. The event was refreshed by the students of the school performing a dance composed by Utpala Hokai. The event was attended by Shikhi Kakati of Rajagaon, who won the Desh Ratna Award-2025 in Delhi. Besides, 7 students, Maumrin Deka, Kumkum Parashar Deka, Gangotri Bora, Jigyasa Das, Abhigyan Bora, Kastubh Gogoi and Rupam Barua, who passed the HSLC and HSSLC Examination 2025 with distinction, star marks, and letter marks, were appreciated by the school. The school displayed the successful memories of Ankiya Nat, Jhumura Nat, and Satriya culture of the Gurus, Shankar and Madhav, in different parts of the state. After the vote of thanks by President of the School Management Committee Jynan Mohan Deka, the students of the school concluded the programme by performing the National Anthem and Guru Bandana. The event was attended by former secretaries of Srimanta Sankardev Sangha, Assam, Bakul Bora, Mantu Kr Nath, Budhendra Bardoloi, Bhadreshwar Deka, Deveshwar Goswami, and many others. The entire programme was hosted by Navanita Bordoloi.

Kaziranga National Park to Close for Tourists from May

BOKAKHAT: This year, bear sightings park were fortunate enough to witness bears. cial media showing bears in various poses in Kaziranga brought joy to the visiting tour- For the past three consecutive days, bears and movements along the forest trails of ists. In the final days before the end of the current tourism season, the rare sight of bears roaming freely thrilled visitors. Notably, the 2024–25 tourism season, which began in October last year, will conclude on Monday. That means Kaziranga National Park will be closed to tourists starting May 19. The ongoing jeep safaris will also be suspended from the same date. Even in these final days, the park continued to see a steady influx of visitors. Among them, some lucky tourists on a jeep safari in the Kohora range of the

have been spotted in the Kohora forest area, delighting those on safari. While rhinos and the elusive Royal Bengal Tigers generally captivate and attract tourists, the park has recently seen a rise in tiger sightings, adding a new dimension to the Kaziranga experience. Tiger sightings, once rare, have become more frequent in recent years, increasing the number of tourists hoping to catch a glimpse. Now, the presence of bears has added a unique flavour to the Kaziranga experience. Tourists have been sharing photos and videos on so-

Kohora. It is expected that in the upcoming tourism season, visitors will look forward to seeing not only rhinos and tigers but also bears. It is worth mentioning that elephant safaris in the park were already suspended from May 1, and now jeep safaris will cease from May 19. With this, the 2024-25 tourism season will officially come to an end. During this period, Kaziranga welcomed nearly 5 lakh tourists and generated revenue exceeding 10 crore rupees, marking a successful season for the park authorities.



Rafael Nadal

Rafael Nadal Parera (born 3 June 1986) is a Spanish former professional tennis player. He was ranked world No. 1 in singles by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) for 209 weeks, and finished as the yearend No. 1 five times. Nadal won 22 Grand Slam men's singles titles, including a record 14 French Open titles. He won 92 ATP-level singles titles, including 36 Masters titles and an Olympic gold medal, with 63 of these on clay courts. Nadal is one of three men to complete the career Golden Slam in singles.[b] His 81 consecutive wins on clay constitute the longest singlesurface win streak in the Open Era. For nearly two decades, Nadal was a leading figure in men's tennis, alongside Roger

Federer and Novak Djokovic, collectively known as the Big Three. Early in his career, Nadal became one of the most successful teenagers in ATP Tour history, reaching No. 2 in the world and winning 16 titles before turning 20 including his first Grand Slam title at 2005 French Open. Nadal became the world No. 1 for the first time in 2008 after defeating Federer in a historic Wimbledon final, his first major victory off clay. He followed this with an Olympic singles gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. After defeating Djokovic in the 2010 US Open final, Nadal became the youngest man in the Open Era to achieve the Career Grand Slam at 24, and the first man to win majors on three different surfaces in the same year. Nadal won

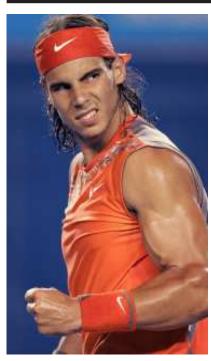
Grand Slam singles titles in 10 consecutive years from 2005 to 2014 and a four year span from 2017 until 2020. He surpassed his joint-record with Djokovic and Federer for the most Grand Slam men's singles titles at the 2022 Australian Open, and became one of four men in history to complete the double Career Grand Slam in singles, finishing his career with 22 Grand Slam singles titles. On November 19, 2024, Nadal retired from the sport after playing for Spain in the Davis Cup Finals. As a left-handed player, one of Nadal's main strengths was his forehand, delivered with heavy topspin. He frequently ranked among the tour leaders in return games, return points, and break points won. Nadal won the Stefan Edberg



Sportsmanship Award five times and was the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year in 2011 and 2021. Time named Nadal one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2022. Rep-

resenting Spain, he won two Olympic gold medals, and led the nation to five Davis Cup titles. Nadal has also opened a tennis academy in Mallorca, and is an active philanthropist.

1997-2000: Juniors



Nadal won the Spanish junior championships in 1997 and 1998, beating Ricardo Villacorta and Marcel Granollers respectively. In 1998 Nadal reached the final of the U14 Spanish championship at the age of 12, a feat that remains unmatched, losing to Juan Sanchez de Luna in straight sets. In late 1998, Nadal won the season-ending U12 Junior Masters at Stuttgart, beating future world No. 5 Kevin Anderson in the

final. In February 1998, Nadal competed outside Spain for the first time and won the Open Super 12, an unofficial world championship for U12 players in Auray. He beat 1997 winner Jamie Murray in the final. At the time, Nadal was torn between football and tennis, partly because his uncle Miguel Ángel was preparing to compete in the 1998 FIFA World Cup with Spain. Nadal said winning the Auray tournament helped him make the decision to "opt for tennis and try an international career". In 1998, when Nadal was runnerup in the U14 event Spanish championship, he was still playing football. Nadal's father insisted he choose between football and tennis to so his schoolwork wouldn't suffer, leading Nadal to quit football. In 1999, the 12-year-old Nadal was playing in the U14 circuit of the ETA Junior Tour (now the Tennis Europe Junior Tour), winning the Tim Essonne, and finishing the year at No. 69. In 2000. Nadal dominated the U14 circuit, winning Les Petits As in Tarbes, beating Julien Gely in the final, and the European Junior Masters in Prato. On the day he turned 14, Nadal won the Sport Goofy Trophy in



Getxo, beating Granollers in the final. In July, Nadal won the U14 Spanish championships, beating his friend and training partner Tomeu Salvá in the final, despite breaking a finger on his left hand during the first round. As a member of the Spanish national team, Nadal won the 2000 ITF World Junior Championship for players under 14, winning his matches in both singles and doubles (paired with Marcel Granollers) in a 3–0 win over Russia. Nadal ended 2000 at No. 5 of the ETA rankings for U14s. His junior results secured Nadal a tennis scholarship in Barcelona, and the Spanish tennis federation

requested that Nadal move to Barcelona to continue his tennis training. His family turned down this request, partly because they feared his education would suffer, but also because Toni said, "I don't want to believe that you have to go to America or other places to be a good athlete You can do it from your home." Nadal already was by then practicing three times a week at Palma with former World No. 1 Carlos Moyá, who later became Nadal's mentor and confidant, and whom Nadal beat in 2000, at the time still a Top-10 player, in an exhibition match.

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SPORTS

CM Sarma Reviews Cricket Stadium, Swimming Pool Works at Amingaon



Guwahati : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma took stock of the progress of construction of the cricket stadium and swimming pool at Amingaon. Speaking to the media, Dr. Sarma stated that, in addition to the Sarusajai Sports Complex and the Barsapara Cricket Stadium, a new cricket stadium with a seating capacity of 20,000 is being developed at Amingaon. He noted that the construction is expected to be completed by early 2026. The Amingaon stadium, he added, is being developed to host One Day Internationals, T20 matches, and other sport-

ing events comparable to those held at Sarusajai and Barsapara. He also mentioned that essential infrastructure such as alternative access routes, adequate parking facilities, and other amenities would be developed in phases. Additionally, the venue would be used for various international shows and events for the general public. He further stated that the Nehru Stadium is planned to be redeveloped into a comprehensive sports facility suitable for national and international competitions, and that there are plans to build a new stadium at Chandrapur in Guwahati. Regarding the

swimming pool at Amingaon, he expressed confidence that its construction will be completed soon. It may be noted that the state government has been consistently working to enhance sports infrastructure and support athletes across various disciplines by developing modern training facilities. This is aimed at positioning Assam to host national and international sporting events. To assist emerging athletes from both urban and rural areas, efforts are being made to create an environment conducive to sporting excellence. As part of these efforts, the construction of a cricket stadium and a swimming pool is underway at Amingaon. During this visit, the Chief Minister also attended a training session at the National Centre of Excellence for Badminton of the Badminton Association of India (BAI) in Amingaon and interacted with the coaches present.

22nd Junior All Assam Inter District Wushu Championship 2025 Concludes in Guwahati



Guwahati: The 22nd Junior (Boys & Girls) All Assam Inter District Wushu Championship 2025 concluded at DTRP Indoor Stadium, in the city today. Around 260 athletes along with

Officials from 22 affiliated districts of Assam participated in the Championship. Final results: Sanda (Fighting) category: Sivasagar won the 1st Place with 7 Gold, 4 silver and 3 Bronze medals. Golaghat bagged the 2nd place with 3 Gold and 2 silver and 8 Bronze medals. Chirang won the 3rd place with 3 Gold and 2 silver medals. Taolu (Routine) category: Biswanath won the 1st place with 11 Gold, 6 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Kamrup (M) finished 2nd with 8 gold, 4 silver and 2 Bronze medals. Dibrugarh won the 3rd place with 6 Gold, 2 silver and 6 Bronze Medals.

Good Show by Anish Goswami at KIIT International Chess Festival



Guwahati: Assam's Anish Goswami delivered an impressive performance at the 16th KIIT International Chess Festival, held in Bhubaneswar, by scoring 7.5 points. His strong showing earned him the 7th position in the final standings as the tournament concluded on Friday. Ghorghate Sahil from Maharashtra emerged as the champion scoring 8 points. Meanwhile, six players — Tripathy Tanmaya (Odisha), Amiyanshu Bhowal (West Bengal), Durga Prasad K (Andhra Pradesh), Siddhesh Kamila (Odisha), Chirag Lahoti (Maharashtra), and Anish Goswami (Assam) — all finished with 7.5 points. Based on tie-break scores, they were placed second to seventh respectively.

NE Veteran Badminton Tournament Concludes in Guwahati

Guwahati: The 9th North East Veteran Badminton Tournament, organized by the Assam Seniors Badminton Club, concluded on Monday at the DTRP Indoor Sta-



dium in Guwahati. The event saw participation from veteran players across various states of the NorthEast. In the men's 50+ doubles category, Assam's Bijoy Barman and Padma Kumar Das emerged victorious, defeating Gyan Ranjan Bora and Aschit Chetia with scores of 21-15, 21-17. In the men's 60+ doubles, Assam duo Dhruba Sarma and Paran Hazarika clinched the title by overcoming their opponents from Mizoram. Winners in other doubles categories hailed from Manipur, Nagaland, and Mizoram. All title winners received a cash prize of Rs 30,000 each, while runners-up were awarded Rs 20,000 each. Both losing semi-finalists didn't go empty-handed either, taking home Rs 10,000 each.



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Rafael Nadal Parera was born on 3 June 1986 in Manacor on the island of Mallorca, Spain, to Ana María Parera Femenías and Sebastián Nadal Homar. His father is a businessman who owns an insurance company, a glass and window company, and a restaurant. His mother owned a perfume shop but gave it up to raise Nadal and his younger sister, María Isabel. One of his uncles, Miguel Ángel Nadal, is a retired professional footballer who played for RCD Mallorca, FC Barcelona and the Spanish national team. As a child, he idolized Ronaldo, and through his uncle was given access to the Barcelona team dressing room to have a photo taken with the Brazilian. Another uncle, tennis coach Toni Nadal, introduced him to tennis when he

started to play tennis at the Manacor Tennis Club, where Toni worked as a coach, hitting his first few shots with his uncle. At this stage Nadal's passion was football, which he often played on the streets of Manacor with his friends. He began to play tennis more regularly when he was five. Toni quickly realized that his young nephew had both the passion and talent to be a serious player. Nadal often played tennis in a group, but Toni singled him out during sessions, shouting at him instead of the other kids, and making him pick up the balls and sweep the courts.[8] In his 2011 autobiography, he admitted fearing Toni and dreading solo practice sessions with him. Nadal admitted he sometimes returned home from tennis lessons crying. At age 8, Nadal won an under-12 regional tenwas three years old. Nadal nis championship while also



being a promising football player. This victory inspired Toni to train Nadal more intensively. After studying Nadal's twohanded forehand, Toni encouraged him to play left-handed for a natural advantage on the tennis

court. The transition was difficult for Nadal, but Toni helped him make the change, getting him to try it for just 20 minutes per day before gradually increasing that time until he fully adjusted himself to it.

2003: First ATP title and ascending to the top 50



Nadal continued his ascent in early 2003, reaching the finals of Challengers at Hamburg, Cherbourg and Cagliari, and winning at Barletta. He scored a total of 19 Challenger wins in the first three months of the season to find himself inside the Top 150. He then qualified for his second career ATP event, the Monte Carlo Masters, where in the second round he beat the 2002 French Open champion Albert Costa, then ranked No. 7 (his first top 10 career win) and he entered the world's top 100. Nadal reached his fifth Challenger final of the year in Aix-en-Provence, which he lost to Mariano Puerta. In May, 16-year-old Nadal entered his second Masters event at Hamburg, where he upset No. 4 Carlos Moyá before losing to future

French Open Champion Gaston Gaudio in round three. Nadal postponed his French Open debut after injuring his elbow in a fall while training. He then qualified directly to Wimbledon, having never contested in a major qualifying event before. In his major main draw debut in Wimbledon, Nadal defeated Mario Ancic, and reached the third round to became the youngest man to do so since Boris Becker in 1984. At Umag, Nadal

lost to Moyá in the semifinals. This was Nadal's only loss at a clay-court semi-final for the next 12 years, as he then began a streak of 52 consecutive wins in semi-final matches on clay that ended at the 2015 Rio Open. Nadal won his first ATP title (doubles or singles) at Umag, partnering Álex López Morón to beat Todd Perry and Thomas Shimada in the final. Nadal won his second Challenger title of the year in August at Segovia, thus entering the top 50 and winning the ATP Newcomer of the Year Award. At the US Open, Nadal lost in round two to Younes El Aynaoui. In September, Nadal entered the final Challenger event of his career, on hard courts in Saint-Jean-de-Luz, retiring with an injury against Richard Gasquet, who never defeated Nadal again. Nadal finished the year ranked as the world No. 49.



2004: Davis Cup title



Nadal won Chennai Open doubles, with Tommy Robredo defeating Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram in the final; Nadal's second doubles title and first on hard courts. In singles, Nadal had his 5th consecutive loss after a first round exit to Thierry Ascione; this remains the worst losing streak of his career. At Auckland he reached the first ATP final of his career, which he lost to Dominik Hrbatý. Nadal reached the third round of the Australian Open, where he lost in straight sets to former world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt. Ranked No. 34, Nadal faced No. 1 Roger Federer for the first time in the third round of the Miami Open, winning in straight sets before losing to Fernando González in the fourth round. At Estoril, Nadal suffered a stress fracture in his left ankle during his round of 16 victory over Richard Gasquet, causing him to miss 3 months of play, the French Open, and Wimbledon. He won his first ATP singles title at the Prokom Open by defeating No. 105 José Acasuso in the final, but won hardly any other match on the tour. At the US Open, Nadal lost to defending champion Andy Roddick in the second round. In the doubles he and Robredo upset the No. 4 seeds in the third round and reached the semi-finals; Nadal's best performance in a grand slam doubles event. In the 2004 Davis Cup final, 18-year-old Nadal beat world No. 2 Andy Roddick on clay in Spain to help his nation clinch the title over the United States. In doing so at 18 years and six months of age, he became the youngest player to register a singles victory in a Davis Cup final for a winning nation. Nadal finished the year ranked No. 51, mainly because he missed most of the clay court season.



Tanushree Dutta remembers her breakout role in Raqeeb

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Raqeeb is so busy trying to shock us with its high-voltage wantonness, it forgets to pause and refuel its creative motors. The narrative moves at breakneck speed, creating a highly charged, sexually defiant version of Abbas-Mustan's Humraaz—about the benevolent husband, the adulterous wife, and her amoral lover. Jimmy Shergill sports theatrical rhetoric and flowing henna-coloured hair that doesn't really suit him. There are three heroes, one heroine, two item songs, three romantic songs, three attempted murders, and a couple of funerals. There's also a rather vulgar item song by starlet Sherlyn Chopra. The film's only main female lead, Tanushree Dutta, tries to impress the naïve millionaire (played by Rahul Khanna) by claiming to enjoy Shakespeare. Sure, we believe you. As much as we believe the fastpaced film's perverse quadrangle, featuring three besotted men and one woman. Tanushree does show potential—if only she would stop choosing such inconsistent roles. Director Anurag Singh cuts his material with the relish of a chef carving a Thanksgiving turkey. Alas, there isn't much to be thankful

scenic locations where the songs are shotthe pristine blue waters and pure white sands. Reflecting on the film, Tanushree Dutta says, "I've grown so much through all these years as a person, a public figure, an individual, and as a woman navigating life through a fairly good run in Bollywood. Above all, my growth as an artiste and a creative person has seen phenomenal evolution. Not every kind of progress is visible to the eye, but when I see myself on screen in these past projects, I'm filled with nostalgia about how far I've come in life! Raqeeb was a challenging film to shoot—very little budget, long working hours, and being the only female lead in a multi-star cast. I worked very hard on that film, often clocking 16 to 18-hour shooting days with barely any time to rest or eat. But it all paid off in the end. The film, and my performance in it, looked good, and the movie connected with viewers. It still has fantastic repeat value on TV and in theatre circuits. It airs on major TV channels almost every month, and I still receive fan mails from people saying how much they loved me in the film. Some of my movies are just timefor in Raqeeb, unless you're looking at the less—and Raqeeb is one of them.'



Ananya Panday and Ishaan Khatter make it to Forbes *30 Under 30 Asia 2025 list*

Forbes has unveiled the 10th edition of its 30 Under 30 Asia list, honouring 30 young individuals who are making significant contributions across various fields including entertainment, arts, technology, and entrepreneurship. Among the select few from Bollywood this year are Ishaan Khatter, both recognized for their artistic growth and expanding global presence. Ananya Panday, who made her debut in 2019 with Student of the Year 2, has the fashion space. Her



actors Ananya Panday and steadily carved a niche for herself in the Hindi film industry. Over the years, she has taken on varied roles, experimenting with genres while staying visible both on-screen and in

most recent release, Kesari Chapter 2, saw her take on a historically rooted drama alongside Akshay Kumar and R. Madhavan. The film, which focuses on the political aftermath of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, offered her a more grounded and intense character to portray. Off screen, Ananya made headlines earlier this year by becoming the first Indian ambassador for global fashion house Chanel, a move that underlines her growing influence beyond cinema.

BMC issues notice to Mithun Chakraborty over alleged illegal construction in Malad

The notice says that a ground-floor structure was built on a plot in Erangle village without the required permission from the authorities. The BMC has asked Mithun Chakraborty to explain the changes made to the property. If he fails to give a proper explanation, the struc-



ture could be demolished. The BMC has also warned of possible legal action. This action is part of a larger crackdown on unauthorised constructions in the Madh area. So far, the BMC has identified 101 illegal structures in the locality. These include bungalows built using fake documents. The civic body plans to demolish all illegal constructions by the end of May.



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CM Dr. Sarma attends PMAY-G Grihapravesh ceremony

the Grihapravesh ceremony, the Union Minister along with the Chief Minister launched 'Lakhimi Mistri' - women mason initiative under PMAY-G where in women beneficiaries will be trained to master the art of masonry to construct PMAY-G houses. They also distributed safety kits to the women beneficiaries. The day also marked the inauguration of 21 knowledge centres across the state, and the launch of e-POS system for fertiliser purchases and distribution of Asomi seeds to the beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that for putting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of providing pucca houses to all in practice, State government has been taking all steps for the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen) in the state. In a historic move last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 5,55,555 houses under PMAY (G) to the use of the people of Assam. In the month of July 2023, the State government distributed 3,08,640 houses on a single day to the eligible beneficiaries. Moreover, in the month of September last year, synchronizing with roll out of the PMAY-G 2.0, allotment letters were distributed to 1,71,593 new beneficiaries. In the month of January thsi year in presence of Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the government gave 50 thousand houses to the eligible beneficiaries. Continuing the tempo, another 55 thousand beneficiaries have been endowed with the gifts of pucca houses under PMAY-G in Assam, the Chief Minister said. Dr. Sarma moreover said that under PMAY-G scheme, since 2016, Assam received a target of building 26,11,793 houses. Out of these, till 15 May, allotment of 25,73,325 houses have been given. Out of the total allotted houses, construction of 20,13,478 houses have already been completed. The Chief Minister also said that efforts have been made to ensure that all eligible families become entitled to pucca houses and as per Awaas Plus Survey, all eligible families will be brought under PMAY-G scheme. He also said that the distribution of 55 thousand houses today would be considered historic as the launch of Lakhimi Mistri initiative constitutes an important part of PMAY-G houses. This initiative along with empowering the women folks will help them to become self-reliant. Moreover, this initiative will help in creating a skilled pool of work forces in the state. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also thanked Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for approving a target of 3,76,075 houses for Assam during financial year 2025-26 under PMAY-G from the final Awaas Plus 2018 survey list. He said that the approval would saturate the waiting list of the state and will help in realizing the vision of Prime Minister Modi that is 'Housing for All' in the rural areas and will enable all the economic disadvantaged people to sleep under pucca house and live with dignity. Dr. Sarma also reaffirmed the government's commitment to continue driving the progress for a self-reliant and prosperous Assam. He said that visible progress in rural transformation and the uplift of farmers are direct results of the government's focused initiatives of rural development. He on the occasion also said that his government has set a 100 per cent paddy procurement target and is on course to achieve it by June this year. He also thanked the Prime Minister and Union Agriculture Minister for all their help, which enabled Assam to scale new heights in rural development. Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, MP Bijuli Kalita Medhi, Chief Secretary Dr. Ravi Kota, Commissioner.

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to the state's industrial capacity. He added that the government would take steps to construct a boundary wall around the site, with work scheduled to begin shortly. He also mentioned that the state has already implemented measures to safeguard vacant government land, with district commissioners instructed accordingly. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma was accompanied by MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MLAs Mrinal Saikia and Biswajit Phukan, Chief Secretary Dr. Ravi Kota, Deputy Commissioner of Golaghat Pulak Mahanta, and other senior officials.

Governor felicitates members of Assam

that the youth of Assam are not bound by geography — they are equipped with the tenacity to rise to the highest challenges of their life and profession." Addressing the climbers, the Governor added, "You have not merely reached the summit; you have connected the history, honouring tradition, and inspiring the future. Your heroic endeavor embodies both fearless ambition and deep-rooted pride in our heritage. Let this triumph serve as a lasting beacon for generations to come, which will be etched in the pride of the people of Assam." The Assam Mountaineering Association's expedition, which culminated in the successful ascent on April 21, was part of the association's Triple Peak Expedition. The team was led by mountaineers Shekhar Bordoloi and Jayanta Nath, who were the first to reach the summit. They were soon joined by teammates Surajit Ronghang, Bhaskar Barman, Upen Chakraborty, and Henry David Teron. In a gesture reflecting Assam's rich cultural pride, the Governor hailed the association for naming the newly scaled peak 'Lachit Kangri', in honour of the legendary Ahom general Bir Lachit Borphukan.

Maiden 'Rising Northeast Investors' Summit' in Delhi on May 23-24

New Delhi: The two-day maiden 'Rising Northeast: The Investors' Summit 2025' is being held at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital to showcase the investment and trade potential of the Northeast Region on May 23 and 24. "Organised by the Ministry of DoNER in partnerships with FICCI and Invest India, the summit, to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to highlight the region's geostrategic advantage, abundant natural resources, skilled workforce, and access to captive markets in the Northeast and neighbouring countries.""The Northeast Region is an emerging frontier for businesses, and the summit offers an ideal platform for forging alliances, partnerships, and acquiring a clear vision of the opportunities available for expanding businesses, making new investments, setting up green field manufacturing projects and associated activities," said an official of DoNER."The summit will enable investors to participate in the Northeast Region's transformation as a manufacturing and services hub. It will also provide companies looking to access emerging markets in ASEAN and BBN countries to know about the slew of incentives and policy framework in the region and how to leverage it for venturing beyond borders."In the run-up to the summit, roadshows were organised in seven major cities in India to showcase the investment potential of the Northeast Region and reach out to potential investors.""The summit promises to become a major platform for networking with industry leaders, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders from the region, offering excellent opportunities for exploring tie-ups, expansions, and MoUs via G2B, B2B meetings on the sidelines of the summit," said the official."Over 2,000 high level delegates, policymakers, industry leaders, investors, multilaterals and start-ups will take part in discussions across nine plus priority sectors such as agri, food processing and allied sectors; textiles, handloom and handicrafts; entertainment and sports; education and skill development; healthcare; IT and ITES; tourism and hospitality; infrastructure and logistics, and energy. "A high level delegation comprising senior officials from Assam will make their strong presence in the summit. Being a major State and a gateway to the Northeast, Assam will showcase its inherent strengths in key sectors as well as emerging sectors with Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma leading from the front. ""Our inherent strengths geographical, natural resources, guided by the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji has made Assam a powerhouse of opportunities. From tea to trade and tourism, we offer enormous possibilities for business", said Dr. Sarma."A strategic location that offers easy access to ASEAN markets, the Northeast Region, India's growth engine, is endowed with abundant natural resources such as oil, gas, coal, minerals, timber, medicinal plants, bamboo, forest products, and water resources for industries to harness."Considered India's Green Hub, the region is home to verdant forests and rich biodiversity, and is an ideal destination for eco tourism and agro-based industries."With diverse cultural heritage, the region with its unique ethnic communities and traditions offer investment opportunities galore in tourism and handicraft sectors."The Government of India and the State Governments of the region consisting of eight Sister States are offering a range of incentives, including tax holidays, subsidies, and reimbursements to support business growth.





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Biennial conference of Doomdooma Senior Citizens' Association held



Doomdoma: The biennial conference of Doomdooma Senior Citizens' Association (DSCA) held at Doomdooma Natyamandir Mandir on Sunday got underway in the morning with hoisting of flag by its President Govinda Phookan. It was followed by Smriti Tarpan initiated by Working President Lalit Gogoi, Vice-President Dharmeswar Bora, and the Secretary Prakash Narayan Patowari. The delegate session held thereafter under the Presidency of Govinda Phookan passed unanimously the Secretarial report along with audited account presented by Secretary Prakash Narayan Patowari and elected a new executive committee with Govinda Phookan as President,

Lalit Gogoi as Working President, Dharmeswar Bora and Bimala Baruah as vice-presidents, Prakash Narayan Patowari as Secretary, Rubul Kalita as Treasurer, Pradip Baishya and Nirala Chaudhury as assistant secretaries and Khanin Phookan as Organising Secretary. The open session held in the afternoon with president Govinda Phookan in the chair was formally inaugurated by Nandeswar Kalita, an ex-tea garden executive. He spoke on the theme 'Senior Citizens are also resources of the country' and suggested some remedial measures to overcome various problems faced by the senior citizens. Attending the open session as chief speaker, Prasanna Kumar Barthakur, the

Chief Secretary, Assam Senior Citizens' Association (ASCA), narrated various steps taken by ASCA for the benefit of the senior citizens. The meeting was also addressed by ASCA Secretary (Education) Malashree Laskar Bora from Guwahati, ASCA, Tinsukia District Committee representative Dr Hari Narayan Barkataki, senior journalist Amulya Khataniar, and President. Tinsukia District Senior Citizens' Association Thaneswar Das. The significant aspect of the biennial conference was felicitation of some octogenarian citizens in the meeting, namely Bina Rani Gowala, Nandeswar Kalita, Arjun Baruah, Jogendra Nath Baruah, Ananta Khataniar, and Gayatri Goswami. However, six other such senior persons invited for felicitation could not turn up due to health reasons. A souvenir 'Astarag,' published on the occasion under the editorship of Prakash Narayan Patowari, was released by retired teacher and social worker Giridhar Nanda.

Tiranga Yatra Held in Haflong

Haflong: As a heartfelt tribute to the courage and sacrifice of the Indian armed forces and in recognition of the inspiring leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, thousands of people from all walks of life participated in the Tiranga Yatra held in Haflong on Saturday. The event, symbolizing national pride and unity, was organized by the civil society of Haflong. The yatra began at the Cultural Institute Hall and proceeded through Haflong Township before concluding at the DHAC Parking Ground. Hundreds of enthusiastic participants—including school children, ex-servicemen, Army veterans, and local citizens—joined the march in solidarity and support of Operation Sindoor.





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Assam Rifles organizes 'A Day with Assam Rifles' at Lokra Garrison



Jamugurihat: Assam Rifles organized 'A Day with Assam Rifles' on May 18 at Lokra Garrison, stated a press release. A total of 55 local youths parwhich aimed to inspire and motivate the

younger generation towards a career in the Armed Forces. The event commenced early with routine physical training, offering participants a glimpse into the disciplined lifestyle of soldiers. This was followed by a guided tour to various institutions and facilities within the garrison. Motivational classes and interactive sessions were conducted, focusing on leadership, patriotism and service to the nation. A special motivational lecture on joining the Indian Army and Assam Rifles left a lasting impression on the youth. The initiative was well received and served as a powerful ticipated in the daylong programme tool to bridge the gap between the armed forces and the local community.