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## We are committed to empower women in Assam: CM

CM presents cheques to 23,336 women beneficiaries under MMUA scheme at Golakganj



**Dispur :** Taking forward the transformative journey of women empowerment in the state, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma ceremonially distributed cheques worth Rs. 10,000 to each of the 23,336 women beneficiaries of Golakganj Legislative Assembly Constituency under Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan at a programme

held at Halakura HS School field, Golakganj in Dhubri district. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that through this scheme, State government is trying to empower 40 lakh women across the state and transform them into successful entrepreneurs. He also said that efforts are underway to ensure inclusion of those women who, for

various reasons, could not apply or were left out from the scheme. Dr. Sarma stated that Assam has 40 lakh women associated with self-help groups (SHGs). Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Lakhpatti Didi,' the Chief Minister said that his government has been trying relentlessly to empower the 40 lakh women as 'Lakhpatti Baideu,' as he stated that a large number of women in the state have already achieved this milestone. Highlighting the significant role of women in strengthening both their families and the overall state economy through SHG activities, the Chief Minister cited the success stories from Golakganj Legislative Assembly constituency. He stated the example of Minu Ray, a member of the Lohit Self-Help Group under Nariprogoti CLF and Milonjyoti Village Organization, who joined the SHG movement in 2004 under the Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM). *see page 10*

## Foreign Delegates Explore Kaziranga, Celebrates Assam's Natural Heritage



**Mridusmita Sharma, Bokakhat :** A 76-member team of foreign delegates from over 50 countries, who came to Assam to attend the air show in Guwahati on November 9, visited world-famous Kaziranga National Park on Wednesday. The visit was from cultural and ecological points of view for the international guests, who took part in showcasing the rich biodiversity and vibrant heritage of Assam. Delegates from South Africa, Nigeria, Nepal, and a number of other countries went on a jeep safari through the thick grasslands of Kaziranga. The delegates were enchanted by the park's famed one-horned rhinoceroses, wild elephants, and migratory birds in their natural habitat. *see page 10*

## CM Sarma distributes land pattas to 4,600 Tribal families in Kamrup

**Abhijit Kalita, Guwahati:** In celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of tribal icon Birsa Munda, the country is observing Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas from November 1 to 15. Marking the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma distributed land pattas to 4,600 tribal families belonging to 73 villages under the East and West Kamrup Forest Divisions, covering areas such as Lakhara, Bandapara, Kulsu, Loharghat, Bamunigaon, Boko, and Singra. The distribution took place at a massive public gathering held at Pantan Higher Secondary School playground on Tuesday.

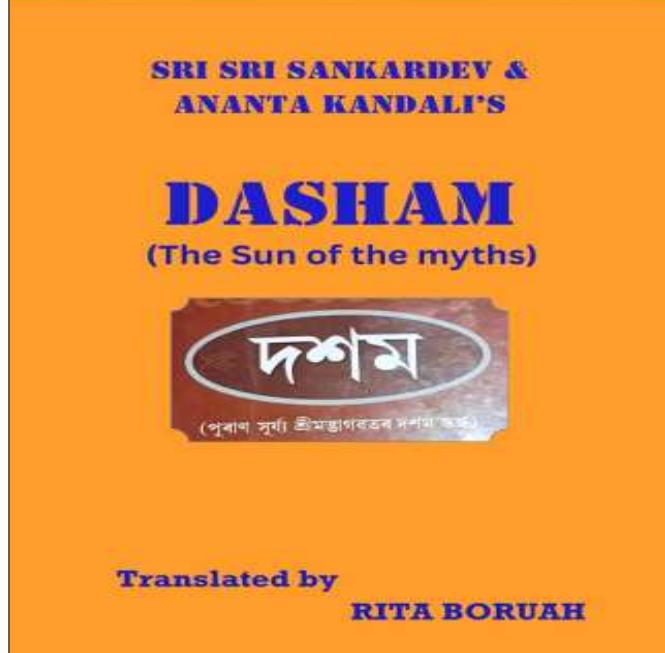
The ceremony began with floral tributes to Birsa Munda, after which the Chief Minister addressed the gathering. He stated that between 2005 and 2014, no government in Assam was able to grant land rights to tribal communities. After assuming office in 2021, he directed all Deputy Commissioners and district officials to ensure that every tribal family living in forest areas is



granted legal land rights. He reaffirmed that no tribal resident living in forest areas will ever be evicted and reiterated his earlier commitment to provide land pattas to all landless tribal families within five years — a promise that, he said, has now been fulfilled.

Speaking on the implementation of the 'Basundhara' scheme, the Chief Minister mentioned that while the government had invited applications from all citizens, only about 1.5 lakh tribal people applied at that *see page 10*

## Srimadvagawata: Dasham, (canto,theythe tenth Pada,an Assamese metre Part- 17



The demon asked the gods to retire from the battle  
You can do nothing to us.  
Having heard the twang of your bowstring  
Where wil they conceal in the darkness is unknown.  
Having seen your excellency in moving arrows in  
the battle  
The gods ran away by abandoning the battle.  
Those who are unable run away  
Will take shelter at your feet.  
Considering the religious way  
You don't kill in hatred  
When they don't face a battle  
The gods feel comfortable.  
Beyond fighting, outcry at home  
What can the gods do?  
What shall Hari, being in  
The heart do?  
What shall  
Brahma do,when he himself a worshipper  
What shall the wild-dweller Shiva do?  
Seeing the cowardly Indra,I smile.  
Still the gods are our dead enemies of mine.  
Permit me this all to destroy.  
If you don't give medicine in the first stage  
Later the disease troubles much and destroys all courage.  
Madhava is the root of the gods  
And the Brahmanas who follow the Yajurveda, Vishnu  
loves.  
Hence let us kill all the Brahmanas, performing religious  
austerity  
Aslo to stop all my yajnas with cows' dignity.  
Hari will die Himself for abstaining from food  
To kill Vishnu, it's the way so good.  
Hearing all this Kansha is very pleased  
Violence to Brahma he took to be good.  
Kansha supported it and left for home  
By destroying the society and creating an undone.  
The wicked demons too entering in various countries  
Began killing cows and the Brahmanas.  
All the prosperities like life,fame and religion  
All are made to depart for the antagonism towards  
Vishnu.  
Hence,everybody pay attention to the beneficial knowl-  
edge  
Never make any enmity to the Vaishnavas.

■ Rita Boruah  
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## Government Introduces New Food Support Programme in Naduar Constituency

**Jamugurihat:** Along with other parts of Assam, a new food distribution scheme was launched at Towbhanga in the Naduar constituency, Sonitpur District, Jamugurihat under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). The programme aims to make essential food items like masoor dal, sugar, and salt available to beneficiaries at subsidised rates. The



initiative follows the state-wide launch by Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and was officially inaugurated in Towbhanga at the Nabil Fair Price Shop. The ceremony was attended by local residents, ration card holders, and cooperative agents. Panchayat member Jyoti Das inaugurated the local launch by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Under this new scheme, every ration card holder will now be able to purchase masoor dal at ₹69 per kilogram, sugar at ₹38 per kilogram, and salt at ₹10 per kilogram. These items will be available along with the free rice already provided under the NFSA. People gathered at the event expressed happiness over the government's decision, saying the scheme would greatly help poor and middle-income families, especially at a time when prices of daily essentials continue to rise. Local cooperative agents said that the distribution process has been arranged to ensure smooth delivery and transparency. Officials present at the event mentioned that the inclusion of these items will improve the nutritional intake of families and reduce the burden of household expenses. The launch in Naduar marks another step toward the Assam government's goal of ensuring affordable food for every family in the state.

## Inter-College Women's Kabaddi Tournament Kicks Off at Bijni College

**Chirang:** A two-day Inter-College Women's Kabaddi Competition 2025–26 under Bodoland University started on Monday at Bijni College in Assam's Chirang district, marking a vibrant celebration of women's participation in sports and teamwork. The event, hosted by Bijni College, was inaugurated in a colourful ceremony graced by Bijni MLA Ajoy Kumar Ray as the Chief Guest. Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal of Bijni College, hoisted the tournament flag to officially signal the opening of the much-awaited sporting event. The competition observed participation from 12 colleges affiliated with Bodoland University, bringing together promising young women athletes from various corners of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR). The atmosphere on campus was filled with energy as teams gathered for the inaugural session, displaying their enthusiasm and sporting spirit. The opening match of the tournament was played between Bodoland University and Bengtola College, which set an exciting tone for the two-day event. Students and spectators turned up in large numbers to cheer for their favourite teams, creating a lively and supportive environment throughout



the day. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Basumatary said that Bijni College is proud to host an event that provides a platform for women athletes to showcase their potential. "Sports instil discipline, unity, and determination, qualities essential not just in sports but in every aspect of life. Through this competition, we aim to motivate more young women to actively take part in physical education and inter-college tournaments," he added. MLA Ajoy Kumar Ray, in his address, lauded the efforts of the college and Bodoland University for promoting women's participation in competitive sports. He further emphasized the importance of sports in building leadership and confidence among the youth, particularly women from rural and semi-urban areas. The tournament will conclude on Tuesday with the final match and prize distribution ceremony, where winners will be felicitated for their outstanding performances.

# Dr Naba J Borah

## A Neurosurgeon with a Golden Touch

(A profile of Dr Naba J borah, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon at Health City Hospital, Guwahati — a man whose healing hands and compassionate heart have redefined the art of medicine in Assam.)



In the intricate and demanding world of modern medicine, there are a handful of individuals whose skill transcends the technical boundaries of their profession and touches the very essence of humanity. Among these extraordinary figures stands Dr Naba J Borah, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon at Health City Hospital, Guwahati, and formerly associated with GNRC Hospitals, Dispur. With a career spanning more than two decades in the field of medicine and over fifteen years of profound experience in the highly demanding and intricate discipline of neurosurgery, Dr Borah has earned a place of rare distinction in the medical fraternity of North-East India. His journey from a determined young student to one of the region's most respected neurosurgeons is not merely a story of professional progress but a narrative woven with compassion, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to the welfare of humanity — qualities that define the noblest traditions of healing.

Born and raised in Nagaon district, Assam, Dr Naba J Borah hails from a humble and cultured family where the values of education, sincerity, and service were deeply rooted. His father, a good administrative teacher known for his discipline, wisdom, and guardianship, played a pivotal role in shaping the early principles of his son's life. His mother, a devoted homemaker, provided the warmth, love, and emotional strength that became the quiet foundation of Dr Borah's compassionate personality. His loving mother remained remarkably sincere throughout his student life, always taking deep care of his studies, health, and discipline. She constantly motivated him to

### ■ Heramba Nath

be honest, hardworking, and humble — qualities that would later become the cornerstones of his medical journey. From his childhood days, Dr Borah demonstrated remarkable brilliance and a deep thirst for knowledge.

Even in lower primary school, he stood apart as a gifted and diligent pupil, soon becoming a favourite of his teachers. His early mentors, recognising his sharp intellect, perseverance, and insatiable curiosity, often predicted a shining future for the young boy who seemed destined to serve others. From those tender years, Dr Borah nurtured a clear and unwavering dream — to dedicate his life to medicine and to the service of humanity. This clarity of purpose continued through his schooling, as he consistently excelled in studies, showing an extraordinary ability to grasp complex concepts with both speed and depth. Although he studied in an Assamese-medium school up to Class Ten, he never felt any disadvantage during his MBBS or subsequent higher studies — MS (Surgery) and MCh (Neurosurgery). This remarkable adaptability, linguistic strength, and determination make his academic story both praiseworthy and inspiring — a symbol of how dedication can overcome any perceived limitation of background or medium.

Since childhood, he also displayed a special interest in quiz and debate competitions, developing a sharp intellect and confident personality that later served him well as a medical leader and communicator. His ability to think critically, articulate clearly, and express ideas logically made him one of the most outstanding students among his peers.

This innate brilliance and steadfast devotion followed him throughout his academic journey. During his MBBS, and later while pursuing his MS (Surgery) and MCh (Neurosurgery), Dr Borah not only achieved academic excellence but also earned admiration and affection from his teachers and peers alike. He was widely regarded as one of the most disciplined, hardworking,

and humble students in his batch.

His teachers still recall a young man who combined quiet diligence with profound sincerity — a rare blend of intellect, humility, and empathy. His performance remained outstanding at every stage of his education. It is indeed uncommon for someone to shine equally at undergraduate, post-graduate, and super-speciality levels; yet Dr Borah did so with effortless consistency. His punctuality, precision, clarity of thought, and deep compassion made him a student of exceptional quality.

Those who trained him often speak of his inquisitive mind — a student who asked meaningful questions, listened patiently, and translated theoretical knowledge into practical wisdom. His genuine respect for his mentors, his gentle nature, and his focus on patient-centred learning made him one of the most loved and trusted medical students of his time.

Guided by this dedication and purpose, Dr Naba J Borah pursued his MBBS, MS (Surgery), and MCh (Neurosurgery) from Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) — the most prestigious medical institution in North-East India. During his undergraduate years, he also showed strong leadership ability and served as General Secretary of the Students' Union, leading his peers with maturity, fairness, and vision.

His fascination with the mysteries of the human brain and the delicate architecture of the nervous system soon drew him to the demanding and intricate field of neurosurgery.

In this challenging branch of medicine, he demonstrated not only remarkable surgical skill but also exceptional steadiness of mind, clarity of judgement, and an unshakable commitment to each patient's welfare.

Over the years, Dr Borah has trained under some of the finest minds in neurosurgery and has continuously expanded his expertise through rigorous learning, attending advanced national and international workshops, and participating in research and conferences. His academic curiosity remains alive even today — he continues to learn, evolve, and teach, keeping himself abreast of the latest advancements in neurosurgery.

cal science.

At present, Dr Borah serves as Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon at Health City Hospital, Guwahati, where he leads a team of specialists handling some of the most critical brain and spine cases in the region. His wide-ranging expertise includes surgeries for brain tumours, aneurysms, spinal disorders, strokes, traumatic head injuries, and congenital neurological conditions. His contribution is remarkable not merely for the number of operations he has successfully performed but for the spirit of care, precision, and empathy that defines every procedure. According to official records, he has successfully performed over 10,000 brain and spine surgeries — an achievement that reflects both his unmatched skill and his relentless dedication to his patients.

Patients and their families often speak of him not just as a doctor but as a source of hope during their darkest moments. What distinguishes him is not only the brilliance of his hands but the depth of his heart. The hallmark of Dr Borah's approach lies in his extraordinary calmness even amidst crisis. Those who have met him are struck by his composed demeanour, reassuring smile, and his ability to explain complex medical realities in the simplest and most humane manner. He listens — not only to symptoms but also to the unspoken fears and emotions of his patients. In an age where medical practice often becomes impersonal, such gentleness itself becomes a powerful healing force.

He is, indeed, a multitalented neurosurgeon with an outstanding personality. A gentle smile is always seen upon his lips — graceful and reassuring — reflecting the inner calm and confidence that define his presence. His demeanour radiates kindness and assurance, qualities that make his personality as magnetic as his professionalism.

Inside the operation theatre, Dr Naba J Borah appears as a figure of divine assurance — a presence of precision and calm whose hands move with the grace of prayer. Every procedure he performs, whether major or minor, receives the

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## Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Dibrugarh Senior Citizens' Parisad



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** The Silver Jubilee of the Dibrugarh Senior Citizens' Parisad was celebrated today (9-11-25) with a day-long programme at Dr. Rohinikanta Barua Law College, Dibrugarh. The celebration began in the morning with the flag hoisting ceremony the Parisad's flag was hoisted by its president, Sanjeev Bordoloi, while 24 honorary senior citizens of Dibrugarh also took part in a simultaneous flag hoisting. Educationist and advisor of the Parisad, Arun Chandra Saikia, paid homage in remembrance of the departed members. The open meeting, presided over by president Sanjeev Bordoloi, was conducted by the Parisad's secretary Balindra Nath Bordoloi. The ceremonial lamp was lit by advisor

Gurunan Singh, the 'Mangalacharan' was performed by Dr. Ranjoo Bhattacharya, and Holy Quran recitation was done by advisor Mohiuddin Ahmed Jilani. Members of the Council collectively presented the anthem of the senior citizens. The open session was inaugurated by noted musician Prashanta Bordoloi, while Renu Phukan, executive chairperson of the Council, delivered the welcome address. The designated speaker of the event was Vaishnav scholar Dr. Jaykrishna Mahanta. Distinguished guests included Nomol Chandra Gogoi, president of the Dibrugarh District Senior Citizens' Association, and Rudra Gogoi, advisor of the Assam Senior Citizens' Federation. On this occasion, a commemorative volume titled

"Aparahna Subash" edited by Jayanta Kumar Bordoloi, was released by eminent writer and former president of Dibrugarh District Sahitya Sabha Durlabh Chandra Chetia. Another publication, "Dibrugarh Senior Citizens' Parisad Panchab-ingshati" (Twenty- Five Years of Dibrugarh Senior Citizens' Parisad), edited by Arun Chandra Saikia, was released by Dr. Bipindra Nath Kakoti. A devotional dance was presented under the direction of Rekha Bora Dirpal, a noted dancer from distant Marichach. Four distinguished senior citizens Dr. Bipindra Nath Kakoti, retired Principal Mohiuddin Ahmed Jilani, eminent musician Ram Sashni and Rekha Bora Dirpal were felicitated in the ceremony. Renowned Dibrugarh dancer Mira Kalita deeply moved the audience with a dance performance based on a song by the legendary Sudhakantha Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. After the president's concluding remarks, Divya Jyoti Mohan offered the vote of thanks.

## Guwahati Police Bust Illegal Gambling Den in Kochpara, Five Arrested

**Guwahati:** In a targeted action against illegal betting, police in Guwahati conducted a raid in the Kochpara locality late on Monday night. The raid follows the arrest of five people for running a gambling den. The operation, according to the police, was based on confidential tip-offs that the den had been operational for some time, attracting locals and operating discreetly. The CGPD team from Satgaon PS arrested Rabin Talukdar (54), Rajib Sarma (32), Pradip Das (43), Hemanta Kr Roy (36) and Mahesh Kr Brahma (65), associated with the illegal activity. The suspects were running games, betting and other unauthorised gambling activities from a private residence in Kochpara. Police seized four mobile phones, bundles of blank gambling tickets, cash worth Rs 29,100, and other paraphernalia indicative of organised betting during the raid. Legal proceedings have

been initiated under relevant sections of the law. The police officials also clarified that apart from gaming laws, such dens create a web of debt, exploitation, and financial risk to the participants, most of whom are vulnerable. They appealed to people for increased vigilance over suspected gatherings in their neighbourhoods. Furthermore, the city intensifies efforts to put an end to illegal gambling. Reports suggest several raids have been conducted earlier in Guwahati, where numerous gambling rackets were found operating. The police teams similarly arrested participants in those raids, seizing tickets, cash, and betting materials, illustrating the chronic underground gambling problem of the city. As local police intensify their vigil in gambling dens, the raid at Kochpara underlines their determination and commitment to stem the spread of clandestine gambling and bring offenders to account.

## 11 Kg Opium Seized, Three Arrested Near Indo-Myanmar Border in Churachandpur.



**Chandan Sarma, Tezpur :** Security forces seized nearly 11 kilograms of raw opium and apprehended three alleged traffickers during an operation near the India-Myanmar border in Manipur's Churachandpur district, police said on Wednesday, October 29. The operation, conducted by the Assam Rifles on October 28 at the Behiang check post under Behiang Police Station, led to the recovery of approximately 11 kg of opium concealed in two two-wheelers. Two mobile phones were also seized during the raid. The arrested individuals have been identified as Thangkhanthawng (33) of Kannan Veng, Churachandpur district; Limminthang alias L. Khongsai (34) of Moreh Ward No. 9, currently residing at Tuibong, Churachandpur; and Thangjalet alias Letneu (31) of K. Nivangphai, Churachandpur district. All three accused, along with the seized contraband and items, were handed over to Behiang Police Station for further legal action.

## Assam Rifles Observes National Education Day with Essay Competition at ARHS Lokhra



**Chandan Sarma, Tezpur :** Assam Rifles Public School (ARHS), Lokhra, Sonitpur celebrated National Education Day 2024 by organizing an Essay Competition for its students. The event was aimed at highlighting the importance of education and commemorating the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister. A total of 39 students enthusiastically participated in the competition, showcasing their writing skills and expressing insightful views on the role of education in shaping the nation's future. The event was coordinated and supervised by 06 teachers & 02 OR ensuring active engagement and fair evaluation. Such initiatives by Assam Rifles Public School reinforce the institution's commitment to promoting holistic education and encouraging young minds to think critically and creatively.



# Educationist Paresh Baishya Attends Series of Academic Programs in North Lakhimpur and Gohpur



**Guwahati:** Prominent educationist, writer and journalist Paresh Baishya on November 3 participated in an interaction program on Assamese language and literature with the undergraduate students of Assamese department of North Lakhimpur University. Talking to the students, Baishya said that without learning a language scientifically, one cannot understand its heritage and spirit. He said the Assamese language is one of the richest languages in India. He explained in detail about its origin, development and usefulness in modern times. He also mentioned the huge advantages available to students studying Assamese language as a major subject in earning their livelihood at present. He also urged the students to master the language learning techniques perfectly. He urged the students to practice literature from their student days. He emphasized on the practice of translating literature from other languages into Assamese and at the same time translating excellent literature of Assamese into English or other Indian languages. Baishya advised the students to make good use of

their time and devote themselves to creative and research activities. The event was also attended by Dr. Aravind Rajkhowa, Professor, Department of Assamese of North Lakhimpur University. The department felicitated him with gomocha. Later, Baishya also visited the publication division of the university. He was pleased to learn that the students of the university buy 150 copies of Satsari and Gariyasi magazines every month. In conclusion, Baishya was impressed by the intellectual work being done by the Assamese department of the university. On the same day, Baishya also participated in an educational discussion with the students of Basantalata Bishweshwar Changkakati Sankardev Shishu/ Vidya Niketan in North Lakhimpur. Baishya presented books to encourage Yashasya Nandini Sharma, a student of the school, who has been making good use of social media. He urged other students to be inspired by her example. The school was presented with a certificate of recognition as Pohar Vidyalaya of Paresh Baishya Foundation. The Principal of the school Pradip

Hazarika and other teachers appreciated the guidance given by educationist Paresh Baishya to the students of the school and seek his cooperation in the future. On the same day, Baishya also had a long academic conversation with the students of Class XI Science Branch of Sankardev Shiksha Niketan, a leading private sector residential school located in Gohpur, Bishwanath district. He explained in detail how to continue their academic journey to meet the challenges that may come in the future. He also discussed which subjects will be in demand in the coming days. He later visited the various areas of skill development in the school premises and was impressed.

## The Red Rose

■ Sidharth PK  
Kochi

A red rose,  
Was born  
It was happy  
Always  
Shared a smile  
With a boy  
The boy was unhappy  
It didn't pluck  
The rose  
He spared  
In the garden  
To bloom away  
The boy came  
With a heart  
And it opened up  
A rhyme came out  
From him  
And the rose gestured,  
The charm was felt  
In the sky  
Some birds too sang  
For the boy and rose  
They kept some  
Whispers in secret  
To hide from foul,  
And they went away  
Like the clouds.

# Police Continue Crack-down on Stolen Motorcycles in South Salmara

**Mankachar:** The South Salmara Police have continued their ongoing drive against vehicle theft, recovering two stolen motorcycles during an operation carried out late last night. The operation was conducted based on secret information received under GD entry number 07. Acting swiftly on the tip-off, a police team led by Officer-in-Charge of South Salmara Police Station and Circle Inspector J.S. Khubung launched a search in the Airmari Char and Muthakhowa Part-I village areas. During the raid, the team successfully recovered two stolen motorcycles. Moreover, Hero Honda Splendor (registration number AS 13K 1781) and a TVS motorcycle without a registration number were seized during the Operation. Both vehicles were brought to the police station for further verification.

# Lakhimpur Celebrates 150th Year of National Song 'Vande Mataram'

**Lakhimpur:** The district of Lakhimpur celebrates to commemorate a day of pride and patriotism. It marked the 150th anniversary of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's classic poem 'Vande Mataram,' which is also considered India's revered national anthem. The event was organised by the administration in the district headquarters town. The celebration paid homage to one of the most powerful symbols of

India's freedom struggle and cultural identity. Moreover, the event started with a solemn gathering at the district headquarters, which was addressed by the Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur, Sri Pronab Jit Kakoty. The Deputy Commissioner reflected on the song's deep relationship with India's journey toward independence. He termed Vande Mataram as a "sacred expression of love, unity, and sacrifice." Additionally,

he stated that even after 150 years, the song continues to inspire generations with its message of national pride and togetherness. Subsequently, special programs were held in schools, colleges, and government institutions across the district to mark the occasion. Students and citizens took part in singing competitions, cultural performances, and seminars on the life of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and his con-

tribution to Indian literature and patriotism. Furthermore, the Lakhimpur Police organised a special band performance and march. The march started with a contingent from the APBN Lilabari unit, led by the Superintendent of Police, from the SP Office to the Clock Tower in North Lakhimpur town. The stirring patriotic tunes played by the police band drew applause and evoked a sense of collective pride.

# Over 200 Organisations and Individuals Accord Warm Welcome to World Cricket Star 'Assam Sourabh' Uma Chetry in Bokakhat



**Mridusmita Sharma, Bokakhat :** Bringing glory to India as well as her hometown Bokakhat with her extraordinary achievements in world cricket, Indian women's cricket team star—popularly known as 'Assam Sourabh'—Uma Chetry received an overwhelming and emotional welcome in Bokakhat today. More than 200 organisations, groups and individuals came together to honour the homecoming of Bokakhat's shining daughter.

With the support of the Bokakhat District Sports Association, Golaghat District Administration, district police, Bokakhat Sub-division Administration and the local public, Uma Chetry was felicitated at the Bokakhat Public Play-

ground. Prior to the ceremony, she was taken from her residence in a flower-decorated vehicle, accompanied by large groups of admirers and organisations. Resonating chants of "Uma Chetry Zindabad", "Joi Ai Axom" echoed across the town as the procession moved towards the venue.

Bokakhat MLA, senior cabinet minister of the Assam Government and President of the Bokakhat District Sports Association, Atul Bora, personally welcomed and felicitated the star cricketer in her hometown.

Uma Chetry is the first woman cricketer from the Northeast to represent India in the Cricket World Cup. She was a key member of the Indian squad that de-

feated South Africa in the Women's T20 World Cup final held on 3rd November at Dr. DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai. On Friday, she reached her home at Kandhulimari village, where she received a warm welcome from local organisations and Assam's Sports Minister Nandita Garlosa.

At today's grand public event, several organisations including Bokakhat Masters Athletic Association, Golaghat Zila Sahitya Sabha, Bokakhat District Taekwondo Association, Assam State Journalists Association, Bokakhat Natya Mandir, various journalist groups, Assam Gorkha Central Committee, All India Marwari Mahila Samiti, Golaghat District BJP, Assam Pradesh BJP Sports Cell, Kaziranga Govt. Model College, Bokakhat JD SG College, Bokakhat CNB College, Bokakhat Regional Students' Union, Assam Nepali Sahitya Sabha, Golaghat District Sports Association, TMPK Golaghat District Committee,

Bokakhat District Retired Teachers' Association, BJP Bokakhat Mandal, Purvottar Pradeshik Marwari Yuva Manch, Bokakhat Bhojpuri Mahila Samaj, AGP Bokakhat Mahila Samiti, Sadhou Axom Ahom Sabha (Dibrugarh Unit) and many other social, cultural, literary, political and sports organisations felicitated Uma. Altogether, over 200 organisations from across Golaghat district and Bokakhat sub-division honoured her. "Golaghat Deputy Commissioner Puluk Mahanta delivered the welcome address, followed by congratulatory speeches from Kaziranga MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa and Minister Atul Bora. Minister Bora mentioned that many students from schools and colleges waited eagerly without returning home after vacation just to see and welcome Uma Chetry.

Delivering her vote of thanks, Uma Chetry shared her cricketing journey and said, "The number of people who watch women's cricket

is far greater than I had imagined. The future of sports is bright. I encourage both boys and girls to come forward and play sincerely."

"Inspiring the younger generation, she added that sports offer great opportunities and a promising future. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to all organisers, individuals and organisations from Golaghat district and Bokakhat sub-division. At the event, she sought blessings from her two coaches—Raja Rahman and Mehbub Alam—who were also honoured.

"The programme was attended by MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Minister Atul Bora, Golaghat DC Puluk Mahanta, SP Rajen Singh, Bokakhat Municipal Chairman Ratneswar Boruah, Uma Chetry's parents Lok Bahadur Chetry and Deepa Chetry, along with her coaches. The event was coordinated by noted social worker Devpradeep Bora and Secretary of the Bokakhat District Sports Association Sanjeev Saikia.

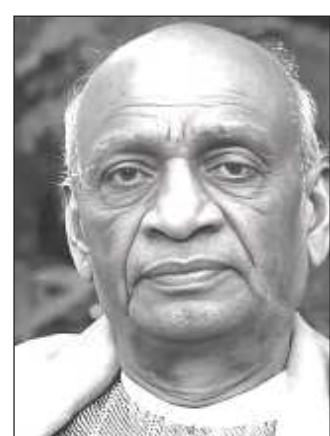
## Assam Rifles Commemorates Rates 150 years of Rashtriya Geet 'Vande Mataram' at Lokhra

**Chandan Sarma, Tezpur :** Assam Rifles organised a solemn programme to commemorate 150 years of Rashtriya Geet 'Vande Mataram' at Lokhra, Assam on 07 Nov 25. The event was conducted to honour the historic legacy of the national song Vande Mataram, evoking patriotism, unity and national pride. The commemoration ceremony witnessed participation from over 100 Assam Rifles personnel along with local civilians and students from nearby areas. The event began with a brief narration on the origin and significance of Vande Mataram, followed by collective singing of the song that resonated with patriotic fervour. The initiative not only honoured one of India's most inspiring patriotic symbols but also reinforced Assam Rifles' commitment to fostering national integration and community bonding across the North East.

## 'Ekta Padayatra' to mark Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary in Nagaon

**Nagaon :** On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, the district administration will organize a district-level 'Ekta Padayatra,' a specific rally on November 13 from Nehrubali field here. The rally will start at 9 am and pass through various parts of the small town, concluding back at Nehrubali field. Addressing a press conference at the District Commissioner's

office, District Commissioner Devasish Sharma said that the rally was being organized to pay tribute to Patel's unparalleled contribution to India's unity and integrity. The event is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'One India, Self-Reliant India.' Besides, on the occasion of Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary celebrations, various competitions, including quizzes, essay writing, and painting, among students from different



educational institutions are being organized by the district administration, an official press note added.

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same depth of attention, concentration, and reverence. He never categorises surgeries by their apparent difficulty; for him, every operation is sacred, and every patient equally important. His surgical discipline is marked by sincerity, precision, and unwavering alertness — qualities that have earned him the trust and admiration of colleagues and patients alike. Those who have observed him closely often say that within the sterile silence of the theatre, his calm focus transforms anxiety into confidence, his measured voice steadies every heartbeat, and his meticulous movements inspire awe. His devotion to his duty transcends routine professionalism; it reflects a spiritual connection with the act of healing itself.

I have personally witnessed this rare quality of his. I still remember vividly the day when my father-in-law was rushed to the hospital after a sudden brain stroke. The cloud of uncertainty and fear that surrounded our family was unbearable. In that moment of despair, it was Dr Naba J Borah who brought light to our darkness. His calm presence, confident assurance, and comforting words instilled instant faith within us. With exceptional precision and tireless care, he performed an emergency neurosurgical procedure that transformed what could have been a tragedy into a story of miraculous recovery. His continuous monitoring, dedication during post-operative care, and his gentle encouragement throughout the recovery period reflected not only his medical brilliance but his humanity in its purest form.

My own experience as a patient under his care deepened my respect for him even further. I had long suffered from a debilitating Prolapsed Intervertebral Disc (PIVD L5/S1), which had made daily life painful. When I consulted Dr Borah, his diagnosis was both thorough and compassionate. His gentle counselling gave me the confidence to undergo surgery under his care. The operation, performed by his skilful hands, was a complete success. His regular follow-ups and personal attention ensured a smooth recovery. Today, I live free of pain, and I remain forever grateful — not only for his medical expertise but for the kindness and grace with which he treated me.

Such stories are not isolated. They echo across countless families in Assam and the North-East. People travel from distant districts and even neighbouring states, seeking his

## Dr Naba J Borah : A Neurosurgeon with a Golden Touch

care. They come not only for treatment but for the reassurance that his presence brings. His colleagues describe him as a perfectionist — disciplined, punctual, meticulous, and deeply ethical. He sets high standards for himself and inspires those around him through example rather than instruction. His leadership, humility, and camaraderie make him universally respected among his peers, nurses, and support staff — both during his tenure at GNRC and now at Health City Hospital.

What truly distinguishes Dr Naba J Borah is the rare harmony between his technical mastery and the warmth of his personality. He is known for his soft-spoken manner, gentle humour, and the calm aura that surrounds him. He possesses a remarkable ability to connect with people through his words and eyes. His communication is not merely about explaining medical facts — it carries empathy, wisdom, and reassurance. That steady eye contact, filled with compassion and confidence, often does more healing than medicine itself. These are not learnt behaviours; they are gifts of nature that amplify the strength of his healing touch.

Despite his enormous achievements, Dr Borah remains humble, approachable, and deeply empathetic. He treats every patient as a human being deserving of dignity and patience. Colleagues admire his ethical clarity and tireless dedication; patients remember him as a doctor whose presence alone brings comfort. His personality embodies a rare combination of scientific precision and human sensitivity, making him not only a doctor but also a mentor and inspiration to all who meet him.

Dr Borah's philosophy of care rests on the belief that every patient deserves not only treatment but also time, empathy, and understanding. He sees medicine as an art that heals the mind as much as the body. His consultations reflect patience, attentiveness, and compassion — qualities that set him apart in today's fast-paced world of healthcare.

Beyond the operation theatre, Dr Naba J Borah has become a familiar and respected voice on health talk shows, seminars, and awareness programmes, where he educates the public about neurological health, brain and spine care, and the importance of early diagnosis. His ability to simplify complex medical concepts has made these sessions immensely popular. He uses these platforms

not for self-promotion but for spreading awareness, helping countless people recognise the importance of timely medical attention.

He actively participates in national and international medical conferences, workshops, and training sessions. He has mentored numerous young doctors and postgraduate students, guiding them not only in surgical skills but in professional ethics and compassion. In an era when healthcare is increasingly commercialised, Dr Borah stands as a rare example of integrity — a doctor whose sense of duty outweighs personal ambition.

**Awards, Recognitions, and Professional Achievements** Dr Naba J Borah's distinguished career is adorned with honours and recognitions that reflect his clinical excellence and contribution to neurosurgery in the North-East. He has been conferred with the Fellowship in Endoscopic Neurosurgery (FENS) and the Fellowship in Pain Medicine (FIPM). He received the Torrent Young Scholar Award (TYSA) in Neurosurgery in 2013 and the Young Neurosurgeons' Scholarship (YNS) by the Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons (ACNS) the same year. He was felicitated by GNRC Hospitals on its 37th Foundation Day (January 2023) for his outstanding contribution and was awarded Best Postgraduate Student in Surgery by Gauhati University in 2010.

We, the people of Assam, feel an enduring sense of pride and gratitude that such a brilliant neurosurgeon has chosen to serve his homeland rather than seek opportunities abroad. In an era where many talented doctors migrate in pursuit of higher income or prestige, Dr Borah's decision to stay rooted in Assam stands as an act of patriotism and love for his people. His choice reflects a deep emotional bond with his soil — a reminder that true service is measured not by wealth or fame, but by the number of lives one uplifts.

It is said that true greatness lies not in the limelight but in the goodness one quietly spreads. Dr Naba J Borah personifies this truth. He does not seek attention, yet his light shines through the gratitude of every patient he has healed, every family he has comforted, and every student he has guided. His life reminds us that medicine, at its core, is a sacred dialogue between compassion and courage.

"A Poetic Tribute to Dr Naba J Borah" "In Assam's gentle heart

they say, "A healer walks in lighted way." "With steady hands and mind so clear," "He turns despair to hope sincere."

"The brain, the spine, the fragile nerve," "Bend to the skill he has the verve." "Ten thousand lives, a whispered grace," "Each soul restored, each fearful face."

"Calm as dawn, yet fierce as flame," "In every patient, he knows their name." "Not just a doctor, but a guide," "A gentle presence by their side."

"Through sleepless nights and endless care," "He meets each trial with wisdom rare." "No limelight sought, no boastful claim," "Yet thousands honour his silent fame."

"Patriot of heart, healer of land," "A life devoted by gentle hand." "May every blessing attend his way," "And light of hope grow day by day." "For in his touch, both sure and kind," "Besides the peace we long to find." "Dr Naba J Borah, a beacon true," "In every life, his soul shines through."

"Dr Naba J Borah also loves to read and write poems and short stories in his mother tongue, Assamese — a habit that reflects the poetic depth and sensitivity of his heart. The same gentleness that guides his pen guides his scalpel — a beautiful harmony of art and science, intellect and empathy." "May the Almighty continue to bless Dr Naba J Borah with unwavering strength, clarity of mind, and steady hands. May he always be granted good health, boundless energy, and the courage to continue serving humanity with compassion and precision. His journey of healing stands as a living testimony to dedication, skill, and love for mankind."

As he continues his service at Health City Hospital and beyond, the people of Assam and the entire North-East remain fortunate to have such a devoted and compassionate neurosurgeon among them. May his wisdom continue to guide his hands, his kindness inspire generations, and his golden touch continue to bring life and light to all who cross his path.

The story of Dr Naba J Borah is not only that of an accomplished neurosurgeon; it is the story of a man whose life embodies hope itself. His legacy will live not in awards or titles, but in the countless lives he has saved and the silent prayers of those he has healed. In a world often driven by recognition and numbers, his story gently reminds us that the truest measure of a doctor's worth is written not in statistics, but in the gratitude that flows from the hearts he has restored.

# Book Review



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**Title :** Sristir Arar Srasta:

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Nath Deka

**Editor :** Er. Sasadhar Deka

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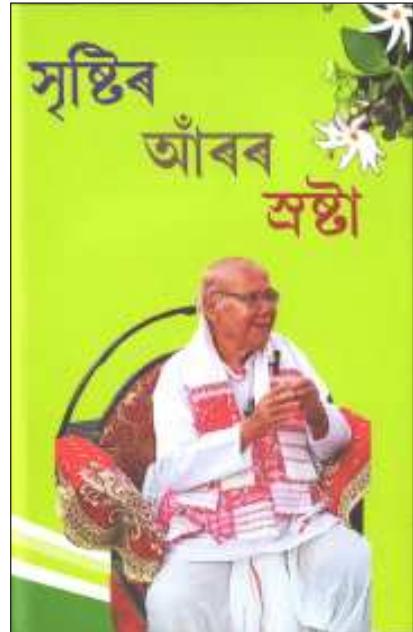
Guwahati, Assam

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The book "Sristir Arar Srasta" is a heartfelt anthology of writings by former students, well-wishers, and distinguished authors,

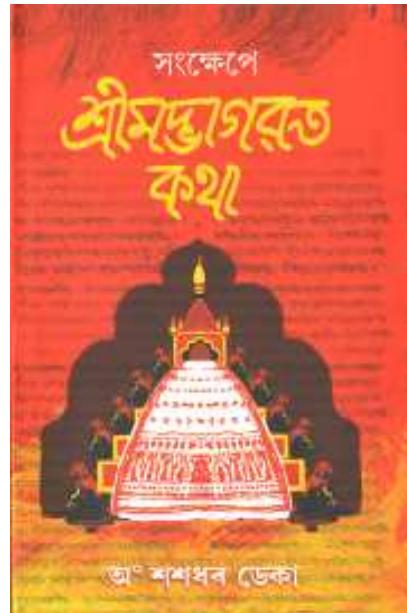


honoring the life, work, contributions, and noble virtues of the esteemed educator, Respected Prabodh Chandra Sarma Sir. It brings together numerous writings and interviews that beautifully portray his enduring influence as an educator and mentor. Presented in both Assamese and English, the Assamese section features contributions from students, colleagues, family members, and admirers, while the English section includes reflections from students and well-wishers. This bilingual collection not only highlights the academic and moral guidance of Prabodh

Chandra Sarma Sir but also embodies the cultural, spiritual, and social ethos he helped nurture. The book further offers a vivid glimpse into the broader community of Singarpara and its neighboring areas, serving as a rich canvas of memories, dreams, and experiences connected to Singarpara Patidarang High School. Through these heartfelt tributes, readers can sense the deep bond shared between the students, their beloved school, and the revered teachers who shaped their educational journey. It is worth mentioning that the volume has been chiefly edited by Mr. Girindra Nath Deka, with Er. Sasadhar Deka serving as the editor, whose combined efforts ensured the successful compilation and presentation of the book. Despite the limited time available, the editors meticulously collected and compiled articles written in both English and Assamese, ensuring a well-balanced and comprehensive presentation. The edited volume titled "Sristir Arar Srasta" was formally inaugurated on November 2, 2025, at the residence of Respected Prabodh Chandra Sarma Sir in Baredala, Singarpara, Assam, marking a moment of deep reverence and heartfelt celebration of his outstanding contributions to education and society.

**Title :** Sankshepe Sri Madbhagawata Katha  
**Translated by:** Er. Sasadhar Deka  
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The book "Sankshepe Sri Madbhagawata Katha" stands as a remarkable and distinguished collection that encapsulates the translated essence of the revered Indian scripture, the Srimadbhagawata. Beautifully and thoughtfully rendered by Er. Sasadhar Deka, the work reflects his deep understanding of spirituality, philosophy, and human values. Although an engineer by profession, Er. Sasadhar Deka is widely recognized as a prolific writer, dedicated researcher, and compassionate social worker whose diverse pursuits embody a harmonious blend of intellect, creativity, and service to society. The book "Sankshepe Sri Madbhagawata Katha" stands as a distinguished collection that presents the translated essence of the revered Indian scripture, the



Srimadbhagawata, gracefully rendered by Er. Sasadhar Deka. Through his thoughtful interpretation and lucid language, the translator succeeds in capturing the spiritual depth and philosophical beauty of this ancient text, making it accessible to a wider readership. The volume carefully portrays the sacred narrative of the Bhagawata Katha from the first day to the seventh day, offering readers a profound journey through the teachings that illuminate the eternal bond between divinity and humanity. Beyond its religious significance, the book explores the Srimadbhagawata as a guide to human values, moral strength, and social harmony. It emphasizes how the timeless wisdom contained within its verses continues to inspire personal growth, compassion, and collective well-being. In this way, Er. Sasadhar Deka's work not only serves as a spiritual text but also as a meaningful contribution to the ongoing dialogue between tradition and modern life reminding readers that the essence of the Bhagawata lies in nurturing human and social development through faith, understanding, and virtue.

**Title:** Engineer Tarun Chandra Deka: Ekhan Bishal Hridoy  
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The edited volume "Engineer Tarun Chandra Deka: Ekhan Bishal Hridoy" is a profound tribute to an exceptional personality whose life continues to inspire and influence many. The book serves as both a literary and emotional compilation, reflecting the multifaceted contributions of Engineer Tarun

Chandra Deka a man remembered for his professional excellence, humanitarian spirit, and unwavering dedication to society. It is worth mentioning that the volume has been chiefly edited by Mr. Girindra Nath Deka, with Er. Sasadhar Deka serving as the editor, whose combined efforts ensured the successful compilation, coordination, and presentation of the book. Their editorial vision has given structure and coherence to a diverse collection of writings, preserving the essence of Deka Sir's life and ideals. Comprising 84 insightful articles written in both Assamese and English, the book brings together heartfelt contributions from students, colleagues, friends, and admirers. In addition to these written tributes, it also includes a series of interviews with Engineer Tarun Chandra Deka himself, offering readers a rare glimpse into his thoughts, values, and personal reflections. Each piece, whether



anecdotal or analytical, adds a unique dimension to his legacy portraying him not only as an accomplished engineer but also as a compassionate mentor, visionary leader, and true humanitarian. The bilingual nature of the book enriches its cultural and emotional depth, bridging linguistic and generational boundaries. The Assamese section carries the warmth of personal memories and regional expression, while the English section offers broader reflections that situate Deka Sir's contributions within the larger framework of social and professional development. Overall, "Engineer Tarun Chandra Deka: Ekhan Bishal Hridoy" stands as a living document of remembrance and respect, encapsulating the moral strength, humility, and boundless generosity of a man whose life continues to illuminate others. It is not merely *see page 10*

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### We are committed to empower

Recognizing the local demand for eco-friendly disposable items, she began manufacturing paper plates and today earns Rs. 15,000 per month. Similarly, Mamoni Bala Ray, a member of the Joymati Self-Help Group under Pobitro Village Organization in Golakganj Development Block, earns about Rs. 12,000 per month through mushroom cultivation. The Chief Minister said that women like them exemplify the growing self-reliance of Assam's women. The Chief Minister on the occasion also stressed on the proper utilization of the first instalment of the seed capital. He advised that the women beneficiaries may either pool their funds within their SHGs to start a joint venture, or use the amount individually to start a new business/expand an existing family enterprise. He moreover added that if the seed capital that is Rs. 10,000 is properly utilized, beneficiaries will subsequently receive Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 50,000 as the second and third instalment. By investing this amount productively, every woman can truly become a 'Lakhpatti Baideu', he remarked. The Chief Minister also elaborated on the Nijut Moina Scheme, another flagship initiative of the present State government. Speaking about the government's upcoming legislative initiative to curb polygamy in Assam, he said that the cabinet has already decided to move forward with a law prohibiting multiple marriages. Any man entering into a second marriage will face seven years of imprisonment, and the related bill will be tabled in the Assembly on November 25 this year. Dr. Sarma affirmed that even if the government faces criticism for such steps, these measures will continue in the interest of ensuring respect and security for women in the state. Speaking on the Orunodoi Scheme, the Chief Minister said that it has elevated the dignity and honour of women in their households. He announced that an additional 4,000 beneficiaries from Golakganj will soon be included under the scheme. He explained that beneficiaries under Orunodoi scheme receive Rs. 1,250 per month, while ration card holders get 20-30 kg of rice per month and Rs. 250 as old-age pension and Rs. 1,250 as widow pension. Furthermore, ration card families will enjoy free medical services. He also announced that the amount of old-age pension will soon be increased.

### CM Sarma distributes land

time. Many eligible tribal families did not submit applications as they already possessed ancestral land, and the scheme itself allowed applications for up to seven bighas of land.

Dr. Sarma further informed that since his government took office, 1.5 lakh bighas of land have been cleared from encroachers and preserved as forest land. He asserted that the state's twin objectives are to secure rightful ownership of land for genuine tribal and landless families, while also protecting Assam's forest resources.

He also referred to recent eviction drives conducted by the state government in Paikan Reserve Forest and Dahikata Forest on November 9, aimed at clearing land encroached by suspected illegal Bangladeshi immigrants. The Chief Minister made it clear that in the coming days, all illegal encroachers and non-eligible settlers occupying forest or government land without valid rights will be evicted.

### Foreign Delegates Explore Kaziranga, Celebrates Assam's

Many visitors described the experience as "unforgettable," noting the park's pristine beauty and well-preserved ecosystem. Along with the safari, the guests were entertained with a colourful cultural programme that also included Assam's traditional Sattriya dance—one of India's classical dance forms. The rhythmic performance against the scenic backdrop of Kaziranga captivated the audience and offered them a taste of the deep-rooted cultural traditions of the region. Additionally, they went to Orchidarium, which houses hundreds of orchid species native to the Northeast. Experts briefed them on the ecological significance of these flowers and how they support local people's livelihoods. Visitors were very appreciative of the conservation efforts that go on in the park and how professional the staff are in maintaining the area. "We are very excited to be here. It is beautiful! This is my first visit to Assam, and learning about nature here has been a gift so far," said one of the delegates. Subsequently, this visit by the foreign delegates has not only boosted Assam's global image as a tourism destination but also strengthened the cultural and environmental ties between the state and the visiting nations.

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### Book Review

a compilation of writings it is a collective expression of gratitude, admiration, and love for an individual who exemplified the true meaning of a great heart.

Title: Bitopan Gogoi's Melodies

Poet: Bitopan Gogoi

Translated into English:

Chandana Choudhury

Publisher: Sristi Prakash,

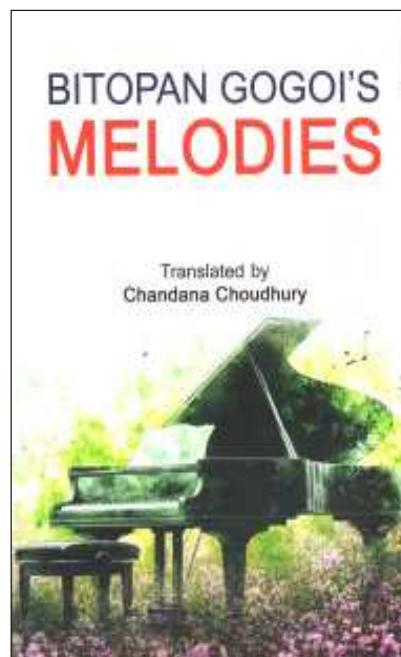
Chengmara, Gohpur, Assam

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Poetry has long been hailed as the purest reflection of the human soul, a mirror to emotion, time, and consciousness. MELODIES, a collection of twenty-two Assamese poems by Bitopan Gogoi, now rendered into English by Chandana Choudhury, exemplifies this timeless truth. Each poem in the volume



resonates with its own unique tone, exploring love, longing, nature, identity, and the shifting hues of human experience. The book's cover, designed by Assam's celebrated poet and writer Bipul Kumar Dihingia, serves as a visual prelude to the poetic journey within. Its imagery reflects the serenity and rhythm of life, inviting readers into a space where words breathe and emotions flourish. The design harmonizes with the thematic cadence of the collection, bridging art and life in a vibrant dialogue. MELODIES, is more than a compilation of poems; it is a symphonic journey through life's manifold moods. Each piece functions as a note in the grand orchestration of existence, where love, nature, sorrow, and hope merge into a cohesive, soulful melody. The translation by Choudhury maintains the lyrical depth and emotional resonance of

Gogoi's original work, successfully balancing the poems' cultural specificity with universal appeal. Published by Sristi Prakash, Chengmara, Gohpur, Assam, the book is an important contribution to contemporary Assamese literature and now accessible to a global audience. Gogoi's anthology opens with Self-Talk, a contemplative exploration of inner dialogue and identity. The Dam of Song captures restrained emotions, while The Dream of Happiness delicately reflects the fleeting nature of joy and human aspiration. In Ice Blood, the poet juxtaposes warmth and coldness to explore emotional numbness, and It Will Bloom in the Dark offers hope, portraying darkness as a womb of resilience and creation.

Themes of memory and sensuality emerge in The Scent of Jasmine, whereas The Fire of Love portrays passion as a purifying elemental force. Nature and renewal are vividly rendered in Clump of Yellow, and The Virginity of Sadness sanctifies sorrow as a source of emotional depth. Poems such as Light Will Be Born and A Thousand Petals of Narcissus blend spiritual awakening with introspection, while A Thirsty Midday and The Golden Sickle explore existential yearning and the rhythms of labor and creation.

Intimacy and nostalgia permeate A Letter to a Friend and Lost Dreams, while Notorious challenges societal norms. Day and Night meditates on life's dualities, and Bound with Love and Strength celebrates resilience and human connection. Modernity enters with Speed Perception, a reflection on the tempo of contemporary life, while cultural pride shines in Blooming Zubeen and Dihiri, O Dihiri, rooted deeply in Assamese soil. The collection closes gracefully with Reminiscences, a reflective culmination of memory and poetic catharsis.

Chandana Choudhury's translations succeed in preserving the lyrical essence of Gogoi's poetry. Her careful rendering captures the rhythm, imagery, and emotive power of the originals, making the collection accessible to English readers without losing the richness of Assamese cultural context. MELODIES, is a resonant, multi-layered anthology that bridges cultures and emotions. It is a testament to the enduring power of poetry, offering readers a rare glimpse into the heart of Assamese literary artistry, now accessible to a global audience.


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# Foundation stone laid for Lakshmi Temple



**Deepshikha Nath, Chhayaon :** The foundation stone for a permanent Sri Sri Lakshmi Temple at Bar Tezpur under Palasbari LAC, was laid on last wednesday at the auspicious occasion of Raas Purnima. The initiative marks a significant milestone in the 74-year-long tradition of the area's renowned Sri Sri Lakshmi Puja, which has been celebrated continuously since its inception in 1952. The foundation-laying ceremony was inaugurated at 11 a.m. by Ratneswar Das, retired principal and president of the recently formed Sri Sri Lakshmi Temple Construction Committee. The

event saw the presence of Working President Bipul Dutta, General Secretary Dhruba Kumar Das, members of the committee, officials of the village development committee, and a large gathering of residents and well-wishers from Rampur, Saru Tezpur, Satpakhali and Kukurmara. Following the ceremony, tributes were paid to Dr. Bhupen Hazarika and Zubeen Garg, honouring their contributions to Assamese art and culture. A public meeting was then held with over a hundred attendees from Bar Tezpur and nearby areas. The meeting, presided over by Ratneswar Das

and anchored by Bimal Kalita, president of the Bar Tezpur Village Development Committee, featured speeches emphasizing unity and collective effort toward temple construction. During the meeting, Bimal Kalita briefly recounted the history of the Lakshmi Puja at Baratejpur. Other notable speakers included journalist Bimal Sharma, social worker Prabhas Chandra Choudhury, Kameswar Das and community members Dhairy Das, Prabodh Kalita, Dhiraj Kalita, Bipin Singh of Ekua Enterprise, and Kulendu Goswami of Kukurmara, who all pledged continued support for the temple project. According to General Secretary Dhruba Kumar Das, the temple is estimated to cost around Rs 30 lakh and the committee aims to complete construction before the 2026 Lakshmi Puja.

## Students Are Urged to Remain Friends of Books for Life



**Guwahati :** An educational meeting was held at Paschim Ramcharani High School near Azara in Kamrup Metropolitan District on November 11. The meeting was chaired by the Headmaster of the school Ashok Kumar Kalita. Speaking as the chief guest, prominent educationist Paresh Baishya said that the rapid use of social media has increased the number of virtual friends while reducing the number of real friends. He said that in the age of artificial intelligence, one should not abandon friendship with books. He urged the students to remain friends of books for life. He added that only those who are interested in solutions can achieve success rather than those who always put problems first in their thinking. "We should not compare ourselves on the ba-

sis of other people's success," he said. He also urged the students to move forward in the struggle of life through co-operation instead of competition. He added that students should prepare themselves to communicate efficiently. He said the intellectual upliftment of the educational institutions cannot be achieved only through the use of technological techniques, but at the same time students, parents and society must contribute positively. He presented books to the school on behalf of Pohar Bidyalaya. Speaking at the function, Headmaster of the school Ashok Kumar Kalita appreciated the intellectual journey of Pohar Bidyalaya instituted by Paresh Baishya Foundation in the educational field of Assam for the past many years. The educational meeting was coordinated by teacher Dulumani Kalita. The school welcomed educationist Paresh Baishya with japi and gamocha. The event was attended by Rinku Kalita, Amulya Kalita, Bhashati Das, Pinki Bezbarua, Purbi Das, Nitumani Kalita and Bikash Mohanta on behalf of the teachers.

## Country-made pistol recovered in Rampur, two arrested

**Deepshikha Nath, Chhayaon :** A country-made pistol was recovered at Rampur under Palasbari Police Station on Tuesday. The firearm was reportedly seized from one Tapan Mazumdar, police sources said. "Along with the pistol, police also recovered three empty cartridges and one live round. Preliminary investigation revealed that Mazumdar had allegedly threatened his wife and child with the weapon during a domestic quarrel and forced them out of the house." Following the incident, police arrested Mazumdar on charges of issuing death threats and illegal possession of arms. Further interrogation led to the arrest of Jatin Rabha of Salbari in Loharghat area, who allegedly supplied the handmade pistol. "Both accused are now in police custody and further investigation is underway."