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## Assam CM meets PM Narendra Modi, Finance Minister Nirmala



New Delhi: Assam Chief Minister Dr.Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Parliament House and briefed him on the significant strides made by Assam on socio- economic parameters here. In course of the meeting that took place in the forenoon today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma apprised Prime Minister Modi on the notable strides made by Assam across key socio-economic indicators and the

near saturation of major welfare schemes of both State and Central Governments. The Chief Minister also conveyed on behalf of the people of Assam the much-anticipated visit of the Prime Minister to the State on September 8 that would coincide with the inauguration of the year-long birth centenary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika and the nation's first bio-ethanol plant at Numaligarh in Golaghat district. Dr. Sarma presented a gamocha to the Prime Minister and mementos on the occasion. Later, taking to X (formerly Twitter), Chief Minister Dr. Sarma posted, "Had the privilege of calling upon Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji in New Delhi. "Briefed him on Assam's see page 10

## **Chief Minister** inspects encroached areas in Uriamghat



Dispur: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma visited Uriamghat in Golaghat district today to inspect areas that have been encroached upon and for which the State Government has already issued eviction notices. Addressing the press, Dr. Sarma stated that thousands of bighas of land in the area had been unlawfully occupied. He observed that certain families had encroached upon as much as 300 to 400 bighas, using the land for various economic activities. Emphasising that the government could not remain indifferent to such developments, he affirmed that appropriate action would follow, urging the public to cooperate with the measures the State Government intends to implement. He informed see page 10

## **Assam CM meets Union** Ministers Sonowal, Khattar

New Delhi : Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday met Union Minister for Ports, Shipping Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal at Parliament House. Exchanging pleasantries both Chief Minister Dr. Sarma and Union Minister Sonowal discussed at length on realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Assam and Viksit India. "Officials privy to the meeting disclosed that discussions were held on developing waterways sector in Assam, including India's first international Multi Modal Logistics Park at Jogighopa and ports to take Assam and the Northeast Region to greater heights in the waterways sector. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Chief Minister Dr. Sarma posted, "It is always a pleasure to meet Shri @



sarbananda sonowal dangoriya and discuss our vision for a #ViksitAssam." Later, the Chief Minister also met Union Minister for Power, Manohar Lal Khattar at government's endeavour Parliament House. The Chief Minister apprised the Union Minister about the slew of initiatives taken by the state government to strengthen the power sector, including transmission and distribution and also to reduce the power new losses, projects. Union Minister Khattar appreciated the initiatives taken by the

state government to further strengthen the power sector to propel growth and development in Assam and assured his Ministry's support and cooperation to the on power front."Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, KK Dwivedi and other senior officials from the State and Central Governments were present. In a post on X, the Chief Minister said, "Held an excellent meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister Shri @mlkhattar ji in New Delhi.

## Governor visits Bhima Shankar temple; offers puja



**Guwahati:** On the auspicious occasion of the holy Shravan month, Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, paid a visit to the sacred Bhima Shankar temple at Pamohi. During the visit, Governor Shri Acharya performed a puja at the temple and offered prayers, seeking the blessings of the Lord Shiva for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of all sections of society. Considering the spiritual and cultural significance of the Shravan month in Hindu tradition, the Governor expressed hope that the divine blessings of Lord Shiva would bring harmony and uplift to the people of the state and elsewhere.

## Minister Ashok Singhal distributes land ownership certificates in Biswanath district



Biswanath Chariali: Under the Forest Land Rights Act, 2006, the Biswanath district administration formally handed over title certificates of land to 2145 claimants living on forest land in the district on Monday. In a meeting held at Kamalakanta Natya Samaj auditorium here, the Guardian Minister of Biswanath, Ashok Singhal, formally started the process of issuing certificates to the claimants who have received the title deeds of the land. It is to be noted that a total of 2145 claimants living in different forest areas under all the assembly constituencies under Biswanath district, namely Biswanath, Behali, and Gohpur, were given the title deeds of this land. In his inaugural address, Ashok Singhal, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Assam said that this was a noble initiative of the Government of Assam to protect the forest dwellers of Assam socially and culturally under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. Singhal said that the state government had been striving to give land rights to the indigenous people of the state through the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006. The minister further said that the Government was keeping a close watch to ensure proper implementation of the Act at the field level through its members by constituting Forest Rights Committees. Earlier, Biswanath Deputy Commissioner Simanta Kumar Das delivered the welcome address in the programme which was also attended by the MLAs and other officials of the district and co-district administrations. On the other hand, the Guardian Minister also dedicated to the public a sluice gate reconstructed by the Irrigation Department at Sakomatha in the district and addressed a public meeting later.

# Foundation stone laid for 'Sakhi Niwas' working women hostel in Kokrajhar

Kokrajhar: In a significant step towards empowering working women and promoting gender-friendly infrastructure, the foundation stone of the 'Sakhi Niwas,' Working Women Hostel was laid on Monday at Dimalgaon in Kokrajhar district. The ceremony was graced by Gautam Das, EM, BTC, in-charge of Women and Child Development (WCD). 'Sakhi Niwas' aims to provide safe and affordable accommodation to working women from different sectors, leading to a secure environment that supports their professional aspirations and overall well-being. The event witnessed the presence of MLA Lawrence Islary, Director of WCD Gauri Shankar Sarma, Secretary of WCD, BTC Phami Brahma, and Joint Director-cum-CHD of WCD, BTC Samir Das. The programme was also attended by officials of the Women and Child Development department including Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), supervisors, the District Poshan Abhiyaan and Mission Shakti team, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs), and

## Nazira celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas with patriotic fervour

Nazira: Kargil Vijay Diwas, commemorating the 26th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War on July 26, 1999, was celebrated with great patriotic fervour across the nation. The day marks the triumph of the Indian Armed forces over Pakistan's intrusion into Indian territory in 1999. The celebrations served as a reminder of the nation's unity, strength, and resilience in the face of adversity. As India continues to honour the valour of its soldiers, Kargil Vijay Diwas stands as a testament to the country's unwavering commitment to protecting its sovereignty and integrity. In Nazira, former soldiers gathered on the bank of the historic Bor Baruah Pond on Saturday to pay tributes to the martyrs of the Kargil War. They lit incense sticks and offered prayers, paying homage to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation. The ceremony was a solemn occasion, with the former soldiers and attendees observing a moment of silence in respect for the martyrs. The event served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the soldiers and their families, and the nation's gratitude for their bravery.

## Demise of Dibrugarh's papular Woman Alhajina Rusena Shah

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: Rusena Shah, a resident of Gabhorupathar in Dibrugarh and a member of the renowned Shah family, passed away at the age of 85 at her residence the day before yesterday due to age-related ailments. She was the daughter-in-law of the late Alhaj Bulban Shah, the former proprietor of the famous Amolguri Tea Estate in Dibrugarh, and the wife of Aurang Shah, the elder son of the family. Born in 1940 in Bambari, Sivasagar, Rusena Shah was married to Aurang Shah of Dibrugarh in 1957.



Known for her simplicity, humility, and deep religious devotion, she completed the holy Hajj pilgrimage in 2012. It is noteworthy that in 1952, the Shah family established a printing press called 'Eva Printing', from which a magazine titled "Minar" was published. The editor of the magazine was poet, writer, and journalist Jamir Uddin Ahmed. At the time of her death, she left behind two sons, three daughters, three sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and eight grandchildren. Her funeral (Janaza) prayer was held yesterday evening at the Naliapool graveyard in the presence of many admirers.

# Dr. Pankaj Adhicari: A Beacon of Healing and Compassion

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In the journey of life, there are times when the fragility of human existence becomes painfully visible, and moments of suffering test our strength and resilience. Illness often arrives uninvited, disrupting not only the health of an individual but also the peace and stability of an entire family. It is during such challenging moments that the true value of a compassionate and skilled doctor becomes immeasurable. For us, that extraordinary figure is Hon'ble Dr. Pankaj Adhicari, MD, Skin Specialist, HOD of Dermatology, GMCH, whose expertise and humane approach restored my mother's health and gifted our family a new chapter of hope.

My mother's illness was not an ordinary ailment but a severe autoimmune skin disease, a condition that drained her energy, spirit, and confidence. For months, we watched helplessly as the disease consumed her physical strength and emotional well-being. The journey was filled with sleepless nights, endless anxiety, and a constant search for the right course of treatment. During this dark phase, my late father, who was alive at the time, struggled deeply. A strong and caring man, he was shattered to witness my mother's suffering. Helplessness and frustration weighed heavily on his heart, and our entire family too felt suffocated by fear and uncer-

Many well-meaning friends and relatives urged us to take my mother to Chennai Apollo Hospital, believing that only advanced facilities could offer any chance of recovery. Their concern was genuine, but amidst this uncertainty, my two brothers and I chose to place our unwavering trust in Dr. Adhicari. We had faith in his reputation, his brilliance in dermatology, and above all, the quiet confidence and kindness he exudes. From the very first meeting, we instinctively felt that we were in safe and capable hands the kind of hands that heal not only the body but also the heart.

Under his care, the transformation in my mother's condition was nothing short of miraculous. Gradually but surely, she began to recover. Every consultation with Dr. Adhicari renewed our hope and strength. His treatment hope. The way he handled my went beyond medicines and clinical procedures; it carried with it a deep sense of empathy and reassurance. Today, I can say with absolute gratitude that Dr. Adhicari gave my mother a new life. After months of pain and anxiety, our entire family now feels light, happy, and free. The heavy cloud of fear that once overshadowed us has lifted, replaced by a peace that words can hardly describe. I only wish my father were alive to witness this day; I know he would have found immense comfort in seeing the woman he loved regain her health and dignity.

The gratitude we feel towards Dr. Adhicari is beyond measure. In our eyes, he is not merely a doctor but an angel of healing. His presence, his soft-spoken nature, and his gentle smile bring calm even before a consultation begins. He is amiable by nature, never displaying anger or impatience, no matter how complex the case or how anxious the family may be. He speaks sparingly, but every word carries the weight of assurance and understanding. His demeanour, marked by humility and respect for every patient, sets him apart.

Within GMCH, Dr. Adhicari is admired not only for his exceptional medical knowledge but also for his sincerity and commitment to his profession. He performs his duties with utmost dedication, treating his work not as a routine job but as a sacred calling to serve humanity. His colleagues respect him for his professional excellence, while his students see him as a role model — someone who inspires them to become not just skilled doctors but compassionate healers. His art of communication is another quality that makes him unique. He explains medical conditions in a manner that reassures rather than alarms, building trust and confidence in both patients and their families.

When I reflect on the dark days of my mother's illness, I realise how much difference one compassionate doctor can make. Dr. Adhicari not only treated her disease but also gave our family the strength to endure the ordeal. His healing touch extended beyond prescriptions and procedures; it reached our hearts, calming our fears and replacing them with

mother's condition — step by step, with careful precision and care — was extraordinary. Watching her slowly regain her strength and smile again felt like witnessing a miracle unfold.

In today's world, healthcare often faces criticism for losing its human touch. The increasing commercialisation of medical services, the rush to see more patients, and the growing sense of detachment have left many feeling alienated. Yet, doctors like Dr. Adhicari remind us of the true essence of medicine. For him, each patient is not a number or a case file but a human being with emotions, fears, and a story. His practice of medicine is infused with a compassion that cannot be measured but can certainly be felt.

Our whole family is living proof of the difference he makes. During my mother's treatment, there were days when despair nearly overtook us. My father, who is no longer with us, struggled deeply with her pain. It broke his heart to know he could not ease her suffering. As his frustration grew, so did ours, torn as we were between hope and helplessness. Now, with my mother cured, it feels as though we have been released from a dark and heavy burden. We have found peace again, and that peace is due to the tireless efforts and remarkable care of Dr. Adhicari.

It is not only his medical expertise that we admire but also his extraordinary character. He is a man of discipline, humility, and integrity. He honours his responsibilities with sincerity and grace. His students love him, not only because he teaches well but because he leads by example. He embodies the kind of doctor every aspiring medical student dreams of becoming — someone who blends knowledge with empathy, professionalism with kindness, and skill with humanity. His communication is so graceful that patients feel reassured even before a treatment begins. His calm demeanour and thoughtful words stand out in an age where hurried consultations often leave patients more confused than comforted.

The journey of healing is often not just medical but also emotional. When a family battles an illness, it is not only the patient who suffers but everyone around



them. Each visit to the hospital, each test result, and each sleepless night leaves an emotional scar. What we needed during those difficult times was not just a doctor but someone who could understand our fears, someone who could bring hope when we were too exhausted to find it ourselves. Dr. Adhicari did exactly that. He stood by us not just as a medical professional but as a pillar of strength.

Today, my mother's recovery stands as a testament to his expertise and dedication. It is also a reminder that even in this fastpaced, modern world, there are doctors who treat their profession as a sacred duty rather than just a career. He has shown us that healing is not merely about medicines and surgeries but about care, compassion, and human connection. In him, we see not only the qualities of a great doctor but also of a great human being.

Countless other families must have experienced the same relief that we did — walking into his chamber with fear and walking out with renewed hope. Dr. Adhicari's approach is centred on humanity. He does not treat just diseases; he treats people. He listens, he understands, and he cares. These qualities make him truly extraordinary

For us, the name Dr. Pankaj Adhicari will forever be etched in our hearts with gratitude. He gave my mother her life back, and in doing so, he gave our family a reason to smile again. No words, no tribute, no article can fully capture the depth of our thankfulness. But if this piece of writing can convey even a fraction of the respect and admiration we hold for him, I will see page 10

# Cherrapunji's Natural Wonders: A Journey through Its Scenic Landscapes



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#### **Ecological Wonders of the Wettest Place on Earth:**

Cherrapunji is known for its exceptional natural beauty and is situated in the Meghalaya state in northeastern India. Cherrapunji is referred to as the "Wettest Place on Earth" because of its varied flora and fauna, limestone caverns, living root bridges, and tumbling waterfalls. numerous natural wonders that make Cherrapunji an important geographical and biological place are examined in this essay. It aims to promote sustainable tourist practices while highlighting Cherrapunji's ecological significance through a thorough analysis of the region's distinctive topography, climate, biodiversity, and cultural significance. One of the most beautiful places in India is Cherrapunji, which is tucked away in the country's northeast and is well-known for its verdant hills, rich vegetation, and spectacular scenery. This area, which is in the Indian state of Meghalaya, is a picturesque retreat for adventurers, nature

lovers, and anybody else wishing to take in the splendor of the planet's natural beauties. Cherrapunji, dubbed the "Wettest Place on Earth," provides a plethora of natural wonders, from majestic waterfalls to unusual living root bridges. The best natural attractions in Cherrapunji are of great value.

The Waterfall Capital of India:
Cherrapunji is defined by water. It shapes the terrain into striking cliffs and deep valleys in all directions. With a height of 1,115 feet, Nohkalikai Falls is the tallest plunge waterfall in India. It thunders into a turquoise pool from the edge of a forested plateau. The place is imbued with both grandeur and emotional

both grandeur and emotional depth by the tragic local tale of Ka Likai, which is associated with the falls.

Other waterfalls with varying

levels of beauty include Dainthlen Falls and Seven Sisters Falls. While the latter tumbles in strong torrents next to a cave that is rumored to have once been home to a legendary snake, the former hangs across a cliff in delicate strands. Every waterfall is a cultural landmark as well as a

geological wonder.

Some of India's most breathtaking waterfalls can be found scattered across Cherrapunji. Especially during the monsoon season, the sheer amount of water tumbling down the cliffs is a sight to witness. With a height of 1,100 feet, Nohkalikai is one of the tallest waterfalls in India and possibly the most well-known in Cherrapunji. The already captivating scenery is given an airy beauty by the water that cascades down from a cliff and

gathers in a green pool below. Nohkalikai, which translates to "Leikai's Jump," is associated with a tragic local legend, which adds to its allure

Another well-known waterfall, Dainthlen, is a short drive from Cherrapunji town and can be reached by hiking along lush forest trails and lovely meadows. Named after a mythological snake known as



Author with his Family at Nohsngithiang Falls

"Dainthlen," the falls are a popular among photographers because of their beauty and peace. Mawmluh Falls, well-known for its pristine water and tranquil surroundings, is a great place for people who want alone and tranquility in the middle of nature. It is a great place for nature treks and photography because it is less crowded than other falls.

#### **Nohsngithiang Falls:**

Cherrapunjee, Meghalaya, is home to the breathtaking Nohsngithiang Falls, popularly referred to as the Seven Sisters Waterfalls. Over the precipitous limestone cliffs of the East Khasi Hills, this seasonal waterfall cascades in seven separate streams from a height of roughly 315 meters. The falls are best seen in the monsoon season, when the sun sets and creates a breathtaking show of mist and light. A popular destination in Cherrapunjee, Nohsngithiang Falls surrounded by thick foliage and showcases the region's rich natural history and stunning terrain. The experience of witnessing the breathtaking beauty of Nohsngithiang Falls is not only deeply enjoyable but also leaves an indelible mark on one's memory, making every moment spent at this awe-inspiring natural wonder truly remarkable and unforgettable.

#### Mawsmai and Arwah Caves: Subterranean Secrets:

Intricate cave systems that hide prehistoric fossils, glistening limestone structures, and underground streams can be found beneath Cherrapunji's lush slopes. Visitors may easily reach the Mawsmai Caves, which offer a strange adventure through slender passageways patiently fashioned by nature.

The Arwah Caves, a more sedate and uncommercialized option, attract more daring tourists. The prehistoric history of Meghalaya, when this region was

engulfed by an ancient ocean, is hinted at by fossils of extinct marine life preserved in limestone cliffs. The striking limestone caverns of Cherrapunji are another reason for its fame. These caves provide a glimpse into the region's underground world because they were formed over millions of years. These caverns, which are close to the town, are well-known for their stalactite and stalagmite formations, which resemble natural sculptures. The Sohra caverns are the ideal fusion of scenic beauty and adventure. This cave is another must-see natural wonder in the area, and it's close to Mawmluh Falls. It is a well-liked location for spelunking and photography because of its intriguing rock formations, which include ones that mimic animal figures and abstract shapes.

#### The Valley of Mist and Green:

The physical diversity of the region is exhibited by the Mawsmai Valley, which is frequently covered in drifting fog. Hills give way to lowlands teeming with moss, wild orchids, and forest. As a living laboratory of rain-fed biodiversity, the area is regarded by both ecologists and locals as an important ecological zone. For environment lovers and bird watchers, Cherrapunji's thick forests are a haven. The forests here are alive with a variety of indigenous plants and animals. Dense forests with abundant biodiversity may be found in the Nongriat area, aside from the Double-Decker Root Bridge. Numerous bird species and rare plants, including as ferns and orchids, can be found in the region, which is renowned for its breathtaking, unspoiled beauty.

#### **Sacred Forests and Indigenous Wisdom:**

Beyond the famous locations are sacred groves, which are areas of woodland that have been protected for centuries by the local populace. see page 10



## 8th Biannual Conference of Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association, Golaghat

Mridusmita Sharma, Bokakhat: The 8th Biannual Conference of the Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association (ATTSA), Golaghat District Committee, was held today at the Central Bihutoli in Bokakhat with a day-long series of events. The conference, organized in collaboration with ATTSA units from Bokakhat,c Golaghat, Dergaon, Sarupathar, Borpathar, and Khumtai, began with the hoisting of the organizational flag by Rabul Turi, President of the district committee, and a tribute ceremony led by General Secretary Sushil Kalindi. The members of the Assam Tea Tribes Women's Association performed a devotional song dedicated to ATTSA. Later, a vibrant cultural procession was carried out from the venue, inaugurated by Bokakhat Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Kushal Kalita. In the afternoon, a thought-provoking symposium titledv "Literary and Intellectual Discourses and the Positive Use of Social Media" was conducted under the moderation of Prof. Atmaram Kumar, Head of the English Department, Moran College. The event was inaugurated by Sanjeev Koiry, Chief Editor of Assam Tea Community Literary Society. Among the distinguished guests were Jagadish Baraik, General Secretary of ATTSA Central Committee. Speakers included Dr. Jayanta Gogoi, Principal of JDSG College, Dr. Haren Guala, Principal of Moriani College, literary organizer Suwarna Saikia Bordoloi, Pankaj Kalindi, Dr. Ashok Baroi, and Dharmeshwar Baroi. Representatives from ATTSA and ATWA, as well as students, actively participated in the discussion. Following the symposium, an open session was held under the chairmanship of District President Rabul Turi. The session began with a welcome speech by Jitu Sharma Rajkhowa, President of the Reception Committee, and an inaugural address by District Secretary Sushil Kalindi. A commemorative book titled "Seuj Prabhakar" published in connec-

tion with the conference was officially released by Kaliabor MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa. The open session saw the participation of several notable personalities including ATTSA Central President Dhiraj Gowala, General Secretary Jagadish Baraik, ATWA founder and veteran educator Mamoni Gajalu, Advocate Yogesh Bhunya, Bokakhat Municipal Chairman Ratneswar Baruah, Advocate Jagat Kalita, noted physician Dr. Pankaj Kheria, former central organizational secretary Ranjan Kalindi, commemorative book editor Suwarna Saikia Bordoloi, co-editor Pankaj Kalindi, Advisor to Bokakhat unit of the Nationalist Youth Students' Council and Advocate Kishore Chetri, President of the National Assembly Shivcharan Lohar, and ATTSA Central Organizing Secretary Anit Garh. Guests were felicitated with traditional Assamese gamocha, flower bouquets, and mementos by the organizing committee.""Simultaneously, a subject selection session was also held at Bokakhat Natya Mandir in the presence of representatives from various regional units. The two-day conference, which was originally scheduled for 26 and 27 July, had to be rescheduled due to a severe storm two days prior that damaged the temporary stage and meeting venue set up at Gormur, Bokakhat. As a result, the venue was shifted to Central Bihutoli and the 26th July's events were cancelled. A single-day full program was then successfully conducted on 27 July. The concluding highlight of the day was a splendid cultural evening graced by Padma Shri Dulal Manki's musical performance, inaugurated by renowned singer Nunusingh Karmakar. The cultural evening brought a vibrant and emotional closure to the entire event. An artistic installation of a miniature Kaziranga flood scenario, created by local artist Munindra Bordoloi, attracted widespread

## Assam Rifles conducts Health and Wellness Medical Camp for Women at Lokhora

Chandan Sarma, **Tezpur:** A Medical Camp on Health and Wellness for Women was organised by Assam Rifles on 27 July 2025 at New Labarghari Lokhora as part of its continued efforts to foster goodwill and ensure the well-being of the local population. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation, with a total of 119 beneficiaries including women and adolescent girls. The event focused



on promoting awareness about personal hygiene, maternal health, preventive healthcare measures and general well-being. A dedicated medical team of the Assam Rifles facilitated the smooth conduct of the programme. The initiative was appreciated by the villagers and reinforced Assam Rifles' commitment to the welfare of the people in remote areas.

## Dr Kuladhar Saikia's 'Itihasat Chakari Pheti' staged?



Mridusmita Sharma, Bokakhat: On the occasion of the silver jubilee celebration of the Numaligarh Refinery Branch Xahitya Xabha, the play 'Iti-hasat Chakari Pheti (Break-ing Chains in History), writ-ten by former President of Axam Xahitya Xabha and eminent playwright Dr Ku-ladhar Saikia and directed by noted filmmaker Upakul Bordoloi, was staged on July 26 at the Sarbajanin Kendra premises of Kunzakanan, Numaligarh Refinery. The drama, based on events from Assam's histo-ry, was inaugurated by Girish Kumar Bora, Techni-cal Director of the refinery, by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Just before the play began, the Numaligarh Re-finery Branch Xahitya Xa-bha warmly felicitated Dr Kuladhar Saikia (former Director General of Assam police), director Upakul Bordoloi, noted writer Lee-na Sharma, and IAS officer Aranyak Saikia. The evening's proceed-ings were hosted by branch Secretary Pranabjyoti Sai-kia and presided over by Dr Kajal Saikia, who expressed gratitude to all. The cast of the play, in-cluding Nava Kumar Barua, Pawan Mahanta, Montu Sai-kia, Basanta Saikia, Sudip-ta Bharali, Montu Gogoi, Pallav Barua, Amrit Pran, Moni Bordoloi, and Pallabi Phukan, were felicitated by the branch Xahitya Xabha for their performances.

### Celebration of 'Deshbhakti Divas' by Hojai District Administration

Rejwan Barbhuyan, Doboka: Along with the rest of the country, the Hojai district also observed Deshbhakti Divas today under the initiative of the district administration. The day is observed to commemorate the death anniversary of the great patriot Tarun Ram Phukan. The event was organized at 11 AM in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office in Hojai. The program began with floral tributes offered to the portrait of Tarun Ram Phukan by Ramkrishna Ghosh, BJP MLA of Hojai constituency; Bidyut Bikash Bhagawati, Deputy Commissioner; Pradeep Sutradhar, CEO of the District Council; and Additional Deputy Commissioner Bani Inam Sadhab. In the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Bidyut Bikash Bhagawati and MLA Ramkrishna Ghosh spoke on the life, personality, contributions, and ideals of Tarun Ram Phukan. They highlighted his selfless dedication to the nation and his invaluable contributions to the Indian freedom struggle, which earned him the title of "Deshbhakt." The event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Saptati Endow, Election Officer Aradhana Das, other administrative officers of the district administration, heads of various departments, staff members, and members of the media.

# Acting and Singing: How Drama and Music Contribute to Emotional Development in Children



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#### The Power of Performance:

Emotional intelligence children's to development because it helps them comprehend and control their own feelings as well as sympathize with others. Acting and singing stand out as particularly effective techniques among the many activities that promote emotional development. Children can express themselves creatively in ways that go beyond conventional means through theater and music, which gives them special chances to examine and control their feelings. It explores the ways that music (singing) and theater (acting) support children's emotional development by improving their social skills, self-awareness, empathy, and self-regulation.

#### The Role of Drama in Emotional Development:

Children can experience a variety of emotions, characters, and viewpoints in a creative yet structured setting through drama. Children can gain a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them by assuming various roles and acting in front of an audience.

#### **Emotional Expression through Characters:**

Children who act take on the roles of characters with a range of emotions, difficulties, and situations. This enables kids to explore emotions such as joy, sorrow, anxiety, rage, and even bewilderment often in a controlled and secure environment. Children are better able to communicate their own emotions when these emotions are portrayed. For instance, children may be able to recognize and express their own feelings in real life through a drama exercise that requires them to act out a situation of happiness or irritation, so increasing their emotional awareness. Embodying various emotions facilitates their

communication with others and helps them connect with their or coping with challenging inner states. songs about conquering obstacles or coping with challenging emotions. Children can process

#### Developing Empathy and Perspective-Taking:

Teaching empathy is one of the most effective ways that drama promotes emotional development. Children are encouraged to consider problems from various angles by adopting the role of a character. Children gain a greater comprehension of other people's emotions and learn to put themselves in other people's shoes as a result. In role-playing exercises, for example, a youngster may pretend to be a character that is scared or lonely. Children learn how to empathize with individuals who might have similar challenges in real life by enacting the character's feelings experiencing what it might be like to be in such a circumstance.

#### **Building Self-Confidence and Social Skills:**

A child's social skills and selfconfidence are also greatly enhanced by acting. Children learn to overcome performance anxiety, deal with criticism, and get helpful criticism when they perform in front of an audience. These encounters enhance social skills, resilience, and self-assurance all of which are essential for emotional and social growth. Activities involving group Theater, in particular, promote cooperation, communication, and teamwork. Children need to learn how to cooperate, have faith in one another, and encourage each other's efforts. Through the teaching of compromise, negotiation, and constructive social contact, these cooperative elements raise their emotional intelligence.

#### The Power of Singing in Emotional Development:

Another very powerful way for kids to express themselves and develop emotional resilience is via singing. Children may express their emotions through music in a way that words alone frequently cannot, whether they are learning a song with upbeat lyrics or singing a tune that expresses joy or despair. **Emotional Regulation through Music**.

Singing has the power to control emotions by promoting tranquility and releasing repressed emotions. For instance, youngsters frequently experience catharsis or emotional release when they sing

songs about conquering obstacles or coping with challenging emotions. Children can process feelings through singing that they may not completely comprehend or have the vocabulary to articulate just yet. Additionally, studies reveal that singing in particular causes the release of endorphins, which elevate mood and lower stress levels. Therefore, singing is a tool for emotional healing and well-being in addition to being an emotional outlet.

#### **Self-Awareness and Reflection:**

Children are also encouraged to think about their feelings while they sing. Children are able to relate to the messages in songs that address a range of themes, such as happiness, grief, or hope, which also helps them understand their own emotions. Reflection is a crucial part of emotional development because it helps kids understand why they feel the way they do and how to control those feelings. Children might sing songs on friendship or personal development, for instance, which could make them, think about their own emotional experiences and relationships with others. Children can develop self-compassion and emotional literacy through these self-reflection exercises.

#### Boosting Social Connectivity and Empathy:

Singing promotes social connectivity and a sense of belonging, particularly in group settings. Children's social skills and empathy are improved as a result of this shared activity, which helps them fortify their emotional ties with peers. Children also learn to be more sensitive to the emotional lives of others by singing songs that represent a range of feelings and experiences. For example, even if a youngster has never had a certain emotion, they might nevertheless identify with the sentiments conveyed in a song. This fosters emotional empathy and facilitates children's ability to relate to individuals with different backgrounds viewpoints.

## The Synergy of Acting and Singing in Emotional Development:

Music and drama work together to produce an even more potent emotional development synergy. Children can access a greater range of emotions and develop a deeper connection with their feelings when they use both vocal and nonverbal means of expression.

#### **Enhancing Creativity and Problem-Solving Skills**

Singing and acting both require imagination and spontaneity. Children may be required to think quickly, solve problems in real time, and adjust to novel circumstances when participating in drama. In a similar vein, youngsters frequently express emotions through voice modulation and performance when singing. Children are encouraged to think creatively and flexibly through these activities, which are critical abilities for emotional resilience.

#### **Integrating Movement and Emotion:**

Movement is a part of both singing and drama, whether it is through physical coordination in musical performances expressive movements in acting. Children benefit from this connection of movement and emotional expression because it makes them more conscious of how their bodies react to different emotions. Children are better able to control their emotions when they comprehend the link between emotional states and bodily manifestation. The child's emotional expression is improved by this bodily interaction with the song, which also helps them release bottled-up emotions and better comprehend how their emotions show up physically.

#### **Growing Emotionally Through Song and Stage:**

Singing and acting both make significant benefits to a child's emotional development. Children can express themselves, grow in empathy, and improve their social skills through acting. Singing gives one a way to express emotions, introspection, and fosters interpersonal relationships. Children who participate in theater and music activities acquire the skills necessary to better comprehend and manage their emotions, which eventually helps to create a future generation that is more emotionally intelligent and resilient. Children can explore and broaden their emotional horizons through the combination of different art forms, which equips them with empathy, self-assurance, and inventiveness to face life's problems.

# Professor Ganesh Chandra Wary Appointed first VC of Kokrajhar University



**Kokrajhar**: Professor Ganesh Chandra Wary, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Cotton University and Academic Registrar of Bodoland University, officially assumed office today as the Vice Chan-

versity. He is the first Vice Chancellor of the university from the Bodo community. A felicitation ceremony was held to welcome Prof. Wary, attended by several dignitaries including Kokrajhar MLA cellor of Kokrajhar Uni- Lawrence Islary, Vice

University Prof. B.L. Ahuja, ex-Principal of College Dr. Binay Kr. Brahma, and Dr. Surath College Dr. Dimasha Dwibrang Mashahary, leaders from the All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU), and other prominent citizens also participated in the event. Prof. Wary was felicitated with the traditional Bodo "Aronai" as a mark Following the ceremony, smooth functioning of the Assam.

Chancellor of Bodoland Prof. Wary held interactive sessions with the faculty and students of Kokrajhar Government Kokrajhar Government College in separate auditoriums, where he shared Narzary, President of the his experiences and fu-Bodo Sahitya Sabha. The ture vision. Speaking to current Principal of the media, he expressed Kokrajhar Government happiness and gratitude on being appointed to the position, acknowledging the significant responsibilities that come with it. He emphasized that his immediate priorities include the appointment of a university registrar and the recruitment of both teaching and non-teachof honour and respect. ing staff to ensure

institution. Prof. Wary brings a wealth of academic and administrative experience. A distinguished professor of Physics, his research interests span materials science, particularly thin semiconducting films and thermo luminescence properties of natural minerals. He has authored numerous papers in reputed journals and is affiliated with prestigious organizations such as the Physics Academy of North-East (PANE) and the Thermo Physical Society of India (TPSI). He hails from the undivided Lakhimpur district of

## Kunal Choudhury secures Admission to prestigious NISER, Bhubaneswar

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: Kunal Choudhury, a talented student from Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh, achieved a remarkable feat by securing admission to the esteemed National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhuba-neswar. Kunal's outstanding achievement is underscored by his impressive All-India Rank-



ing of 29th in the National Entrance Screening Test (NEST) 2025. The NEST exam is a highly competitive gateway for students vying for excellence in Basic Science and Research."Kunal's academic prowess is further highlighted by his impressive performance in other prestigious exams, including JEE (Mains and Advance), IISER, and CUET. He ultimately chose to pursue his academic aspirations at NISER. NISER, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai- Department of Atomic Energy Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences (UM-DAE CEBS), conducts the NEST exam for admission to its five-year integrated MSc program. Kunal is the son of Kaushik Choudhury and Dr. Indrani Sen Gupta. "We are thrilled to see Kunal achieve this remarkable feat," said Sri S.P. Suresh, Director of Shiksha Valley School. "His dedication and hard work have paid off, and we wish him continued success and a bright future ahead." Kunal's achievement serves as a testament to his academic excellence and a source of inspiration for his peers.

## Assam Rifles organizes health camp for Women in Jamugurihat

**Jamugurihat**: A Medical Camp on Health and Wellness for Women was organized by Assam Rifles on Sunday at New Labarghari (Lokra) as part of its continued efforts to foster goodwill and ensure the well-being of the local population, stated a press release. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation, with a total of 119 beneficiaries including women and adolescent girls. fare of the people in remote areas.

The event focused on promoting awareness about personal hygiene, maternal health, preventive healthcare measures and general well-being. A dedicated medical team of the Assam Rifles facilitated the smooth conduct of the programme. The initiative was appreciated by the villagers and reinforced Assam Rifles' commitment to the wel-

## Awareness drive on human trafficking and witch-hunting held in Morigaon

Morigaon: An awareness programme on human trafficking and witch-hunting was organized today by the Laharighat IČDS Project Office at the Kushtoli Gaon Panchayat Office. The initiative is part of a state-wide campaign launched by the government to combat the rising cases of human trafficking and witch-hunting, with the goal of eliminating such social evils from society. As part of the programme, a rally was carried out across Kushtoli Bazaar under the aegis of the Laharighat ICDS Project, drawing attention from the local



community. Following the dangers and social impact rally, a meeting was held under the presidentship of the Kushtoli GP President and was moderated by the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of the Laharighat ICDS Project. The Officer-in-Charge of Laharighat Police Station addressed the gathering and delivered an insightful speech on the

of human trafficking and witch-hunting. Similar awareness programmes were also conducted by the ICDS project offices of Mayong, Bhurbandha, Kapili, and Moirabari, reflecting a district-wide effort to raise awareness and foster community action against these harmful practices.



## 'Kesariya' team reunites for Hrithik Roshan-Kiara Advani's romantic 'Flashback' song in War 2



In what's shaping up to be one of the most anticipated tracks of the Bollywood

confirm hitmaking team behind the iconic 'Kesariya' director Ayan Mukerji, Hungama can exclusively composer Pritam, lyricist

## Aneet Padda's next release Nyaya is a streaming project she shot be fore signing Saiyaara

This morning, internet went abuzz with reports saying that Gen Z sensation of the year, Saiyaara's Aneet Padda's next is a streaming project directed by Nitya Mehra and her husband Karan Kapadia. When checked, industry sources have revealed that this project in question, titled Nyaya, was shot before Aneet signed Saiyaara and that she would be built as a theatrical heroine post Saiyaara's historic success. A trade source told Bollywood Hungama, "Aneet is a big screen heroine for YRF. Nyaya was shot before she signed Saiyaara and it has no bearing on her career trajectory as a theatrical heroine going forward. A girl who is delivering probably a Rs. 400 crores hit in theatres, is a true Gen Z star at the age of just 22, will be preserved for theatricals. There are huge plans to make her the face of a generation and that can be achieved only by consolidating her theatrical equity.'



Amitabh Bhattacharya, and singer Arijit Singhare reuniting for a romantic track in War 2, featuring Hrithik Roshan and Kiara Advani. The track, which is expected to drop this week, will be the first song from War 2 to be released, just ahead of the film's grand Independence Day weekend opening on August 14, 2025. The internet has been buzzing with chatter about this reunion, and now, the collaboration has been officially confirmed by Yash Raj Films, the producers of the upcoming spy action thriller.

## **Triptii Dimri credits** Dhadak 2 for personal transformation:

"Now, I do stand up for the right things"

After rising to fame with Animal, Triptii Dimri is finding her substantial spot all over again with her upcoming film, Dhadak 2. On the lines of her previous ones, Laila Majnu, Qala, Bulbbul, Triptii brings to the fore a film that combines on-screen magic with a profound social message. In Dhadak 2, Triptii and her co-star Siddhant Chaturvedi fight casteism for their love, bringing a realistic lens to the concept.

Referring to the character, Triptii says, "For



me, she is Vidhi," and adds, "She is not afraid to speak her truth. There is so much to learn from her because she makes you feel empowered."

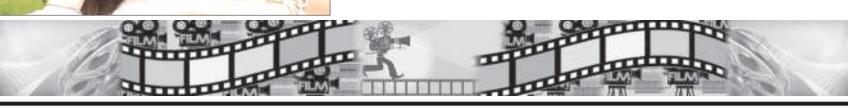
## Medha Rana to play leading lady to Varun Dhawan in Border 2



In a bold casting move, the makers of Border 2 have announced that newcomer Medha Rana will star opposite Varun Dhawan in the upcoming war drama. Backed by T-Series and J.P. Films, the film is slated for a Republic Day weekend release on January 23, 2026. Directed by Kesari fame Anurag Singh, Border 2 is positioned as a successor to the 1997 war classic Border. While it car-

ries forward the patriotic legacy of the original, the new installment aims to build its own identity with fresh casting and a renewed narrative approach. Medha Rana, who comes from an Army background, has been selected for the lead female role. Her casting is seen as a deliberate shift from conventional choices, with the focus firmly on character authenticity. Producer Bhushan Kumar

shared the reasoning behind this choice, "It was imperative for us to find someone who could naturally embody the dialect, spirit, and rooted essence of the region. Medha impressed the team not just with her raw talent, but with her effortless command over the regional dialect and her emotional range as an actor. We truly believe she will bring depth and realism to the role." Co-producer Nidhi Dutta added, "Border 2 is not just a film; it's an emotion. Every choice we've made, from the director to the cast, is driven by our vision to tell a story that feels honest, powerful, and relevant. Medha Rana opposite actor Varun Dhawan will bring freshness and sincerity that aligns beautifully with the tone of the film."



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#### Assam CM meets PM Narendra Modi

notable strides across socio-economic indicators and the near saturation of major welfare schemes."On behalf of the people of Assam, I conveyed our anticipation to welcome him on 8th September - a moment that will mark another milestone in our state's development journey." The Chief Minister also met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Parliament House here on Monday. Dr. Sarma briefed Sitharaman about the progress made by Assam on socio-economic parameters and also sought support and cooperation from her Ministry in taking the State to greater heights of economic growth and development. The Chief Minister also invited the Finance Minister to lay the foundation stone of the Kanaklata Barua University in Gohpur. "Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, MPs Kamakhya Tasa, Rameswar Teli and Kanad Purkayastha were present. Named after Assam's greatest freedom fighter, Birangana Kanaklata Barua, the institute will be the first of its kind in the country to be built on an industry-oriented academic approach. "Some of the specialised courses to be offered will be in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Robotics, etc. Taking to X, the Chief Minister posted, "Today in New Delhi, I had the honour to invite Hon'ble Union Minister Smt @nsitharaman Ji to visit Assam and lay the foundation stone of the upcoming Kanaklata Barua University in Gohpur. This institution, dedicated to one of Assam's greatest freedom fighters, Birangana Kanaklata Barua, will be one of the first universities built on an entirely industry-oriented academic approach. "Once completed, some of the specialised programs to be offered will be in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Robotics, etc." Also, in a post on X, the Finance Minister's Office "said, "Shri @himantabiswa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, calls on Smt @nsitharaman at Parliament House." Also present are Shri @PmargheritaBJP, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Hon'ble MP (LS) Shri @KamakhyaTasa, Hon'ble MP (RS) Shri @Rameswar\_Teli and Hon'ble MP (RS) Shri @kanadpurkaystha." The Chief Minister also met Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G.Kishan Reddy at Shastri Bhawan here. In course of the 25-minute long meeting, both Chief Minister Dr. Sarma and Union Minister Reddy discussed at length about the ways to make Coal India's operations in Margherita 'more vibrant, robust and productive'. In a post on X, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said, "Had an excellent meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister Shri @kishanreddybjp garu a while back. We discussed at length about making Coal India's operations in Margherita more vibrant, robust and productive. Grateful to the Hon'ble Minister for his time." Later, the Chief Minister also met Union Minister for Jal Shakti, CR Paatil at Shram Shakti Bhawan and discussed various issues pertaining to strengthening the Jal Jeevan Mission in Assam. Principal Secretary to CM, Dr.KK Dwivedi and Resident Commissioner, Assam Bhawan, New Delhi, Kavitha Padmanabhan were present in the meeting.

#### **Chief Minister inspects encroached**

that nearly 70% of the encroachers had already vacated the land voluntarily. He added that those who had settled on the land came from various districts in Assam such as Cachar, Sribhumi, Dhubri, Barpeta, Hojai, Nagaon, and Morigaon - as well as from other states including West Bengal and Bihar. He further mentioned that their exact places of origin would be confirmed upon the collection of names and addresses, which would subsequently be shared with the relevant district authorities for verification and necessary follow-up. The Chief Minister stated that eviction notices had also been issued in the Negheribil area of Golaghat district and expressed hope that encroachers there would vacate the land in due course. He noted reports indicating that Uriamghat had emerged as a centre for criminal activity owing to these encroachments. He expressed confidence that peace could be restored to the area with public cooperation once the land is vacated. He stated that the government, through the Forest Department and the local administration, intends to facilitate economic opportunities for local youth by harnessing available resources such as stone, sand, and valuable forest produce. He noted that measures would be taken to protect the reclaimed land and that the Forest Department could initiate reforestation and related activities. He affirmed that efforts would be directed towards ensuring local residents benefit from these interventions. He also disclosed that two individuals suspected of being key figures behind the encroachments have already been arrested. Furthermore, he stated that the government maintains a comprehensive list of encroached areas across the state that are to be addressed. Dr Sarma remarked that, in recent days, residents from various parts of Assam had reached out via social media to urge action against encroachments in their respective areas. He appealed to citizens and organisations to promptly inform the administration of any instances of encroachment, stressing that while the government would deal with existing cases, public vigilance is essential to prevent new ones. He reiterated that all unauthorised occupation of VGR (Village Grazing Reserve), PGR (Professional Grazing Reserve), Satras, Naamghars, forest land, and other public areas would be cleared in a phased manner. Upon completion of the Uriamghat eviction drive, he noted, the total area of land cleared of encroachments across the state would exceed 1.5 lakh bighas. He also acknowledged the cooperation extended by the Government of Nagaland in this initiative.

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#### Dr. Pankaj Adhicari: A Beacon of Healing and

consider it a small way of honouring the man who made such a profound difference in our lives.

Thank you, Dr. Adhicari, for your unwavering dedication, boundless patience, and extraordinary compassion. You are not just a doctor in the conventional sense; you are a symbol of what medicine was always meant to be — a union of science and soul, skill and empathy. We will carry your kindness in our hearts for as long as we live, and my mother's smile today is the most beautiful testimony of your remarkable work. For our family, you are not just the healer of a disease but the restorer of faith, happiness, and life itself.

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#### Cherrapunji's Natural Wonders: A Journey through Its Scenic Landscapes

Cultural taboos and long-standing oral traditions safeguard these groves, which are abundant in biodiversity and medicinal plants. They serve as the Khasi hills' spiritual center, demonstrating the close connection between indigenous belief systems and ecological preservation.

One of Meghalaya's oldest holy forests, the Mawphlang holy Grove, is only a short drive from Cherrapunji. The local Khasi population regards this forest as sacred, and it is forbidden to destroy or harm any trees inside its boundaries. Rare plant and animal species, such as wild mushrooms and medicinal plants, can be found there. Walking through this woodland, where nature has not been impacted by contemporary life, is like traveling back in time.

A Living Landscape:

The natural beauties of Cherrapunji are dynamic landscapes that are continually influenced by the interaction of rain, stone, roots, and culture; they are not static postcards. Each bridge, cavern, and waterfall narrates a tale of the planet's ancient past, human tenacity, and a delicate yet vibrant ecosystem. Cherrapunji presents new concerns as tourism rises and climate patterns change. Cherrapunji is a place where the splendor of nature is displayed in its entire splendor, from its tall waterfalls to its living root bridges and its woods' abundant biodiversity. Because of its unspoiled scenery and distinctive Khasi customs, the area is a popular choice for those looking for a fully immersed natural experience.

### Tezpur University Develops Smartphone-Based TB Detection Device for Rural Healthcare

Tezpur: A team of researchers from Tezpur University has developed a compact, affordable smartphone-based device to detect Tuberculosis (TB), aimed at improving diagnostic access in rural and remote regions lacking advanced medical infrastructure. Led by Prof. Pabitra Nath of the Department of Physics, the device operates without dyes or chemical stains, utilizing the natural autofluorescence of TB bacteria. It includes an integrated heating system to enhance signal detection, and costs under ?25,000, weighing less than 300 grams. Unlike conventional LED fluorescence microscopy, which requires costly equipment, chemical agents like auramine-O, and trained personnel, the new device simplifies the process and allows for stain-free, field-level testing with a smartphone interface.



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## Assam Marks Tiger Day with Big Cat Boom

ger density in the world, Assam is being hailed as a conservation leader. "Not just protecting tigers; we're reclaiming their kingdom," Sarma said in a social media post. "With expanded reserves and bold action against encroachment, the striped creatures of Assam continue to roam with power and pride." The state's flagship reserves—Kaziranga, Manas, Orang, and Nameri—are central to this success. Environment and Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary credited the rise in tiger numbers to a multipronged approach, including anti-poaching efforts, habitat restoration, and community involvement. However, the growing tiger population has brought unintended consequences. Human-wildlife conflict is on the rise in fringe areas, as tigers push beyond reserve boundaries.

Guwahati: With the third-highest ti- Recent months have seen a spate of tiger deaths. On 22 May, the mutilated carcass of an adult tiger was found in Numaligarh, Golaghat district. The animal had allegedly preyed on livestock and was linked to a fatal human attack, prompting suspected retaliation from villagers. In March, a decomposed Royal Bengal tiger was discovered in the Biswanath Wildlife Division, and another death followed in Orang reserve itself. As Assam expands protected habitats and cracks down on encroachment, officials face a delicate balancing act safeguarding human settlements while preserving space for one of the world's most iconic predators. The tiger's roar may be growing louder in Assam, but so too are the calls for thoughtful, longterm solutions to ensure peaceful coexistence in shared landscapes.

## World Hepatitis Day observed at Kanaklata Civil Hospital in Tezpur

observed on Saturday at Kanaklata Civil Hospital, Tezpur, under the chairmanship of Joint Director of Health Services (JDHS), Sonitpur, who presided over the meeting. The programme was attended by a wide range of key stakeholders, including the District Nodal Officer (DNO), NVHCP (District National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme) Sonitpur, the Superintendent of KCH, the secretary of the In-tively in the event.

**Tezpur:** World Hepatitis Day was dian Red Cross Society, the in-charges of ICTC, Blood Bank, Dialysis Unit, and DPHL (District Public Health Laboratory), as well as representatives from ASACS (The Assam State AIDS Control Society), the Rehabilitation Centre, the District Programme Manager (DPM), NHM and nursing students from the district. The district National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme team also participated ac-

## Nalbari DC Flags Off Educational Tour Under Mission Arohan



Nalbari: Deputy Commissioner Nibedan Das Patowary, ACS, formally flagged off the educational tour under Mission Arohan from the

Gurdon Higher Secondary School field. The initiative aims to provide meritorious students with exposure to diverse educational settings and enhance their learning experience beyond the classroom. The flag-off ceremony witnessed the presence of key officials including the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Circle Officer (CO), Assistant Commissioner (AC), Inspector of Schools (IS), and others. The Mission Arohan tour part of the government's ongoing efforts to inspire academic excellence and broaden the horizons of deserving students through structured exposure visits.

## Women Gang Caught Stealing at Nagaon's Mahamrityunjay Temple

Nagaon: A group of women allegedly carried out a theft at the renowned Mahamrityunjay Temple in Nagaon on Sunday evening around 5 PM. Disguised as devotees, the women gang stole mobile phones and wallets from unsuspecting worshippers. Taking advantage of the heavy crowd during the holy month of Shrawan, the gang blended in and executed the theft without raising suspicion. The women are believed to be from outside Assam. Following the incident, the Purani Gudam Police have initiated an investigation. The theft has left devotees worried, raising concerns over safety and security within the temple premises.





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