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Approximately 100 stadiums are currently under construction across the state: CM

Chief Minister inaugurates the permanent site of the Assam Cricket Association's Cricket Academy and the Guwahati Town Club's Football Academy at Fulung in North Guwahati



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the permanent site of the Assam Cricket Association's Cricket Academy and the Guwahati Town Club's Football Academy at Fulung in North Guwahati. Notably, the campus of the Assam Cricket Association's Cricket Academy has been equipped with 10 practice wickets, a cricket ground with five centre wickets, one of the largest indoor cricket halls in the country with 10 wickets, residential facilities for players, and provisions for technical directors, coaches, and other staff. Similarly, the Guwahati Town Club's Football Academy has been provided with two football grounds, a 60-bed hostel, and a football pavilion, with future plans to make arrangements for indoor games. Both academies have provisions to impart training under the guidance of coaches of international standards. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sarma said that through these two academies, a major sporting infrastructure for both football and cricket has been created to support and encourage budding sportspersons. He added that with systematic training, guidance from national and international standard coaches, and regular monitoring, positive outcomes could be expected, thereby fulfilling the purpose of establishing the academies. The Chief Minister noted that until 2003-04, Assam had no advanced sports infrastructure other than the Nehru Stadium in Guwahati and another stadium in Jorhat. At present, however, the state

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Assam CM Orders Probe into Newborn's Death at GMCH

Calls Incident 'Unforgivable'



Guwahati : Deeply anguished by the unfortunate death of a newborn at the NICU of GMCH, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited the hospital today and personally reviewed

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Youth called to lead language and culture at Axam Xahitya Xabha (AXX) Conclave

Tezpur : "Language is the pulse of our soul. Its preservation, enrichment, and development rest on the shoulders of the younger generation," said Dr Basanta Kumar Goswami, president of the Axam Xahitya Xabha (AXX), while addressing the Youth Conclave organized by the Kendriya Yuba Sangsad Upasamiti of AXX at Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College. He emphasized that the Xabha has always given priority to youth initiatives. Presiding over the meeting, AXX vice-president Padum Rajkhowa

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Governor inaugurates TrueBeam Linear Accelerator Radiotherapy Machine

Guwahati : In a major boost to cancer care and digital solutions to office management, Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya today inaugurated two facilities namely the TrueBeam Linear Accelerator (Linac) Radiotherapy Machine and the E-Office Facility at Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati, a centre under the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. The newly commissioned Linear Accelerator Radiotherapy Machine represents a major advancement in cancer care for the North Eastern Region. This state-of-the-art technology enables highly precise and targeted radiation therapy, thereby

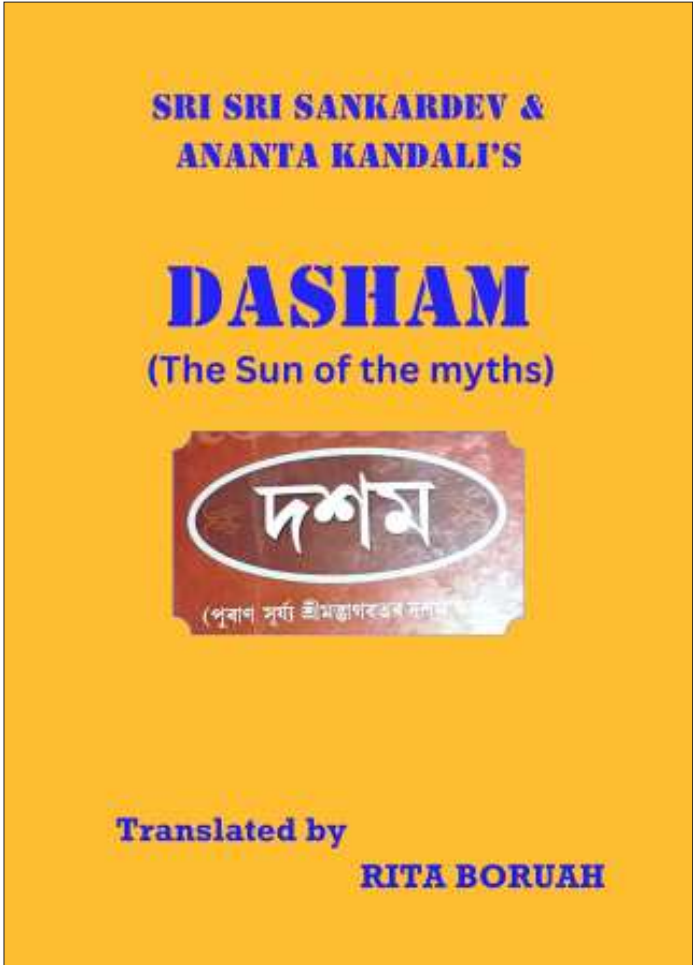


improving treatment outcomes while minimizing treatment related side effects.

Simultaneously, the launch of the E-Office Facility is a significant step towards digital management at BBCI. The system will streamline workflow, enhance administrative

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SOBI
(An Assamese metre)



Such a tree of worldly life, grows only in You
The most wisers know it well
The unwise beings fascinated by worldly illusion
Adore You in variation .
For saving the honests You incarnate in different forms
And with strength kill the evil ones.
At your feet the devotees consider the worldly life
As shallow as a print of cows' legs.
Those who think themselves saved and leaves Your boat like feet,
Being destroyed they fall again.
Those who praise Your name and keep Your appearance in heart
They can save themselves from this mournful worldly life.
Being incarnated You will steal the weight of earth,
What a pleasant matter it is for us!
At Your foot print, the earth will be ornamented
We will see the bolt of lightning and goad imprinted on the sole of Vishu's foot.
We prostrate at Your feet and salute You
O the Supreme Soul, "Please save us.
By this way, Brahma, the Creator with the gods of three regions
Prayed the Lord,
O the courtiers,
Hark the great Bhagawata,
Says Shankar dev, the slave of Krishna.

■ Rita Borua
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Bike Rider Killed in Collision with Truck at Rajabari

Bokakhat : A road accident occurred on Tuesday on National Highway 37 at Rajabari under Bokakhat police station, in which one person died on the spot. Near Borcharai, a bike (AS05L4361) along with its rider went under a truck (container) bearing registration number AS01GC2806. The rider, who was employed at Numaligarh Refinery, died instantly after the bike collided head-on with the container. The deceased has been identified as Kumud Doley of Rajabari. Police have recovered the body.

Dikhow river erosion threatens Nazira

locals blame government negligence

NAZIRA: The Dikhow river has been causing massive erosion in Nazira's Bihubar and Simaluguri areas, with the erosion continuing unabated in the Bihubar Garumur Pujabasti area. Despite repeated complaints, the state government's water resources department seems to be unaware of the situation. The local residents have accused the department of negligence and expressed concerns about the impact of the erosion on their lives and livelihoods. The erosion has been causing widespread damage to the land and property of the local residents, with many families facing the threat of displacement. The residents have been demanding immediate action from the authorities to mitigate the situation, but so far, no concrete steps have been taken. The local residents of Bihubar have also accused the authorities of allowing illegal mining of stones and boulders in the Dikhow river, which has exacerbated the erosion problem.

Nagaon Couple Makes Noble Pledge for Organ Donation, MLA Felicitates

Nagaon, Aug 18: In a profound act of selflessness, Nagaon residents Gautam Chandra Saha (64) and his wife, Soma Saha (56), have pledged to donate their organs and tissues after death through the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO). Their commitment is in line with the "Angdaan - Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyaan," the Government of India's nationwide campaign to promote organ donation.



The couple was recently felicitated for their noble decision by MLA Rupak Sarmah during an event organized by the NGO, Touch of Humanity, at the District Library Auditorium. This social recognition highlights the growing importance of community-led initiatives in the national health movement, inspired by a strong scientific temperament.

Gautam Chandra Saha, proprietor of a wholesale medicine dealership, and his wife Soma Saha, a dedicated homemaker and family matriarch, have committed to donating all their viable organs and tissues, including the liver, kidneys, heart, lungs, skin, bone, and corneas. Their pledge has been officially registered with NOTTO, the apex body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), which oversees the national network for organ and tissue donation.

This compassionate act by the Saha family underscores the critical need for organ donors in India. According to reports, the country's organ donation rate is approximately 0.5 donors per million population, a stark contrast to more than 30 donors per million in some Western nations. The potential to save lives is immense, as one deceased donor can provide a new lease on life for up to eight individuals through organ donation alone, in addition to improving the quality of life for many others through tissue donation.

Meanwhile, the "Angdaan - Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyaan" (2025-26) is designed to bridge this gap by raising public awareness and dispelling myths surrounding organ donation. The exemplary pledge by Gautam and Soma Saha serves as a powerful call to action, reinforcing the campaign's message that organ donation offers an opportunity to give the gift of life. Their decision reflects a deep commitment to society and a lasting legacy of hope. Their act also serves as a humble appeal for others to voluntarily come forward and contribute to this vital movement for the greater interest of humanity.

Dr. Hitesh Deka

Appointed as Vice Chancellor of Nagaon University

A Visionary Step for Assam’s Higher Education

■ Heramba Nath

The appointment of Dr. Hitesh Deka as the Vice Chancellor of Nagaon University by the Government of Assam is far more than a routine administrative development; it is an affirmation of wisdom, intellect, and experience in guiding a newly established institution towards the promise of excellence. At a time when higher education in Assam is undergoing both transformation and turmoil, with newer universities emerging while older ones struggle under the weight of expectations and challenges, this appointment symbolises a conscious choice to blend vision with pragmatism, leadership with humility, and scholarship with administrative acumen.

The story of Nagaon University is still in its infancy. Born from the aspirations of a district with rich historical, cultural, and intellectual traditions, the institution stands as a beacon of hope for thousands of young students in middle Assam who seek quality education without having to migrate to distant centres. In such a critical phase, when identity, structure, and academic direction are still in the making, the choice of Vice Chancellor becomes decisive. It is not merely about filling a post but about laying the foundation of a legacy. That is where the appointment of Dr. Hitesh Deka assumes special significance. He comes not just as an administrator but as a teacher, an intellectual, and a cultural personality who has lived through the many currents of Assam’s academic and literary life.

To appreciate the full measure of this development, one must reflect upon Dr. Deka’s journey. He is not a stranger to the academic corridors of Assam; rather, he is one of its familiar voices and guiding lights. Having spent decades in the world of literature, philosophy, media, and education, he carries with him a rare synthesis of multiple disciplines. His intellectual universe stretches from the world of Assamese literature to the domains of communication and cultural studies. This synthesis is particularly important for a university in a place like Nagaon, which itself has historically been a meeting point of cul-

tures, languages, and traditions. To appoint a Vice Chancellor who embodies this plurality is to recognise the soul of the region itself.

Dr. Hitesh Deka is known not just for his academic contributions but for his art of speaking, which is often described as artistic in itself. His ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity and elegance has endeared him to students, colleagues, and audiences across Assam. In the world of academia, where the spoken word often bridges the gap between abstract thought and young minds, this quality is invaluable. The art of speaking, when nurtured by knowledge and humility, becomes a tool of inspiration. Dr. Deka has mastered this art, and his lectures and public addresses have often been remembered as much for their content as for their delivery. For a new university, where the first task of a leader is to inspire confidence and kindle curiosity, such qualities will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact.

Nagaon itself occupies a unique place in Assam’s intellectual geography. Known as the birthplace of the saint-scholar Sankardev, it has historically been associated with knowledge, reform, and culture. The district has produced writers, reformers, politicians, and artists who have shaped the contours of Assamese identity. In many ways, the establishment of a university here is a natural continuation of this heritage. But to carry forward such a legacy requires leadership that can see beyond bureaucratic routines and administrative files. It requires someone who can interpret the past while envisioning the future. In Dr. Hitesh Deka, the state seems to have found precisely such a figure.

Higher education in Assam today faces multiple crises. While the number of institutions has increased, the quality of education, research culture, and infrastructure often lag behind. Many universities function with acute faculty shortages, inadequate laboratories, and insufficient exposure to global academic trends. Moreover, a deep disconnect often exists between the curriculum and the aspirations of students. Amidst these realities, the task before the Vice Chancellor of any new university

is daunting. For Nagaon University, the challenge is doubled, for it must not only establish its own credibility but also resist the mediocrity that often engulfs new institutions. The appointment of Dr. Hitesh Deka suggests that the Government of Assam is serious about addressing these concerns by choosing someone who understands both the challenges and the possibilities.

Dr. Deka’s academic and administrative credentials already testify to his capability. Having been closely associated with Gauhati University and various academic bodies, he is well aware of the structural and cultural problems of higher education in the state. His earlier works, both in the literary and academic domains, reveal a thinker who is not afraid to ask difficult questions. He has also played roles that connect him to larger networks of college education, having once been associated as a leader with the All Assam College Principal Association, where he contributed to shaping the discourse on the autonomy and responsibility of colleges. Such experiences are crucial in steering Nagaon University, for the success of a university depends not just on vision but also on negotiation—with government, with faculty, and with society at large.

The art of negotiation, however, must not be confused with compromise. A true leader knows where to yield and where to stand firm. By all accounts, Dr. Hitesh Deka has the reputation of being firm when it comes to matters of principle, while also being flexible when dialogue and accommodation are required. This balance will be particularly important for Nagaon University, which will soon have to carve out its identity among older universities like Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University, and Tezpur University. To survive and flourish, it will have to develop its own academic niches, attract quality faculty, and earn the trust of students and guardians. These are not tasks that can be achieved by administrative orders alone; they require vision, patience, and persuasive leadership.

One of the remarkable aspects of Dr. Deka’s persona is his engagement with literature and culture. He is not an academic who



confines himself within the walls of classrooms and offices; rather, he is a public intellectual who participates in the cultural conversations of Assam. His writings reflect sensitivity to human conditions, social questions, and philosophical dilemmas. Literature often provides the moral compass that pure administration lacks. In choosing such a personality as Vice Chancellor, the government seems to have recognised that universities are not factories of degrees but spaces of cultural and intellectual ferment. If nurtured well, Nagaon University under his leadership has the potential to become a centre that not only imparts knowledge but also shapes values, ethics, and creativity.

Universities are judged not just by their academic programmes but also by the culture they cultivate. Do they produce inquisitive, critical, and ethical citizens, or do they merely produce degree-holders? Do they encourage research that addresses local problems, or do they merely imitate global trends without context? These questions will soon confront Nagaon University, and the responsibility of answering them will rest with the Vice Chancellor. With his experience and sensitivity, Dr. Hitesh Deka is likely to emphasise contextual relevance without losing sight of global standards. Assam’s universities often face the dilemma of either being too provincial or becoming pretentiously global. Striking the right balance between rootedness and openness is the true challenge, and it is here that Dr. Deka’s vision may make a significant difference. Another vital dimension is student politics. Assam’s campuses have historically been vibrant with political debates and student movements. While such activism has at times enriched democracy, it has also occasionally disrupted academic life. As a leader, the Vice Chancellor must navigate this terrain carefully, allowing space for democratic

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BTC Speaker Katiram Boro releases BTC's rule of procedure books



Kokrajhar : Two books, “Rule of Procedure and conduct of Business of BTCLA” in English (2nd edition) and Bodo (1st edition) versions were released by the Speaker of BTCLA Katiram Boro in the presence of Deputy Speaker Abhiram Mahanayak and EM-Saikhong Basumatary on Tuesday at the BTC Assembly hall. Talking to mediapersons, Speaker Katiram Boro said that the BTCLA had decided to preserve all the rules of procedures and conduct of business of the Council Legislative Assembly. He said that the session of the BTCLA started in 2005 but the rules of procedure and conduct of business were not preserved in a proper manner earlier. He said that the rules and procedure book was released only in English earlier but that this year, the book has been published in English and Bodo. He also said that the rules of procedure and conduct of business of the BTCLA would be published in Bodo and Assamese in the days to come. He further said that this rule book would help the students and researchers to follow the council's procedure besides preserving all records of business of the BTC Legislative Assembly.

Golaghat Nagarik Mancha demands action to control essential commodity prices

Golaghat : The Golaghat Nagarik Mancha urged the District Commissioner of Golaghat district to ensure that the prices of essential commodities like gram pea, moong, and edible oil are not increased during the Assamese month of ‘Bhadoh’. A memorandum was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner on Tuesday, signed by the president, working president, and general secretary of the mancha. The memorandum highlighted that the recent price hike of essential commodities had caused hardship to the common people. During the Bhadoh month, devotees offer prayers and perform rituals at namghars, mandirs, and temples, and the price increase would add to their burden. The mancha also supported the ongoing eviction drive and urged the authorities to take administrative measures to prevent any law and order situation arising from social unrest. Additionally, the mancha requested the authorities to install permanent railings on the footpaths from Thana Chariali to Tokani Chariali and to ensure parking facilities for shoppers in front of V-Mart and Style Bazar. They have also urged the authorities to take action against street food vendors who are causing traffic congestion in front of Vishal Mega Mart. The Deputy Commissioner assured the mancha that he would look into the matter and take necessary action.

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expression while ensuring that academics remain the central focus. Dr Deka's reputation as a communicator and as someone who commands respect among youth may prove vital here. His artistic approach to communication often defuses tension and turns conflicts into conversations. If he can extend this quality into the domain of student politics, Nagaon University may emerge as a model campus where democratic engagement coexists with academic seriousness.

The local community, too, will closely watch the progress of Nagaon University. For a district that has long cherished its heritage of Sankardev, Madhavdev, and other cultural icons, the university is not just an educational institution but a matter of identity and pride. Its success will depend on how well it engages with local society—by organising outreach programmes, cultural festivals, and community-oriented research. Universities that remain isolated often fail to garner local support, but those that integrate themselves into the lives of their regions thrive in the long run. Given Dr Hitesh Deka's cultural orientation, one can reasonably expect Nagaon University to develop strong bonds with its immediate environment.

The broader implications of this appointment extend beyond Nagaon. Assam is at a turning point in higher education, with multiple new universities being set up in recent years. Unless these institutions are guided with vision, they risk becoming degree-distributing centres with little intellectual or cultural contribution. The appointment of strong, visionary leaders like Dr Hitesh Deka is therefore not merely a local decision but a template for the state's higher education policy. It signals that experience, cultural sensitivity, and intellectual depth are valued in leadership roles. If this becomes the norm, Assam's universities may well rise from mediocrity and claim their rightful place in the academic map of India.

Dr Deka's appointment also invites reflection on the role of Vice Chancellors in general. Too often, the position is reduced to that of an administrator who signs files and attends ceremonial functions. But in reality, the Vice Chancellor is the intellectual and moral head of a university. He or she sets the tone, defines priorities, and shapes the ethos. A visionary Vice Chancellor can turn even an average university into a centre of excellence, while an uninspired one can reduce even a promising institution to irrelevance. The government's decision to appoint Dr Hitesh Deka shows an awareness of this truth.

In the days ahead, challenges will abound. There will be issues of infrastructure, funding, faculty recruitment, and bureaucratic hurdles. Expectations will run high, and criticism will not be absent. But the measure of leadership lies precisely in how one responds to these pressures. If the past is any indication, Dr Hitesh Deka is likely to respond not with despair but with creativity, not with defensiveness but with openness. His ability to draw upon both administrative experience and cultural wisdom will serve him well.

In this moment of promise, we extend our heartfelt prayers for Dr Hitesh Deka. May he be blessed with enduring good health, unyielding energy, and clarity of thought as he embarks upon this monumental responsibility. May every challenge before him be met with courage, every decision guided by deep insight, and every initiative imbued with purpose and vision. May wisdom accompany him in times of complexity, patience steady him amidst difficulties, and humility remain his constant companion even in success.

Under his stewardship, may Nagaon University not only thrive as an institution of learning but also emerge as a sanctuary where knowledge, culture, and values converge. May it become a place where young minds are inspired to dream, to question, and to create; where research illuminates local and global concerns alike; where ethical conduct and intellectual freedom are inseparable companions.

May Dr Deka's leadership inspire generations of students, faculty, and citizens alike, fostering a community that honours both Assam's rich heritage and its aspirations for the future. May the university flourish as a beacon of hope, innovation, and cultural pride—radiating light far beyond the confines of Nagaon, touching hearts and minds across Assam and the nation.

For Nagaon University, the journey has just begun. Its corridors are yet to echo with the debates, discoveries, and dreams of generations of students. Its libraries are yet to gather the dust of relentless reading. Its classrooms are yet to witness the spark of ideas that can transform society. In such a formative stage, leadership matters immensely. With Dr Hitesh Deka's vision, intellect, and artistic communication, there is reason to hope that this university will not only survive but also flourish, becoming a beacon for Assam and beyond.



অসম চৰকাৰ

মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ নিযুত মইনা আঁচনি

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Emergency Meeting of All Assam Kaibarta Youth- Student Association and Assam Scheduled Caste Youth- Student Union at DRDA Conference Hall, Dibrugarh



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : An important emergency meeting was held in Dibrugarh at the DRDA Conference Hall under the joint initiative of the All Assam Kaibarta Youth-Student Association and the Assam Scheduled Caste Youth-Student Union. The meeting was presided over by Jayanta Das, President of the All Assam Kaibarta Youth-Student Association. The purpose of the meeting was explained by the General Secretary, Gaurishankar Das. Das said that Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma's government is being strongly opposed for its unconstitutional and destructive decision to include the Keot community in the Sched-

uled Caste list by disregarding the genuine issues of the existing Scheduled Caste communities. He further stated that this opposition would continue in the coming days as well. Even after 79 years of independence, the Kaibarta community has been deprived of constitutional benefits. For instance, the government has taken initiatives to uplift around 40 communities in Assam by providing them Development Councils or Autonomous Councils. But the long-standing demand of the Kaibarta Youth-Student Association for an Autonomous Council or Development Council for the Kaibarta community has not been addressed even once.

Instead, the community has repeatedly been used merely as a vote bank. It is extremely unfortunate that even after 79 years of independence, the majority of Kaibarta people in Assam have not received land pattas. Hundreds of bighas of land are in the hands of doubtful settlers, but the oldest indigenous community of Assam, the Kaibarta people, have been unable to secure land rights. The meeting demanded that the government immediately distribute land pattas to these people. Education is the key to a community's progress. Therefore, the meeting demanded that the government provide a 5% educational quota for the Kaibarta community

in higher education. Other demands raised in the meeting include: Construction of Kaibarta Bhavans and Sati Radhika Cultural Centres in every Assembly constituency of Assam. Allocation of ? 1 crore government grant for preparing a historical chronicle of the Kaibarta community. Reservation of fishery mahals and fish markets in every district of Assam for members of the Kaibarta community, as most of them depend on the fishing trade. "Preservation of heritage sites and monuments of the Kaibarta community that are on the verge of disappearing due to lack of conservation. Establishment of government initiatives in Kaibarta-dominated areas to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. Ensuring Assembly seats are reserved for Assamese-speaking Kaibarta people according to their population

and reserving a Lok Sabha seat for them in the Brahmaputra Valley. Even after 79 years of independence, not a single Rajya Sabha seat has been allotted from the Scheduled Castes of Assam. The government must ensure this soon. The meeting also pointed out that constitutionally 12 Assembly constituencies should have been reserved for the Scheduled Castes, but instead only one constituency was reserved. Shockingly, three constituencies have been curtailed by the current government, thereby depriving genuine indigenous sons of the soil. This is unconstitutional. "Therefore, the meeting decided to demand that the government stop such unconstitutional activities. It was also resolved that if the demands are not met, a series of democratic protest programmes will be organized in every district of Upper Assam from 27 August onwards.

World Photography Day observed in Dibrugarh with exhibition, souvenir release



Dibrugarh : The World Photography Day was observed by Photography Society of Dibrugarh at Laxminath Bezbaruah Bhavan in Dibrugarh on Tuesday. A souvenir 'view finder' was released by internationally renowned photographer Bidya Sagar Baruah. A photo exhibition was also organized on the occasion where over two hundred photographs clicked by various photographers were put on display. A huge crowd of photography enthusiasts were seen thronging the exhibition. World Photography Day is observed every

year on August 19. The day pays tribute to the art of photography and also gives encouragement to people who are also passionate about the same. It also gives motivation to people to pursue a career in photography. Ranjit Kumar Baruah, President of Photography Society of Dibrugarh, said, "For the last 15 years, we have been observing world photography day in Dibrugarh. It's a very significant day for us. Over 200 photographs clicked by various photographers were displayed in the exhibition. We have invited two internationally renowned photographers for a two-day photography workshop. They will teach the students and photographers about the basics of photography." Saurav Duarah, Chief Advisor of Photography Society of Dibrugarh, said, "We are happy to observe the World Photography Day. For the last many years, we have been observing the day and getting good responses from the public."

27th Gauri Shankar Roy Memorial Yoga Sports competition concludes in Nagaon

Nagaon : The 27th Gauri Shankar Roy Memorial Nagaon District Yoga Sports competition, organized by the Nagaon District Yoga Association, concluded successfully at Mera Yuva Bharat, Nagaon on Monday. Over 200 athletes from across the district participated in the two-day event. The competition featured various age groups, including sub-junior, junior, and senior, with events such as yoga, artistic solo, artistic pair, rhythmic, and free flow yoga. The event was supported by Mera Yuva Bharat, Nagaon, and Olympia Sports. The closing ceremony was attended by Geetanjali Hazarika, President of Nagaon Zilla Parishad, as the chief guest. Other dignitaries included Thaneswar Hazarika, a veteran footballer, and Bidhyut Bora, a former yoga athlete. The chief guest and other dignitaries distributed prizes to the winners. Uditirani Bora from Anandaram Boruah Senior Secondary School won the overall best athlete award in the senior section while in Sub-Junior Yoga Event for Boys, Sannidhy Sameer Hazarika and Jaishnu Bezbaruah from Nagaon Christjyoti School shared the best athlete award. In the Girls section, Sayantika Kurie from Dhing won the best athlete award.

What Does Donald Trump’s Import Tariff Policy Indicate?

■ **Deborshi Gautam**

Donald Trump has effectively initiated a trade war against India by imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from India. This policy means that Indian products in the American market will become costlier, as sellers will be forced to sell them at a price 25% higher than before. As a result, Indian goods will face increased difficulty competing with similar American-made products, potentially leading to a decline in imports from India.

Typically, a country imposes high import tariffs when it seeks to promote domestically produced goods by making foreign alternatives less attractive or more expensive to consumers. When Trump announced this policy, he even referred to India as the "tariff king," indicating his disapproval of India’s existing trade practices. It became evident that Trump was not interested in continuing the same level of trade relationship with India as before.

Trump believes that imposing tariffs on imports will strengthen

the U.S. economy and help maintain its status as a global superpower. However, a critical question arises: Why is Trump initiating a trade war with India despite the historically strong and friendly relations between the two countries? Is there a deeper motive behind this policy?

Several factors have contributed to Trump’s stance. The first reason is the growing closeness between India and Russia. When the Russia-Ukraine war broke out, Western countries imposed economic and trade sanctions on Russia, aiming to cripple its financial capacity to continue the war. In response, Russia began selling its crude oil at highly discounted prices in the international market. India, along with China, started buying large quantities of this cheap oil. This development deeply concerned Trump.

The second reason is India’s membership in BRICS—a group originally formed by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Though it began with five countries, the organization has expanded to ten members. The expansion of BRICS has raised con-

cerns for Trump, who suspects that BRICS members are attempting to replace the U.S. dollar with a new global currency. Fearing a decline in the dollar’s global dominance, Trump has issued threats of higher import tariffs on BRICS countries. His concern is also rooted in the fact that U.S. adversaries like China and Russia are key members of BRICS.

Previously, when Trump imposed tariffs on China, China responded with counter-tariffs. Eventually, when China refused to bow down, Trump was compelled to engage in talks to resolve the issue. However, recent discussions between the U.S. and India have not led to a resolution, prompting the U.S. to officially impose the 25% import tariff on Indian goods.

It’s important to note that although the U.S. has imposed tariffs, it has also expressed hope that a solution can be reached through dialogue. This suggests that even though Trump is engaging in a trade war with India, he is uncertain about achieving a clear advantage and is keeping the door open for negotiation.

Trump has left no stone unturned in trying to win this trade war, using threats and pressure tactics to force other nations to accept American trade policies. Despite having previously labeled India’s economy as “dead,” Trump still doesn’t have the confidence to ignore India completely. He continues to support India’s rivals, such as Pakistan and Bangladesh, in various ways as part of his strategy to prevail in this trade war. But India is standing firm and has refused to yield to Trump’s pressure.

The real outcome of this trade war remains to be seen. It is likely that India, too, will suffer some economic losses. Therefore, how India responds to Trump’s aggressive trade tactics will be closely watched. If India manages to handle the situation diplomatically and effectively, it could ultimately turn the situation in its favor and be seen as a significant diplomatic win.

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Launch of Dibrugarh’s Parijat Digital Magazine “Uruli” by Dr. Mamoni Baruah



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : The women’s socio- cultural organization “Parijat”, formed by progressive women of the historic Purani Amolapatty area in the heart of Dibrugarh city, officially launched its first-ever digital magazine titled “Uruli” at the Amolapatty Natya Mandir. The magazine was inaugurated by eminent ophthalmologist and former head professor of the Ophthalmology Department at Assam Medical College, Dr. Mamoni Baruah. In her inaugural

speech, Dr. Baruah praised Parijat for providing a platform through “Uruli” to showcase the literary talents, experiences, and expressions of local women. On this occasion, the organization also released an audio presentation of “Saponar Desh Japan” a travelogue by retired teacher and writer Anju Duwara, a member of Parijat. The audio travelogue was launched by distinguished scientist, writer, and retired professor of Dibrugarh University, Dr. Parmananda Mahanta.

Along with the two inaugurators, retired Dibrugarh University professor and writer Dr. Gopal Chandra Hazarika and senior local woman Deepa Duwara were also felicitated by Parijat. The event, hosted by All India Radio Dibrugarh Executive officer and popular announcer Parasha Konwar, was attended by several distinguished guests including Registrar of Majuli Cultural University Dr. Binod Bora, Dr. Jituranjan Chetia, Deepak Bora, Binuma Das, and Pawan Dutta, who delivered their speeches. “The ceremony began in harmony with Independence Day celebrations, with members of Parijat presenting a patriotic Jyoti Sangeet. At the end of the program, Parijat member Gayatri Duwara offered a vote of thanks.

GRASS announces Nirmal Seuza Award 2025 for Anandapur Tea Estate School

Bokakhat : Like every year, one of Bokakhat’s prominent voluntary organizations, GRASS, will confer the Thaneswar Bhuyan Memorial Grass Nirmal Seuza Award 2025 on the occasion of Teachers’ Day on September 5. According to the selection made by the GRASS Jury Board, this year the award has been chosen for Anandapur Tea Estate Primary School in Bokakhat. This was announced on Tuesday in a press release signed by GRASS President Ankur Borthakur and Secretary Indreswar Bora. The statement further mentioned that this school, which has constantly drawn the attention of the Chief Minister of Assam, was established on March 16, 1989. The school currently has a total of 230 students and 4 teachers. The school houses a butchora (sacred altar), museum, dining hall, library, and prayer house. It also has a flower garden blooming with colourful flowers throughout the year. There is a vegetable farm, producing seasonal crops such as bottle gourd, ridge gourd, elephant apple, okra, mustard greens, spinach, radish, cabbage, cauliflower, colocasia, as well as egg plant, bird’s eye chili, other varieties of chili, and medicinal herbs. The premises are also filled with fruit trees such as mango, litchi, jamun, pomegranate, jujube, amla, olive, sweet mango varieties, etc. Fresh lemons are available year-round, along with an ample supply of golnemu (round lemons).

Passing of Bhagawati Prasad Das, a Devout Shankari Cultural Practitioner: Mourning in Bokakhat

Mridusmita Sharma, Bokakhat : Bhagawati Prasad Das, a silent practitioner of Shankari literature and culture from Bokakhat, passed away on Tuesday night. A devoted member of Srimanta Sankardev Sangha, former president of the literary wing of Bokakhat district branch, editor of the Itibritta of the Bokakhat district branch, founding headmaster of Srimanta Sankardev Vidyalaya in Bokakhat, companion and current advisor of Bishnupur Primary Branch, and a resident of Milanpur village in Ward No. 5 under Bokakhat Municipality — Das departed for his heavenly abode at around 11:30 PM on Tuesday. At the age of 70, his demise occurred due to cardiac arrest, creating an irrepa-

rable loss for Srimanta Sankardev Sangha. As soon as the news of his death spread during the night, countless admirers gathered at his residence this morning to pay homage. On behalf of Srimanta Sankardev Sangha, Chandra Kanta Bhuyan, secretary of the education wing, along with Mahendra Mohan Gogoi on behalf of the Bokakhat district branch, Jagat Tamuli on behalf of his primary branch, as well as Kaziranga regional branch, Bachagaon primary branch, Nagar primary branch, Middle Kaziranga primary branch, and others paid their final tributes to his mortal remains. At the time of his passing, Das left behind his wife, three daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

Street lights installed in Tinsukia's Bordoloi Nagar after years of demand



Digboi : The long-pending demand of the few affected residents of Bordoloi Nagar in Assam's Tinsukia for proper street lighting has finally been fulfilled here on Tuesday. The installation of new street lights was carried out under the

leadership of Sanjib Bora, General Secretary of State BJP Kisan Morcha. For several years, the absence of adequate street lighting at some vital points of the residential area has created challenges for residents, affecting both safety and daily life. "For many years, we have been facing difficulties due to inadequate street lighting. The absence of proper illumination created safety hazards, especially for women, children, and the elderly, while also contributing to frequent accidents and security concerns," said a beneficiary. With the successful implementation of this project, the locality would now benefit from well-lit streets, improved security, and greater convenience for commuters and pedestrians alike. Residents of Bordoloi Nagar expressed their gratitude to Bora for his efforts and commitment towards addressing this long-standing demand.

First foundation day of Gaurisagar Guru Abacus observed with cultural events

Gaurisagar : The first foundation day of Gaurisagar Guru Abacus was held on Sunday at Gaurisagar Bahumukhi Prakash Bhawan. The programme started with lighting of lamp by Bhupendra Nath Hazarika, former Professor of Majuli College. Later, Dhanjit Dutta, Director of Gaurisagar

Guru Abacus, welcomed the guests and the gathering. An open session was held and was attended by Biman Chandra Dutta, Principal, DIET, Charaideo, Dr Bonti Borgohain Bhuyan, Principal, KPM Senior Secondary School, Baliaghat, Dr Romen Kalita, Assistant Professor, Dikhowmukh

College, Pabitra Kumar Dutta, former Principal-in-Charge, Dikhowmukh College, and Ratul Dutta, Headmaster, Mitong Nakatani LP School, as distinguished guests. In the function, students of Gaurisagar Guru Abacus performed various cultural programmes which enthralled the audience.

Red Cross Society, Dibrugarh felicitated DC Bikram Kairi

The recipient of "Karmashree Award" conferred recently by Govt.of Assam



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : The Indian Red Cross Society, Dibrugarh District Branch today on (19-8-2025) felicitated District Commissioner of Dibrugarh Bikram Kairi for the recognition of his efficient leadership and outstanding workmanship for the growth and development of Dibrugarh District for which he became the recipient of the most "Prestigious Award of the Govt.of Assam " "Karmashree Award".The Red Cross Society President Dr. Pankaj Kumar Shrutikar, Vice-President Dr. Mahesh Kumar Jain, Treasurer Raj Kumar Agarwal, Secretary Anuj Kumar Barua, Life Members viz .Tarun Kumar Gogoi, Jharna Saikia, Kripal Phukan and Mridula Phukan Samir Kumar Sharma, Prabal Das, and Suresh Agarwal were present during the felicitation ceremony. "The Awardee" was felicitated with a Gamcha, Celeng chadar, Japi, a bouquet of fresh flowers, a Safura and a Writing pen. The District Commissioner thanked all the members of the Red Cross Society and appreciated their humanitarian work carried out so far.

I Write a New Poem

■ Sidharth P K, (Kochi)

I write a new poem,
For the night
She promised to return
Back on time
To sing with me,
To listen the music
That is keep on playing
By the wind,
And its drummers
The beat of
A rhyme is even,
Essential to me
I know it
The way is bumpy
And I speed
The journey
Like a star,
That knows no
Limits.

Why Should I Listen to You?

Oh wind, Oh time
The song is full
Like her tears
I heard it many times
To my constant day,
That breathes out
A celebration in pure.

I will never hear you,
Speak so loud
But for few
Your voice is the waterfall
Of joy that limits,
All.





Esha Gupta to join Ajay Devgn in Dhamaal 4

Bollywood actress Esha Gupta is all set to make a sparkling return to the big screen with the highly anticipated comedy entertainer, Dhamaal 4. Directed by Indra Kumar, the film will see her paired opposite superstar Ajay Devgn, promising a fresh wave of laughter, chaos, and charm for fans of the franchise. Sources confirm that Esha will begin shooting her schedule from the end of this month, joining Devgn and the film’s ensemble, which includes fan favourites Riteish Deshmukh, Arshad Warsi, Jaaved Jaaferi, Ravi Kishan, and Sanjay Mishra. Known for her striking screen presence and natural flair, Esha is expected to bring a perfect blend of glamour, sass, and comedy to the film. Interestingly, Esha was also part of the previous instalment, that is, Dhamaal 3, where the actress played an interesting character with wit and comedy. Now, with Dhamaal 4, her role has reportedly been expanded and made more pivotal, promising to add new



twists, comedy moments, and high-energy interactions with the ensemble. While specific details about her character remain under wraps, insiders suggest that Esha’s role will be integral to the storyline, not merely a glamorous cameo. Her entry is expected to elevate the narrative, infusing it with fresh energy and creating dynamic chemistry, especially with Ajay Devgn.

Malayali creators slam Param Sundari for stereotypes, makers accused of silencing dissent



The much-anticipated Hindi romantic film Param Sundari, starring Sidharth Malhotra and Janhvi Kapoor, has sparked a wave of outrage among Malayali content creators. Several creators have voiced strong objections to the film's portrayal of Kerala culture—and now accuse the film’s makers of silencing dissent after critical posts

were removed from Instagram. Singer and RJ Pavithra Menon was among the first to publicly criticize the portrayal of Malayali women in the trailer, particularly targeting the stereotypical depiction that includes jasmine flowers worn in hair and Mohiniyattam dance scenes in everyday life. In her now-deleted video,

she asked, “Women in Kerala do not walk around wearing jasmine flowers and dancing Mohiniyattam.” The video was removed after Instagram flagged it due to a copyright claim by Maddock Films.

Menon shared a screenshot of the takedown notice and ironically quipped, "Happy Independence Day to everyone who has a voice." Undeterred, she re-uploaded the video while expressing her frustration that a Hindi actor was chosen to represent a Malayali character. She asked, “What’s the problem with employing a proper Malayali actor? Are we less talented? This does not happen in Kerala. We don’t wear jasmine flowers around or do Mohiniyattam in offices and homes.”



Ayushmann Khurrana, Rashmika Mandanna tease audience with their ‘bloody’ love story

Bollywood is gearing up for a spine-chilling yet heart-throbbing Diwali 2025 as Maddock Films officially lifts the curtain on its much-talked-about spectacle, Thama. Produced by Dinesh Vijan and directed by Aditya Sarpotdar, the film marks a daring new chapter in the Maddock Horror-Comedy Universe that has already given audiences cult favorites like Stree, Munjya, and Bhediya.



On Tuesday, August 19, Maddock Films dropped the highly anticipated first look into The World of Thama — teasing a bloody love story that blends raw horror with unflinching romance. While Maddock’s earlier films leaned heavily into humor and chills, Thama breaks new ground by introducing the first-ever love story in the franchise. The film boasts an extraordinary cast headlined by Ayushmann Khurrana and Rashmika Mandanna, marking their first on-screen pairing. Their unconventional chemistry is already stirring buzz, with fans eager to see how their romance unfolds in the middle of supernatural chaos. Adding further depth to the ensemble are powerhouses Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Paresh Rawal, joined by Faisal Malik and Geeta Agrawal. Maddock Films has also revealed that the official teaser of Thama will hit the big screen alongside the release of Param Sundari on August 29, ensuring the buzz only grows louder before Diwali.

Veteran actor Achyut Potdar, known as the professor in 3 Idiots, passes away at 91

Veteran actor Achyut Potdar, best known for his memorable role as a college professor in the iconic film 3 Idiots, passed away on Monday in Thane, Maharashtra, at the age of 91. As per reports, the actor was admitted to Jupiter Hospital in Thane due to health complications. The exact cause of his death has not been revealed, but reports suggest he had been recently hospitalised due to age-related health issues.



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has developed facilities beyond immediate need. Referring to projects undertaken during and after the National Games, he highlighted the cricket stadium at Barsapara built with BCCI support, the construction of a stadium at Amingaon, and plans to reconstruct the Nehru Stadium into a FIFA-standard football stadium at an estimated cost of Rs. 700 crores. He further mentioned that a stadium larger than Sarusajai and the biggest in Assam is under construction at Dibrugarh, while a football stadium and another stadium are being built in Kokrajhar and Jorhat at expenditures of Rs. 160 crores and Rs. 200 crores respectively. Preparations are also underway to build sports infrastructure in Chandrapur to support Assam’s aim of hosting the National Games. In addition, an Olympic-standard swimming pool is being constructed next to the badminton stadium in Amingaon, and approximately 100 stadiums are currently under construction across the state. Dr. Sarma further stated that in the next two to three years, several large companies are expected to set up operations in Assam and have shown interest in sponsoring sports infrastructure, particularly academies. Referring to the three training and rehabilitation centres established at Jorhat, Guwahati, and Kokrajhar in collaboration with Abhinav Futuristics Pvt. Ltd., he said that Abhinav Bindra himself had observed that these facilities are among the best in the country, though he expressed concern that the centre at Sarusajai has not been adequately utilised. The Chief Minister emphasised that the effective utilisation of existing facilities could enable Assam to produce quality sportspersons and enhance its achievements in the field of sports. He noted that, relative to the scale of infrastructure developed, the emergence of good players has been limited, emphasising that the central focus must remain on the development of athletes. Over the past five years, he added, Assam has witnessed notable successes through Hima, Lovlina, and Nayanmoni, yet the State, he added, possesses the capacity to attain a higher level of accomplishment. Dr. Sarma also interacted with the players of the Football Academy and participated in a game of cricket. The event was also attended by Minister of Irrigation etc. Ashok Singhal, MLA Diganta Kalita, NRL’s Director of Operations Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan, BCCI Secretary and Guwahati Town Club Secretary Devajit Saikia, former Ranji cricketer Naba Kamal Bhuyan, along with several dignitaries, sports organisers, players, coaches, and guardians.

Governor inaugurates TrueBeam Linear Accelerator Radiotherapy

efficiency, and ensure transparency in service delivery, ultimately benefitting patients and stakeholders alike. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Shri Acharya said, “The installation of the Linear Accelerator Radiotherapy Machine will provide advanced treatment options for cancer patients, while the E-Office system reflects a commitment to efficiency and transparency in healthcare delivery. This is a step forward for the people of Assam and the North Eastern region.”

Shri Acharya emphasized the transformational impact of scientific innovation in healthcare and said, ‘In today’s scientific era, healthcare is no longer limited to medicines and surgery. We are entering into an age of precision medicine, AI-based diagnostics, and personalized therapy. The Advanced Linear Accelerator inaugurated today is a brilliant example of cutting-edge radiation therapy and will bring new hope to cancer patients in the Northeast’.

Shri Acharya further said that he is happy to know that this institute is not limited to medical treatment alone; it also plays a leading role in the fields of research and education. “It reflects on how the nation is rooted deeply in knowledge, integrity, and service that will form the foundation of a Viksit Bharat by 2047”. Shri Acharya also acknowledged the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in revolutionizing healthcare across the country. He highlighted key government initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat scheme for free treatment to the poor and underprivileged. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras, which ensures access to affordable and high-quality generic medicines, the National Digital Health Mission for making healthcare smarter and more accessible, mobile Medical Units, TB Mukh Bharat, and Nasha Mukh Bharat aiming for inclusive, last-mile health coverage and wellness for all. The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Vice Chancellor, Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences (SSUHS), Dr Dhruba Jyoti Borah, Director of BBCI Dr. B.B.Borthakurz Director of Medical Education (DME), Assam Dr. Anup Kumar Barman; Executive Director of AIIMS, Guwahati, Prof. Ashok Puranik, Principal of Pragjyotishpur Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), Dr Basanta Kr Baishya along with a host of other dignitaries.

Assam CM Orders Probe into Newborn’s Death at GMCH

the matter with doctors and authorities. CM Sarma remarked that such incidents are unacceptable in a premier medical institution and announced the constitution of a three-member inquiry committee comprising senior officials and medical experts to submit a report within 3–4 days. CM Sarma also held a video conference with principals of all medical colleges and senior specialists across Assam, directing strict preventive measures to ensure that such tragic incidents do not recur in the future. “Despite having enough empty machines, three children were kept in a single machine. This incident cannot be justified by saying there were more patients. A mistake has to be called a mistake,” CM Sarma said, adding that he was “extremely sad and ashamed.” Calling the incident “a wrong and unforgivable crime”, CM Sharma assured that strict action will follow. A high-level committee has been formed to investigate, with a report expected within three to four days. Meanwhile, the nurse on duty has been suspended. Additionally, CM Sarma reiterated that accountability will be fixed and negligence will not be tolerated in sensitive matters like child care. However, the infant’s father, Utpal Bordoloi, filed a First Information Report (FIR) at Bhangagarh Police Station against GMCH authorities. “The principal has assured a fair probe. I have also requested the post-mortem report,” Bordoloi said.

Youth called to lead language and culture at Aham

underlined that protecting the sacred flag of the Xabha was the foremost responsibility of young people, while Principal Secretary Debojit Bora stressed the importance of creative contributions from every generation for societal progress. Inaugurating the event, Dr Soumarjyoti Mahanta remarked, “The youth are the power that can transform literature, culture, and social thought. Technology may advance rapidly, but the knowledge imparted by books remains unmatched.” The day-long programme began with the ceremonial lamp lighting by Dr Hridayananda Gogoi, Coordinator of the Xabha’s Translation Project. It featured cultural and academic presentations by students and researchers from more than 20 educational institutions across Upper Assam, with over 150 participants showcasing talents in songs, recitations, dances, solo acting, drawing, dihanaam, and borgeet. Talks were delivered by contributors from All India Radio’s Yuva Bani, members of the Jaji Regional Students’ Union, and Sivasagar District Xahitya Xabha. The programme also included vibrant cultural performances by students of Dikhowmukh College, Nazira College, Gargaon College, Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College, Sukapha Academy of Fine Arts, and DDR College, Chabua. The conclave was attended by several distinguished guests including Treasurer of AXX Moniram Lahan, central office secretary Dr Jyotirekha Hazarika, central publicity convenor Sankusiddha Nath, and former presidents of leading educational and literary bodies. Delegates from various branches of the Xahitya Xabha, local press clubs, and teachers of the host college also participated.

Head-on collision between car and e-rickshaw leaves three critical at Demow

Demow : A road accident took place in Demow Dekhari Tinali at NH-37 road on Tuesday afternoon between a Tata Punch car and an e-rickshaw, where three persons in the e-rickshaw were seriously injured. According to information received, the Tata Punch car (AS06AJ 0595), which was coming from Dibrugarh and heading towards Demow Raichai, and the e-rickshaw, which was coming from the opposite side, had a head-on collision, due to which Amulya Hazarika, Sumit Chauhan, and Rajib Majhi were seriously injured. Amulya Hazarika was driving the e-rickshaw.

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The ceremony began in harmony with Independence Day celebrations, with members of Parijat presenting a patriotic Jyoti Sangeet. At the end of the program, Parijat member Gayatri Duwara offered a vote of thanks.

Assam Rifles Celebrate Independence Day at Lokhra



Chandan Sarma, Tezpur : The Independence Day Celebration was held on 15 Aug 2025 at Bn HQ, Lokra, with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The program included a ceremonial March Past, an impressive Band Display,

the solemn Flag Hoisting ceremony, and a Memorial service to honor the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for the nation. A total strength of 08 Officers, 23 JCOs, and 315 ORs participated in the event. The occasion served as a

reminder of the hard-earned freedom and the responsibilities that come with it. The participants displayed exemplary discipline and dedication, making the event dignified and memorable. The celebration concluded with patriotic songs and interaction among all ranks, reinforcing the spirit of unity, pride, and commitment towards the nation. Such events inspire everyone to uphold the values of freedom and contribute towards the country's progress.

Freshmen Social and Prize Money Quiz Organized at Jamuguri Secondary School

Jamugurihat : The freshmen social and Naduar-level prize money quiz competition was held with a two-day programme on August 16 and 17. The prize money quiz competition organized in memory of Anjali, Minati, and Puspakanti was held on August 16. The Naduar-level quiz competition was graced by Dulumani Nath, Jebias Turkey, and Pradip Das as quiz masters. The prize was bagged by Swapnil Bharali, Antarip Barua, and Manash Pratim Nath of Jamuguri Senior Secondary School and second prize was won by Kallol Barmudoi, Bhabarnab Goswami, and Prachurya Das of Bhaskarjyoti Adarsha Vidyapeeth while the third prize was bagged by Prarthana Kakaty, Akangshya Dristi Bhuyan, and Rodali Nath respectively.

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মাছ, মাংস, পৰ্ণা, পুৰি, ৰুটি

- ☞ Chowmin
- ☞ Burger
- ☞ Chicken Item
- ☞ Maggi
- ☞ Biryani
- ☞ Pasta
- ☞ Fried Rice
- ☞ Roll
- ☞ Mutton Item
- ☞ Paneer
- ☞ Pakora
- ☞ Coffee
- ☞ Tea

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