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## CM Dr. Sarma receives 28<sup>th</sup> SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati Eminence Award in Mumbai



**Dispur :** In recognition of his exemplary governance and service to the people of Assam,

South Indian Education Society conferred Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma with 28<sup>th</sup>

SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati Eminence Award at a function held in Mumbai this

evening. It may be noted that instituted in the sacred memory of Pujiyasi Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal, the 68<sup>th</sup> Sankaracharya of the venerated Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, the award is an acknowledgement of Dr. Sarma's leadership in public. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma paying rich obeisance to His Holiness Pujiyasi Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal, the Jagadguru Shankaracharya of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam expressed his gratitude to the South Indian

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## Minister Prasanta Phukan distributes Scooters to Meritorious Students in Dibrugarh

**Dibrugarh :** Assam Cabinet Minister and Dibrugarh MLA Prasanta Phukan on Tuesday attended the Dr Banikanta Kakati Merit Award distribution ceremony held at Hanumanbax Surajmall Kanoi (DHSK) College (Autonomous), Dibrugarh. As part of the State Government's Pragyan Bharati Scheme, the minister distributed scooters to meritorious

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## Assam CM Launches MMUA Drive and Several Development Projects in Moran

**Moran:** In an attempt to reaffirm the state government's commitment to inclusive development, women's empowerment, and infrastructure growth, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma held a major public meeting at Abhaypur Playground in Moran. The event witnessed the launch and inauguration of several key initiatives aimed at strengthening livelihoods and civic facilities

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## Bamboo, Orchids and a new identity Guwahati Airport's terminal as a gateway to Assam's future



■ **Abhijit Kalita**

The upcoming inauguration of the new Bamboo Orchids Terminal at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA) on December 20, to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marks a defining moment not only for Assam but for the

entire Northeast. More than the launch of a modern aviation facility, it is a powerful statement of intent—about identity, sustainability, and the region's place in India's evolving development narrative.

Developed under the stewardship of Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL), the new terminal reflects a shift in how infrastructure is imagined. Airports today are no longer merely transit hubs;

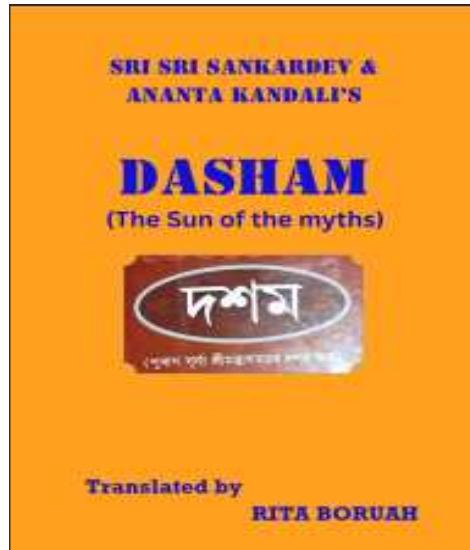
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## Srimadvagawata

### Dasham, the tenth canto

### Part--20



The demoness cried for life  
 Her whole body got wet with sweat.  
 She dashed her legs and turned her eyes  
 Thus the violent demoness cried.  
 Terribly she shouted that she would die  
 To the world, causing fright.  
 The heaven, the earth and the region under the earth  
 ran together  
 Everybody was in fear of facing a thunder bolt asunder.  
 Putana was senseless due to the pain of breast  
 And she fell down open mouthed in her real appearance.  
 The realm of the gopas shook  
 As if a thunderbolt attacked Britashur.  
 Breaking all trees,  
 Her body fell down on the road covering a distance of  
 three hours.  
 Having witnessed her violent appearance,  
 The subjects spelled exclamation of fear.  
 Her teeth looked like a ploughshare  
 Her nose seemed as if it was holes of a mountain.  
 Like a giant stone, her body was so corpulent,  
 With curled hair, it looked so ugly and violent.  
 Two eyes were like two big black holes,  
 Her spreading legs and hands looked like high roads.  
 Like a dry pond, her abdomen was empty,  
 Seeing her violent shape the milk men and maids were  
 frightful in agony.  
 With enormous fear, they watched her closely.  
 Then they saw Krishna, in her heart  
 Playing in pleasure, creating enormous flirt.

■ **Rita Boruah**  
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### My Brother

#### Sidharth P K India

My brother, my young  
 Come back  
 To my world  
 Where the soft joys  
 Are sprout  
 Into the air,  
 My brother, come back  
 To us  
 Mother is here  
 You have responsibility  
 To us,  
 Not too many  
 I am silent today  
 As you have left me  
 To be alone,  
 In the vast ocean  
 Of life.

### The unique portrait of God

**Dr Jintu Borah**

None but only God can portray  
 Such a unique portrait  
 In the morning sky  
 The ray is warm, vigorous, soft  
 Like a petal of a flower,  
 It suggests hope,  
 Aspiration, optimism,  
 And good for health  
 Sun is rightly called one of the prominent gods,  
 It gives life,  
 Warmth to the living creature,  
 And light to the whole world,  
 Liberally,  
 And the soft red colour,  
 The unique scene,  
 Like a unique portrait,  
 Created by the Creator,  
 So view always  
 The unique portrait  
 And have the heavenly pleasure,  
 Good morning to all.

## Launch of Leprosy Eradication Scheme in Dibrugarh: Treatment Ongoing for 135 Leprosy Patients in the District

**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** The Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) in Dibrugarh District will be conducted from 15 December 2025 to 1 March 2026. Along with other parts of the state, a fortnightly programme will be undertaken during this period for the detection and awareness of leprosy. All necessary preparations have been initiated to carry out the campaign in Dibrugarh District in accordance with the guidelines of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), Government of India. The prevalence of leprosy remains high in the district, and many patients are still undetected. During the campaign, trained ASHA workers along with a male volunteer will conduct door-to-door surveys to examine every individual above two years of age for suspected leprosy. Suspected cases will be referred for confirmation, and free treatment will be pro-



vided to all confirmed cases. Several leprosy patients have already been detected in Dibrugarh District, stated Dr. Rani Chutia Hussain, District Nodal Officer (NLEP). In a statement, the Health Department, Dibrugarh District, appealed to the public to extend full cooperation to ensure the success of the campaign. The officers associated with the programme are Dr. Trishna Baruah, Joint Director of Health Services, Dibrugarh; Dr. Rani Chutia Hussain, District Nodal Officer (NLEP); and Dr. Swapna Saikia, Nodal Officer (NLEP), AMCH.

## Noted writer Kiran Chandra Deka passes away in Tezpur

**TEZPUR:** Kiran Chandra Deka, a former senior officer of the Assam Government's Education Department, ex-Controller of Examinations of the Assam Secondary Education Board, retired professor, translator and noted writer, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 93 at a private hospital in Tezpur. His demise has cast deep sorrow across academic and literary circles. Born in 1932, Deka completed his ma-

triculation from Dibrugarh Government Boys' Higher Secondary School before pursuing his ISC and BSc from Cotton College, Guwahati. During his early academic years, he translated several popular English works into Assamese, reflecting his literary aptitude. He later earned a postgraduate degree in Statistics from Gauhati University and served as a professor, and subsequently as head of the department, at DM College, Imphal,

where he distinguished himself as a dedicated academician. In 1963, Deka joined the Assam Secondary Education Board as Assistant Secretary and was appointed Controller of Examinations in 1968. He also served for five years as the founding secretary of the Meghalaya Board of School Education. After retiring from government service in 1993, Deka translated Émile Zola's renowned novel *La Terre* into Assamese, published

under the title *Prithibir Bukut*, further enriching Assamese literature. He is survived by his married daughter Anita Deka Mahanta, grandchildren, and several other relatives. Various organizations and individuals, including the Tezpur branch of the Indian Medical Association's Assam State Committee, have expressed profound grief over his demise and extended condolences to the bereaved family.

# National Mathematics Day

## Celebrating the Legacy of Srinivasa Ramanujan and the Infinite Beauty of Numbers

### ■ Heramba Nath

Numbers have always been more than mere symbols on paper. They are the silent architects of civilisation, guiding human understanding from the earliest trade ledgers of Mesopotamia to the complex algorithms powering artificial intelligence today. Mathematics is at once universal and timeless, a discipline that bridges cultures, eras, and geographies. Yet, paradoxically, it has often been regarded with trepidation, as a domain too abstract or too complex for the average learner. In India, however, mathematics is celebrated not just as a subject, but as a gateway to intellectual curiosity, a celebration of human ingenuity, and an exploration of the universe's hidden harmonies. It is in this spirit that National Mathematics Day is observed each year on 22 December, marking the birth anniversary of the prodigious mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Born in 1887 in the modest town of Erode, Tamil Nadu, Ramanujan's life is a story of extraordinary talent, relentless curiosity, and profound intuition. Despite growing up in a family of limited means and receiving minimal formal training in mathematics, he displayed an uncanny ability to perceive complex numerical patterns and relationships. His notebooks, filled with thousands of formulas, many without proofs, continue to baffle and inspire mathematicians worldwide. They are a testament to the human capacity to explore, to question, and to discover truths that exist beyond conventional understanding. National Mathematics Day, therefore, is not simply a commemoration of an individual; it is an invitation to reflect on the transformative power of curiosity, creativity, and intellectual perseverance.

Ramanujan's contributions to mathematics are profound, yet their elegance lies in their intuitive nature. He made breakthroughs in number theory, infinite series, modular forms, and continued fractions—areas that even the most seasoned mathematicians found challenging. While formal proofs were often absent in his work, the results themselves were remarkable in their depth and applicability. To this day, his

insights continue to influence modern mathematics, from pure theoretical research to practical applications in physics, cryptography, and computer science. His genius demonstrates that mathematics is not merely about memorising formulas but about perceiving hidden patterns, embracing abstraction, and trusting the mind's capacity to connect seemingly unrelated ideas.

Observing National Mathematics Day allows India to celebrate this unique legacy. But the significance of the day extends beyond Ramanujan alone. It is an occasion to reflect on mathematics as the cornerstone of human civilisation. Mathematics informs every facet of modern life—from the architectural wonders of history to the spacecraft that explore distant planets, from economic models that guide national policy to the algorithms shaping the digital world. In a nation like India, striving to become a global hub for innovation and research, fostering mathematical literacy is critical. The day reminds educators, policymakers, and society at large of the urgent need to cultivate analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and the spirit of inquiry among young learners.

Across India, National Mathematics Day is marked by seminars, workshops, quizzes, exhibitions, and competitions in schools, colleges, and universities. Students are encouraged to approach mathematics not as a set of rigid procedures, but as an art form, a narrative of discovery, and a medium for creativity. By exploring patterns in prime numbers, the elegance of mathematical identities, or the logic underlying geometric symmetry, learners develop not only proficiency but also a sense of wonder. This aesthetic appreciation fosters critical thinking and confidence, equipping students to face challenges in academics, research, and life beyond the classroom.

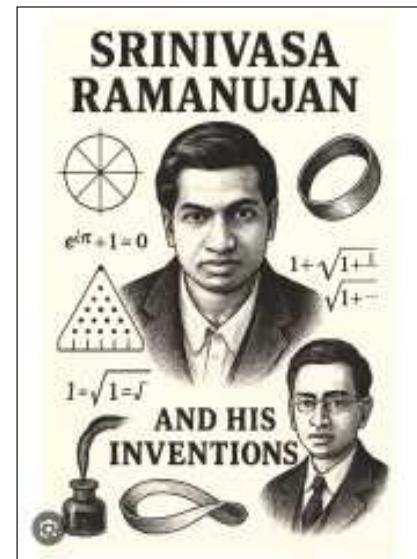
National Mathematics Day also provides an opportunity to revisit the rich historical heritage of mathematics in India. The Indian subcontinent has long been a crucible of mathematical innovation. Aryabhata's pioneering astronomical calculations, the development of the decimal system, and the concept of zero transformed mathematics globally. Mathematicians of the Kerala

School made remarkable contributions to calculus centuries before Newton and Leibniz, demonstrating India's longstanding engagement with abstract and applied mathematical thought. Recognising this heritage cultivates a sense of pride, connects contemporary learners with centuries of intellectual achievement, and affirms that mathematics is a shared human endeavour transcending culture and geography.

The celebration of mathematics is not confined to classrooms or historical reflection. In recent years, it has expanded into public outreach and media engagement. Science communication initiatives highlight mathematics in everyday life—from managing finances and analysing data to optimising travel routes and understanding medical statistics. Such initiatives demystify mathematics, counter misconceptions of its inaccessibility, and encourage learners from diverse backgrounds to embrace the subject. In India, where educational inequalities persist, this inclusive approach ensures that National Mathematics Day is not merely ceremonial but transformative.

Beyond its practical utility, mathematics holds profound philosophical and ethical significance. It cultivates habits of mind—precision, patience, logical reasoning, and critical evaluation. It teaches humility, as each discovery often uncovers further questions, and each solution reveals the vastness of the unknown. It fosters ethical reasoning, encouraging integrity, honesty, and diligence in problem-solving. Observing National Mathematics Day thus celebrates not only intellectual achievement but the moral and philosophical virtues that underpin the discipline. Mathematics becomes, in this sense, a means of cultivating both the mind and character.

Ramanujan's life offers enduring lessons in this regard. He combined brilliance with humility, curiosity with devotion, and creativity with discipline. Despite his health challenges, financial difficulties, and relative isolation, he pursued mathematics relentlessly, often working in conditions that would have daunted even the most determined scholar. His journey teaches that genuine mathematical engagement is an act of devotion—a dialogue be-



tween the mind and the universe. By commemorating Ramanujan, India inspires learners not merely to memorise formulas but to cultivate the virtues of persistence, curiosity, and intellectual courage.

The relevance of mathematics is increasingly evident in today's technological landscape. Fields such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, cryptography, and quantum computing rely fundamentally on mathematical principles. Algorithms that drive digital economies, predictive models guiding public health interventions, and simulations exploring climate change are all rooted in complex mathematical structures. Preparing young minds to navigate this landscape is critical. National Mathematics Day serves as a catalyst for inspiring students to pursue careers in STEM, nurturing innovators, problem-solvers, and critical thinkers capable of shaping India's future.

Moreover, mathematics is a universal language. Theorems and proofs transcend borders, connecting scholars across cultures and eras. Ramanujan's collaboration with the British mathematician G. H. Hardy exemplifies this universality. Despite differences in upbringing, culture, and formal training, their partnership produced ground-breaking results, illustrating that mathematical thought is a shared human pursuit, unbounded by nationality or context. National Mathematics Day encourages similar global engagement, fostering cross-cultural collaboration and positioning India as a custodian of a rich mathematical legacy.

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# Time for Compromise: Toward a Realistic Peace in Ukraine

■ Lalit Nath

Itakhola, Sonitpur

Nearly four years into Russia's devastating war on Ukraine, the outlines of a possible settlement are emerging amid intense U.S.-led diplomacy. On December 14, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met for over five hours in Berlin with American envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, signaling a willingness to make painful concessions while holding firm on core principles. As talks resume today, this moment demands reflection, the path to ending the bloodshed requires pragmatic compromises from all sides, grounded in the harsh realities of the battlefield and the limits of endless conflict.

Zelenskyy's offer to abandon Ukraine's longstanding ambition to join NATO represents a profound shift. For years, Kyiv has viewed NATO membership as the ultimate safeguard against Russian aggression—a position even enshrined in its constitution. Yet, acknowledging that some Western partners have long been lukewarm on this prospect, Zelenskyy proposed an alternative, robust, legally binding security guarantees from the United States, Europe, Canada, Japan and others. These could mirror NATO's Article 5 collective defense clause through bilateral and multilateral pacts, providing credible deterrence without formal alliance

membership.

This is no small concession. It addresses one of Moscow's primary stated war aims—preventing NATO's eastward expansion—while opening the door to a deal that could halt the daily carnage. In exchange, Zelenskyy rightly insists on ironclad protections to prevent Russia from renewing its invasion once Ukrainian defenses are lowered. Past assurances, like the 1994 Budapest Memorandum where Ukraine relinquished nuclear weapons for security promises that proved hollow, underscore the need for enforceable commitments this time.

Yet, Kyiv's red line on territory remains non-negotiable and rightly so. Zelenskyy has rejected any forced cession of land, emphasizing that borders cannot be redrawn by conquest and that any changes would require a national referendum. Russian demands for full control of occupied regions in Donbas and beyond, coupled with reports of Kremlin insistence on keeping forces in demilitarized zones, reveal Moscow's reluctance to compromise meaningfully. As winter deepens, Russian strikes on Ukraine's energy infrastructure continue to inflict widespread suffering, underscoring that Putin's strategy appears geared toward extracting maximal gains through attrition rather than genuine negotiation.

The Trump administration's urgency is understandable. Presi-

dent Trump has expressed frustration with protracted talks, pushing for a swift resolution to a war that has drained resources and lives. His envoys' shuttle diplomacy—from Moscow to Miami to Berlin—has refined an initial proposal into a more balanced framework, now around 20 points, incorporating economic recovery and security elements. European leaders, coordinating closely in London and Brussels, have bolstered Ukraine's position by advocating for the use of frozen Russian assets in reconstruction and exploring multinational enforcement of any ceasefire.

A just and durable peace must prioritize several key principles. First, it should freeze the front lines without legitimizing aggression through territorial transfers imposed by force. A ceasefire along current positions could stop the killing immediately, allowing time for broader agreements. Second, security guarantees must be verifiable and multilateral, deterring future Russian adventurism without dragging the West into open-ended commitments. Third, reconstruction—funded in part by seized Russian assets—offers a pathway to stability, tying economic incentives to lasting demilitarization.

Critics may decry any concession as appeasement, but prolonged war risks greater catastrophe, hundreds of thousands dead, millions displaced and a Europe perpetually on edge. Ukraine has

fought heroically, repelling initial assaults and inflicting heavy costs on Russia. But the battlefield stalemate, combined with waning Western aid momentum, suggests neither side can achieve total victory without unacceptable escalation.

Russia, too, must recognize that endless war serves no one's interests. Putin's maximalist demands ignore the resilience Ukraine has shown and the international isolation Moscow endures. A deal preserving Ukraine's sovereignty within its 1991 borders could allow Russia to claim an off-ramp while avoiding further sanctions and losses.

As negotiations continue in Berlin, with potential involvement from German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and other European leaders, the world watches closely. President Trump's personal leverage—his direct channels to both Zelenskyy and Putin—could prove decisive. A breakthrough would not only end Europe's largest conflict since World War II but reaffirm that diplomacy, however imperfect, remains preferable to perpetual violence.

The time for ideological purity has passed. What Ukraine, Russia, the United States and Europe need now is a realistic accord that secures peace with dignity. Zelenskyy's NATO compromise opens that door, it is up to all parties to walk through it before more lives are lost.

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## Rampaging wild elephants wreak havoc across Palasbari-Rani, destroying crops and homes

**Chhayaon :** Rampaging herds of wild elephants, straying out from the neighbouring Meghalaya forests in search of food have caused widespread devastation across the Palasbari and Rani areas, destroying hundreds of bighas of paddy fields and damaging homes, boundary walls and stored food grains. The recurring raids have intensified human-elephant conflict, leaving farmers, daily wage earners and villagers living in constant fear. According to local residents, elephants

have been moving in groups and entering agricultural fields and human settlements, flattening standing paddy crops, uprooting trees, breaking fences and walls, and consuming stored harvest. Rabi crops have also suffered damage, compounding the losses for farmers who are already under financial stress. "On Friday night, a herd entered Kharapara village and broke into a cowshed where harvested paddy had been stored, consuming and trampling the

grain. The sudden intrusion created panic, forcing villagers to flee in the dark. Retired school-teacher Nripen Sharma, along with several farmers and daily labourers, narrowly escaped as the elephants moved through the settlement." Residents said the animals are now venturing out as early as dusk, creating an atmosphere of terror in both Palashbari and Rani. Villagers have been lighting fires, beating tin sheets, bursting crackers and keeping night-long vigil to

drive the elephants away, but these measures have failed to prevent repeated incursions. Locals allege that the Forest Department's response has been inadequate, while elected representatives have not visited the affected villages to assess the damage.

Locals said that the scale of the menace became even more evident on Saturday, when a large herd of more than 40 wild elephants was seen moving through Parakuchi near Mirza. The herd

passed through farmland, damaging standing paddy crops and forcing villagers to retreat indoors, as fear spread across the area. Amid growing distress among farmers, a recent decision by the Union Ministry of Agriculture has brought some relief. On November 18, 2025, the Ministry approved revised modalities under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to cover crop losses caused by wild animal attacks as well as paddy crop inundation.



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## Eviction drive conducted at Dhing in Nagaon district

**Nagaon :** As a part of the Assam Government's efforts to free government land and reserved forests from illegal encroachment, a massive eviction drive was conducted on Tuesday in Tuktuki, Salnabari, and Ahomgaon villages under the Dhing revenue circle of Nagaon district. The drive, which began at 8:00 am, aimed to evict encroachers from approximately 63 bighas of government land. According to officials, a group of individuals had

been illegally occupying the land, constructing large ponds by building embankments around the Roumari beel (wetland) and engaging in fish farming. The eviction drive was carried out in a peaceful manner, with authorities demolishing the embankments and removing the encroachments. The drive is part of a four-day operation scheduled from December 16 to 20, with the objective of freeing 230 bighas of government land from encroachment.

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Educationally, the day encourages reflection on pedagogy. Too often, mathematics is taught as a rigid, procedural subject. National Mathematics Day invites educators to present it as a living, dynamic discipline—a story of exploration, challenge, and revelation. By integrating history, philosophy, applications, and puzzles, teachers can inspire curiosity and engagement. Students learn that errors are not failures but opportunities for learning, that abstraction can be beautiful, and that mathematical thinking cultivates resilience, creativity, and disciplined reasoning.

The celebration also highlights contributions of other Indian mathematicians, such as Brahmagupta, Bhaskara II, Ramachandra Rao, and modern figures like Manjul Bhargava. Each contributed uniquely to the understanding of numbers, algebra, geometry, and combinatorics, reinforcing the continuity of intellectual achievement across centuries. These narratives enrich National Mathematics Day, illustrating that genius emerges in diverse contexts and that mathematical inquiry is a collective, cumulative human endeavour.

National Mathematics Day further encourages societal engagement with mathematics beyond academia. Public lectures, media features, and interactive workshops demonstrate how mathematics underlies everyday decisions—from budgeting and resource allocation to voting systems and environmental modelling. By showcasing its practical relevance alongside its aesthetic and intellectual appeal, society is reminded that mathematics is both a tool for progress and a medium for understanding the world.

Finally, National Mathematics Day is a celebration of the infinite. Numbers, patterns, and relationships are boundless; the process of discovery is continuous. The day invites citizens to embrace inquiry, cultivate curiosity, and marvel at the elegance and profundity of the universe expressed mathematically. It is a reminder that human intellect, guided by passion, perseverance, and imagination, can uncover truths that endure across generations.

Srinivasa Ramanujan's legacy, therefore, is both specific and universal. He exemplifies the extraordinary potential of human thought and intuition, while symbolising the broader values of curiosity, discipline, and humility that mathematics cultivates. By observing National Mathematics Day, India honours his memory, celebrates its mathematical heritage, inspires young minds, and reaffirms the enduring value of knowledge, creativity, and discovery.

In an age defined by rapid technological transformation, environmental challenges, and global interconnectivity, the lessons of National Mathematics Day resonate more than ever. Mathematics equips individuals and societies with the tools to analyse, innovate, and understand. It fosters intellectual independence, ethical reasoning, and a lifelong commitment to learning. By engaging with mathematics, we not only solve problems but also nurture wonder, imagination, and the deep human desire to explore the unknown.

National Mathematics Day thus is far more than a symbolic observance. It is a call to action, a celebration of intellect, and an affirmation of India's contribution to the global heritage of knowledge. It honours Srinivasa Ramanujan's genius, highlights the timeless relevance of mathematical thought, and inspires generations to come to seek truth, beauty, and insight through numbers. It reminds us that mathematics is both a practical necessity and a profound expression of human creativity—an infinite, ever-unfolding journey in which every learner can participate, discover, and contribute.

As India celebrates this day annually, it does so with reverence, pride, and aspiration. National Mathematics Day is a tribute to the mind's capacity for insight, the spirit's capacity for perseverance, and the universe's capacity for wonder. It invites all citizens to reflect on the elegance of numbers, the power of reasoning, and the endless possibilities that emerge when curiosity meets dedication. Through this celebration, mathematics becomes not merely an academic subject but a medium through which humanity engages with the infinite, explores the unknown, and realises the profound potential of intellect, imagination, and creativity.

## Book Launch of Two Works by Renowned Mathematician Dr. Gopal Chandra Hazarika at Dibrugarh University



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** A book-launch event was held at the Indira Miri Auditorium of Dibrugarh University under the chairmanship of the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Jiten Hazarika. Two books written by the retired professor of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, distinguished writer, orator, and eminent mathematician Dr. Gopal Chandra Hazarika "Sowaronir Kuwaali Phali Dibrugarh University" and "Sudhakantha Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Jibon aru Geetor Aaror Kisus Kotha" were unveiled by retired Professor Dr. Pradip Kumar Baruah and retired Professor Prabin Kumar Gogoi. Both the guests who unveiled the books delivered delightful and insightful speeches regarding the books and their author, Dr. Gopal Chandra Hazarika. "Registrar of Dibrugarh University, Dr. Paramanda Sonowal, delivered the welcome address of the book-launch ceremony. In the event, retired Professor Dr. Pradip Gogoi, former Principal of Tinsukia College and music composer Dr. Bhuvan Gogoi expressed their thoughts regarding the writing of the books and various perspectives behind them. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jiten Hazarika said that both books hold a special connection with the university. He mentioned that the book written based on the university's memories is closely associated with the 60-year-long journey of the educational institution. He also said that the other book, written in connection with the birth centenary of Sudhakantha Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, has been coincidentally linked in a meaningful way. The programme was attended by university professors Dr. Sarat Kakoti, Dr. Chandan Sharma, Dr. Sashikanta Saikia, Dr. Lakhiram Saikia, Dr. Pallavi Deka Bazarbaruah, Dr. Joydev Goswami, Dr. Rupam Saikia, Dr. Mukut Hazarika, Dr. Kalyan Bhuyan, Dr. Manasi Gogoi, Dr. Jitu Bora, Dr. Utpal Das, and project officer Ranjan Bhagawati, Dr. Ranjit Sinha, along with other faculty members, researchers, and students of the university. The book-launch event was coordinated by Dr. Monashree Chetia.

## Yaba tablets worth Rs 26 cr seized in Cachar

**Silchar :** In yet another successful raid, Cachar police busted an inter-state drugs racket and seized a huge quantity of narcotic substances. SSP Partha Pratim Das said that the value of the drugs in the international market would be no less than Rs 26 crore. Das informed that based on source input that contraband drugs from Champai in Mizoram were being smuggled into Cachar, a special team conducted an anti-narcotic operation at the Rongpur area in Silchar. They intercepted a truck and recovered 90,000 Yaba tablets from the secret chamber of the vehicle.

## Forest, Environment and Wildlife Painting Workshop Held at Kaziranga



**Arindam Bapansh :** A three-day special wildlife conservation painting workshop titled "Forest Painting" was organised at Kaziranga from December 12 under the initiative of the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve authorities, in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Held for the first time inside Kaziranga National Park, the workshop aimed to sensitise students towards wildlife conservation through art. Participants were trained not only in wildlife sketching and painting but also in collecting field-based information and visually expressing the ecological importance of wildlife through creative works.

The workshop took place at Wild Grass Resort, Kaziranga, and saw the participation of 25 students from different parts of Assam as well as various regions of the country.

On the morning of December 12, the inaugural session was held at the auditorium of Wild Grass Resort. The programme was attended by DFO of Eastern Assam Wildlife Division Arun Bighnesh, noted Odisha-based artist Sudarshan Shaw, Shrimanta Madhab Bora of Ayusk Art School, Bokakhat, and Kaziranga National Park's Divisional Social Scientist Bipanchi Tamuli. Environmental activist Uttam Saikia anchored the programme, while DFO Arun Bighnesh formally inaugurated the workshop.

Following the inaugural session, artist Sudarshan Shaw introduced the objectives and structure of the workshop, after which the activities commenced. By afternoon, the participating students were taken for a field visit to the Central Range of Kaziranga (Kohora), where discussions were held on field-based studies,

on-the-spot identification of biodiversity, landscape interpretation, and the cultural significance of Kaziranga. Later, under the guidance of Sudarshan Shaw, students engaged in practical painting sessions conveying messages of wildlife conservation.

On December 13, the second day of the workshop began with early morning painting and environmental observation sessions. This was followed by a special meeting at the Wild Grass Resort auditorium, chaired by Geetanjali Kalita, Superintendent of the Office of the Director, Kaziranga National Park.

Distinguished artists, writers, environmentalists and journalists including Prashanta Bordoloi, Papu Ghosh, Bijoy Tanti, Bhabananda Kalita (President, Bokakhat Press Club), Archita Bhattacharjee and Neeraj Kakati (WWF Assam), writer Kabita Duwara, artist Sangeeta Dutta, Wild Grass Resort proprietor Manju Barua, environmental activist Uttam Saikia, and senior journalist Shivashish Thakur were felicitated on behalf of the organising committee by Director of Kaziranga National Park Dr Sonali Ghosh and DFO Arun Bighnesh.

In the evening, an interactive session was held with the students focusing on wildlife, biodiversity, and the representation of animals in folklore and traditional narratives.

On the final day, students participated in early morning birdwatching activities and later created individual artworks centred on forest, wildlife and nature conservation. During the valedictory ceremony held in the afternoon, participants shared their creative works and experiences from the workshop. On behalf of the Kaziranga National Park authorities, each participant was awarded a certificate and a souvenir.

The concluding ceremony was attended by DFO Arun Bighnesh, Dr Marami Barua, Uttam Saikia, and Bipanchi Tamuli, marking a successful culmination of a unique initiative blending conservation awareness with artistic expression.

## Young Cyclist's All-Assam Rally: Spreads Message of Conservation and Social Responsibility

**Jagiroad:** In an admirable show of resolve and commitment, an Assam youth has now set out on an unprecedented cycle rally in Assam, underlining important issues that are pressing in nature. Gourishankar Kalita, belonging to Assam's Darrang district, reached Jagiroad on Wednesday as part of his ambitious 'All-Assam Cycle Rally.' This endeavour

aims to create awareness about several social causes, like saving land from encroachment, protecting the environment, and raising awareness about the need to make donations to blood banks. As part of the young boy's journey, where he is cycling long distances, the goal is to create awareness among the people. The uniqueness of this rally lies in its symbolic significance. The

young boy cycles with a cap designed like the one-horned rhinoceros, along with an oxygen mask, symbolising the Assam icon of nature's heritage, as well as the rising need to conserve and protect clean air and natural environments. His distinct look has made him quite an attraction wherever he goes, and thus helps to spread awareness for the cause behind this

## Dr. Nagen Saikia's 'Sahityabad boisitra aru Bharatiya sahityatbtor aabhas' Released at the 14th Dibrugarh Book Fair



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** The 14th Dibrugarh Book Fair, being organised under the initiative of Milan Jyoti Sangha, Dibrugarh, with the cooperation of the Assam Book Publishers and Sellers Association, entered its fourth day at the Chowkidingee Book Fair grounds. On this occasion, a memorial lecture in honour of the late Labanya Saikia and a book release programme were held, jointly organised by the Saraswat Trust of former Asom Sahitya Sabha president and professor Dr. Nagen Saikia, in collaboration with Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Sports University. The memorial lecture titled "Asomiya giti Sahityat Narir bhabonar protifolon" was delivered by Sahityacharya Dr. Karabi Deka Hazarika. The programme, anchored by Nyas Secretary Biren Barua, was attended by several distinguished personalities, including Dr. Kandarp Kumar Deka, President of the Trust; Dr. Harendra Nath Sarma, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Sports University; Registrar Pankaj Borthakur; Publicity Secretary Ratan Hazarika; and many other office-bearers. During the same event, several books were formally released, including "Sahityabad boisitra aru Bharatiya Sahityatbtor aabhas" by Dr. Nagen Saikia, "Bidesot Okole" by Nirala Barua, "Mahabir Lachit Borphukan" by Dr. Birendra Kumar Gohain, and "Akonir Natghar" by Dr. Karabi Deka Hazarika. Meanwhile, Dr. Nagen Saikia's book "Otitei mor ghor" had been released a few days earlier. A large number of book lovers were present at the programme.

campaign as well. The awareness campaign has received active support from the Assam Police and Forest Department, indicating support from the institution towards community-driven efforts in a bid to conserve and promote the well-being of society. This is because these efforts are noted by officials as important in complementing government-initiated efforts at a social level.

# Margherita India Club Marks Centenary Celebrating Women Entrepreneurship

**Margherita:** Margherita India Club observed a historical event with the organisation of a winter trade fair as a celebration of its centenary, where the contribution of local women entrepreneurs is gaining importance in the economic and cultural scenario of the region. The three-day trade fair, commencing from December 13 to 15, was organised in collaboration with the Women's Society of Coal India with the cooperation of North Eastern Coalfields (NEC). Moreover, over thirty local female entrepreneurs participated in the trade fair, displaying a variety of handmade and locally manufactured products. The objective of this activity was to ensure the promotion of enterprises among females by giving them an opportunity to connect with the

consumers directly and increase market links for the said entrepreneurs with the aid of the trade fair. The celebrations reached their culmination in a colourful cultural programme organised on the last night of the fair. The programme was marked by the presence of important functionaries of North Eastern Coalfields (NEC), such as General Managers Shri K Mere and M. P. Dutta, among other dignitaries. Furthermore, the cultural program, proficiently moderated by ophthalmologist Divya Borthakur, witnessed engrossing musical performances by popular singers Shibani Phukan and Barnali Chakraborty. The evening witnessed a dance performance, which set the mood for celebration and expression. This session has been carefully

conceptualised by Rajshree Das Nayak, Aneng Doley, and Dibya Singh Borthakur. One of the most interesting sessions at the event was a fashion and exhibition stall organised with designer collections, as well as jewellery pieces, by local startups Muhi and Makun. The session itself is a testament to a blend of tradition and modernity, with enough appeal among the onlookers. The winter trade fair, along with the cultural events, marked not only the completion of 100 years of the Margherita India Club but also a commitment to women's entrepreneurship, cultural heritage, and participation. The completion of a century is a symbol of the development journey of the club itself, adapting itself towards inclusive development along with creativity within the region.

# Government Schemes Launched in Madhya Nagashankar Gaon Panchayat of Sootea

**Jamugurihat:** As part of the strengthening of the grassroots developmental initiatives, nine government projects were formally inaugurated in the Madhya Nagashankar Gaon Panchayat of Sootea. The inaugurations were done by the President of the Panchayat, Lakhikanta Bora, with the cutting of the official ribbon in the presence of officials and members of the society. These projects are being implemented at an estimated total cost of Rs.16 lakh and are expected to motivate the inhabitants to work towards the development of the Gaon Panchayat area. Unfolding his thoughts to the gathering, Lakhikanta Bora said that the execution of the projects demonstrates the government's sincerity towards rural development. The President of the Panchayat acknowledged the pivotal role played by Padma Hazarika, the MLA from the Naduwa Constituency, in getting the schemes approved by

the government. The President stated that because of coordination between the elected representatives and the local government, several development schemes could be started at the same time. These inauguration programmes were marked by the presence of Sootea Block Development Officer Darshana Das, Bharatiya Janata Party's Vice President Hitesh Barua, delegates from BJP Mahila Morcha, as well as booth committee presidents, secretaries, and other important members of society. This marks as emphasising community presence in terms of support at grassroots levels. Moreover, there was a sense of optimism amongst residents about the ability of the new initiatives that have now been launched to deal with the requirements and help in improving living conditions. This will help in improving connectivity, infrastructure, and overall living conditions in the Panchayat area.

# Where Borders Dissolve, Art Unites: A Miniature India on the Banks of the Majuli Luit



**Majuli:** On the serene banks of the river Luit in Majuli, Assam, art transcended boundaries to create a vibrant confluence of cultures. In the calm, ashram-like surroundings of the historic Uttar Kamalabari Satra, a group of young artistes from across India came together to celebrate and learn the classical Sattriya tradition, showcasing how culture can unite beyond geographical limits.

Students of the National School of Drama (NSD), Tripura Centre, representing as many as 11 states of India, jointly presented the timeless creations of the two great Vaishnavite saints, Srimanta Sankardev and Madhavdev. Their performances included Borgeet, Ghoxa, Sattriya dance and Ankiya Bhaona, reflecting the spiritual and artistic richness of Assam's neo-Vaishnavite heritage.

For 15 days, the students underwent intensive training at the heritage-rich Uttar Kamalabari Satra. The programme introduced them to Sattriya dance, Mati Akhara (classical dance exercises), Borgeet, Ghoxa, mask-making and Bhaona. Living within the spiritual ambience of the Satra, the students not only learned artistic techniques but also imbibed the philosophical essence behind the traditions.

Many participants had no prior exposure to Sattriya dance, Mati Akhara or the highly complex Brajaval language. Despite this, they managed to master the forms in a remarkably short period and deliver refined performances. The training covered 33 Mati Akhara sequences, Borgeet composed by Sankardeva, two Ghoxa by Madhavdev, and the iconic play Arjun Bhanjan, authored by Madhavdev.

The group comprised students from Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tripura and Assam, presenting a true microcosm of India. The programme was led by NSD Tripura Centre Director Biplab Borkakati.

Training in Ankiya Bhaona was conducted by Sangeet Natak Akademi Award recipient Bhaban Borbayan, along with Niranjan Saikia Borbayan. Mati Akhara sessions were led by Dr Yadav Bora, while Borgeet and Ghosha training was imparted by renowned artistes Upen Bora Borgayan and Tirtha Bhuyan Borgayan.

The 15-day workshop concluded with a grand presentation of Arjun Bhanjan, along with Borgeet and Ghoxa, at the Uttar Kamalabari Satra auditorium. The performance was ceremonially inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Satradhikar Shri Shri Janardan Dev Goswami. District Commissioner Ratul Chandra Pathak, Vaishnavs of the Satra, faculty members from cultural universities and several distinguished personalities were present. The flawless acting, precise movements and confident delivery of difficult Brajaval language dialogues by the young performers left the audience spellbound, proving that when dedication meets guidance, tradition flourishes beyond borders.

# Aqua North East Summit on December 12 to focus on aquaculture growth in region



**Guwahati :** Aqua Doctor Solutions, in co-organisation with Fishery.News, is organising the maiden edition of the Aqua North East Summit 2025, a one-day high-impact conference aimed at transforming the aquaculture landscape of the Northeastern region.

The event will be held on December 12 at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Guwahati, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, and supported by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) is associated as a Chamber partner.

Addressing a press conference on December 11, Induvardhan Reddy Putana, Founder & CEO of Fishery.News said: "Northeast India has the potential to emerge as a leading aquaculture hub for the country. Through the Aqua North East Summit, we aim to bring science, technology, policy, and business together on a single platform. This summit

will set the foundation for long-term growth and pave the way for the Aqua North East Expo 2026."

As the co-organiser, Fishery.News will lead the digital awareness, communication and coverage of the summit. The press conference was also addressed by Suryateja Vemavarapu, Co-founder & COO of Fishery.News; Dr Debnan Barman, Founder & CEO, Aqua Doctor Solutions and Ashim Kumar Borah, Senior Executive (Technical) cum Officer in Charge, NFDB-NERC, Guwahati.

The Aqua North East Summit 2025 is bringing together policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, technology companies, startups, cooperatives, FPOs and progressive farmers from all Northeastern states.

It will address the region's core challenges—productivity gaps, lack of scientific adoption, limited market linkages, value-chain inefficiencies, and climate-related

vulnerabilities.

Key topics include species diversification; cold-chain development; AI, IOT and digital farming technologies; sustainability; and financial inclusion through government schemes such as the PMMSY. The engaging sessions will feature networking opportunities; product showcases and industry-government dialogues.

The Northeast holds one of India's richest aquaculture resource bases—abundant waterbodies, high fish consumption, and a rapidly growing regional market. However, challenges such as low productivity, limited extension support, and fragmented supply chains continue to restrict growth.

The summit aims to build capacity for technology-driven aquaculture, improve coordination among stakeholders, and promote investment. It will also lay the groundwork for the Aqua North East Expo 2026, billed as the region's largest aquaculture exhibition.

Various government bodies, institutions, startups, cooperatives, and progressive farmers are participating in the day-long event, which seeks to shape the future of aquaculture in the Northeast.

## Tears of Life

■ Asik Ahmed

Life is full of struggles, pain, and uncertainty, yet there is a deep, unshakable desire in us to keep going. Even when tears do not fall, our hearts silently cry, reminding us that life is never easy and outcomes are never guaranteed. Every step of life can bring challenges, failures, and disappointment. Perhaps struggles exist simply because life exists. Even in the midst of life's pain, the loneliness of separation, and the bitterness of disappointment, there is a deep, unstoppable desire inside us to stay alive. Life offers no guarantees, and every struggle comes with uncertainty—sometimes, even after long waiting, the desired outcome may not arrive. Life is like a worn-out engine trying to repair itself after falling many times. Often, when we fall again and again despite trying our best, it leads us into a period of confusion and worry. That depression and confusion quietly eat us from within. Yet, even after the pain of failures on a long journey full of challenges, encouragement from someone can help a person keep living, making them feel, "I haven't lost myself; I haven't given up." Even after facing hardship, a few words of support can bring back the will to live. It can make a person feel, "I am not lost. I have not given up." "Life is not just about being alive. It is a journey filled with struggles, pain, and sorrow—but with each step, it also creates a tiny spark of hope. And it is this hope that keeps us moving forward, even though sometimes that hope later turns into disappointment. In our lives, things often happen due to circumstances beyond our control—things we could never imagine. Even though it is hard to accept, we must face these situations with patience and never give up. When someone else is in trouble, it is easy to say comforting words, but the true depth of their pain can only be understood when we experience something similar ourselves. Everyone's life is not the same, yet we rarely try to understand others. In fact, people only want to see our success, but they don't notice the struggles behind it. We know and understand many truths about life, yet sometimes we cannot express them. Though our eyes perceive reality, we still act blind." "In today's competitive world, many young people feel humiliated and end up making extreme decisions. Life's struggles are unpredictable—every accident, crisis, and heartbreak can make a person feel helpless. But even within all this pain, there is a hidden strength inside each of us. During our darkest moments, very few people stand by us; yet after success, countless hands suddenly reach out. When we truly need help, even if people are around, we are often neglected and left alone. It feels as if emotions hold no value in this world. There is no shortage of misunderstandings among people, but they often fail to understand our feelings. When we face the real struggles of life, our hearts break, and tears begin to flow. In that moment, we lose hope and feel as if we no longer have the desire to live in this world. In fact, true confrontation with life's battles may even bring tears, yet some comrade person's inspiration can help us rise above obstacles and continue moving forward. A person dies only once, but before that, they may be broken into pieces emotionally or mentally, but with support and resilience, those pieces can be put together, and life begins again. A person's mind is often full of confusion, pain, and broken memories, but no one notices it or listens. Sometimes, a person feels so tortured internally that even while struggling against life's pain, they burn inside like a funeral pyre, keeping the pain hidden from others. Some even reach the extreme of considering suicide because they cannot handle the mental stress. Even in the darkest moments, a kind word, a smile, or encouragement from someone can ignite the will to keep living."

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## Assam's First Modern Fish Market Opens in Jorhat

**Jorhat:** Marked a major milestone in urban market development with the inauguration of its first modern, state-of-the-art fish market in Jorhat on Wednesday. The newly constructed three-storey complex was inaugurated by Jorhat MLA and former Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly, Hitendra Nath Goswami, in the presence of District Commissioner Jay

Shivani, Jorhat Municipal Board Chairperson Lakhimi Khargharia, and a large gathering of residents. Built for Rs 3.5 crore, the modern fish market has been designed to provide a clean, organised, and hygienic space for fish trading. Speaking at the inauguration, Goswami called the project a landmark achievement for Assam's retail infrastructure.

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### Bamboo, Orchids and a new identity

they are cultural ambassadors. For millions of travellers arriving in Assam for the first time, the Guwahati airport is the first point of contact with the region. The Bamboo Orchids Terminal consciously embraces this role, positioning itself as a gateway that tells a story—of land, people, and heritage.

The design philosophy rooted in bamboo and orchid motifs is neither ornamental nor incidental. Bamboo is deeply woven into the social, economic, and ecological fabric of Assam and the wider Northeast—used in homes, crafts, agriculture, and livelihoods for generations. Orchids, for which the region enjoys global recognition, symbolise biodiversity, grace, and resilience. Their presence in the terminal's architectural language transforms the space into a living showcase of Assam's natural wealth and cultural depth.

Equally significant is the terminal's alignment with sustainable development principles. In an era where climate-conscious infrastructure is no longer optional, the use of renewable, low-carbon materials like bamboo underscores a responsible approach to development—particularly vital in an ecologically sensitive region like the Northeast. The terminal demonstrates that modernity and sustainability can co-exist, grounded in local knowledge and materials.

Guwahati's role as the gateway to the Northeast is steadily expanding—not just geographically, but economically and strategically. The new terminal is expected to significantly enhance passenger handling capacity, ease congestion, and improve operational efficiency. These improvements are critical to strengthening air connectivity, boosting tourism, facilitating trade, and attracting investment into Assam and neighbouring states. For tourists, investors, and business travellers alike, infrastructure often shapes first impressions. The Bamboo Orchids Terminal sends out a confident message: Assam is prepared for growth, open to the world, and proud of its identity. It reinforces the state's potential as a hub for eco-tourism, cultural tourism, medical travel, education, and commerce—sectors that are increasingly central to the region's economy.

Beyond its physical structure, the terminal carries symbolic weight. It reflects the aspirations of a region that has long sought equitable representation in national development frameworks. The presence of the Prime Minister at its inauguration on December 20 further underscores the strategic importance of the Northeast in India's growth story.

Importantly, the emphasis on indigenous themes and materials also opens avenues for inclusive growth. Local artisans, designers, craftsmen, and suppliers stand to benefit, ensuring that development does not remain confined to corporate corridors but reaches communities and traditional skill ecosystems.

As India modernises its aviation landscape at a rapid pace, Guwahati's Bamboo Orchids Terminal stands apart by choosing identity over anonymity. In a world where many airports look alike, this terminal dares to be distinctive—rooted in place, yet globally relevant.

If managed with efficiency, inclusivity, and long-term vision, the Bamboo Orchids Terminal has the potential to become a national model—demonstrating how infrastructure can honour culture while meeting international standards.

By welcoming the world through bamboo and orchids, Assam is not merely opening a new terminal. It is opening a new chapter—one where the Northeast engages with the nation and the world on its own terms, with confidence, character, and clarity of purpose.

### Assam CM Launches MMUA Drive and Several Development Projects in

in the region. The meeting was attended by several other esteemed members of the state government, including Minister of Information, Public Relations, Pijush Hazarika and Minister of Industries & Commerce and Public Enterprises, Bimal Borah. A major highlight of the programme was the distribution of Rs. 10,000 assistance cheques to 23,791 women beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan (MMUA) Scheme. The scheme is designed to promote entrepreneurship among women and support them in becoming financially independent. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister reiterated that empowering women economically remains a cornerstone of the government's development vision. During the visit, Chief Minister Sarma also laid the foundation stone for the Moran Nitai Road under the Asom Mala 3.0 programme. The road project, estimated at a cost of Rs.36.9 crore, is expected to significantly improve connectivity and boost economic activities in the area. Emphasising the importance of quality infrastructure, the Chief Minister said improved roads play a vital role in accelerating local development. In another key initiative, the Chief Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Moran Police Station building with an investment of Rs 2.15 crores. The modern facility is expected to strengthen law enforcement, improve public service delivery, and enhance safety and security for residents. Moreover, the Tingkhang Sub-Divisional Civil (SDC) Office, with a construction cost of Rs 19.5 crores, will help increase administrative convenience. Adding to the development momentum, Chief Minister Sarma inaugurated the Abhaypur Rural Sports Complex.

### CM Dr. Sarma receives 28th SIES Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati Eminence Award in Mumbai

Education Society for considering him for the award. Drawing a connection, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma reminded how closely Assam's spiritual history is woven with the larger civilizational story of Bharat. Adi Shankaracharya himself travelled through ancient Kamarupa, debating great scholars like Navagupta and established the Advaita tradition in the Northeast. A mandapam at Kamakhya Temple stands as testimony to that visit. He also said that the setting up of Sri Sankardeva Nethralaya and Poorva Tirupati Mandir with the initiatives of Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal deepened this connection. The Chief Minister said that Poorva Tirupati Balaji Mandir has become a spiritual anchor for the people of Assam, who once travelled thousands of kilometres to Tirupati, now find the same divinity, the same grace, right at home. The Sankardeva Nethralaya that carries the name of the greatest spiritual luminary of Assam, Srimanta Sankardeva, is a beautiful confluence of Shankaracharya and Sankardeva, of Advaita and Bhakti, of Kanchi and Assam. Speaking on the Sanatana Dharma, the Chief Minister said that it is the eternal, ever-renewing civilisational philosophy that has shaped the soul of Bharat for thousands of years. It is not merely a religion; it is a way of life, an ethical compass, a spiritual inquiry, and a timeless quest for truth. It is eternal not only because it is ancient, but because its essence continues to remain relevant, open to reform, renewal and reinterpretation across generations. He said that within Hinduism itself, diversity is not merely accepted, it is celebrated. A Hindu may choose a personal deity, an *ishta devata*; another may find solace in the silence of the formless; another in ancestor worship; another in local traditions. Outsiders may mistake this as confusion. But in reality, it reflects the vast freedom that Sanatana Dharma accords to every seeking soul. The Chief Minister observed that Assam represents one of the most vibrant expressions of this lived diversity. Assam has always been a meeting ground of cultures where tribal cosmologies, indigenous rituals and classical Hindu traditions have coexisted and enriched one another. Hinduism did not arrive in the Northeast as a conquering force; it arrived as a cultural companion. It adapted to the land, absorbed local traditions, and preserved ancient spiritual impulses connected to nature, ancestors and the cosmic order. He also said that the communities like the Bodos worship Bathou through the sacred siju plant, symbolising nature's purity. The Rabha people blend ancient spirit worship with Shakta and Vaishnavite traditions. The Tiwas regard Mahadeo as supreme, fusing tribal rituals with Shaivism. The Dimasas worship ancestral gods like Sibrai and Ranachandi, while embracing elements of mainstream Hinduism.

### Minister Prasanta Phukan distributes

students who secured 80 percent and above marks in the 2025 Higher Secondary Examination. The initiative aims to encourage academic excellence and provide mobility support to students who have performed well in state board examinations. During the programme, Minister Phukan also ceremonially handed over certificates to the awardees in the presence of DSHK College Principal Dr Sashi Kanta Saikia and other dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, the minister lauded the students for their hard work and dedication, stating that such incentives are meant to motivate the youth to pursue higher education with greater confidence and determination.



# প্ৰেৰণা

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জলপানি প্ৰদান



## কোনে আবেদন কৰিব পাৰিব

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## In Dibrugarh, 'Smitir Noi khon' the book by eminent poet Dr. Farida Ahmed, was released by literary stalwart Dr. Anand Bormudoi



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** The poetry collection "Smritir Noikhan" by eminent poet and novelist, retired professor of the Department of Anthropology at Dibrugarh University and research guide Dr Farida Ahmed, was formally released by Sahityacharjya Dr Anand Barmudai, retired professor of the Department of English at Dibrugarh University, literary critic, editor of the bilingual e-magazine "Poetry Without Fear". While speaking on the occasion, he said that world-renowned poets such as T. S. Eliot, Ezra Pound and William Butler Yeats always came together to discuss poetry, exchanging ideas and thoughts about lan-

guage through critical discussions on poetry. He further said that poets always have to express poetic thoughts amid uncertainty. Participating in the programme, Sahityacharya Dr Karabi Deka Hazarika said that the poems of Dr Farida Ahmed are simple, lucid and appreciable, which readers can easily understand. She also remarked that a single poem can be interpreted differently by a hundred readers. Former Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Dr Kandarp Kumar Deka, said that although he does not write poetry himself, he enjoys reading it. At the programme held at Hotel "Central Inn" in Dibrugarh, the author of

"Smritir Noikhan", poet and novelist Dr Farida Ahmed, expressing her feelings, said that she had loved reading poetry since childhood. As an outcome of that passion, two poetry collections have already been published from her pen, and the public has warmly received them and encouraged her. She added that if she continues to receive such responses from readers, her creative journey will not stop in the future. On this occasion, eminent poets Dr Intikabur Rahman, Cheniram Gogoi, Biren Gogoi, Kunja Mohan Bhuyan, Baidya Bright Burhagohain, Biswajit Das, Prakalpa Ranjan Bhagawati, among others, recited their own poems as well as poems by Dr Farida Ahmed. The programme, anchored by Kalyan Bhuyan and Popi Bora Das, also featured a musical performance by young Aarav Das, who captivated the audience by singing Zubeen Garg's songs "Mayabini Ratir Bukut" and "Ga Ga Aaji Gai Ja." songs of Dwipen Baruwa.

## Gold Medal for Dibrugarh's Faizan Hussain at Inter-District and State Table Tennis Championship

**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** Dibrugarh's Faizan Hussain won a gold medal by participating in the UTT 73rd Inter-District and State Table Tennis Championship held from 29 November to 4 December 2025 at the DTRP Indoor Hall, Nehru Stadium, Guwahati. He secured the gold medal in the Under-15 boys' team

event. He also achieved the runner-up position in the Under-15 boys' singles event. Faizan Hussain is currently undergoing training under the Dibrugarh District Sports Association (DDSA). He is the son of railway engineer Muhibul Hussain and Dr. Rani Hussain Chutia, residents of Molokhubasa, Dibrugarh, and is pres-

ently a student of Class VIII at Don Bosco School, Dibrugarh.



## Darrang farmers facing loss of several crores in pumpkin cultivation

**Mangaldoi :** Over a hundred farmers in Darrang district's Roumari Panchayat's Chapari area, who cultivated high-yielding pumpkins, are facing huge losses. The farmers, from villages like Gorukhuti, Kaniatari, Ghatar aag, Borachuba, Debananda, and Satkhali, had bought the W-137 F1 variety of high-yielding seeds from the seed dealers of Kharupetia and cultivated pumpkin on 10-12 thousand bighas of land. However, the production has decreased to an average of 10-12% compared to previous years. According to Gobinda Deka, a progressive farmer from Debananda village, who received a state-level award from the Agriculture Department, last year the area produced an average of 35-40 quintals per bigha, and the pumpkin from this area dominated the markets in Assam and neighbouring states like West Bengal.

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