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# **India's Precision Strike Hits 9 Terror Camps**



**New Delhi :** In a bold and calibrated military move, India has struck at the heart of Pakistan based terror infrastructure, targeting wellknown training camps in Muridke and Bahawalpur in a joint operation conducted by the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy. The highly coordinated operation codenamed Operation Sindoor was launched in the early hours of Wednesday and lasted just 25 minutes. Between 1.05 a.m. and 1.30 a.m., targeted, including the Lashkar-e-Taiba

Indian forces unleashed 24 missiles that precisely hit nine terror facilities across Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK), killing an estimated 70 terrorists. Government sources said that extreme care was taken to avoid civilian and military installations, underlining the nonescalatory and proportionate nature of the strikes. Only verified terror camps were

headquarters in Muridke and key facilities in Bahawalpur both long identified as hubs of ex- tremist training and indoctrination. At a press briefing in New Delhi, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, flanked by senior defence officers Colonel Sophia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, described the action as a "measured and proportionate" response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam. Colonel Qureshi see page 7

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## Air Raid Mock Exercise Conducted in Dibrugarh as Per Directives from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs

M. Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: In line with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, a nationwide wartime preparedness mock drill was conducted, including in Dibrugarh. As part of this, a mock drill focusing on precautions and safety measures to be taken during potential aerial attacks in wartime was held today (07-05-2025) at 4:00 PM on the busy Jayanta Dutta Road (Coal Road) in the heart of Dibrugarh city. The mock drill was organized under the supervision of the Dibrugarh District Administration, the Disaster Management Authority, see page 7



CM welcomes and receives Japanese delegation to Tata Semiconductor



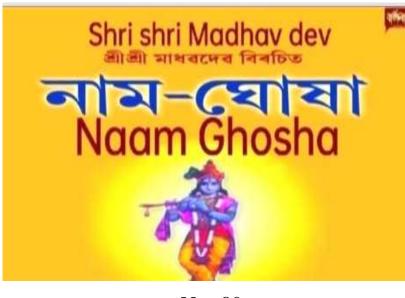
### Assembly and Test Facility

Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today welcomed and received Speaker, House of Representatives, Japan Nukaga Fukushiro and his delegation at Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Facility at Jagiroad and spent some time with them.

It may be noted that the the Japanese delegation led by its Speaker on the second day of its three-day visit to Assam, on Sunday visited the under-construction site of Tata's Semi Conductor Assembly and Test Plant at Jagiroad and toured the facility to gain a first-hand look at the progress of the plant. see page 7

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#### No--90 Metre-Naam (An Assamese metre):

"O Rama Rama Krishna Rama Narayana Krushna Govinda Rama O victorious Rama -Krishna Rama Krishna Rana Rama Krishna Rama Narayana. Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Siva Sanatana O Govinda, You are the own wealth of the devotees The triumphant Hari the triumphant Rama The praise of Madhava is The supermost weal O victorious Hari Rama. Rama Krishna Rama the victorious Rama. Rama Krishna Rama. O Rama Kamalapati You are the the Saviour of the unsaved ones. I the foolush one Donot know how to worship and pray to you. O Gopala, victorious Rama Ram, Govinda. Gopal Govinda Rama Krishna Rama Mukunda. Govinda Govinda the offspring of Daivakee Hari Rama Narayana. Gopal Govinda Mukunda Rama Hali Rama Shri Rama Rama O triumphant Rama Hari Rama Rama O Hari Rama Rama Siva Siva Siva Siva Siva Sanatana, You are the living being of the world. Madhava Madhava Modhuripu Govinda Krishna Hari Hari Rama. Narayana Niranjana Nirakara Niramaya Murari O Hari Rama. O the Super preceptor Hari, Purushattama Purushattama the victorious Purushattama. Rama Krishna Rama Krishna victorious Narayana My master Narayana Paramananda Hari Paramananda Rama Krishna Rama Narayana. Rama Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Rama The saviour of the fallen downs unique Hari Rama. Gopal Govinda Hari Rama Rama Rama Krishna Rama Krishna Rama Rama.

#### The Crimson Oath

(Dedicated to the warriors of Operation Sindoor)

Heramba Nath

The bugle sang beneath the stars, A crimson streak adorned the dawn, And forth they rode to crimson wars, The sons of earth, with armour drawn. They cared not for the grave's dark bed, Nor shunned the tyrant's boasting breath, For brighter shines the crown of dead, When won in freedom's face of death. O Sindoo— mark of blood and vow, Upon the brows of warriors sworn, Thy sacred hue adorns them now, The chosen of a nation born. No coward's heart, no trembling hand, Was numbered in that iron band; They strode where death itself would cower, And wrath became their moment's flower. The night had veiled her trembling eye, The wind had stilled its mournful strain, When, like a storm with battle-cry, They fell upon the foe's domain. And what is man, and what is fate, When courage dares annihilate? For hearts of steel and wills of flame Shall carve upon the void their name. They smote— and earth itself did shake, The mountain reeled, the heavens bled, The traitor's hand began to break, And hope returned where once 'twas dead. O glorious was that crimson hour, When Sindoor's sons displayed their power, And o'er the ashes of the fight, The flag arose— a conquering light. Not in the halls where flatterers sing, Nor courts where cowardly hearts conspire, Is born the man, or forged the king, Who meets the tyrant's sword and fire. But in the field, beneath the sky, Where honour's breath alone shall vie, Where mortal frame and death embrace, And valour finds its dwelling-place. To thee, O Operation proud, This lay I cast, a humble song; Thy glory speaks, thy deeds are loud, And Time shall bear thy name along. The child unborn shall learn thy fame, The poet's tongue shall guard thy name, And when the sun forgets to rise, Thy flame shall burn in freemen's eyes. So raise the wine, the trumpet blow, The laurels bind upon the brave, For where they walked, no tyrant's woe Shall dare to plant an alien grave. Their dust is free, their blood is pure, Their name in heaven shall endure-Congratulations, sons of light, Who turned the dark to deathless might.

#### Skull found in Saragua Majumalia near Demow

The Supreme being Siva Sanatana Ananta Achyuta Nitya Niranjana. Rama Niranjana O Rama Niranjana Nirakara Hari Rama. Rama Sadasiva O Rama Sadasiva Sanatana O master Rama. O my benevolenrt Rama Benevolent to the poor my master Rama.

#### Rita Borua

99545-94823 to be continued ....O triumphant Hari **Demow :** A skull was found in Saragua Majumalia near Demow on Sunday morning due to which sensation prevailed in the area. According to sources, under Demow Police Station in Saragua Majumalia near Demow, a skull was found in a



lonely place on Sunday morning and the skeleton body parts were also found scattered in four locations in that area. Clothes were also found lying near the skull. The Demow Police and local magistrate immediately reached the area, recovered the skull, and started the investigation.

# **Chat GPT and Creative AI in Education**

#### Lalit Nath Itakhola

The advent of ChatGPT and other creative AI technologies has ushered in a fundamental transformation in the field of education. Developed with the help of advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) models, these AI tools are capable of human-like responses, problem-solving, and providing personalized learning experiences thus opening up new dimensions in education. NLP (Natural Language Processing) is a branch of computer science that enables computers to understand, analyze and respond to human language. This article discusses the significance of changes brought about in the education sector through the use of creative AI. AI has transformed education from a limited scope into a broad, inquirybased direction. This technology not only provides new perspectives for educators and students but also encourages the expansion of imagination and creativity. Additionally, addressing the challenges arising from its use is also considered a crucial aspect of educational advancement.

Creative AI models like ChatGPT are expected to bring a revolutionary shift in personalized learning. They can analyze student data, identify knowledge gaps and generate customized educational content to meet individual needs. For example, if a student struggles with calculus, they can use ChatGPT to receive step-by-step guidance toward solving problems. This personalized support conducting research is vital for be followed. Excessive reliance on

helps simplify complex subjects. upholding ethical values. Only Through this, students gain the ability to learn independently and receive timely guidance to correct their mistakes.

This technology provides students with equal access to standardized lessons and helps improve the quality of education. AI models can act as virtual teaching assistants, easing the workload of educators. These models can answer frequently asked questions, assist in grading and explain complex topics. As a result, teachers can guide students more personally with engaging teaching methods. ChatGPT supports multiple languages, making it useful in language learning. It encourages conversational participation, corrects grammatical errors, and offers culturally relevant information.

This process promotes global awareness and intercultural understanding. Creative AI plays a vital role in research. It helps summarize articles, create literature reviews, and suggest relevant research topics thereby streamlining and organizing the research process. Especially in education, presenting complex scientific concepts in simplified language has become a powerful method of instruction. However, students must exercise caution regarding AI-generated content. Ensuring the accuracy of content in research is essential. They must verify and analyze the information themselves."Integrity is extremely important in education and research. Maintaining academic honesty while citing and by doing so can the spread of knowledge remain fair and trustworthy. While AI offers many benefits, it's also necessary to remain alert to ensure the development of independent thought. Students should not only acquire knowledge with AI assistance but also strive to develop sound research habits.

AI usage has brought a new challenge to academic integrity. Students increasingly complete assignments with only AI assistance, without using their own creativity or effort. Such misuse threatens the fundamental ideals of education. To preserve academic integrity in education, proper AI usage and policy frameworks have become necessary. To address this issue, educators may use AI detection tools to identify AI-generated content. This system can help maintain educational quality. In evaluating books, it's important to design critical, analytical questions and emphasize them. This allows students to enhance analytical thinking, reasoning, and creativity fulfilling the core objectives of a timely and progressive education system. AI models may sometimes provide incorrect or biased information. Relying solely on AI-generated content can lead to misconceptions. Therefore, verifying information from credible sources and educating students about responsible AI use is essential. In this regard, strict data security measures and adherence to privacy policies must AI in teacher-student relationships may weaken essential human connections in the learning process. To resolve this, AI should be used as a complementary tool for both teachers and learners. Through collaborative learning, the quality of education can be improved."The future of AI in education is vast. Through integrated learning platforms, virtual labs, and intelligent tutoring, it can offer new educational directions. With AI, the quality of learning can be evaluated, and even emotional intelligence can be assessed. The use of Virtual Reality (VR) will further enhance the learning experience, marking the beginning of a new phase in education.

The rapid development of creative AI has ushered in a new era in education. This technology enables personalized learning pathways, allowing students to learn according to their intellectual capacities. It fosters creative thinking and exploration of new research directions. However, some challenges persist maintaining academic integrity, ensuring data privacy, and nurturing strong teacherstudent relationships are crucial. Creating a more integrated, engaging, and innovative educational environment is of utmost importance."The use of ChatGPT and creative AI has opened a revolutionary chapter in the field of education. This technology has enabled individualized learning, improved educational standards, and streamlined research. However, to fully realize these potentials, responsible and ethical use is essential.

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# **AAELITA Art and Craft School Holds Annual Exam Result and Award Distribution Ceremony in Guwahati**



commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Dr. Mineshwar Hazarika, retired professor of Assam Veterinary Science College and recipient of the prestigious "Bharat Gaurav"

class, Shubhajit Dutta, Karanjit Deka, and Shivangi Borah claimed the first, second, and third positions respectively. In the Chitrangada class, Dhanmoni Nath, Jugantajit Borah, and Hirak Das topped the list. Bonojit Ray, Rantu Baishya, and Manindra Ray were the leading performers in the Ankan Asar class, while Mayurdip Talukdar, Kapil Ray, and Anjumoni Barman secured top honors in the First Year class.""Students with perfect attendance records were also presented with special recognition

awards for their dedication and consistency. Speaking at the event, the school's Rector, Jonaki Kalita Talukdar, announced the commencement of the admission process for the upcoming session, which will offer training in 93 specialized art and craft subjects. The ceremony concluded with a vibrant cultural performance by students, and the school's management committee president, Dhananjay Talukdar, extended heartfelt gratitude to the guests, parents, and students for their continued support and participation.

Lipika Bora : The AAELITA Art and Craft School, registered under the Government of Assam and recognized by the Government of India's MSME scheme, held its annual examination result declaration and award distribution ceremony at Nandi Mikir Primary School, Guwahati.

The event celebrated the academic and creative achievements of its students and highlighted the school's growing legacy, which includes setting multiple records in the India Book of Records, Asia Book of Records, and London Book of World Records. The ceremony

award. Other notable dignitaries included social worker Dipankar Kalita, Nandi Mikir Primary School Headmaster Abani Sarma, and cultural organizer Dharmendra Teron. Meritorious students were felicitated with awards and certificates for securing top positions in their respective classes. In the Rainbow

## The power of reading newspapers

#### Heramba Nath

**R**eading newspapers is widely regarded as a valuable and constructive habit that contributes significantly to the intellectual and cultural development of an individual. In the modern world, where information plays a pivotal role in shaping decisions and guiding public discourse, the regular habit of reading newspapers can be considered a cornerstone of responsible citizenship. The importance of this habit transcends age, profession, or social status, offering both immediate knowledge and long-term benefits for individuals and society at large.

One of the most immediate advantages of reading newspapers is the consistent exposure to current events and developments. Newspapers act as a bridge between the events happening around the world and the individual reader, enabling them to remain informed and updated. From politics and economics to sports, science, culture, and entertainment, newspapers cover a broad spectrum of topics that cater to varied interests. This helps in building a well-rounded perspective of the world, which is essential for thoughtful analysis and critical thinking.

Moreover, newspapers play a significant role in the development of language skills. Regular reading improves vocabulary, comprehension, and articulation. For students and young learners in particular, newspapers serve as a rich source of learning material. They not only provide information but also improve writing style and grammar, enabling readers to express their thoughts more coherently. Editorials and opinion pieces often showcase high standards of language, logical reasoning, and persuasive argumentation, which can be especially beneficial for those preparing for competitive examinations or pursuing careers that demand strong communication skills." Another notable contribution of newspapers is in nurturing civic awareness and social responsibility. Readers who regularly engage with newspaper content are more likely to participate in democratic processes. Awareness of public policies, governance, elections, and social movements creates an informed citizenry capable

of making thoughtful decisions. Newspapers educate readers about their rights and duties and foster a spirit of active participation in community affairs. The dissemination of diverse opinions and the highlighting of pressing issues help in stimulating discussions and debates, which are vital in a functioning democracy.

Reading newspapers also plays a key role in professional growth and decision-making. In today's competitive world, professionals across sectors must keep pace with trends and developments. Business persons, policymakers, educators, and healthcare professionals, among others, find newspapers indispensable for staying ahead in their respective fields. Market analyses, policy reviews, industry reports, and academic commentaries often first appear in newspapers, making them an essential daily tool for informed decisionmaking." In rural and semi-urban areas, newspapers have the additional role of promoting literacy and awareness. Often, they are the primary source of information and learning for many individuals who do not have access to digital media. Vernacular newspapers in particular help connect with readers in their native languages, thereby reinforcing linguistic heritage while educating the masses. This connection between print media and literacy makes newspapers crucial instruments in the process of national development.

In a world increasingly dominated by digital and social media, the traditional newspaper continues to hold its ground due to its credibility and depth. Unlike many online platforms that may compromise on accuracy for speed, reputed newspapers maintain journalistic standards and provide well-researched, verified information. This reliability builds trust among readers and helps maintain an informed populace. The structured format of newspapers also ensures that readers get a balanced view of different issues rather than being influenced by algorithms that tailor information to individual biases. The discipline of reading newspapers every day instils consistency and focus. Setting aside time to go through the pages develops the habit of

daily reflection and contemplation. It encourages individuals to think beyond their immediate surroundings and connect with the larger world. This practice cultivates a global outlook while retaining local relevance. It sharpens analytical faculties and enhances the reader's ability to evaluate complex issues from multiple angles.

For young readers especially, newspapers act as gateways to the world of knowledge. Many schools and educational institutions encourage students to read newspapers regularly, and some even conduct newspaperbased learning sessions. This practice fosters curiosity and a desire to learn beyond textbooks. Exposure to stories of innovation, resilience, and achievement can be inspiring and motivating for students. At the same time, reports on challenges like climate change, poverty, corruption, and inequality instil a sense of responsibility and empathy.

Newspapers also contribute to cultural enrichment. Coverage of art, literature, festivals, historical events, and regional traditions broadens one's cultural understanding and appreciation. Special features and Sunday supplements often include reviews, interviews, and essays that offer thoughtful insights into contemporary issues and societal changes. They help readers stay connected to their roots while understanding global cultural dynamics.

It is important to note that reading newspapers is not merely about absorbing information. It is about engaging with the world critically and reflectively. The practice sharpens judgement, enhances civic sense, and cultivates informed opinions. It promotes a balanced lifestyle where the consumption of information is not driven by fleeting trends but by a quest for truth, clarity, and understanding." Parents and educators have a vital role to play in inculcating the habit of reading newspapers among children and youth. Introducing young minds to newspapers early on can create a lifelong habit that will support their academic and personal growth. Encouraging discussions based on newspaper articles at home and in classrooms can further stimulate interest and deepen understanding. In an age of distractions, such structured engagement with the world is both necessary and beneficial.

Despite the rapid rise of electronic media, the tactile experience of holding a newspaper and reading it at leisure remains unparalleled. The physical format encourages focused reading, free from the interruptions of notifications and advertisements that dominate digital platforms. This undisturbed engagement allows readers to absorb information at their own pace, leading to better retention and deeper comprehension.

In recent years, many newspapers have adapted to the changing times by offering digital editions and e-papers. This ensures wider reach and accessibility, especially for those who prefer mobile reading. Yet, the values of authenticity, depth, and editorial integrity continue to define the newspaper as a trustworthy source of information. Whether in print or digital format, the core essence of newspapers remains intact: to inform, educate, and enlighten.

Furthermore, newspapers also act as watchdogs of society. Investigative journalism, critical reviews, and expose reports bring to light issues that require public attention and policy intervention. This role in ensuring transparency and accountability is vital in a democratic set-up. It empowers citizens with the knowledge required to demand better governance and institutional conduct. The presence of a free and fearless press is indicative of a healthy democracy, and reading newspapers strengthens public engagement with this pillar of democracy.

Ultimately, the practice of reading newspapers stands as a quiet yet powerful force shaping the intellect, values, and awareness of individuals across all walks of life. It goes beyond simply staying updated with the news—it nurtures a curious mind, sharpens the ability to think critically, and encourages engagement with the larger questions that define society. In an age where information often comes in fleeting fragments and truth is sometimes buried under noise, the steady habit of reading newspapers offers clarity, depth, and a connection to the real pulse of the world. As we strive to build a more informed, just, and responsible society, encouraging this habit—especially among the younger generation—becomes not just beneficial but essential.

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Guwahati : Assam emerged victorious in the 1st North East Little Masters Trophy (Under-14), defeating Tripura by 47 runs in the final held at the ACA Cricket Academy Ground in Fulung on Wednesday. The tournament, aimed at nurturing grassroots cricket in the Northeast, was organised by the Assam Cricket Association

(ACA). After winning the toss and choosing to bat, Assam posted a competitive total of 186 for 8 in their allotted 40 overs. Priyam Kundu held the innings together with an unbeaten 37, well-supported by Tanveer Islam, who contributed 35. Among Tripura's bowlers, Subhajit Kuri (2/29) and Bihan Das (2/33) were the standout performers. In reply, Tripura managed 139 before being bowled out in 36.5 overs. Abhoy Deb led the resistance with a fighting 39, while Rihan Aktar scored 25 and Sriman Debnath added 20. Assam's bowlers maintained a tight grip throughout the innings, with Manash Pratim Barman claiming 3 for 14, Ayush Pandey taking 3 for 37, and Mazidul Islam chipping in with 2 for 17. Ayush Pandey's impactful spell earned him the Player of the Match award.

## **Big Win for Haluating in** Assam Premier League

victorious with a narrow 1-0 win over Jorhat Town Club in the Assam Premier League at Mirza on Thursday. Subham Chetry netted the only goal of the match in the 67th minute to seal the win for Chhaygaon. In the day's second match,

Guwahati : Chhaygaon FC emerged Haluating United from Sivasagar dominated over Hawk Football Academy, securing a comprehensive 4-0 victory. Rohit Tayegam, Mayukh Gogoi, Haokholen Kipgen, and Paotinsem Khongsai each scored a goal to ensure a commanding win for Haluating United.

### Guwahati take control against Chirang in Nuruddin Tournament

Guwahati : Guwahati has put themselves in a commanding position against Chirang in the Nuruddin Senior Inter District Cricket Tournament at Goalpara, taking 78 runs first innings lead on Friday. After dismissing Chirang for just 96 in their first innings, Guwahati declared their first innings at 174/8. At stumps, Chirang were 81/2 in their second innings. Chirang, electing to bat first, struggled from the outset due to a brilliant bowling performance by Priyanshu Khole, who claimed 5 wickets for just 27 runs. As a result, Chirang was bowled out for 96, with Fajlur Rahman being the

top scorer with 24 runs. In reply, Guwahati posted a solid total of 174/8 in 25.1 overs before declaring. Saahil Jain (62) and Jitu Ali (50) both scored half-centuries, leading their team to a competitive total. Fajlur Rahman (4/ 25) was the standout bowler for Chirang, while Sagor Das (3/50) also supported well. In their second innings, Chirang faced 33 overs and reached 91/2 by the close of play. Md. Tajuddin was unbeaten on 50, with Fajlur Rahman (41 no) providing him solid support. Priyanshu Khole claimed both wickets to fall in Chirang's second innings, finishing with figures of 2/29.

Guwahati Giants lift GTC Men's Spring T-20 Cup 2025

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Guwahati : Guwahati Giants emerged victorious in the final of the 1st GTC Men's Spring T-20 Cup 2025, defeating 91 Yards Club by 37 runs at the Judges' Field in Guwahati on Saturday. In the final, 91 Yards Club won the toss and elected to field. Guwahati Giants, batting first, posted an impressive total of 192 for 9 in 20 overs, thanks to vital contributions from Asif Washimul Haque (38), Vipin Chandra (38), Siddhartha Sankar Baruah (30), and Rajjakuddin Ahmed (30). In reply, 91 Yards Club managed 155 for 9 in 20 overs, falling short despite a spirited 49 off 24 balls by Vipul Kamboj and a steady 45 from Abhishek Kaushal. Vipin Chandra starred with both bat and ball for the Giants, taking 3 wickets for 31 runs and scoring a crucial 38 runs, earning him the Man of the Match (Final) award. The closing ceremony was graced by Shankar Dutta Lahkar, former First-Class cricketer and Vice President of GTC, Tonmoy Jyoti Mahanta, Senior Advocate at Gauhati High Court and Vice President of GTC, Dr Pranab Bhattacharya, former State cricketer, Nasir Gul Khan, former First-Class cricketer and Sports Secretary, Cricket at GSA and others. Award winners: Man of the Match (Final): Vipin Chandra (Guwahati Giants). Best Batter: Sumit Kashyap (Gauhati Town Club). Best Bowler: Divya Prakash Singh (Guwahati Giants). Man of the Tournament: Sumit Kashyap (Gauhati Town Club).

#### **FIVB** Level 1 Coaches Course to Be Held in Guwahati

Guwahati : The FIVB Volleyball Foundation, a part of (Federation Internationale de Volleyball) will conduct a Level 1 coaching course in Guwahati from May 3 to 8. This initiative is part of the FIVB Volleyball Foundation's commitment to support the Brahmaputra Volleyball League (BVL) in multiple ways. Notably, BVL-organized by the Assam Volleyball Mission 100—was the first project globally to receive the Silver Certificate of Excellence from the FIVB Volleyball Foundation at the 39th FIVB World Congress, held recently in Portugal. BVL founder Abhijit Bhattacharyya announced that the course will commence with a brief opening ceremony on May 3 at the Sarusajai Sports Complex. Expressing his enthusiasm, Bhattacharyya stated, "We are proud that it is because of BVL's impact that the world governing body for Volleyball has chosen Guwahati to host this course.





### Akshay Kumar to play villain opposite Saif Ali Khan in Priyadarshan's Oppam remake



In what promises to be one of the most electrifying face-offs in recent Bollywood history, Akshay Kumar is set to take a dark turn in Priyadarshan's upcoming thriller opposite Saif Ali Khan. While Bollywood Hungama was the first to report on Akshay Kumar joining the cast of the Hindi remake of Oppam, we now have an exclusive update on the superstar's role-and it's bound to surprise his fans.According to a wellplaced industry insider,

playing the villain in this edge-of-the-seat thriller. "While Saif Ali Khan takes on the lead role, it's Akshay who will be cast in a menacing avatar. The film is essentially a highstakes battle between Akshay and Saif, and they're going to go all out against each other. It's going to be a gripping and intense watch," the source revealed. This marks a rare departure for Akshay Kumar, who is known for his heroic turns in actionpacked dramas and comedies alike. His decision Akshay Kumar will be to play an antagonist in a direction.

Priyadarshan thriller adds a fresh dimension to both his career and the film's anticipation. Priyadarshan, known for crafting some of Indian cinema's most memorable comedies and dramas, is reuniting with Akshay after several years. The duo has given audiences beloved hits like Hera Pheri, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, and Garam Masala. However, this collaboration ventures into darker, more psychological territory, as it adapts Mohanlal's acclaimed Malayalam film Oppam for Hindi audiences. The film is scheduled to go on floors in August 2025 with a startto-finish schedule, and is targeting a release in the second half of 2026. With Saif Ali Khan anchoring the lead role and Akshay Kumar stepping into the antagonist's shoes, expectations are sky-high for a riveting showdown under Priyadarshan's seasoned

# Raid 2 distributors request cinemas to avoid Tuesday 99 offer for Ajay Devgn-starrer

The Ajay Devgn-starrer Raid 2 has taken a solid start, collecting Rs. 19.71 crores. The opening day number was a surprise as the industry expected the film to open under Rs. 15 crores. It held very well on

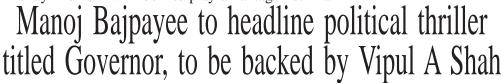


the second day as well and it is now all set to collect nearly Rs. 70 crores in its four-day weekend. Realizing that the film will hold strongly even on the weekdays, the distributors have taken a significant step, Bollywood Hungama has learned. Yesterday, the distributors of Raid 2 mailed exhibitors throughout the country with a request. A trade source told Bollywood Hungama, "The distributors first thanked their exhibition partners for their support in playing the film. They also informed that Raid 2 is doing exceedingly well in all the territories of the country.

Police complaint filed against Sonu Nigam over alleged insensitive remarks towards Kannada community



Singer Sonu Nigam is facing trouble after a police complaint was lodged against him by a pro-Kannada organization. The complaint, filed by the President of the Bengaluru city district unit of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike (KRV), accuses Nigam of making comments that hurt the sentiments of the Kannadiga community. The complaint alleges that Nigam compared a fan's request for a Kannada song to a terrorist attack, potentially inciting hatred between linguistic communities. The incident took place last month during a musical concert at East Point College of Engineering and Technology in Virgonagar, Bengaluru. A video from the event went viral, showing Nigam recounting project now adds to his slate of work. ration between Shah and Bajpayee, with how a fan had pressured him to sing in Kannada. In the clip, the singer appeared visibly upset by the interaction.





Vipul Amrutlal Shah, known for his work in both production and direction, has a number of successful films to his credit. With a filmmaking style that roles is ongoing, and the project has balances audience appeal and commercial viability, he has built a steady reputation in the industry. An upcoming August. This will mark the first collabo-Shah is set to collaborate with National the film set to present the actor in a Award-winning actor Manoj Bajpayee new kind of role.

on a political thriller titled Governor. According to а report by PeepingMoon.com, Bajpayee will portray the titular role in this theatricallyreleased drama. Shah, known for directing films like Aankhen, Waqt: The Race Against Time, Namastey London, London Dreams, Action Replayy, and Namaste England, will produce the film under his banner, Sunshine Pictures. Direction will be handled by Chinmay Mandlekar. Governor has been in development at Sunshine Pictures for the past two years. Casting for supporting entered pre-production. Filming is scheduled to begin between July and



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said the operation represented a strategic shift in India's approach to crossborder terrorism. "For over three decades, Pakistan has systematically built terror infrastructure across PoJK and its own territory including recruitment centres, training camps, and launch pads. This operation was aimed at dismantling those very foundations." Foreign Secretary Mis ri said India acted on credible intelligence suggest ing further terror plots were being hatched. "Our response was compelled by the need to deter and prevent future attacks. This morning's strikes were precise, proportionate, and responsible focused solely on neutralising terror threats." While all three services deployed weapons in the operation, officials declined to disclose specific details about the platforms or munitions used in the strike. The operation marks one of India's most significant cross-border military actions since the Balakot air strikes of 2019, signalling a continued doctrine of preemptive defence in response to state-backed terrorism. The Indian Armed Forces launched 'OPERATION SINDOOR", hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed, said an official statement from the Ministry of Defence.

#### **CM** welcomes and receives

Receiving the delegation, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the visit of the Japanese Speaker to Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Facility along with his high-powered delegation is a significant and positive development from the perspective of attracting Japanese investments to Assam. Highlighting the need of building continuous engagement between Japanese institutions and the Government of Assam, Dr. Sarma said that in a short span of time, Assam received fourth Japanese delegation, which underscored the growing bilateral cooperation between Assam and Japan. Dr. Sarma also said that Japan has lifted all restrictions on tourists visiting Assam and the country is already supporting Assam in all key sectors namely health and infrastructure. He also said that Japan has long been a global leader in semiconductor technology, and its involvement in the sector in Assam is expected to boost the region's technological capabilities and foster economic growth. Japan's involvement will be significant boost to the state's semiconductor ambitions, enhancing tech capabilities, strengthening the supply chain and driving economic growth. He also expressed hope that Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Facility will benefit the local youth in getting employment opportunities without having them to travel outside the state for gainful employment. Minister Water Resources etc Pijush Hazarika, Minister Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprises Bimal Bora, Minister Sports and Youth Welfare Nandita Gorlosa.

#### Air Raid Mock Exercise Con

and the Civil Defense Department. Various agencies participated in the exercise, including Assam Police, NDRF, NCC, Scouts and Guides, the Fire and Emergency Services Department, the Electricity Department, the Health Department, and local business organizations. "Dibrugarh District Commissioner Bikram Kairi and Superintendent of Police V. V. Rakesh Reddy were present during the mock drill and monitored the entire operation.Following the mock drill, a Blackout Rehearsal was conducted in the surrounding areas from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

# Civil Defence Conducts Mock Drill at 10th APBn Premises in Kahilipara

**Guwahati :** In line with the directive issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, a large-scale civil defence mock drill was conducted today at the premises of the 10th Assam Police Battalion (APBn), Kahilipara, Guwahati. The drill was part of a nationwide civil defence preparedness initiative, with similar exercises taking place simultaneously at 20 different locations across Assam. Organised by the Directore General of Civil Defence, Assam, in collaboration with District Administration, Kamrup(M), the mock drill commenced at 4:00 PM and witnessed the active participation of multiple emergency response agencies and security forces. The exercise was designed to test inter-agency coordination, rapid emergency response, and systems in place to address war-like scenarios. The highlight of the event was an "Air Raid Simulation Exercise", which focused on aerial threat response, mitigation strategies, civilian evacuation, and damage control measures. The simulation was conducted under realistic conditions to enhance the operational readiness of both civil and security establishments.

#### World Press Freedom Day celebrated at DHSK College in Dibrugarh

**Dibrugarh :** "With the advancement of science and technology, new additions have been made to the media. There are many challenges in this journey from newspapers to digital media. Recently, the media has become increasingly reliant on artificial intelligence. But it is certain that artificial intelligence-based media cannot capture that emotional character," said former president of All Assam Journalist Association and Senior Journalist Iqbal Ahmed on Friday at the World Press Freedom Day celebration in DHSK College, Dibrugarh. In his speech, he said that while artificial intelligence has advantages in reducing the number of media personnel, it also has some limitations. In addition, artificial intelligence can often mislead, he noted. The event was organized by the UN Federation of India, Dibrugarh District Journalists Association, Greater Dibrugarh Press Club, and BCA Department of DHSK College (Autonomous). Secretary of the UN Federation India Dr Aswini Sarma also explained the vision of the United Nations. The event was moderated by Manjit Bora, General Secretary, Dibrugarh District Journalists Association, and President, Greater Dibrugarh Press Club. The meeting was attended by prominent writer and Principal of DHSK College (Autonomous) Dr Sashi Kanta Saikia. He said that the killing of journalists in the world is a serious threat to democracy, but despite these challenges, the media must resolve to move forward with determination. President, Dibrugarh District Journalist Association Bipin Sarmah delivered the inaugural speech in the programme while General Secretary, Greater Dibrugarh Press Club Ratul Buragohain stated the objectives of the programme. The event also felicitated young journalists Jadav Gogoi, Jyotish Patir, Paresh Aind, and Jasim Ahmed. The programme began with a lantern lighting ceremony by the founder president of the Greater Dibrugarh Press Club Rajib Borgohain.

### Pumpkins worth Rs 20 crore from Atul Bora's constituency head outside state

Bokakhat : From just the small areas of Choguri, Sohola, and Moriya Hola in Agriculture Minister Atul Bora's home constituency, pumpkins worth over Rs 20 crore are being sent outside Assam this year. Last year, the total was Rs 6 crore. Although the target for this year was set at Rs 12 crore, exports have exceeded expectations. These pumpkins are going not just to West Bengal and Odisha, but also to Nepal. Already, over 100 trucks each carrying 25-30 tons of pumpkins have left the region, and at least another 200 trucks are expected to go out. Last year, farmers got a price of Rs 6 to Rs 7.50 per kilogram. Motivated by this, over a thousand farmers switched from mustard to pumpkin cultivation on a large scale this year. Although the earlier estimate was Rs 12 crore in pumpkin exports, local farmers believe the figure has now crossed Rs 20 crore. This isn't due to a price increase, but due to increased production thanks to expanded cultivation. While farmers have successfully taken control of the fields, aligning with the slogan 'Our Fields, Our Market,' they have failed to gain control of the market. Now, in the very home constituency of the Agriculture Minister, farmers are in distress. Traders from lower Assam are dominating the market, offering low prices between Rs 3.30 and Rs 4.50 per kg and rejecting pumpkins smaller than a certain size, leading to wastage right in the fields. If the Assam Government had declared a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pumpkins, farmers would have received a fair price. According to local farmers, as pumpkins are being processed in other states before sale, similar processing facilities should be set up in Assam, especially in Bokakhat. Pumpkins are not only consumed as vegetables, but their skin, flesh, and seeds are separated and processed in specialized industries. Pumpkin seeds, in particular, have a niche market due to their medicinal qualities.

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## **Anupurbik Art and Craft Institute holds** award-giving ceremony in Nagaon



The Nagaon Anupurbik Art and Craft Institute, a leading art and craft institution in Nagaon, held its annual award distribution and felicitation ceremony at the Nagaon Bengali Girls' High School Auditorium. The ceremony took place, starting with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Dr Tulumoni Devi, retired principal of Nagaon Government Training College. The ceremony featured esteemed guests, including Simanta Bora, Vice-Chairman, Nagaon Municipality Board, Deben Saikia, noted social activist and writer, Yashwant Sarma, veteran artiste, Manoj Kalita, Working President of the Assam Weightlifting Association, Satyajit Roy, retired teacher, and Rumi Laskar, Teacher. The guests were

Assamese gamosa, jaapi, and momentos. Besides, over 68 distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions to education, culture, art, sports, and social work were honoured with traditional Assamese gamosa and jaapi. These individuals included retired teachers, social workers, journalists, musicians, and artistes. The institute also 'Best awarded its awards to Teacher' Deepjyoti Roy, Rachayita Das, Jayati Paul, Gita Debnath, Simpi Mondal, Debangshu Das, Rahul Pranita Naha, Bhattacharya, and Gaurav Dev. The 'Student of the Year' award was given to Shrestha Paul and Dikshit Bezbaruah, while the 'Sincere Student of the Year' award went to Arpita Kundu and Neina felicitated with traditional Robi Das. Other awards

included 'Best Painting' (Eshmi Bora and Jeet Das), 'Best Color' (Bishal Saikia and Baibhabi Nath), and 'Best Sculpture' (Shreya Saikia and Priyanka Sarkar). Over 173 students were awarded prizes for their excellence in various fields. Eight students who showed exceptional performance across both branches of the institute were also recognized, along with their parents. The institute felicitated two students each from Nowgong Bengali Higher Secondary School and Vivekananda High School for their outstanding performance in cultural and academic fields. Anupurbik Art and Craft Institute offers training in 96 art and craft activities and has achieved several world records. The institute has also received the 'Best Youth Organization' award from the Government of India and the 'Excellence' award from the International Human Rights Ambassador Organization. The institute's Founder and Principal Rajiv Das has been instrumental in making it a leading art and craft institution in Assam and India through his dedication and commitment to discipline.

### Jeep safari in Kaziranga to be stopped from May 19

Bokakhat : Kaziranga National Park ing May 19. Notably, the park had aland Tiger Reserve, a globally renowned tourist destination and wildlife sanctuary, will stop jeep safaris for the season starting from May 19. This decision was officially announced by the park authorities. According to a notification issued by the park authorities, the decision to stop jeep safaris has been taken in light of the deteriorating road conditions due to rainfall, which has made travel within the park increasingly difficult and risky. The notification states that jeep safaris will be halted in all ranges of the park start-

ready closed the Bagori Range and some other areas for tourist movement earlier in May due to safety concerns. Now, the jeep safaris across all ranges of Kaziranga National Park will remain closed for the rest of the 2024-25 tourist season. Park officials thanked everyone and requested their continued cooperation. They expressed hope that the upcoming season would be as successful as this one. The park administration requested all tour operators and related businesses to consider this closure seriously and cooperate accordingly.

# Senior citizen felicitated by organiza-tions in Morigaon

Morigaon: Binod Sarma, a senior citizen and noted social worker of Morigaon, was felicitated by various organizations on the occasion of his 80th birth anniversary today. The Morigaon Literary Body, Morigaon District Journalists' Association (MDJA), and the Senior Citizens' Association jointly organized the event to honor him. Senior journalist Upen Deka, senior citizen Gambhir Medhi, MDJA president Ajit Sarma, former MDJA president Birinchi Sarma, writer Pradeep Parasar, senior journalist Jagadish Nath, and social worker Nitul Barkatoki were present at the felicitation ceremony.



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