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'M Dr. inaugurates Saraighat Lake and Park

Saraighat Lake and Park is government's commitment to sustainable urban development and eco-tourism: CM



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated Saraighat Lake Park, a state-of-the-art recreational destination along the banks of the historic Brahmaputra River at Amingaon in Kamrup district. The park, developed with modern amenities and vibrant water sports facilities, is poised to become a major attraction for locals and tourists alike.

Developed by Assam Tourism Development Corporation, the state of the art Saraighat Lake Park with all modern infrastructure and ecofriendly design is expected to offer a healthy and green ambience to the families, fitness enthusiasts, and adventure seekers. Inaugurating the park, the Chief Minister emphasized the government's commitment to

sustainable urban development and ecotourism. He said that 'Saraighat Lake Park' is more than just a green space. It reflected government's vision for a cleaner, greener, and more active Assam. Moreover, the park is also expected to enhance the beauty of the area, and contribute significantly to the region's tourism economy. On the see page 10

Chief Minister unveils statue of Mahatma Gandhi at DC Office, Kamrup

Hands over land compensation cheque for Judicial Township Project



Dispur: In an attempt to heritage, Chief Minister pay rich tributes to the Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma Father of the Nation, today unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi and Mahatma Gandhi at the national DC Office, premises at

Amingaon in Kamrup. He on the occasion also paid rich floral homage to the Father of the Nation and his enduring values. Expressing himself on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said, "It is really honour to have unveiled a statue of Father of the Nation at the premises of DC office, Kamrup, Amingaon. This statue stands as a reminder of Mahatma see page 10

Chief Minister's 'Karmashree' Award for Dibrugarh DC Bikram Kairi, ADC Sultana Akhtara Ahmed and Ananya Choudhury

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: Dibrugarh District Commissioner Bikram Kairi, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Sultana Akhtara Ahmed and Assistant Commissioner Ananya Choudhury, have been conferred the Chief Minister's 'Karmashree' Award by the Government of Assam. This see page 10

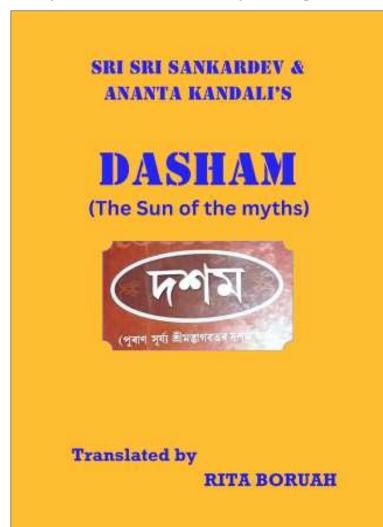


Minister Pijush Hazarika distributes job offer letters to trainees of North-East Skill Development Centre in Guwahati



Dispur: In a ceremony held in Guwahati, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment and Information & Public Relations, Shri Pijush Hazarika, formally handed over job offer letters to 233 trainees of the North-East Skill Development Centre, trained under the Assam Skill Development Mission. The event was graced by the presence of Minister of Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Shri Prashanta Phukan. Among the recipients, 114 students from Scheduled Castes received free training in various trades through the Directorate for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes under Department of Social Justice & Empowerment. After completing their training over the past year, 54 trainees have secured job offers from overseas institutions, while others have received offers from reputed organizations within the country. Congratulating the trainees, Minister Hazarika encouraged them to embrace these opportunities and see page 10

Incarnation of Vishnu in the womb of Daivakee, Kansha's anxiety and hymn to Vishnu by the gods:



After the cruel Kansha had killed her six sons, Daivakee conceived again, Ananta by name with super vaishnavite blood, Took place therein.

Having seen it,Narayana asked Mahamaya

to go to Gokul,

To steal the womb of Daivakee and place it in that of Rohini, Also to take birth herself in the womb of Yoshoda

To make Kansha a fool.

"Myself will take birth through the womb of Daivakee

Where from, Boshudeva will steal me.

Goddesses like Durga, Bhodra, Kali etc.

Will be your names

And will stay by getting worships."

Having heard it, Mahamaya stole the womb of Daivakee

And placed it in the womb of Rohini.

All this made the people speak to each other

That the womb of Daivakee was miscarriage. After this, the Lord, the destroyer of fear of the devotees

In the the mind of Boshudeva, took a space.

Having taken the super vaishnavite blood in mind

Boshudeva shone like the Sun.

Then Boshudeva conveyed to the womb of Daivakee

Vishnu took shelter therein instantly.

Daivakee kept Him asif

The pleasant sun of the east.

Getting God in her womb

Daivakee had to nobody exposed As by Kansha she was captivated.

As a lamp can not expose itself engulfed in soil

Such was her state never and nobody to tell.

One day Kansha had seen the charming appearance of Daivakee

That enlightened the prison

He told himself that his demise had taken place in her womb.

■ **Rita Boruah** 9954594823

Illegal Sand Mafia Terror in Doboka's Yamuna River: No response from the departmental authorities



Rejwan Barbhuyan, Doboka: A thriving illegal sand mining operation is ongoing in the Yamuna River under the jurisdiction of the Doboka Regional Forest Office in Hojai district. Despite the scale of the operation, the concerned authorities have failed to take any effective action. A powerful machines and JCBs are being used daily to extract sand illegally from the river. The sand is transported using overloaded tippers, Tata Mobile vehicles, and tractors without any permits or tax payments. Led by some individuals of jamunagaon, the mafia smuggles sand with challan documents from Karbi Anglong and distributes it across various parts of Hojai district. This unregulated activity poses a serious threat to the riverbanks of the Yamuna, increasing the risk of erosion and collapse. Additionally, constant heavy vehicle movement through villages like Jamunagaon, Rowarpar, Ganipur, Jaruni, Udmari, and others has left roads severely damaged. Locals warn that if immediate action is not taken by the forest department, they will be compelled to launch strong protests in the coming days.

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), written 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, Technical Director of the refinery, by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Just before the play began, the Numaligarh Re-finery Branch Xahitya Xabha 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 Saikia, 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.



Dr Dhiren Kumar Nath: A Life Rooted in Healing, Reflection, and Humanity

■ Heramba Nath



Dr. Dhiren Kumar Nath, Senior Consultant in Head & Neck Oncology and Deputy Superintendent at the North East Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (NECHRI), Jorabat, has emerged as one of the most widely recognised and deeply respected figures in the field of oncology across North East India. Known for his profound medical knowledge, compassionate patient care, and refined literary sensibilities, Dr Nath represents a rare blend of scientific precision and human depth. His journey from the quiet village of Solpam in Darrang district to the leading cancer hospitals of the region is not merely a professional milestone but a testament to dedication, empathy, and inner resolve.

The elder son of Late Debendra Chandra Nath, a revered and morally upright teacher of Dumunichowki MV School, Dr Dhiren Kumar Nath was raised in a household where education, ethics, and compassion were inseparable. Solpam, his native village under the Sipajhar Legislative Assembly Constituency, has long been known for producing educated and morally grounded individuals, and Dr Nath's generation upheld this reputation with quiet grace. The values imbibed from his father—discipline, devotion to duty, and moral clarity—became the foundation of his personal and professional life.

From his earliest school days to his higher medical studies, Dr Nath consistently stood out for his academic brilliance. After earning his MBBS and MS in ENT (Ear. Nose & Throat), he further honed his expertise through advanced training as a Postgraduate Trainee (PGT) at the prestigious Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, one of the premier cancer treatment has a calming effect, inspiring and research centres in Asia. His professional credentials are further fortified by his FAIMS fellowship, establishing his position as a specialist in Head & Neck Oncology with international exposure and recognition.

Today, Dr Nath is not just a cancer surgeon; he is a healing presence in the lives of countless patients across Assam and the wider North East region. In the field of Head & Neck Oncology, he is regarded as one of the most trusted and capable surgeons, known for both his technical skill and his gentle approach. Patients from various parts of the North East come to consult him, often referred by other specialists who acknowledge his excellence. His calm demeanour, soft-spoken interaction, and ability to empathise deeply with the grief and fears of his patients have made him more than a doctor—he is often seen as a guide, a confidant, and a symbol of hope. Despite his demanding schedule, he remains accessible to all — receiving calls from everyone, including patients, with patience and grace, never allowing the pressure of time to overshadow the needs of another hu-

What sets Dr Nath apart is not only his medical acumen but also his humane approach to treatment. He speaks less but listens more—an attribute rare yet invaluable in the fast-paced, often impersonal world of modern medicine. For him, every patient is not just a clinical case but a human being with emotions, anxieties, and dignity. His efforts to understand a patient's grief, his sensitivity to their fears, and his silent but solid reassurance form the heart of his medical ethics. He has often been heard saying that medicine without compassion is mere mechanics. Indeed, his work reflects the truth that healing is as much about presence and empathy as it is about surgical precision.

As a doctor and as a human being, Dr Nath is known for his peaceful and composed mind everywhere, every time. Even though he is a remarkably busy cancer surgeon with a packed professional schedule, he never lets the pressure disturb his inner calm. This outstanding and incomparable trait seems less a learned skill and more a Godgifted quality. His presence itself confidence not just in patients but also among colleagues and stu-

Moreover, Dr Nath is not only a successful surgeon but also a poet, a lyricist, and a curious prose writer. His ability to express human emotions through verses, songs, and reflective essays adds richness to his persona. In departmental seminars and talk shows related to oncology and healthcare, his speaking style and body language are both composed and charismatic. His insightful commentary, eloquence, and graceful presence make him a pleasure to listen to. Many people, including fellow medical professionals, students, and laypersons, admire him not only for his medical expertise but also for his thoughtful speech and poetic expressions that often accompany his reflections on life and healing.

Beyond the operation theatre and hospital corridors, Dr Nath's identity expands into the realm of literature and culture. A deeply reflective individual, he has authored numerous poems and prose pieces, many of which have been published in the widely circulated Assamese daily Amar Asom. His writings reflect a philosophical introspection and emotional depth that resonate with readers across generations. Among his poems, "Deutar Kolom..." stands out as a touching dedication to his father. This thought-provoking and powerful composition is inspired by the teaching life of his late father, who served society as a dedicated and noble teacher. In essence, Dr Nath's literary roots were undoubtedly influenced by the sacred profession of teaching. The poem was publicly recited by Minister Pabitra Margherita — a moment that brought the heartfelt composition to a wider audience and underscored its emotional and cultural depth.

Dr Nath's contribution to the cultural landscape of Assam is further enriched by his lyrical compositions. He has written many soulful songs that have been rendered beautifully Honourable President's Award achiever and popular classical singer Tarali Sarma, whose voice blends technical excellence with deep emotional resonance. Among these musical creations, the song "Aai Mor Dhunia..."

holds a special place in the cultural memory of Assam. Its emotional tone, lyrical richness, and spiritual warmth make it an eternal melody for lovers of Assamese music. The song continues to captivate the hearts of listeners, evoking memories of home, mother, and the innocent beauty of life.

His song "Aai Mor Dhunia... clearly reflects the boundless affection and devotion he holds for his mother. Undoubtedly, the song has deeply touched the hearts and souls of music lovers. On the other hand, the composition has gained a unique dimension through the voice of Tarali Sarma, who possesses an exceptionally sweet and melodious voice — like that of a cuckoo.

His literary journey does not stop at personal expression. In his poems, one often finds reflections on pain, healing, loss, and the quiet courage of ordinary livesexperiences he witnesses daily as a cancer surgeon. This unique fusion of professional exposure and poetic sensitivity allows his works to connect deeply with people. He doesn't write for fame or applause, but from a genuine space of feeling and understanding. This authenticity is what gives his verses their strength.

It is rare in today's world to find someone who can be equally committed to scientific rigour and soulful creativity. Dr Dhiren Kumar Nath embodies both with effortless grace. In the hospital, he saves lives; in his writings, he gives voice to unspoken emotions. In surgery, he performs precise procedures; in poetry, he touches the spiritual corners of human experience. This rare balance makes him not only respected but beloved among patients, colleagues, and readers

He is also known for his humility. Despite his towering achievements, Dr Nath remains deeply rooted in his native village and cultural identity. He does not chase fame nor boast of his contributions. His work, whether in the surgical ward or on a blank page, speaks for itself. He is a man of few words, but every action, every gesture, and every written line carries the weight of sincer-

In an era where healthcare is increasingly commercialised, where time is billed and emotions are neglected, Dr Nath stands as a silent pillar of see page 10

The Role of Youth in Political Reformation

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Youth play a very important role in changing society. They have fresh ideas, energy, and a strong desire to make things better. In politics, young people have always helped bring change when systems become old, corrupt, or unfair. They ask questions, challenge wrong practices, and try to make their country a better place. Their role in political reformation is necessary because they are the future of the nation. If they do not take part in shaping the rules and policies of their country, the problems of today will continue into the future.

Young people see the world differently from older generations. They do not accept things just because they have been done in a certain way for many years. Instead, they want to know if something is right or wrong. If they see injustice or corruption, they do not remain silent. This questioning nature is very important for political change. Without it, bad leaders and unfair systems continue to exist. The youth have the courage to speak up, take action, and demand fairness in society.

One of the biggest problems in politics is corruption. In many countries, politicians make promises during elections but do not fulfill them. They misuse government money and do not work for the welfare of the people. Young people see this and realize that if they do not act, their future will be affected. They organize protests, use social media to spread awareness, and demand honest leadership. Their voices are strong because they speak with hope and sincerity. Unlike many older politicians, they are not involved in selfish interests or power struggles.

Education helps young people understand politics better. When they learn about history, law, and governance, they realize how systems work and how they can be improved. They start seeing the difference between good and bad leaders. They learn to think critically and do not believe false promises easily. Educated youth can also explain important issues to others. They can help people understand their rights and the responsibilities of a government. In this way, they play a key role in spreading awareness and creating an informed society.

Voting is one of the easiest ways for young people to bring change. In a democracy, leaders are chosen by the people. If young voters take elections seriously, they can select leaders who are honest and hardworking. However, in many countries, a large number of young people do not vote. They think their vote will not make a difference. This attitude is harmful because it allows bad leaders to stay in power. If all young people vote wisely, they can shape the future of their nation.

Apart from voting, many young people are joining politics directly. In some countries, they are becoming politicians, starting new parties, and making policies that focus on real issues. This is a good sign because it shows that youth are taking responsibility instead of just complaining. They are entering the system to change it from within. When young leaders come forward, they bring new ideas and fresh energy into politics. They are more connected to modern problems like climate change, unemployment, and digital development.

Social media has given young people a powerful tool to express their opinions. Unlike in the past, where only newspapers and television controlled political discussions, today's youth can use platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to share their views. They can organize online campaigns, expose corruption, and raise awareness about important issues. A simple post or video can reach millions of people in a short time. However, social media also has dangers. False news spreads quickly, and sometimes, political discussions become hateful. Young people must be careful and use these platforms responsibly.

Many youth movements around the world have shown how powerful young people can be in bringing political change. History has many examples of students and young activists leading protests and demanding justice. They have fought against unfair laws, dictatorships, and human rights violations. Even today, young people are leading movements for climate action, gender equality, and social justice. Their energy and determination often force governments to listen and act. When youth stand together for a cause, they become a strong force that cannot be ignored.

However, young people also face many challenges when they try to bring political change. In many countries, older leaders do not take them seriously. They think that youth lack experience and do not understand politics. This mindset discourages many young people from participating in political discussions. In some places, youth activists are even threatened or arrested for speaking against the government. This makes political reformation difficult, but it also shows why youth involvement is important. If young people do not stand up for their rights, bad leaders will continue to exploit the system.

Another challenge is that politics often seems complicated and difficult to understand. Many young people feel disconnected from political discussions because they think it is not relevant to their daily lives. They believe that politicians only care about power and do not listen to ordinary people. This belief makes them uninterested in politics. However, the truth is that every decision made by politicians affects people's lives, from education policies to job opportunities. If youth do not take an interest in politics, they will have no say in decisions that shape their future.

Despite these challenges, youth participation in politics is increasing. Many organizations are working to educate young people about governance and leadership. Schools and universities are encouraging students to engage in debates and discussions on political topics. Civic education programs are teaching young people about their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Leadership training initiatives are helping them develop the skills needed to become effective politicians and activists.

Youth involvement in politics is not just about protests and elections. Many young people are

working on projects that improve society in different ways. Some are helping to improve education in rural areas, while others are working on solutions for unemployment. Some are creating awareness about environmental issues, while others are fighting against discrimination. All these efforts contribute to political reformation because they address real problems and create positive change.

The future of any country depends on its youth. If young people are active in politics and social issues, the country will move forward in a positive direction. If they remain silent and ignore politics, problems like corruption, poverty, and injustice will continue. Youth have the power to create a better world by being responsible citizens, choosing good leaders, and even becoming leaders themselves.

The role of youth in political reformation is very important. Their energy, creativity, and passion for change make them the driving force of progress. While there are many obstacles, history has shown that when young people unite, they can bring great change. Whether through voting, activism, education, or leadership, their involvement in politics is necessary for a just and fair society. Every young person must realize that they have a voice, and that voice can shape the future. Their participation in politics today will decide the kind of world they live in tomorrow.

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Tezpur's Hirak Mandal Shines in National Referee Level Upgradation Course



Tezpur: Tezpur's own Hirak Mandal has added another feather to his cap by successfully qualifying in the National Referee Level Upgradation Course in Taekwondo. With over 15 years in the sport, Hirak's journey reflects unwavering dedication

and growth. Starting his training in 2008, Hirak stepped into competitive Taekwondo in 2012 and shot to prominence after clinching gold at an international championship in 2016. He continued to represent India on global platforms, including another international outing in 2020, and has consistently participated in national-level events.



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The Divine Power of Durga

A Journey through Mythology, Symbolism, and Tradition



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Goddess Durga is the epitome of divine strength and protection in Hindu mythology. As a representation of Shakti (the divine feminine power), Durga embodies the universal force that creates, sustains, and destroys the world. Her origins are deeply rooted in ancient Hindu scriptures such as the Yajur Veda and Vajasaneyi Samhita, where she is revered as the supreme power. Durga's cosmic mythology is rich with tales of her victory over evil, most famously her battle against the Mahishasura, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. Her depiction, with ten arms holding various weapons, represents her ability to confront and destroy all forms of evil, from physical threats to the inner demons of ignorance and fear. Durga is not just a warrior goddess; she embodies every aspect of life, from creation to destruction, showcasing the cyclical nature of existence.

The symbolism of Durga extends beyond her form as a fierce warrior. The lion on which she rides represents courage and valor, while her ten hands, each holding a different weapon, signify her versatility in overcoming any obstacle. These weapons, gifted by various gods, are not just tools for battle but symbols of divine attributes such wisdom, power, and protection. Durga is also a goddess of fertility and abundance, with names like Annapurna (goddess of food) and Jagadhatri (nurturer of the world). Her many forms, from Sati (the embodiment of life) to Basanti (the harbinger of spring). reflect the diverse roles she plays in the cosmic order, ensuring the balance between life, death, and rebirth. Her worship is a

invoking her blessings for strength, wisdom, and prosperity.

Durga Puja, the grand festival in her honor, has evolved from a regional celebration to a global event. It is observed with immense devotion in the autumn, marking the victory of Durga Mahishasura and symbolizing the victory of good over evil. The festival is not just a religious event but a cultural phenomenon that unites people across India and the world. The elaborate rituals, artistic idolmaking, vibrant processions, and festive feasts offer a sense of community and belonging. Beyond its religious significance, Durga Puja has come to represent the power of Shakti in contemporary society, especially in its growing emphasis on women's empowerment and societal transformation. As Durga continues to inspire devotion, the festival serves as a reminder of the enduring relevance of her divine power, encouraging individuals to overcome their personal struggles and rise above adversity.

Goddess Durga, a revered figure in Hindu mythology, is celebrated as the embodiment of Shakti, the divine feminine power that sustains the cosmos. The complexity of her iconography and the myriad of legends surrounding her worship invite deep contemplation into her significance. Durga is not merely a goddess; she is a symbol of the eternal power that governs creation, protection, and destruction in the universe. The Durga Puja, an annual festival celebrating her victory over the demon Mahishasura, is a manifestation of this supreme force, uniting millions in worship and reverence across India and abroad.

The name **Durga** in Sanskrit means "fortress" or "invincible," reflecting her role as an impenetrable defense against evil. She is also known as **Durgatinashini**, meaning une one who removes sufferings," which aligns with her role in alleviating the pain of her devotees. Durga is often depicted as a goddess with ten arms, each holding a different weapon, symbolizing her omnipotent power to combat various forces of evil. Riding a lion, a symbol of courage and strength, Durga stands as an unwavering force of justice,

celebration of these qualities, wielding her weapons to restore balance to the world.

Durga's many forms represent various aspects of life and nature. She is **Bhawani**, the source of life; Sati, the embodiment of death; Basanti, the herald of spring; Amba, Jagadhatri, Tara, Ambika, and **Annapurna** each name denotes a different attribute of the goddess. These diverse identities signify that Durga is not confined to one form; she embodies all that is powerful, nurturing, and protective in the universe. Her multiple faces remind us of the ever-changing nature of existence creating, preserving, and ultimately dissolving the world.

Durga's worship dates back to the earliest scriptures of Hinduism. References to her power can be found in the Yajur Veda, Vajasaneyi Samhita, and Taittiriya Brahmana, among others. In these texts, she is celebrated as the supreme force that controls the order of the universe. Historically, the worship of Durga was not confined to one period but evolved over centuries. Her rituals and festivals grew in prominence, reflecting the changing dynamics of society and the evolving nature of Hinduism.

The most widely known and celebrated festival in her honor Durga Puja, which culminates in the grand Vijayadashami. The festival, typically observed during the month of **Ashwin** (September-October), celebrates Durga's victory over the buffalo demon Mahishasura, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. The festival is marked by days of elaborate worship, processions, music, dance, and feasts. Devotees prepare for the event by buying new clothes, sweets, and decorations, creating an atmosphere of vibrant celebration and collective jov.

The Durga Puja is not merely a religious event but a cultural extravaganza that brings people together in celebration of life, victory, and renewal. The festival spans ten days, beginning with Sasthi and culminating on Vijayadashami (Dashami). On the seventh day, the idols of Durga and her divine family Lakshmi (goddess of wealth), Saraswati (goddess of wisdom), Kartik (god of war), and Ganesh (god of



intellect) are installed in elaborately decorated pandals. Over the next few days, prayers and rituals are performed, offering flowers, sweets, and chanting sacred verses from texts like the Chandi Path.

The idols are then immersed in water on the final day, symbolizing Durga's return to her celestial abode. This marks the end of the festival and is a bittersweet moment for devotees who have eagerly awaited her arrival. During the immersion, communities come together, and large processions are held, filling the streets with music, chanting, and joy. The immersion ritual symbolizes the cyclical nature of life birth, existence, and eventual dissolution.

The day of **Vijayadashami** is one of the most auspicious days in the Hindu calendar. It is celebrated as a day of victory over evil, over ignorance, and over adversity. Various mythological stories associate this day with the triumph of good over evil. According to one legend, it is on this day that Lord Rama defeated the demon Ravana, after performing a special Durga Puja to seek her blessings. Another legend tells of the demon Mahishasura, who was defeated by Durga's divine powers, restoring order to the cosmos.

In some regions, particularly in North India, Ramlila a theatrical representation of Lord Rama's victory is performed, culminating in the symbolic burning of Ravana's effigy. This act signifies the destruction of evil and the restoration of righteousness. The day is also important for the business community, who consider it the start of their financial year, marking new beginnings and prosperity.

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Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Inaugurates State-of-the-Art Multi Utility Complex in Dibrugarh



Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh: In a significant boost to India's farming community, Prime Minister Narendra Modi disbursed the 20th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from Varanasi, releasing 20,500 crore in direct income support to over 9.7 crore farmers nationwide. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), Sarbananda Sonowal virtually joins PM Modi as nearly 20.31 lakh farmers in Assam have received 422.05 crore, further empowering one of the nation's largest agrarian populations. Sarbananda Sonowal applauded PM Modi as a "visionary for empowering the farmers and boosting

organised at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Dibrugarh, by Assam Agricultural University in collaboration with the District Agriculture Department. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal interacted with farmers and called for an accelerated effort to enhance agricultural productivity. "Our farmers are the backbone of the nation. With initiatives like PM-KISAN, the Modi Government is not only providing direct financial support but also encouraging a new era of agrarian empowerment. I urge every farmer to be a partner in India's unstoppable journey towards economic progress," Sonowal said. The Union Minister highlighted how the Modi government's the economy with 'Krishak' policies over the past 11 person Pushpanjali Shakti." The program was years have brought stabil- Sonowal. Sonowal Inau-

ity and security to rural lives through initiatives like PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala, Saubhagya, Ayushman Bharat, SHG support for women, and extensive road and infrastructure development. These interventions have helped over 25 crore people rise above the poverty line, Sonowal noted.Referring to PM-KISAN, Sonowal added that more than 3.7 lakh crore has already been transferred to farmers' accounts in instalments of ?6,000 annually, ensuring social and economic security at the grassroots level. A number of dignitaries were present at the event, including MLAS Ponakan Baruah, Binod Hazarika, Chakradhar Gogoi, Chairman Rituparna Baruah (Assam Tourism Development Corporation), Bikul Deka (Assam Petrochemicals Ltd), Deputy Mayor Ujjwal Phukan, DDA Chairman Asim Hazarika, Chief Executive Member of the Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council Tangkeshwar Sonowal, Dibrugarh District commissioner Bikram Kairi, and Zilla Parishad Chair-

Complex Dibrugarh.Later in the day, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a newly constructed Multi-Utility Complex in Dibrugarh, designed to host major public, administrative, cultural, and educational events. The facility is equipped with 16 modular halls and can accommodate over 5,000 people in total, with some halls having a capacity of up to 350 attendees each. Speaking at the event, Sonowal described the building as a landmark initiative aimed at decentralising access to quality infrastructure across Assam. The building was built under the City Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF) with an investment of more than 38 crores. "This new facility is a symbol of Assam's growing aspirations. Dibrugarh, with its rich 170-year-old legacy, deserves modern infrastructure to host national and international- level events. This complex will serve as a hub for community progress and engagement," Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said.

The Lok Sabha MP from

gurates Multi-Utility Dibrugarh urged local institutions and civic bodies to make optimal use of the building and emphasised the importance of yearround activity to ensure its utility. Sonowal also called for public participation in maintaining the facility's cleanliness and management standards. "Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Modi ji, India is rising as a self-reliant nation. Assam too is progressing rapidly, and this complex is another testament to our development journey. Under Modi ji's inspiring leadership, Dibrugarh is also building on its capabilities and is working towards becoming a catalyst of growth for not just the region but to transform into an important cog in the new age engine of growth for the Viksit Bharat," Sonowal added. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Cabinet Minister Prashanta Phukan, Guardian Minister Jogen Mohan, MLAs Chakradhar Gogoi, Terash Gowala, Ponakan Baruah, Deputy Commissioner Bikram Kairi, as well as senior officials and dignitaries from key state departments and agencies.

Successful Conclusion of First Phase of Eviction Drive in Rengma Reserve Forest

Golaghat : The first phase of the large-scale eviction drive in the Rengma Reserve Forest, Golaghat district, concluded successfully today, with final operations carried out seamlessly in Bidyapur and 2 No. Madhupur. The day's activities remained peaceful and without resistance.""Over the course of five days, vast stretches of encroached forest land have been reclaimed, with illegal structures dismantled across key high-density zones including Bidyapur, Pithaghat, Sonaribeel, Doyalpur, Dolonipathar, Kherbari, Anandapur, and Madhupur. Briefing the media, Special Chief Secretary Shri M.K. Yadav stated that the ongoing operation has so far cleared approximately 8900

4,000 dismantled unauthorised structures. He added that land survey teams are actively working in multiple areas to assess the extent of remaining encroachments in preparation for the second phase. Notably, 205 households in the Negheribil area under Merapani, located within the Doyang Reserve Forest, have been served eviction notices, with action scheduled to commence from 8 August. Sarupathar MLA Shri Biswajit Phukan announced that the eviction drive will continue tomorrow in parts of the Nambor South Reserve Forest, particularly in Gelajan and 3 no. Rajapukhuri. Expressing appreciation for the coordinated efforts, he thanked the

bighas of protected forest land and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Special Chief Secretary, District Administration, and the Government of Nagaland. He further highlighted the potential of Rengma Reserve Forest as a future eco-tourism destination and emphasized that such drives are essential to curb illegal activities and ensure long-term ecological and administrative benefits for Assam.""District Commissioner Shri Pulak Mahanta credited the smooth execution of the drive to meticulous field-level planning and the collaborative efforts of all departments involved. He underlined the importance of continuous on-ground monitoring in ensuring the overall success of the operation. Senior Superintendent of Police, Golaghat, Shri Rajen Singh praised

the Assam Police and CRPF for maintaining law and order throughout the drive. He informed that in the lead-up to the operation, significant recoveries—including arms, ammunition, and narcotics—were made from these vulnerable and crime-prone areas, further underscoring the necessity and impact of the initiative. The entire operation was closely monitored by senior officials including Special Chief Secretary Shri M.K. Yadav, Inspector General of Police Shri Akhilesh Kumar Singh, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, District Commissioner of Golaghat, Senior Superintendent of Police, Golaghat and other senior officers from the Forest Department, Police, and District Administration.

Deshabhakti Quiz organized successfully under the aegis of DIPR, Assam

Witnessed participation more than 300 teams

with the celebration of the 5th Deshbhakti Divas in the state, a grand Quiz Competition was organized today by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Assam. The event witnessed participation not only from Assam but also from several other states across India. Held at the Srimanta Sankaradeva International Auditorium. Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati, the competition drew participation from a total of 348 teams out of 650 registered teams. Contestants from states like Kerala and Delhi also took part in the event, making it a

Guwahati: In alignment truly national-level com-Renowned petition. quizmaster Achinta Sharma conducted the competition, which was held in two phases – a preliminary round and a final round. The preliminary round consisted of a written test comprising 32 questions, in which all 348 teams participated. From this round, six teams were shortlisted for the final round. These teams are Across the College Gate, Oo Aa Ka Kha, Saare Jahan Se Accha, Ghadar Party, The Three Body Problem and DAB. Ultimately, The Three Body Problem team emerged as the winner, while Saare Jahan Se

Accha and Ghadar Party secured the second and third positions respectively. The winners will be handed over the prizes tomorrow during the state level Deshbhakti Divas celebration. First prize is 1 lakh, 2nd 75 thousand and 3rd prize is 50 thousand. Moreover, other three teams will also be given prize money. A notable and inspiring aspect of this competition was the participation of members from three generations within the same team, reflecting the spirit of unity and shared patriotism. The event began with Commissioner & Secretary of the Departments of Information.

Public Relations, Printing & Stationery, Kumar Padmapani Bora paying tribute to the great patriot Tarun Ram Phukoon and extending best wishes for the success of the quiz competition. Hon'ble Minister Shri Pijush Hazarika graced the occasion. He appreciated the efforts of the officers and staff of the Directorate for organizing such a grand event. The Minister also expressed gratitude to all the participants and praised the inter-generational participation, calling it truly inspirational. He also expressed delight as teams from outside the states have also participated. Between the two rounds of the quiz, cultural performances were presented by the cultural wing of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations and invited artists. It may be noted that since 2021, Deshbhakti Divas has been celebrated in memory of Deshbhakta Tarun Ram Phukoon. Under the initiative of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, this day is observed across the state at the state and district levels. Tomorrow, at 9 AM, floral tributes will be paid at the statue of Tarun Ram Phukoon at Tarun Ram Udvan, Phukoon Bharalumukh. The statelevel programme will be held at 11 AM at the conference hall of Lok Sewa Bhawan, Assam Secre-

Free Dialysis Centre Inaugurated at Bokakhat Civil Hospital by Health Minister Ashok Singhal

Mridusmita Sharma, Bokakhat: Unment committee. According to departder the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme, a free dialysis centre was inaugurated today at the Bokakhat Civil Hospital. The centre was formally opened by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam, Ashok Singhal, by cutting the ribbon. The dialysis unit, set up at the Shaheed Kamala Miri Civil Hospital under the home constituency of Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, features 4 beds and 3 advanced dialysis machines. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Health Minister Ashok Singhal, Agriculture Minister and Bokakhat MLA Atul Bora, Director of National Health Mission Assam Dr. S. Laxmanan, Bokakhat Subdivision Commissioner Shivani Jernagal, State Director of Health and Family Welfare Department Kamaljit Talukdar, Joint Director and Additional Commissioner of Health Services, Superintendent-in-Charge of the hospital, doctors, health workers, hospital management committee members, and local residents. The inaugural session began with an address by health worker Umesh Bora, followed by a speech from hospital vice-principal Dr. Hemanta Bora. After the formal inauguration, Minister Singhal visited each ward of the hospital, interacting with patients and members of the hospital manage-

mental data, 15 patients have already registered for dialysis at the newly opened centre. The Health Minister stated that there are no major deficiencies in Bokakhat Civil Hospital. The shortage of doctors and the lack of anesthesiologists are expected to be resolved by September. He also noted the low number of deliveries at the hospital and asserted that under no circumstances should expectant mothers be referred to Jorhat or Golaghat for normal delivery. The hospital must create a safe and supportive environment for childbirth, he added. Minister Singhal further emphasized that doctors and medical staff should treat patients with care and compassion, ensuring that patients feel they are being treated with love and attention. During the press briefing following the inauguration, the Minister also addressed several questions regarding the state's healthcare and irrigation sectors. Responding to a query about the lack of surgical operations at the hospital, he cited the statewide shortage of anesthesiologists. On the issue of establishing a trauma centre in Bokakhat, he mentioned that setting up such a facility requires the appointment of neurosurgeons, who are currently in short supply in the state, and hence, establishing a trauma centre faces certain challenges.

Dr. Dilip Chetry Urges India to Protect the Only Ape in India, **Northeast's Gibbons From Extinction**



Guwahati: The Western Hoolock Gibbon, India's only Ape species, has been named one of the 25 most endangered primates at the 30th Congress of The International Primatological Society (IPS) held in Madagascar, where Dr. Dilip Chetry went as India's representative. Dr. Dilip Chetry is a senior wildlife biologist, Director and Head of the Primate Research and Conservation Division in Aaranyak, a biodiversity conservation organisation in Assam, and IUCN SSC Primate Specialist Group represented India at the 30th Congress of The International Primatological Society (IPS) held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, held from July 20 to 25. These Gibbon populations In India reside in the Brahmaputra River and east of the Dibang River across seven northeastern States -Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura and are native to eastern Bangladesh, Northeast India, and parts of Myanmar. Dr. Chetry recommends restoring degraded habitats, creating ecological corridors, scientific monitoring, capacity-building for forest frontline staff, and sustained community engagement. He also urges the Indian government to recognise the Western Hoolock Gibbon as a flagship species for biodiversity conservation in the region.

Death of Eminent Social Worker Khairul Hasan of Sorbhog in Road Accident:

Various Parties and Organizations Express Condolences



M Hashim Ali, Sorbhog : Khairul Hasan, a prominent social worker and senior Congress worker from Meda Madulijhar village near Chokchoka Bazaar in Sorbhog, died on the spot in a road accident. He was 56 years old at the time of his death. Known for his sharp intellect since childhood, Khairul Hasan completed his early education at Chakchaka Government Middle School (MV School) and later passed matriculation and higher secondary from Barnagar Juro Ram Pathak Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School in Barnagar. He initially enrolled in the science stream at Madhab Choudhury College, Barpeta, but after a year, he switched to Barnagar College, from where he obtained his Graduation degree.Although he had many job opportunities during that period, he rejected them and remained a lifelong Congress worker. Later, to support his family, he engaged in

neous work for his livelihood. He was actively involved in Congress politics since his student days. Even workers from different political parties admired him and had close relationships with him. He never hesitated to help villagers in times of need or distress. Particularly compassionate towards the poor, he always tried his best to resolve their problems, as stated by the people of the Barnagar area. As a social worker and senior Congress activist, he earned a strong reputation throughout the region. Such was his popularity that when his body was taken to Sorbhog police station after the accident, a huge crowd gathered to pay their respects. The next day, during the funeral prayer (janaza), thousands of people from seven to eight Hindu and Muslim villages of the Barnagar region came to participate. On the day of the janaza, the situation even required traffic control due to the massive turnout."Khairul Hasan was associated with various institutions and organizations, including Chakchaka Government Middle School, the former Chandra Sharma High School, and Sunflower English High School, where he served as a governing body member. He was the eldest son of the late Hasan Ali, the former principal of Juro Ram Pathak Higher Secondary contractual and miscella- and Multipurpose School,

Barnagar, Sorbhog. At the time of his death, he is survived by his wife Sadhana Begum, daughter Zubaera Hasan, son Junaid, a sister, a niece, two younger brothers, and his uncle Senior journalist M. Hashim Ali, along with many relatives. It may be noted that his parents had also passed away few years ago.Manoranjan Talukdar, MLA of the Sorbhog constituency, expressed deep sorrow and stated that Khairul Hasan was truly an uncompromising and honest individual. He was a genuine social worker had he wished, he could have acquired great wealth. He was even fit to be an MLA or a minister. Yet he remained detached from materialism and lived a simple life through contract work. Former MPAbdul Khaleque, MLA Dr. Rafiqul Islam, BJP Barpeta District President Mahendra Das, AGP's former MLA Manoranjan Das, Congress leader Rajib Haque, UDF leader Mamun Khandakar, and several others visited the bereaved family and extheir pressed condolences. The news of the death of Khairul Hasan, a true helper of the poor, cast a pall of sorrow over the region. Many people expressed that this was an irreparable loss for the people of Barnagar and Sorbhog. His funeral prayer was held in the burial ground of his native village in the presence of several thousand mourners.

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The Divine Power of Durga...

While Durga Puja is primarily celebrated in West Bengal, the festival has spread across India and beyond, thanks to migration and the global Indian diaspora. Regions such as Assam, Tripura, Odisha, **Jharkhand**, and **Manipur** also observe this grand festival with much fanfare. The Bengali diaspora around the world has carried the tradition of Durga Puja to countries like the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, where it is celebrated in the same spirit of unity and joy.

In addition to the grand autumn festival, there is another form of Durga Puja observed in the Chaitra month, also known as Basanti Puja, celebrated in the spring. While not as widely known as the autumn Durga Puja, it holds cultural significance in regions like Bengal, where it is celebrated as a smaller version of the grand festival, marking the arrival of the goddess during the rejuvenating time of spring.

In contemporary times, Durga Puja has transcended its religious significance, becoming a festival that celebrates culture, art, and community. The creation of the idols, with their intricate craftsmanship, has become a form of artistic expression. Pandals are often designed with themes ranging from traditional motifs to modern concepts, such as environmental sustainability, women's empowerment, and social issues, making Durga Puja a platform for addressing contemporary concerns.

The festival also serves as a reminder of the power of Shakti, the divine feminine energy, which is increasingly relevant in today's world where discussions around gender equality, women's empowerment, and the breaking of societal norms are gaining momentum. Goddess Durga, in her various forms, symbolizes not only the destruction of evil but the empowerment of the marginalized, the voiceless, and the oppressed.

Durga Puja is more than a religious celebration it is a time for reflection, renewal, and a celebration of the forces of good. It brings together communities, families, and individuals, united in the belief that despite the trials and tribulations of life, the power of righteousness, wisdom, and compassion will always triumph. As the goddess of strength, wisdom, and protection, Durga reminds us to fight against the evils that threaten peace and harmony, while also embracing the nurturing and protective aspects of the divine feminine that empower us to face life's challenges.

In essence, Durga Puja is a celebration of life in all its aspects the struggles, the victories, and the transcendence over evil bringing joy and hope to countless people around the world.

Obituary: Pankaj Barkakaty

Biswanath Charaiali : Pankaj Barkakaty, a retired subject teacher and pioneer of Assam Agitation and erstwhile a resident of New centre. Sootea breathed his last at his Mission Chariali residence on Sunday. He was 69. Barkakaty was the first General Secretary of the Sootea regional committee of AASU in 1972. He joined the food movement in 1974 and was jailed for 12 days. A master degree holder, Barkakaty had joined as a lecturer at Chatia College and taught students during its venture period. He was one of the crew members of the 16-



member executive body of the Asom Gana Sangram Parishad and a close companion of the Late Nibaran Bora and Atul Bora. He leaped into the Assam Agitation Movement. Later, he joined Bihaguri HSS and attained superannuation from there. He held the office of the General Secretary of Sonitpur District Secondary Sub-Teachers' Association.

Dudhnoi's Daisy Rabha Wins India's First Gold at Georgia Batumi International Wushu Championship

Guwahati: In a landmark achievement for Indian sports, Daisy Rabha from Dudhnoi, Assam, has etched her name in history by winning India's first gold medal at the Georgia Batumi International Wushu Championship. Her stellar performance in the Sankuang event not only earned her the top podium finish but also a silver medal in another category, making her one of the standout performers of the tournament.

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CM Dr. inaugurates Saraighat Lake

occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma along with two of his cabinet colleagues, MLAs and others enjoyed joy ride in the lake. The key components of Saraighat Lake and Park are, the park has been developed on a sprawling area measuring seven bigha and four katha involving a financial outlay of Rs. 5.96 crore. Moreover, the park has road and parking area measuring 3,260.00 sqm for accommodating more than 100 cars. It has pathways 955.20 sqm, recreational features like designer concrete sittings, decorative garden arches, bamboo gazebos as weather sheds (2 nos), bamboo-made food courts (3 nos), 10 garden benches, children's outdoor play area with equipment, and illumination, landscaping includes horticulture, irrigation, grass pavers, and general park relief to enhance green coverage and ambience. Tourism Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Environment and Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, MLAs Bhabesh Kalita, Diganta Kalita, Chairman Rituparna Baruah, Commissioner and Secretary Tourism Dignanta Barah and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Chief Minister unveils statue of Mahatma Gandhi at DC Office

Gandhi's ideals and will continue to inspire dedication to the service of the nation". Chief Minister Dr. Sarma during his visit to Kamrup district also presented an Erickshaw to Ananga Das of Geruwa. It may be noted that Ananga Das despite his physical limitations, completed his graduation in the year 2022. He on the occasion thanked UCO Bank for extending its helping hands and gifting Ananga Das with the E-rickshaw as a part of its Corporate Social Responsibility. Following the unveiling ceremony, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also formally handed over cheque to the landowners who voluntarily transferred their land to the government for the construction of the upcoming Judicial Township at Rangmahal in Kamrup district. The township to be built on a sprawling 129 bigha of land will be a state of the art with all modern facilities. The Chief Minister handed over cheques to 26 people who transferred their land to the government. Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Environment and Forest Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, MLAs Bhabesh Kalita, Diganta Kalita, and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Chief Minister's 'Karmashree' Award for Dibrugarh DC Bikram Kairi, ADC

award has been presented in recognition of their commendable initiatives towards financial inclusion through swift action in Aadhaar enrollment in tea garden areas of Dibrugarh district, thereby streamlining food security, healthcare services, and direct wage transfer systems. Today, at the Srimanta Sankardev International Auditorium in Panjabari, Guwahati, during the Lok Kalyan Divas program organized on the auspicious occasion of the death anniversary of the revered 'Bharatratna' Gopinath Bordoloi, the awards were presented by Ranjeet Kumar Das, Minister of Panchayat and Rural Development, Judicial, General Administration, and Tourism, Government of Assam. The award was received by District Commissioner Bikram Kairi, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Sultana Akhtara Ahmed and Assistant Commissioner Ananya Choudhury.

Minister Pijush Hazarika distributes job offer letters to trainees of North-

build successful careers, noting that employment abroad also contributes to India's economic growth. He highlighted that many persons of Indian origin have excelled globally, and emphasized that in today's changing world, skill-based education is essential — a vision strongly supported by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. Additionally, the Minister mentioned that for the year 2025–26, the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment has arranged skill development training for another 240 students belonging to Scheduled Castes.

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Dr Dhiren Kumar Nath: A Life Rooted in Healing

ethical medical practice. His example reminds us that medicine is a sacred trust, not a transaction. He reminds us that doctors must not only cure but also care. And he reminds us that even in the most scientific profession, there remains room — indeed, a need — for poetry.

Wishing Dr Nath continued good health, deep inner peace, and unceasing inspiration — may his healing hands, poetic mind, and compassionate heart keep illuminating lives for many more years to come. His journey is not only a personal achievement but a collective pride for Assam.

Tezpur College celebrated its 60th Foundation Day



Chandan Sarma, Tezpur: Tezpur College celebrated its 60th Foundation Day on Tuesday with vibrant and meaningful events. The ceremony began with the ceremonial flag hoisting by Principal Dr. Manoj Kumar Hazarika, and was attended by dignitaries including MLA Prithiraj Rava, Dr. Swadhinata Mahanta, Dr. Shivaranjan Mahanta, and former Principal Dr. Charu Saharia Nath, along with faculty, staff, and students. In his address, Dr. Hazarika highlighted the college's progress during his eight-month tenure and called for collective efforts to enhance its academic and cultural standing. MLA Rava praised the college's rich legacy and contributions to regional education. To mark the occasion, the college released its quarterly magazine "The Heritage" and launched the book "Gender: Issues, Perspective and Empowerment", edited by Dr. Kisholoy Choudhury and Dr. Bhanupriya Daimari. Several academic awards were conferred, including the Best Reader Award (in memory of late librarian Amulya Saikia), Best Arts Graduate Award (in memory of former Principal Jogendra Nath Choudhury), and an award for the topperforming Assamese student (in memory of Professor Bhairab Saikia). Students who completed the Disaster Management module under the new Skill Development Programme were also awarded certificates. The event concluded with emotional speeches from alumni and a vote of thanks by Dr. Debajit Dutta.

Demow to host statewide Bhaona competition from November 18



Demow: The second annual all-Assam Bhaona competition will be organized at the Demow public playground. A public meeting was organized in this regard at the Demow Jyoti Bishnu Cultural Building on Sunday. In the public meeting, it was decided that the competition will be organized from November 18 to November 22. An organizing committee was also formed where Pranab Chetia was selected as President, Rupjyoti Handique as Working President, Purnanda Buragohain as Chief Secretary, and Gautam Borah, Mridupaban Dutta, Partha Sarathi Gogoi, and Sudipta Gogoi as secretaries.



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28th Foundation Day Celebration of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Junior College, Dibrugarh



Dibrugarh: The 28th Foundation Day of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Junior College, located at Bairagimath, Dibrugarh, was celebrated today (01-08-2025). The college's management committee Holiram president, Phukan, hoisted the flag to mark the occasion, and the president of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Seva Samiti, Assam, Lonath Choukham, offered floral tribute in remembrance. Both dignitaries spoke about the establishment of the college and the contributions and dedicated work of those involved. They also urged students, teachers and staff to sincerely fulfill their respective duties and responsibilities. The college's prin-Bhushanjyoti cipal, Handique delivered the welcome address. Chand Kumar Gohain, president of the Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Academy, (Arts), Sani Dey (Com-

spoke on the academic and social responsibilities undertaken by institution.Dr. Ranjan Changmai, Principal of Dibru College, attended as the chief guest and called upon students to focus on their studies and perseverance. Dr. Khanindra Mishra Bhagawati, retired principal of Dibrugarh Kanoi Commerce College, and Chand Senapati, retired professor of Chabua DDR College, also addressed the students and recalled the foundation and development of the college. In the same event, academic officer Yadab Gogoi announced the recipients of the memorial academic awards instituted in memory of the college's former management committee president, late Shiv Kumar Dutta. These awards were given to the top scorers in Arts, Commerce, and Science streams: Vailina Sonowal merce), and Raktim Dutta (Science). On behalf of the Dutta family, Manjula Saikia felicitated the awardees with Rs.10,000 cash each, along with a memento, certificate, and traditional gamocha. Distinguished guests including Dr. Ranjan Changmai, Dr. Khanindra Mishra Bhagawati, retired professor Dr. Lohit Saikia, and management committee advisors Jugalata Gohain Gogoi and Hiranya Kumar Senapati were present on the occasion. Teachers, students, and staff from both educational institutions also attended the celebration. Additionally, colprincipal lege Bhushanjyoti Sandikoi presented Rs. 3,000 to Vailina Sonowal for securing the highest marks in Political Science. At the end of the foundation day programme, a freshers' welcome ceremony was held, which began with a musical performance by former teacher Rupnanda Dutta. The students presented a vibrant cultural programme, creating a festive atmosphere. In the evening, 2,800 lamps were lit across the college campus to mark the cel-

Chairman of S.K.S. English Academy, Lahowal, Dr. Davananda Shah, Conferred with International Award



M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : Dr. Dayananda Shah, a prominent educationist and social activist from Lahowal, Dibrugarh, who has been serving the nation through his contributions to education, culture, and social development for many years, was recently felicitated with a grand reception at Mohanbari Air-

port by several social organizations and admirers. Recently, Dr. Shah received special recognition at the "Cultural and Tourism Summit" organized by Al-Nahda in the United Arab Emirates. He was conferred the "International Education Iconic Award 2025" by the film organization Sahib Icon Award Films. Born on March 30, 1972, in Dibrual Changmai village of Lahowal in Dibrugarh district, Dr. Dayananda Shah has dedicated the past three decades to the service of the nation and society. The international recognition bestowed upon him has brought great joy to the local community and various organizations.

Mising organizations apprehensive of stalled rehabilitation of Laika families

Digboi: While the anti-Bangladeshi immigrants move of the Assam Government has been hailed widely, the Takam Mising Porin Kebang (TMPK) and Mising Mimag Kebang (MMK) in Assam's Tinsukia district expressed strong apprehensions regarding the stalled relocation of the pending 412 families of Laika to Paharpur area under Lekhapani forest range of Digboi division in Assam's Tinsukia district. According to Mintu Raj Morang, the former Vice-President of TMPK central committee, the Assam Government led by Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has failed to rehabilitate the displaced families as assured.





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