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Chief Minister takes stock of flood situation in Lakhimpur district

Instructs district administration to provide necessary assistance to flood-affected people



Dispur: Chief Minister Dr.Himanta Biswa Sarma visited Lakhimpur district to take stock of the flood situation. He inspected the floodaffected areas of Amtala and Barbila, as well as the submerged areas by the Pahumara River, and interacted with affected residents to understand their situation. He also reviewed

the measures implemented by the district administration. It may be noted that a significant portion of the area was inundated due to a breach at the Amtala embankment. Dr. Sarma initially visited Amtala in the newly formed Naoboicha constituency to assess the overall flood situation and proceeded on foot

to inspect the site. Notably, a portion of the embankment, constructed in 1989, had collapsed, submerging around five revenue villages. He directed the Deputy Commissioner to provide adequate assistance to those affected. During a media interaction, the Chief Minister stated that see page 10

DoHUA Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah Holds Review Meeting on Flood Relief and Preparedness in Guwahati



Guwahati: Minister for the Department of Housing & Urban Affairs (DoHUA), Jayanta Mallabaruah, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting with the Kamrup (Metro) District Administration, Guwahati Municipal Corporation

(GMC), and other concerned departments to assess the ongoing relief measures and enhance preparedness for artificial flooding caused by incessant rainfall in Guwahati.

Held at the Office of the District Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro), Hengrabari, the meeting focused on immediate response protocols, distribution of essential relief materials, and streamlining coordination among departments to ensure timely assistance to flood-affected citizens.

Ensuring timely delivery of relief materials is our top priority," the Minister told the media after the meeting. "Items such as mosquito repellents, candles, sanitary napkins, and baby food are being prioritized for quick distribution in areas hit by waterlogging and power outages.

He further stated that "relief materials will now be pre
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Health Minister Ashok Singhal Reviews Department Performance; Issues Key Directives to Strengthen Services in Flood-Affected Areas



Dispur: Health and Family Welfare Minister Ashok Singhal reviewed the functioning of the Health and Family Welfare Department during a meeting held at the National Health Mission office in Guwahati, Assam. The meeting reviewed various aspects of the department's work, including implementation of schemes, infrastructure development and the delivery of health services, particularly in **see page 10**



91. Repentance

O Hari, what we have done by not worshipping You in the company of the virtuous ones!

Being self-interested, I gave up servicing You!

For this crime, I immersed in violent menace.

You are the bosom friend, the beloved soul;

Still I, the vile creature donot worship you.

You are my father, my preceptor, my destiny, I, the vile one became the thief of Your service.

Devotion to You saves even the inferiors,

Yet I, the ill-thinker, donot adore you!

I donot consider you to be my tutelary divinity,

Suffering from pangs, die in the worldly illusion.

Its only You, the sea of mercy

What a man I am, not to worship You sincerely! O benevolent Lord, now give me shelter of Your feet

Your feet are the purifier of crimes we commit.

O my God, donot avoid me,

Let my mind immerse in thee.

My heart is destroyed,

My life is destroyed,

O Rama Krishna Hari,

My soul, Hari!

O Hari Rama Krishna Rama Govinda

O triumphant Krishna Rama!

Hari Rama, comrade Rama Hari Rama!

O Rama Krishna Govinda Hari Rama, Govinda Krishna Rama Rama Rama

Govinda Govinda Rama.

O my heart Govinda Madhava Rama

Krishna

The victorious Krishna.

No-92 The Divine Power:

The store of Naam is in the heart,

It exposes itself through mouth.

The name of Rama thrashes and ruins the warriors of sin.

Destroying the enemy sin,

Hari naam laughs loudly,

Sitting over all the religions,

Hari naam exposes freely.

Subjugating the happiness of salvation,

Hari naam dances in pleasure Making friendship with man, goes near Hari.

93.

Advice

O thoughtful mind,

Adore Lord with devotion.

By adoring Lord,

One can have salvation

And beyond adoring the feet of God,

One goes to the realm of death.

Worshipping God, one can stop one's birth Without devotion, all others are of no use

Knowing it,

O mind, worship the feet of God. The foolish Madhav sings with this sentiment Madhav always exposes

his little self as a slave to Lord. The End ■ **Rita Borua** 99545-94823 *to be continued*

Eid al-Adha Festival on June 7 in Dibrugarh: Preparations and Festive Spirit Among Muslims

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: Along with the rest of the country, Muslims in Dibrugarh will observe their sacred festival, Eid al-Adha or Bakrid, on June 7, following the sighting of the new moon marking the beginning of the Arabic month of Dhul Hijj. In Dibrugarh, apart from the 30 mosques across the town, congregational Eid prayers will also be held at the "Dibrugarh Central Eidgah" located in Graham Bazaar and the "Alhaj Jalal Uddin Ahmed Eidgah" in Amolapatty. The Eid prayer at the Dibrugarh Central Eidgah in Graham Bazaar will be held at 8:00 AM, as announced by Eidgah Committee President Alhaj Amanullah Ansari and Secretary Alhaj Saukat Ali. The prayer will be led by Maulana Riazul Islam Al-Jami, the Pesh Imam of Kadamani Mosque in Dibrugarh. At the Naliapool Mosque, the Eid prayer will be held at 8:15 AM, informed Mosque Committee President Iqbal Hussain Bora and Secretary Najmul Hussain. The prayer will be led by pesh Imam Maulana Mubarak Hussain. At the Na- Masjid on Convoy Road, Eid prayer will also be held at 8:00 AM. The prayer here will be led by pesh Imam Hafiz Maulana Inamul Ali, informed Mosque Committee President Alhaj Nasimul Gani and Secretary Alhaj Nasimur Rahman. The respective Eidgah Committees have requested all attendees to bring their own prayer mats for the Eid prayers. The organizing committees have also made a humble appeal to everyone to celebrate the Eid festival while maintaining peace and communal harmony.

BJP holds Tiranga Yatra in Palasbari



Abhijit Kalita, Palasbari: BJP leader, former secretary of Assam football association and social worker Himangshu Shekhar Baishya recently joined a Tiranga Yatra programme at Hudumpur under Palasbari LAC in Kamarup district. The event was organised to celebrate the success of 'Operation Sindoor'."The rally, organised by BJP workers and supporters of the Palasbari LAC, commenced from the Hudumpur Buragopal temple. The event was attended by retired head teacher and social worker Anil Kalita. The event saw participation of local residents, including a significant number of women, who joined the march with placards and patriotic slogans." A special 'Mann Ki Baat' session was also held at Hudumpur Kukuria LP school premises under Parlli Hudumpur Gaon Panchayat with enthusiastic participation from local residents.

World Environment Day: A Dying Planet's Plea for Immediate Action

■ Heramba Nath

Every year, June 5 arrives with slogans, campaigns, and symbolic observances marking World Environment Day. Tree-planting ceremonies, riverside clean-ups, awareness rallies, and seminars flood public spaces and social media platforms alike. Yet behind this annual flurry of activity, a harsh and uncomfortable reality persists: the planet is slowly dying. The air we breathe grows increasingly toxic, water bodies are choked with waste, forests vanish under the relentless march of human activity, and animal species disappear at alarming rates. These environmental changes are no longer distant or hypothetical. They are here, real, and affecting the daily lives of billions, particularly in environmentally sensitive regions like Assam. Symbolic gestures, though well-meaning, can no longer compensate for the damage inflicted through decades of unchecked exploitation and neglect.

Assam, known for its extraordinary biodiversity, sprawling tea gardens, the mighty Brahmaputra, and revered national parks, is both a sanctuary and a frontline casualty of the unfolding ecological crisis. It is a land where nature's abundance was once considered inexhaustible, yet today, environmental degradation casts a shadow over even the most remote villages and forested hills. Flash floods, deforestation, water contamination, air pollution, erosion, riverbank and biodiversity loss have become distressingly frequent realities. This localised crisis mirrors a larger environmental emergency engulfing India and the world. It is no exaggeration to state that if we fail to change course, the consequences will be catastrophic for both current and future genera-

There exists a timeless truth we have ignored for too long: "Everyone should know that humans can survive only if trees exist." The interdependence between human life and nature is absolute. The air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, and the medicines we rely upon are all products of healthy ecosystems. Destroying forests, polluting rivers, and suffocating the atmosphere inevitably means destroying the very systems that sus-

tain us. Environmental protection, therefore, is not a luxury or a charitable cause — it is a question of survival. turned public spaces into health hazards. Environmental degradation is no longer

Global warming, once debated and dismissed by sceptics, has now become an undeniable and omnipresent reality. Scientific research confirms that Earth's average temperature has been steadily rising, disrupting natural systems and creating conditions for more frequent and severe disasters. Changing rainfall patterns, prolonged droughts, intense storms, and searing heatwaves are no longer anomalies. In Assam, February and March — traditionally dry but tolerable months are now marked by dangerously high air pollution levels. Guwahati, the capital city, has repeatedly breached the 'very unhealthy' category in its Air Quality Index (AQI), according to the Assam Pollution Control Board. Respiratory illnesses, heart conditions, and eye infections have surged among urban populations, while rural areas, once naturally protected, are increasingly exposed to contaminated air from forest fires, dust storms, and industrial activity.

The Brahmaputra river, historically the lifeline of Assam, has not been spared either. Once pristine and teeming with fish, it now carries alarming quantities of plastic waste, untreated sewage, chemical fertilisers, and industrial effluents. Deforestation in the hills and wetlands feeding the river has led to soil erosion, altering natural watercourses and exacerbating the annual floods that submerge entire villages and farmlands. Biodiversity has suffered tremendously. Iconic species like the one-horned rhinoceros, Hoolock gibbon, golden langur, and river dolphin are under increasing threat — not merely from poaching but from the destruction of their habitats.

Rapid urbanisation has brought its own challenges. Guwahati, once a picturesque city surrounded by hills and lakes, has become a congested urban sprawl plagued by traffic congestion, garbage mismanagement, illegal construction on wetlands, and deteriorating air quality. Natural drainage systems have been blocked by indiscriminate development, turning monsoon rains into city-wide disasters. Noise pollution and heat islands have

turned public spaces into health hazards. Environmental degradation is no longer confined to forests and rivers but has invaded every corner of human habitation.

Faced with this grim scenario, World Environment Day must be seen not as a token ritual but as a desperate plea for immediate and decisive action. Empty promises, token gestures, and photo opportunities must be replaced

by a behavioural revolution. The way societies consume resources, dispose of waste, and treat the natural environment requires profound transformation. Technological innovations, while valuable, are insufficient if not accompanied by responsible governance, transparent policymaking, and a collective ethical awakening among citizens.

One glaring environmental hazard that continues to defy regulation is plastic pollution. Despite multiple governmental bans and awareness campaigns against single-use plastics, markets, eateries, and households continue to rely on polythene bags, Styrofoam containers, and plastic packaging. Enforcement remains weak, and public compliance is often superficial. This reflects a deeper cultural hesitation to embrace change without external pressure. Environmental awareness must translate into personal responsibility. Every citizen's daily choices matter whether it is refusing plastic bags, conserving water, reducing electricity consumption, or properly managing household waste.

It is important to remember that environmental degradation is closely tied to public health outcomes. Polluted air, contaminated water, and unsafe food sources have led to a surge in respiratory diseases, diarrhoeal illnesses, and vector-borne infections such as malaria, dengue, and Japanese Encephalitis. In Assam, the situation is particularly alarming. Annual floods, exacerbated by deforestation and climate change, worsen health crises in vulnerable rural areas. Temporary displacement of thousands, coupled with inadequate sanita-



tion facilities, results in outbreaks of water-borne and communicable diseases. This demonstrates unequivocally that environmental neglect directly threatens human well-being and economic stability.

The rural economy of Assam, historically dependent on agriculture, fishing, and forest produce, is collapsing under environmental pressures. Erratic rainfall, polluted water sources, soil degradation, and frequent floods reduce crop yields and fish catches, undermining food security and livelihoods. Deforestation and wetland encroachment further strip indigenous communities of traditional resources essential for survival. The loss of forest cover also threatens ancient knowledge systems, medicinal plant diversity, and sustainable practices passed down through generations.

As Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev, the 15th-century saint, philosopher, and cultural icon of Assam wisely said: "Ek Putra Dasa Putra Sama." This timeless teaching underscores the principle of valuing every being and every element of nature equally. Just as one child is as precious as ten, every tree, river, animal, and piece of land must be treated with the same reverence and care. This philosophy, rooted in Assamese Vaishnavite tradition, offers invaluable guidance for contemporary environmental ethics. We must abandon the mindset of reckless exploitation and embrace a culture of respect, restraint, and responsibility toward the natural world.

Urban Assam cannot remain an exception to this call for ecological responsibility.

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The Crisis of Plastic Pollution: A Global Responsibility

■ Lalit Nath Itakhola, Sonitpur

Every year on June 5, World Environment Day is celebrated globally to remind us of our responsibility towards the environment. Initiated in 1972 at the United Nations Stockholm Conference, this day aims to raise awareness about environmental protection and inspire actionable steps. Each year, World Environment Day focuses on a specific environmental issue, such as air pollution, biodiversity, plastic pollution, or climate change. The theme for 2025 is 'Ending Plastic Pollution Globally', highlighting the severe crisis of plastic pollution that is devastating oceans, wildlife and human health. Plastic waste has polluted every corner of the planet, from the depths of the oceans to the peaks of mountains. Globally, approximately 400 million tons of plastic are produced annually, of which only 9% is recycled, 12% is incinerated and the remaining 79% accumulates in landfills, oceans, or other environments. Every year, 8 to 12 million tons of plastic enter the oceans, leading to the death of over 100 million marine animals. About 60% of this plastic waste originates from Asia, with significant contributions from China, India and Southeast Asian countries. The amount of plastic waste accumulated on land exceeds 200 million tons, primarily in the urban areas of America, Europe, and Asia. Recycling rates vary globally, with Europe achieving over 30%, while Asia and Africa manage only 5-10%.In India, approximately 3.5 million tons of plastic waste are generated annually, of which 43% is single-use plastic. While 60% is collected for recycling, only 12% is actually recycled, with the rest accumulating in landfills, rivers, or other environments. Major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata contribute significantly to plastic waste. For instance, Mumbai generates over 1,200 tons of plastic waste daily. The Indian government banned singleuse plastics in 2022 and strengthened recycling efforts through the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.In Assam, approximately 1,200-1,500 tons of solid waste are generated daily, of which 10-15% (120-225 tons) is plastic. In Guwahati, 550-650 tons of solid

waste are produced daily, with 10-12% (55-78 tons) being plastic. Much of this plastic accumulates in landfills, though recycling efforts are underway. The Pollution Control Board, Assam has formulated policies for managing biomedical waste, ensuring safe disposal from hospitals and health centers. The Guwahati Municipal Corporation has taken steps for waste segregation and processing. In Dibrugarh, plans are in place to establish a waste processing center for composting organic waste and recycling plastics. Silchar has also proposed a plastic recycling project. However, rural areas lack adequate recycling facilities, and unplanned plastic disposal pollutes the Brahmaputra River and other water bodies. Plastic's popularity has surged over recent decades due to its durability, affordability and convenience, making it integral to daily life. However, its non-biodegradable nature severely impacts the environment. Plastic waste disrupts ecosystems in oceans, rivers, and land. It endangers marine life, with fish, turtles, and marine mammals at risk. Microplastics entering the food chain pose health risks to humans. Accumulated plastic in soil reduces fertility and pollutes groundwater. The production and disposal of plastics increase greenhouse gas emissions, accelerating climate change. In 2025, the global community is called to unite in reducing plastic use, promoting reuse, and enhancing recycling to protect the environment. Collective action at the international level is essential. Reducing personal and societal plastic use, adopting alternatives, enforcing strict policies, and raising awareness can safeguard the planet's future. Globally, countries and organizations are taking significant steps. The UN Environment Programme proposed the Global Plastics Treaty in 2022, aiming to end plastic pollution by 2040. In 2025, countries are implementing stricter policies to achieve this. India, the European Union, and several African nations have banned single-use plastics. Countries like Japan and South Korea are leveraging advanced recycling technologies. NGOs and local communities worldwide are promoting biodegradable alternatives. Addressing plastic pollution requires more than policies; it demands social

and cultural change. Education is crucial to raise awareness about plastic's harmful effects. Environmental education in schools and universities should emphasize plastic pollution, encouraging sustainable habits among the youth. For example, using paper, cloth, or bamboo products instead of plastic can be promoted. Community-driven initiatives for plastic waste collection and recycling can be strengthened. Clean-up drives in rivers, beaches, and parks, along with workshops promoting plastic alternatives, are vital. Technology plays a key role. Research is advancing bio-based plastics and biodegradable materials. In India, startups are introducing packaging made from seaweed, which is environmentally degradable. Such innovations make sustainable alternatives more accessible. Additionally, advanced machinery and artificial intelligence can enhance plastic

sorting and recycling efficiency. Ending plastic pollution requires collective responsibility from individuals, communities, businesses, and governments. At the individual level, using reusable bags, water bottles, and food containers can reduce single-use plastic reliance. Proper waste segregation for recycling and raising public awareness are critical. Businesses can adopt eco-friendly packaging and provide recycling facilities. Governments must enforce strict regulations on plastic production and use while investing in recycling infrastructure. The fight against plastic pollution is a shared responsibility. The 2025 World Environment Day theme reminds us that every small action counts. From individuals to governments, responsible steps can end plastic pollution. Ensuring a safe and clean planet for future generations is our moral duty. **Mobile**: 954139493

Kamakhya Gears Up for Maha Ambubachi Mahayog with Rs. 4.55 Cr Plan



Guwahati: The Maha Ambubachi Mahayog is scheduled to take place at Kamakhya Temple atop the Nilachal Hills in Guwahati from 2:56 PM on June 22 to 3:00 AM on June 26. Tourism Minister Ranjit Dass chaired a review meeting on June 2. Final decisions will be made during a temple visit on June 9. This year, the event moves beyond the traditional 'Mela' format, aiming for a more organised spiritual experience. Significantly, a ?4.55 crore budget has been sanctioned for the Ambubachi Mahayog. However, 24 departments have been tasked with ensuring smooth conduct. Opensole footwear like sandals is banned near the temple for security and sanctity. Authorities are prepared for bad weather. The Pandu road may be closed if required, with two other paths kept open. If COVID-19 protocols return, they will be strictly enforced. Notably, no VIP or VVIP arrangements will be made as equal access for all devotees is the focus for this year's mela. The Ambubachi Mela draws lakhs of pilgrims, sadhus, tantrics, and spiritual seekers from all over India and abroad. With its deep-rooted connection to Shakti worship and tantric traditions, the mela transforms Guwahati into a vibrant confluence of faith, mysticism, and devotion each year.



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Evander Holyfield (born October 19, 1962) is an American former professional boxer who competed between 1984 and 2011. He reigned as the undisputed champion[a] in the cruiserweight division in the late 1980s and at heavyweight in the early 1990s, and was the only boxer in history to win the undisputed championship in two weight classes in the "three-belt era", a feat later surpassed by Terence Crawford, Naoya Inoue and Oleksandr Usyk, who became two-weight undisputed champions in the four-belt era. Nicknamed "the Real Deal", Holyfield is the only four-time world heavyweight champion, having held the unified World Boxing Association (WBA), World Boxing Council (WBC), and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles from 1990 to

Evander Holyfield

1992, the WBA and IBF titles again from 1993 to 1994, the WBA title a third time from 1996 to 1999; the IBF title a third time from 1997 to 1999 and the WBA title for a fourth time from 2000 to 2001. As an amateur, Holyfield represented the United States at the 1984 Summer Olympics, winning the light heavyweight bronze medal. He turned professional at the age of 21, moving up to cruiserweight in 1985 and winning his first world championship the following year, defeating Dwight Muhammad Qawi for the WBA title. Holyfield then went on to defeat Ricky Parkey and Carlos de León to win the WBC and IBF titles, thus becoming the undisputed cruiserweight champion. He moved up to heavyweight in 1988, later defeating Buster Douglas in 1990 to claim the unified WBA, WBC and IBF heavyweight titles and the undisputed heavyweight championship. He successfully defended his titles three times, scoring victories over former champions George Foreman and Larry Holmes, before suffering his first professional loss to Riddick Bowe in 1992. Holyfield regained the crown in a rematch one year later, defeating Bowe for the WBA and IBF titles (Bowe having relinquished the WBC title beforehand). Holyfield later lost these titles in an upset



against Michael Moorer in 1994. Holyfield was forced to retire in 1994 upon medical advice, only to return a year later with a clean bill of health. In 1996 he defeated Mike Tyson and reclaimed the WBA title, in what was named by The Ring magazine as the Fight of the Year and Upset of the Year. This made Holyfield the first boxer since Muhammad Ali to win a world heavyweight title three times. Holyfield won a 1997 rematch against Tyson, which saw the latter disqualified in round three for biting off part of Holyfield's ears. During this reign as champion, he also avenged his loss to Michael Moorer and reclaimed the IBF title. In 1999 he faced Lennox Lewis in a unification fight for the undisputed WBA, WBC, and IBF titles, which ended in a controversial split draw. Holyfield

months later. The following year, he defeated John Ruiz for the vacant WBA title, becoming the first boxer in history to win a version of the heavyweight title four times. Holyfield lost a rematch against Ruiz seven months later and faced him for the third time in a draw. Holyfield retired in 2014, and is ranked number 77 on The Ring's list of 100 greatest punchers of all time and in 2002 named him the 22nd greatest fighter of the past 80 years. He currently ranks No.91 in BoxRec's ranking of the greatest pound for pound boxers of all time. BoxingScene ranked him the greatest cruiserweight of all time. He is also the first boxer to hold world titles in three different decades, in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. In 2015, he was inducted into the Internawas defeated in a rematch eight tional Sports Hall of Fame.

Early Life

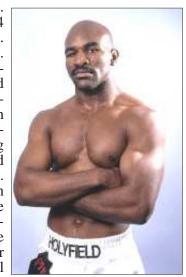


Evander Holyfield was born on October 19, 1962, in the mill town of Atmore, Alabama. The youngest of nine children, he was much younger than his other siblings and was born from a different father.[9] His family later moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was raised in the crime-ridden Bowen Homes Housing Projects. Holyfield describes himself as a physical "late bloomer": upon graduating from Fulton High School in 1980, he was only 5 ft 8 in (1.73 m) tall and weighed only 147 pounds (67 kg). By age 21, he had grown to 6 ft 0 in (1.83 m) and weighed 178 pounds (81 kg). He grew an additional 2+1/2 inches (6.4 cm) in his early 20s, finally reaching his adult height of 6 ft 2+1/2 in (1.89 m).

Allegations of steroid and HGH use

On February 28, 2007, Holyfield was anonymously linked to Applied Pharmacy Services, a pharmacy in Alabama that was under investigation for supplying athletes with illegal steroids and human growth hormone (HGH). He denied ever using performance enhancers. Holyfield's name does not appear in the law enforcement documents reviewed. However, a patient by the name of "Evan Fields" caught investigators' attention. "Fields" shares the same birth

date as Holyfield, October 19, 1962. The listed address for "Fields" was 794 Evander, Fairfield, Ga. 30213. Holyfield has a very similar address. When the phone number that, according to the documents, was associated with the "Fields" prescription, was dialed, Holyfield answered. On March 10, 2007, Holyfield made a public announcement that he would be pursuing his own investigation into the steroid claims in order to clear his name. Holyfield was again linked to HGH in September 2007, when his name came up following a raid of Signature Pharmacy in Orlando, Florida. Signature Pharmacy was under investigation for illegally supplying several professional athletes with steroids and HGH.



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Sapatgram College secures B++ Grade in NAAC assessment



Dhubri: Sapatgram College was accredited B++ Grade with a CGPA of 2.81 in the 3rd Cycle of NAAC Accreditation, following a virtual assessment conducted by the NAAC Peer Team and result of which was declared recently. With this achievement, Sapatgram College now stands as the second-highest NAACrated institution in Dhubri district, trailing only behind B.N. College, Dhubri, which holds an A+ Grade. The NAAC

coordinated efforts of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and commended institution's consistent commitment to quality enhancement. Academic Circle opined that this success is largely attributed to the dynamic leadership of Principal Dr. Rajeshwar Prasad Singh and the dedicated efforts of Dr. Jogomaya Paul, IQAC Coordinator along with his supportive staffs. It was praised by the Peer Team - SKill Hub, Incu-Peer Team lauded the bation Centre, Mushroom opined.

Cultivation Centre, Fully Automated Library, Gymnasium, Labs, Auditorium, Yoga Centre, Indoor Stadium, Guest House, Smart Classrooms, Museums, a Language Lab, and a range of innovative Wall Magazines like The Peer 'Phronesis'. Team gave special appreciation to the college's student engagement initiatives, NSS activities, and infrastructural growth. This recognition marks a significant milestone in the college's journey toward academic excellence and holistic development. The improvement from a B Grade (CGPA 2.52) in the previous cycle to B++ in this cycle is not just a numerical upgrade—it is a testament to the institution's collective vision, resilience, and hard work, academic circle further

Two killed, three injured in wild buffalo attack in Tezpur

Tezpur: In a tragic incident in Tezpur, two elderly individuals lost their lives and three others sustained serious injuries after being attacked by a wild buffalo in separate incidents across Tezpur town on Monday. The rampage began in the Jahazghat area, where a wild buffalo fatally attacked 70-yearold Dharkan Das. In another incident, Bhajan Gop (70 years), who was critically injured in a similar attack, later succumbed to his injuries at Tezpur Medical College and Hospital. Forest officials confirmed that three others, Pradip Bhoumik (64 years), Apu Rai (35 years), and Rangili Choudhury (85



years) were also injured after being attacked in different parts of the town. The wild buffalo is currently taking shelter in the Polo Field area of Bamungaon, and forest personnel are making ongoing efforts to tranquilize and safely capture the animal.

Assam Launches 'Gaja Mitra' to Help **Curb Human-Elephant Conflict**

Guwahati: In a move to curb the escalating human-elephant conflict in Assam, authorities have launched 'Gaja Mitra', a dedicated initiative aimed at protecting both local communities and the state's majestic elephants. The programme is being rolled out across five of the most affected districts — Goalpara, Baksa, Udalguri, Sonitpur, and Nagaon where frequent elephant incursions have led to crop damage, property

loss, and sometimes, tragic human and animal fatalities. The Gaja Mitra initiative takes a multi-pronged approach. One of its core strategies is ecological, focusing on the creation of greener, more hospitable forests to ensure elephants have ample food and migratory corridors within the wild. By restoring natural habitats, officials hope to reduce the need for elephants to venture into human settlements in search of food.

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World Environment Day: A Dying Planet's Plea for Immediate Action

The unregulated expansion of concrete structures onto wetlands and hills, the surge in private vehicles, and the absence of efficient public transport systems have turned cities into environmental hotspots. Guwahati, now struggling with flooding during the monsoon and severe air pollution in the dry season, is a grim preview of what other towns and cities may face if unsustainable practices continue. It is imperative that urban planning prioritises green spaces, public transport networks, renewable energy sources, and strict waste management protocols. Environmental sustainability should no longer be treated as optional but as a fundamental political and social necessity.

Governments often justify environmentally harmful projects in the name of development and economic growth. While infrastructure expansion and industrialisation are indeed necessary for progress, they cannot come at the cost of irreversible ecological destruction. Sustainable development must cease to be a convenient slogan and instead become the guiding principle for every policy decision. Projects impacting forests, wetlands, rivers, and biodiversity hotspots must be subjected to rigorous ecological impact assessments. The long-term well-being of communities and ecosystems must outweigh the short-term profits of contractors and corporations.

The role of the media, educational institutions, and civil society in fostering environmental consciousness cannot be overstated. Media houses should move beyond episodic coverage of natural disasters and instead invest in sustained environmental reporting. Schools and universities must integrate environmental science and ethics into their curricula, treating them as core subjects essential for responsible citizenship. NGOs, environmentalists, and community groups should spearhead grassroots initiatives in afforestation, waste management, organic farming, and eco-friendly technolo-

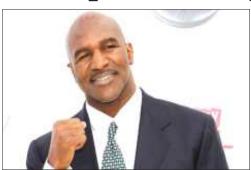
The younger generation, inheriting a planet on the brink of ecological collapse, must rise beyond social media activism and superficial protests. The environmental crisis demands a lifelong commitment to sustainable lifestyles, informed activism, and community leadership. Planting a tree is not a one-time ritual but a responsibility to nurture, protect, and propagate. Consuming less, conserving water, minimising waste, and advocating for green policies are daily acts of environmental citizenship.

India's policymakers must also strengthen the nation's role in international climate diplomacy. As a developing country disproportionately affected by climate change, India should advocate for climate justice that acknowledges the historical responsibilities of industrialised nations while ensuring robust environmental governance at home. Domestic policies should align with global commitments, with stringent enforcement mechanisms and active public participation.

The central message of this World Environment Day could not be clearer: superficial observances are no longer enough. The distress signals of the planet scorching heatwaves, devastating floods, vanishing forests, toxic air, and endangered species — demand uncompromising action. The burden of responsibility is shared by all, and the cost of inaction will be catastrophic. Only a sustained behavioural revolution, coupled with systemic reforms and a revival of moral clarity, can restore balance between humanity and nature. The time for complacency has passed. The choice before us is stark: take decisive action today or face irreversible catastrophe tomorrow.

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Undisputed heavyweight champion



Holyfield had been promised a title shot against Tyson in 1990. Before that fight could occur, in what many consider to be the biggest upset in boxing history, relatively unknown boxer, 29year-old, 231 lb. Buster Douglas defeated the 23-year-old, 218 lb. Mike Tyson in 10 rounds in Tokyo to become the new undisputed heavyweight champion. Instead of fighting Tyson, Holyfield was Douglas's first title defense. They met on October 25, 1990. Douglas came into the fight at 246 lb. and offered little in the fight against Holyfield, who was in ideal shape at 208 lb. In the third round Douglas tried to start a combination with a big right uppercut. Holyfield countered with a straight right hand and Douglas went down for the count. Holyfield was the new undefeated, undisputed heavyweight champion of the World. At the time of the knockout, Holyfield was ahead on all three judges' scorecards, all seeing it 20-18 for Holyfield. In his first defense, he beat former and future world champion George Foreman by unanimous decision. The fight was billed as a "Battle for the Ages", a reference to the age difference between the young undefeated champion (28 years old) and the much older George Foreman (42 years old). Holyfield weighed in at 208 pounds and Foreman weighed in at 257 pounds. Foreman lost the fight by a unanimous decision, but surprised many by lasting

the whole 12 rounds against a much younger opponent, even staggering Holyfield a few times and knocking him off balance in the seventh round. Then a deal was signed for him to defend his crown against Mike Tyson in November 1991. Tyson delayed the fight, claiming he was injured in training, but was then convicted for the rape of Desiree Washington and sentenced to six years in prison, so the fight did not happen at that time. They fought in 1996 (Holyfield won by a TKO in 11) and a rematch in 1997 (Holyfield won by disqualification left Cooper still on his feet, but unable Heavyweight title. to defend himself. Holyfield landed bruin favor of Holyfield.

Holyfield vs. Botha



After the loss to Valuey, Holyfield took a period of in three, after Tyson bit both of his ears). inactivity. He reportedly agreed to fight South Afri-Holyfield made his next defense in At- can boxer Francois Botha on January 16, 2010; it was lanta against late replacement in Bert agreed that the venue for the fight would be the Nelson Cooper over Francesco Damiani who Mandela Memorial Stadium in Kampala, Uganda. A suffered a foot injury in training days few weeks before the fight, it was revealed that the before the fight, Cooper surprised bout would be postponed to February 20, 2010. The Holyfield with a very good effort. match was put in jeopardy due to economic disagree-Holyfield scored the first knockdown of ments but was later confirmed to be on April 10, the fight against Cooper with a power- 2010, at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. ful shot to the body, but Cooper returned When asked about his upcoming bout, the four-time the favor with a good right hand that world heavyweight champion said: "I've been hearing sent Holyfield against the ropes; while for a while that I can't do it. All it does is light a fire not an actual knockdown, referee Mills under me to prove people wrong." He added: "I can Lane gave Holyfield a standing eight- still fight. I don't want to leave until I've become the count. Having suffered the first techni- undisputed heavyweight champion one more time. cal knockdown of his professional ca- That's been my goal the entire time." The American reer, Holyfield regained his composure boxer scored an eighth-round knockout of Botha to quickly and administered a beating that win the vacant World Boxing Federation (WBF)

Holyfield started slowly as usual in the early gotal power shots, culminated by repeated ing. Botha held and hit Holyfield, and took the convicious uppercuts that snapped Cooper's trol of the fight for the first three rounds. However, head back. Referee Mills Lane stopped the South African could not slow down Holyfield, the bout in the seventh. In his first fight though he did hurt him, and the American boxer slowly of 1992, he faced 42 year old former began to punch him more to take control of the bout world heavyweight champion Larry in the later rounds. In the seventh round Holyfield Holmes, and had just pulled off an upset stunned Botha and knocked him down in the eighth against Ray Mercer. During the bout, round. Though he beat the count, Holyfield cornered Holyfield suffered the first scar of his him and landed many punches that forced the referee career with a gash opening up over his Russell Mora to stop the bout. At the time of the eye, the result of Holmes' elbow. The stoppage, Holyfield was behind on two judges' cards, fight ended with a unanimous decision 67-66, while the third judge had it 69-64 for the American boxer. Only 3,127 attended the fight.

Celebrity appearances



Holyfield's popularity has led to numerous television appearances for the boxer. His first television show appearance was the Christmas special of the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air in 1990, playing himself. Other television appearances over the years included

Home Improvement, Living Single, New York Undercover, and NCIS: Los Angeles. Holyfield had minor roles in three movies during the 1990s, Blood Salvage (1990, which he also produced), Necessary Roughness (1991), and Summer of Sam (1999). He made a guest appearance on Nickelodeon's game show Nickelodeon Guts during its third season in 1994. He appeared once in an episode of children animated series Phineas and Ferb. In the episode, he is an animated character but the producers wanted to make the most of Holyfield's ear, so his animated character was only given half an ear. In 2005, Holyfield came in fifth place on ABC's Dancing with the Stars

with his partner Edyta Sliwinska. He also made an appearance on the original BBC Strictly Come Dancing "Champion of Champions" showdown, which featured the final four teams from the 2005 edition of the British series, plus two celebrities from spinoff versions, paired with British professional dancers, one featuring Holyfield paired with Karen Hardy, and Rachel Hunter paired with Brendan Cole. On August 13, 2007, Holyfield was confirmed to participate in a boxing match at World Wrestling Entertainment's Saturday Night's Main Event XXXV against Matt Hardy. He replaced Montel Vontavious Porter, who had to pull out after being legitimately diagnosed with a heart condition that was not part of a storyline. Holyfield appeared as himself in the 2011 remake of Arthur.



Chhal Kapat: The Deception trailer out: Shriya Pilgaonkar starrer Zee5 show to start streaming from June 6



ZEE5 has unveiled the trailer for its upcoming original series, Chhal Kapat The Deception. Directed by Ajay Bhuyan, produced by Juggernaut Production, and led by the dynamic Shriya Pilgaonkar, this gripping whodunnit is set to premiere exclusively on ZEE5 on June 6, 2025. Featuring a stellar ensemble cast including Kamya Ahlawat, Ragini Dwivedi, Tuhina Das, Yahhve Sharma, Pranay Pachauri, Smaran Sahu, and Anuj Sachdeva, the series promises a suspense-filled narrative packed with twists, secrets, and deception.

Set against the hauntingly beautiful backdrop of a village near Burhanpur, the story unfolds at an intimate destination wedding. Bride-to-be Alisha Dixit has chosen her ancestral haveli for the celebration, bringing together her childhood best friends—Mehak, Ira, and Shalu—under one roof for the first time in years. What begins as a joyful reunion soon takes a dark turn. As laughter fills the air and old memories are rekindled, long-buried tensions resurface—culminating in tragedy when Shalu, now a rising social media influencer, is found dead.

Singer Milind Gaba and wife Pria welcome twins

Announce arrival of baby boy and girl



Singer Milind Gaba and his wife Pria have recently embraced a beautiful new chapter in their lives by wel-

coming twins — a baby boy and a baby girl. The joyous announcement was made public on Friday through Milind's Instagram, where he shared his happiness with his fans and followers in an endearing joint post alongside his wife. In his heartfelt message, Milind expressed profound gratitude and humility, writing, "I never asked anything for myself from you, so what else could I ask now. We are blessed with two miracles. Jai Mata Di." This touching sentiment reflects not only his personal joy but also the spiritual blessing he feels in receiving this incredible gift

Pankaj Tripathi becomes brand ambassador for Hyundai Motor India

Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) nounced the partnership in a press renas roped in actor Pankaj Tripathi as its new brand ambassador. Known for his grounded screen presence and relatable persona, Tripathi's association with the brand is aimed at reinforcing Hyundai's image as a reliable and people-first automobile company. The company an-

lease, describing the actor as a symbol of authenticity and trust, qualities Hyundai identifies with. "His grounded persona, exceptional talent, and widespread appeal resonate with the values of HMIL and our vision of 'Progress for Humanity," said Tarun Garg.

Housefull 5 cast to visit Seasons Mall in Pune for fan interaction ahead of the release



Get ready for a thrilling laughter riot as Sajid Nadiadwala's Housefull 5, the latest installment of Bollywood's most successful comedy franchise, gears up for its grand release! In celebration of advance booking opening tomorrow, the cast of Housefull 5 will make a special appearance at Seasons Mall, Pune, to meet fans and indulge in fun-filled activities. The film, known for its comedy and blockbuster ensemble, promises yet another rollercoaster ride of confusion, chaos, and entertainment. Fans will have the once-ina-lifetime opportunity to interact with the star-studded cast in person.

Aakanksha Singh buys Mahindra XEV 9e in ruby velvet, joins celeb EV owners



Aakanksha Singh is the latest celebrity to bring home the newly launched Mahindra XEV 9e, joining the growing list of public figures opting for the electric SUV. The actress recently took delivery of her vehicle, choosing the Ruby Velvet shade—a bold and striking option among the several colour schemes available for the model. Her choice adds her name to a lineup that already includes notable personalities such as Anurag Kashyap, Jaaved Jaaferi, and AR Rahman. Shared through social media posts, Singh's new acquisition has sparked interest among fans and automobile enthusiasts alike.



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Chief Minister takes stock of flood situation in Lakhimpur district

the breached section of the embankment would be repaired promptly, and measures would be taken to drain water through a nearby stream to allow residents to return to their homes. He added that reconstruction of the embankment is planned for September-October. Dr. Sarma also inspected the damaged section of the underconstruction Pahumara-Dijo connecting road under the Asom Mala project, which was affected by the overflowing Ranganadi River, and directed the relevant department to take necessary actions. While engaging with flood-affected people, he stated that the state government would provide all possible assistance. Additionally, he visited the eroded section of the Barbila embankment and instructed the Water Resources Department to take measures to prevent further erosion. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister of Education etc. Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Minister of Water Resources etc. Pijush Hazarika, Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management etc. Keshab Mahanta, MLAs Manab Deka, Naba Kumar Doley and Dr. Amiya Kumar Bhuyan along with Deputy Commissioner Pronabjit Kakoty and other officials. Earlier, Dr. Sarma arrived at Lilabari Airport in Lakhimpur and held a meeting with NEEPCO officials of the Ranganadi Power Plant to discuss water release procedures, technical protocols, coordination with district administration, and prior public notifications. He reviewed NEEPCO's water release procedures and instructed that water be released gradually in phases rather than all at once. He emphasized addressing technical aspects and directed officials to maintain coordination with the district administration for timely public alerts. He also mandated immediate precautionary actions based on rainfall forecasts. The Chief Minister was joined by Minister of Education etc. Dr.Ranoj Pegu, Minister of Water Resources etc. Pijush Hazarika, Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management etc. Keshab Mahanta, MLAs Manab Deka, Naba Kumar Doley and Dr. Amiya Kumar Bhuyan along with Deputy Commissioner Pronabjit Kakoty, Chief Project Officer of the Ranganadi Power Plant Partha Pratim Das and other officials. It may be noted that this year's floods have submerged 129 villages across five revenue circles in Lakhimpur district, affecting 46,687 people. Additionally, 454.82 hectares of agricultural land and 22,871 livestock have been impacted. The administration has opened three relief camps sheltering 425 people and established 49 relief distribution centers. For rescue operations, one NDRF team and four SDRF teams have been deployed.

Health Minister Ashok Singhal Reviews Department Performance; Issues Key Directives to Strengthen Services in

flood-affected areas. Minister Singhal emphasized the need for continuous health check-ups and timely distribution of essential medicines in relief shelters. He instructed doctors, nurses and health workers to remain fully alert to tackle the rise in waterborne and other infectious diseases during and after the floods. He also reviewed the department's efforts to control the spread of malaria in the Indo-Bhutan border areas of Kokrajhar and Chirang districts.

During the meeting, the Minister identified several priority areas and issued directions for immediate action. He directed the department to establish a Fast Referral Unit (FRU) in each Assembly constituency to provide maternal, pediatric and emergency health services. He also instructed the Director of Ayush, Assam, to arrange regular yoga training sessions at every Ayushman Arogya Mandir as part of the Fit India Movement and to encourage community participation in health awareness initiatives

Minister Singhal stressed the importance of fully digitizing the administrative and information systems of the department to enhance efficiency and transparency. He asked officials to ensure the availability of essential medicines in every government hospital across the state. Additionally, he directed the department to conduct regular training and personality development programs for doctors, nurses, ASHA workers and all healthcare staff to improve the quality of service delivery.

The meeting also included a detailed review of the current status of blood banks in the state, the progress of Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and Ayushman Assam–Mukkhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AA-MMJAY) and precautionary measures to be taken in light of the recent rise in COVID-19 infections.

Minister Singhal emphasized the need for a proactive and people-centric approach in delivering healthcare services, especially in times of crisis like the ongoing floods.

Today's meeting was attended by senior officials including Commissioner & Secretaries Dr. P. Ashok Babu and Barnali Sharma, Commissioner & Secretary of Medical Education and Research Dr. Siddharth Singh, Director of Health Services Dr. Umesh Phangcho, Director of Health Services (Family Welfare) Kamaljit Talukdar and Executive Director of the National Health Mission, Assam, Dr. Manoj Choudhury.

DoHUA Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah Holds

positioned in elevated spots across flood-prone zones so that they can reach affected families within 2 to 3 hours of flooding." Acknowledging logistical challenges faced in the past, he assured that "corrective steps are already underway and we are learning from every situation to improve future responses."

To strengthen local response capacity, each GMC ward commissioner has been directed to appoint 10 volunteers designated as "Nagar Bandhus" or "Apada Mitra (Disaster Friends)." These volunteers will be equipped with raincoats and other essentials and will work alongside ward-level disaster response teams, Gao-Burhas, and Mandals during emergencies.

In large or difficult to reach areas, these volunteers will be our first responders, bridging the gap between citizens and authorities," the Minister added.""Another major decision announced was the disbursement of an ex-gratia amount of Rs. 4 lakh each to the families of the five individuals who tragically lost their lives in the recent floods. The Minister also issued instructions to keep JCBs and other machinery ready in areas vulnerable to landslides, such as lens light zones, for prompt debris clearance.

To address post-flood issues, the Minister directed that drains be cleaned thoroughly after water recedes, as accumulated silt significantly reduces drainage efficiency. Special Public Committees, comprising ward commissioners, local residents and officials, have been formed to monitor and ensure accountability in draincleaning and emergency flood response.""We remain fully committed to both immediate relief and long-term mitigation efforts. Together with all departments and local bodies, we are moving forward with a coordinated disaster management strategy to make Guwahati safer and more resilient," Minister Baruah stated.

GMC Mayor Mirgen Sarania, District Commissioner of Kamrup (Metro) Sumit Sattawan, GMC councillors, senior officials from the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), and officers from various concerned departments were present during the meeting."

Sivasagar hosts mega drawing competition on plastic pollution

Sibsagar: A district-level drawing competition on the theme 'Ending Plastic Pollution' was successfully organized on Sunday at Sibsagar Government Higher Secondary & Multipurpose School, under the joint initiative of the Assam Pollution Control Board, Sivasagar Regional Office, and local voluntary organization Sanmilta Sewa, Sivasagar. The event was held as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Assam Pollution Control Board and in observance of the upcoming World Environment Day on June 5, aligning with the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) 2025 global theme. More than 300 students from various schools across the district participated in the competition, which was divided into three groups: Group A (Lower Primary), Group B (Upper Primary), and Group C (High School) level. The event was inaugurated by Manju Chetia, Principal of the host school, who highlighted the importance of sensitizing students to environmental issues through such creative platforms. She noted that competitions like these help instil environmental consciousness among young minds. Jayanta Dutta, Officer-in-Charge of the Pollution Control Board's Sivasagar Regional Office, and Dr Utpal Dutta, President of Sanmilita Sewa, delivered motivational speeches urging students to take environmental protection seriously and understand the dangers of unchecked plastic usage.



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Sumi Kalita felicitated for musical achievements and community service



Staff Reporter, Guwahati: Renowned singer Sumi Kalita was felicitated by BJP State Executive Member Anup Kumar Medhi at her residence in Palasbari for her remarkable achievements in music and her contributions to community development on Tuesday." Sumi recently earned multiple accolades in the Sanskritik Mahasangram, a prestigious cultural event organized by the Cultural Affairs Department of the Government of Assam. In addition, she secured the second runner-up position in

Sambhawana, a musical reality show broadcast by Doordarshan Guwahati." Apart from her accomplishments in music, Sumi Kalita is also making a significant impact through her work under the Magic Bus **India Foundation** (MBIF), where she is actively involved in initiatives aimed at empowering youth and underprivileged communities." Her dedication to both the arts and social service has brought pride to the people of Palasbari and serves as an inspiration to the community.

Meeting of District Disaster Management Authority Regarding the Current Flood Situation in Dibrugarh



Reporter, **Dibrugarh**: A meeting concerning the current flood situation Dibrugarh district was held (02-06-2025) at the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office. The meeting was attended by Shantanu Gogoi, Deputy Secretary of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, and Mrinal Jyoti Bora, Project Officer of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (Irrigation Department). Dr. Monika Bora, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Disaster Management), shed light on the flood situation Dibrugarh district. District Project Officer of the Dibrugarh District Disaster Management Author-Deepjyoti ity, Hatikakotiya, presented a detailed PowerPoint pre-

sentation covering specific information about floodaffected areas, ongoing rescue operations carried out by SDRF, NDRF, and Fire & Emergency Services, as well as the relief camps already set up for flood victims and the availability of sufficient relief materials. The meeting also discussed in detail the urban flooding issues in Dibrugarh town. Navash Kumar Das, Executive Officer of Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation, mentioned the steps taken by the concerned departments to prevent a recurrence of last year's urban flood scenario. The current condition of embankments damaged in last year's flood in Dibrugarh district was also discussed during the meeting. On the other hand, Shantanu Gogoi, Deputy Secretary of the Revenue and Disaster Management

Department, discussed with officials from departments including Public Health Engineering, Health, Water Resources, Public Works (Roads), Electricity, Handloom & Textiles, Housing and Urban Affairs, regarding the preparations made to tackle the flood situation. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Surabhi Srivastava, Moran Revenue Circle Officer Queen Gogoi, Tingkhong Revenue Circle Officer Dr. Upasana Duwara, and officials from other departments. Following the meeting, the two officials visited the flood relief camp at No. 2 Bogibeel Lower Primary School, where they interacted with the residents and assessed the situation. They also visited Lezai Higher Secondary School model flood relief camp to inspect available facilities such as safe drinking water, separate rooms for men and women, sanitation, essential medical care, and child-friendly spaces.

Python devours livestock on highway; released at Deo Pahar

Bokakhat: A large python was spotted on Sunday morning on the road leading to Bormona gaon near the township area of the Numaligarh Refinery. The python was seen devouring a domestic animal. The snake, approximately 12 feet long and weighing around 35 kilograms, was unable to move after consuming the animal. Forest officials from the Numaligarh Range office arrived and successfully rescued the python. It was later released in the forested area of Deo Pahar. Due to flooding from the Kaliyni river, the animal had taken shelter on the roadside. The surrounding urban and Deo Pahar areas are known to be common refuge zones for many animals.





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