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CM Dr. Sarma presents appointment letters to 5,815 youth

There will be advertisements for 5000 constable posts soon: CM



Dispur : Increasing the strength of Assam Police Force through transparent recruitment, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma continuing his government's journey of transparent, merit-based appointments, presented appointment letters to 5,818 youth selected for Assam Police and other directorates of the Home Department at a

function held at Bhogeswar Baruah sports complex here today. With these appointment, the total number of transparent, merit-based government appointments given by the present State government has reached 1,41,194. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that as promised, State government has been giving

appointments transparently, thus reflecting his government's commitment to youth empowerment, institutional strengthening and public service through fair recruitment. He moreover said that earlier for securing jobs as police, applicants needed influential connections or money. Now in Assam, hard work and study help

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CM inaugurates women-run 'Mama Bazaar' at Kathiatoli

CM launches distribution of entrepreneurship seed capital to 33,625 women beneficiaries in Barhampur LAC under MMUA



Dispur : Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today launched the distribution of entrepreneurship seed capital cheques to 33,625 women beneficiaries of Barhampur Legislative Assembly Constituency

in Nagaon district under the Mukhyamantrir Mahila Udyomita Abhiyan (MMUA). Of the total beneficiaries, 32,615 belong to rural areas and 1,010 to urban areas. Speaking at a programme held at

Kathiatoli, the Chief Minister said women across the State have already become acquainted with the Mission's objectives since its rollout in September last year. He informed that women in about 44 constituencies have so far received the first installment of assistance, adding that nearly 10 lakh women have already benefited. The Government plans to distribute first-installment cheques to around 15 lakh women by the end of this month and to 32 lakh women by February, he said. Stating that Prime Minister Narendra

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Assam CM Extends Warm Greetings to Zeliangrong Community on Gaan Ngai Festival



Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma conveyed heartfelt wishes to the Zeliangrong community on the occasion of Gaan Ngai, describing it as a festival that celebrates hope, unity and the enduring power of tradition. "Wishing my brothers and sisters of the Zeliangrong community in Assam, Manipur and Nagaland a joyful Gaan-Ngai. This harvest festival of light celebrates hope, unity and renewal. May our traditions keep shining bright for generations to come," he said in his

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Photo : *Chandan Sarma, Jamugurihat*

Award presentation ceremony held at Nagsankar on Assam Divas

Jamugurihat : On the auspicious occasion of Assam Divas, an award and title presentation ceremony convened by Agnigarh Natghar, a pioneer socio-cultural, literary and environment-friendly registered organization of the greater Nagsankar area, was held at Nagsankar Natya Mancha with a daylong programme on Tuesday with Lochan Bora, President of the organization, in the chair. The programme began with illumination of earthen lamps in front of the portraits of the founder of the Ahom Kingdom Chaolung Sukapha and legendary music icon Zubeen Garg by Hitesh Barua, ZPC member, and Lakhi Kanta Bora, President of Madhya Nagsankar GP, respectively. Eminent singer Manash Bhagawati inaugurated the session which was followed by a Borgeet performed by a group of students of Agnigarh Natghar's school of creative art. The Kala Sindhu title was presented to Dulu Gogoi, retired Headmaster of Nagsankar High School, an artiste and a veteran poet, by the Agnigarh Natghar for his outstanding contribution in the field of education,

art, and culture and for environment conservation. Similarly, the Yuva Udyami Prerona Bota award was presented to young entrepreneurs Rinku Ranjan Saikia from Pothali Pahar, Lakhimpur, and to Niraj Nishim Hazarika, a young entrepreneur from Naduar area. The title and the awards carried a memento, citation, Japi, Gamosa, and Cheleng each. The award presentation ceremony was jointly conducted by Pallab Hazarika and Sharat Mahanta. The awardees Dulu Gogoi, Rinku Ranjan Saikia, and Niraj Nishim Hazarika addressed the session. The session was also addressed by Pankaj Saikia, Examination Secretary, Satriya Sanskriti Chorcha aaru Gobesona Kendra, Assam, Dipak Saikia, Organizing Secretary of Namghar Mahasabha, Assam, and Ratnagarbha Rameswari Hazarika, mother of Naduar MLA Padma Hazarika, among others. The award presentation ceremony was attended by Bhuba Gogoi, an eminent writer, Labanya Devi, Ghana Kanta Orang, Narayan Hazarika, Padmeswar Saikia, Deva Gogoi, and Anjan Baskota among others.

"Jubin, the incredible diamond of Assam":

The upright Presence of Assam
Whose name bears "The Dream of touching the sky,
Whose desire was to take Mother Assam to the
summit of the world by and by.
Step by step he climbed up his dream
Decorating Mother Assam with his
Golden rosary of works
And ever lighted radiant lamp.
As his spell that stimulated him was-
" Where there is action, there is the fruit of action."
He was the soul of the entire Assam
He was the profound awe-filled respect of Assam
He was the pride of Assam
He was the deep root, that can never be uprooted,
The acquaintance of Assam!
With simple heart and liberal mind
He kept one to all embraced.
But oh, now the sun of the sky of Assam
has set
Veiling everybody's heart with darkness
Darkness,that shall never leave us.
Oh the upright fellow,
Why, why had you sung--
" I desire to sleep in sea...
And to fly in the sky with two open wings..."?
And loo, what happened with us !
The Lord has fulfilled your desires
And we all remained unfortunate
To live without our breadth...
The cursed Scuba stole your life
O you the heart of our hearts
How can we admit your demise
How can we survive beyond your radiance!
The sky beyond you
Was never our desire.

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Young Man Killed in Road Accident in Tamulpur

Tamulpur: A young man lost his life in a tragic road accident at Chikinibari under the Gandhibari Police Outpost in the Tamulpur district on Tuesday night. The deceased has been identified as Dilip Sil (23), son of Niranjan Sil, a resident of Chikinibari village. According to reports, Dilip was returning home from Rangia after finishing his night shift when an unidentified vehicle hit his scooter (AS-25-AA-8527) and fled the scene, leaving him critically injured on the roadside. Local residents and his family members immediately rushed Dilip to a private hospital in Rangia, but the doctors declared him dead. "Trucks and other heavy vehicles often use the same lane and keep their headlights on high beam instead of using the dipper. Because of this, the glare directly hits the eyes of car drivers at night, making it difficult and risky for them to drive," one of the neighbours said. After receiving information about the accident, officials from the Gandhibari Police Outpost reached the spot, recovered the damaged scooter, and took the body to Tamulpur Police Station for the necessary procedures. Dilip, who worked at a clothing shop in Rangia to support his family, has left the entire area in deep sorrow following his untimely death.

Dr Dharma Kanta Nath : A Life of Compassion, Integrity, and Enduring Service in Medicine

(A profoundly human journey of a doctor whose quiet presence, gentle care, and unwavering dedication illuminate hope, healing, and trust)

■ Heramba Nath

In the quiet corridors of Mangaldai Civil Hospital, where patients wait with anxious eyes, where attendants whisper prayers under their breath, and where every corner carries the mingled emotions of suffering and healing, one presence stands out with remarkable simplicity and calm. His steps are steady, his voice is gentle, and his manner carries a soothing reassurance that immediately eases those around him. Nothing about him is loud or demanding; yet the dignity of his behaviour, the clarity of his purpose, and the sincerity of his work make him someone whom people instinctively depend on. Those who meet him feel an immediate sense of comfort, as though the hospital becomes a more hopeful place the moment he arrives. This presence is that of Dr Dharma Kanta Nath, Deputy Superintendent and Medicine Specialist at Mangaldai Civil Hospital, Darrang district—a doctor whose life and service represent a rare blend of humility, dedication, and profound humanity. In a time when medical practice is often challenged by pressure, workload, and complexity, his unwavering commitment to ethical care and his calm, compassionate nature create a guiding light for all who come across him, whether as patients, colleagues, students, or members of the community.

Dr Dharma Kanta Nath was born in Gopalpur, a quiet and picturesque village under Sipajhar LAC in Darrang district, to Late Layan Chandra Nath, Head Post Teacher at Gopalpur Lower Primary School, and Bibi Bala Nath, a loving homemaker whose care, wisdom, and resilience shaped the foundation of his character. His family, though modest in means, was rich in values, integrity, and commitment to education. Growing up in such an environment, young Dharma Kanta imbibed the principles of honesty, perseverance, humility, and service—principles that would later define not only his personal life but also his professional journey as a doctor devoted to human welfare.

From the very beginning of his formal education at Gopalpur Lower Primary School, Dr Nath displayed remarkable intelli-

gence, discipline, and curiosity. Teachers recall a boy who was always attentive, thoughtful, and respectful, who completed tasks with diligence and sought to understand the deeper meaning of knowledge. Even in these early years, his quiet demeanour, gentle smile, and soft-spoken nature distinguished him from his peers. His academic abilities were complemented by a courteous and humble personality, making him a favourite among teachers and classmates alike. It was evident early on that he was not only intellectually gifted but also morally grounded—a combination that would later define his approach to medicine.

At Pakadali High School, now upgraded to a Higher Secondary School, his brilliance and dedication became increasingly evident. He achieved commendable results in his HSLC examinations, and while his academic performance was exceptional, it was his integrity, calm temperament, and humility that truly set him apart. Teachers often noted his self-discipline and respectful conduct. His natural dignity and inner composure earned him admiration from both educators and peers, and he became a student whose presence inspired confidence and respect. Even at this stage, it was clear that he was not motivated merely by recognition or accolades; his drive stemmed from a deep sense of responsibility and a genuine desire to serve others.

Following high school, Dr Dharma Kanta Nath completed his Higher Secondary education from Cotton College, one of North East India's most prestigious institutions. Renowned for its academic excellence and intellectual culture, Cotton College nurtured both his intellect and character. It was here that his resolve to pursue medicine—a vocation demanding intelligence, patience, and empathy—was further strengthened. He immersed himself in learning, balancing rigorous academic preparation with active engagement in the college's intellectual and cultural life. Cotton College provided him not only with knowledge but also with a broader understanding of human society, ethics, and civic responsibility—foundations that would later inform his approach to patient care. Coming

from a modest background, Dr Nath faced financial challenges during his MBBS studies, yet these hurdles strengthened rather than weakened his determination. With the guidance of his parents and his own perseverance, he excelled academically, achieving 14th rank in his MBBS course, a commendable accomplishment reflecting both his hard work and intellectual depth. His years of study were marked not only by academic achievement but also by discipline, humility, and unwavering focus on the welfare of others. Even during the most demanding hours of medical training, he maintained a calm, composed demeanour, approaching both patients and peers with patience, empathy, and respect.

Dr Nath then pursued an MD in General Medicine at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), one of the region's premier medical institutions. Here, he continued to demonstrate exceptional academic and professional capabilities, earning the admiration of professors and peers alike. He was remembered as a diligent, respectful, and disciplined student whose conduct reflected both personal humility and professional responsibility. His MD results were exemplary, a testament to his analytical ability, dedication, and commitment to medicine as a vocation rather than a mere profession.

Even during the demanding years of higher medical education, Dr Nath's personality remained consistently gentle, calm, and approachable. His soft-spoken nature, mild voice, and natural smile allowed him to form positive and lasting relationships with peers, teachers, and patients. These qualities, combined with his intellectual abilities, created a professional persona admired for both competence and humaneness—a combination that is rare and deeply valued in medical practice. Those who studied alongside him remember a person whose focus was never on personal gain but on mastery of his craft and the well-being of those who would one day seek his care.

Today, as Deputy Superintendent and Medicine Specialist at Mangaldai Civil Hospital, Dr Dharma Kanta Nath has earned a reputation that extends far be-



yond the hospital walls. He is a sought-after Medicine Specialist throughout Darrang District, admired not only for his medical expertise but also for his ethical conduct, dedication, and compassionate care. Patients from across the district seek his guidance, reassured not only by his knowledge but also by his careful listening, humane treatment, and judicious approach to medical interventions. Many patients who have been completely cured by his skill openly express their gratitude, saying, "Dr Dharma Kanta Nath, you are like a God for me. Without your sincere treatment, I would not have been cured." Such testimonials reflect the profound impact of his medical skill and personal care.

Dr Nath is deeply committed to ethical medical practice. He avoids unnecessary investigations—whether radiological, biochemical, pathological, microbiological, or cardiological—ensuring that every test and treatment is essential for diagnosis and recovery. This approach demonstrates both his clinical acumen and genuine concern for the financial and emotional well-being of his patients. Always mindful of the condition of poor patients, he provides help willingly and generously, without hesitation. His evidence-based, thoughtful approach has earned him the trust of patients, colleagues, and the wider medical community alike.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr Nath is known for his warm social nature and enduring connections with his community. He maintains close relationships with villagers in Gopalpur and surrounding areas, offering guidance, advice, and support whenever needed.

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Inspiration for living

■ Asik Ahmed

Life is full of struggles, pain, and uncertainty, yet within us lies a deep and unshakable desire to keep moving forward. Even when tears do not fall, our hearts silently cry, reminding us that life is never easy and outcomes are never guaranteed. Every step may bring challenges, failures, and disappointment, but it also brings hope.

Perhaps struggles exist simply because life exists. Even in the midst of pain, separation, and disappointment, there remains a quiet but powerful drive to stay alive. Life offers no promises, and its uncertainties often mean that even after long periods of waiting, the results we hope for may never arrive. Life is like a worn-out engine trying to repair itself after falling down many times. Sometimes, after often falling down despite trying our best, this leads us into a period of confusion and worry. Those depression and confusion are eating inside us. Yet, after all the heartbreaks, setbacks, and failures on a long and difficult journey, even a few words of encouragement from someone can help a person hold on. Such support can awaken the feeling: "I am not lost. I have not given up."

Life is not just about surviving. It is a journey filled with hardships, sorrow, and confusion—yet with every step, it also creates a spark of hope. And it is this hope that keeps us moving, even though it may sometimes fade or turn into disappointment. In our life, sometimes things happen in our life due to circumstances that are beyond our control, which we can never imagine. Even though it's hard to accept, we have to face the situation with patience. "When someone is in trouble, it's easy to say anything, but how pain-

ful and how challenging that problem is to adjust, only we can realize when we have to face the same kind of difficulty. Everyone's life is not the same, but we can't even try to understand. In fact, people want to see only our success, but they don't want to notice how much struggle we are doing.

In today's competitive world, many young people feel humiliated, overwhelmed, and pushed toward extreme decisions. Every accident, every crisis, every heartbreak can make a person feel helpless. But hidden within each of us is a strength we often do not recognize. During our struggles and darkest moments, a very few people stand with us; yet after success, countless hands suddenly reach out. When we truly need help, even if we find those person, but still we are often neglected and left alone. It feels as if emotions hold no worth in this world.

Facing life's battles may bring tears, but it also reveals our inner courage—the strength that helps us rise again. A person dies only once, yet before death, they may be emotionally or mentally shattered many times. With support, kindness, and resilience, those broken pieces can be put back together, and life can begin again. Often, a person's mind is full of confusion, pain, and unspoken memories. They may feel tortured from within, burning silently like a funeral pyre, without anyone noticing their suffering. Some become so overwhelmed by mental stress that they even consider ending their lives. "But even in the darkest moments, a kind word, a gentle smile, or a small act of encouragement can ignite the will to live again.

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Sivasagar Police issues safety advisory for upcoming picnic season

Sibsagar : With the arrival of December and the beginning of the annual picnic season, Sivasagar police issued a public advisory urging citizen to follow essential safety guidelines while travelling to picnic and excursion spots. The advisory aims to prevent accidents, ensure road safety, and promote responsible behaviour among travellers during the festive months. According to the issued guidelines, vehicle drivers must remain completely fit, alert,

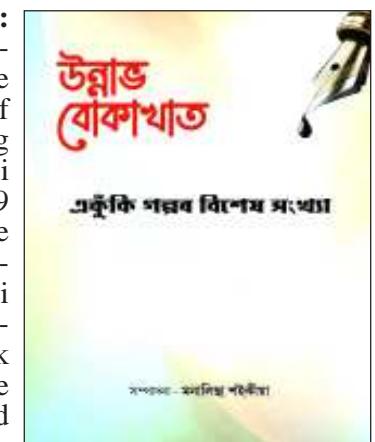
and sober throughout the journey. Consumption of intoxicants by drivers has been strictly prohibited, considering the safety of all passengers, especially families travelling together. The police have emphasized the need for thorough vehicle fitness checks before starting the trip. Drivers have been strictly warned against using mobile phones or texting while driving. Overloading of vehicles and carrying excess passengers have also been discouraged to avoid distractions and

reduce road risks. Citizens have been advised to gather updated information on weather conditions and the route before travelling. The police have urged the public to avoid night travel and instead plan their journeys during daylight for better visibility and safety. Furthermore, the Sivasagar Police Department has appealed to the public to adhere to any special instructions or guidelines issued by the local administration regarding picnics during the season.

Unnav Group Releases Two E-Books on Dr. Mamoni Raisom Goswami's Death Anniversary

Arindam Bapanash :

The Unnav literary family commemorated the death anniversary of Jnanpith award-winning author Dr. Mamoni Raisom Goswami on 29 November 2025 with the virtual release of two e-books—"Mamoni Raisom Goswami Special" and "Jeevan Jonak Aru Sannidhya." The event was conducted through Google Meet, connecting writers and literary enthusiasts from across Assam and different parts of India. Anchored by writer Kalpana Devi, the programme opened with a welcome address by Sayeda Anjum Ara Hussain. Participants from various regions—including Trinayan Sandikoi and Sadananda Gogoi from Mumbai, Malabika Sharma from Bhubaneswar, and Parijat Baruah and Banti Bora from Golaghat—graced the occasion and enriched the literary ambience. A highlight of the programme was the simultaneous release of another publication from the Unnav Group: the story collection "Unnav Bokakhat." Former Associate Professor of Assamese at J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat, and noted writer Dr. Rubi Bora served as the chief guest and launched Jeevan Jonak Aru Sannidhya. In her address, she reflected on Dr. Goswami's profound contributions to literature and nostalgically recalled her personal association with the revered author. Editor Nirmita Borgohain shared key insights into the making of the book. Distinguished short story writer Apu Bharadwaj unveiled Unnav Bokakhat and delivered a thought-provoking speech on storytelling—its themes, structure, and artistic essence. Editor Monalisa Saikia offered an overview of the collection. During the event, Tridip Baruah, proprietor of Tratri App, presented visual glimpses of both e-books on screen. With the active involvement of the Unnav Group's Chief Administrator, members, and the authors of both publications, the book-release ceremony concluded successfully, accompanied by Assamese musical renditions.



Meeting held to address growing traffic congestion in Mangaldai town

Mangaldoi : The Thana Level Nagarik Committee of Mangaldoi police station on Monday organized a stakeholders' meeting to find realistic and sustainable solutions to the escalating traffic congestion in Mangaldoi town, primarily caused by the rapid increase in the number of e-rickshaws. The meeting was chaired by Senior Superintendent of Police, Darrang, Hemanta Kr Das. Kumaresh Dutta, President of the Committee, along with members Bhargab Kr Das, Utpal Hazarika, Mayukh Goswami, and others highlighted the uncontrolled proliferation of e-rickshaws, reckless driving, and the resulting traffic chaos in the district headquarters town.

অসম ভাষিক সংখ্যালঘু উন্নয়ন পরিষদ



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অসম ভাষিক সংব্যোগসূত্র পরিবহন প্রয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে অসমৰ ভাষাসমূহ সংব্যোগসূত্রসমূহের বিবরণে সহজে
ইসল কৰা বিত্তিক প্রকল্প কৃতগুরুত্বে উন্নতের পথে পৌঁছে পুঁজি প্রাপ্তি কৰার বাবে অসমৰ ভাষাসমূহের সংব্যোগসূত্র
ভাষাসমূহ প্রয়োগের দলী অসমৰ মানুষৰ মুসাবিবৰী তা হিমাজি বিষ খৰ্মা ডাকুয়েলু আকুলৰ মুসাবিপ
জৰুৰী কৰিবিছোঁ। এই পরিবহন অধ্যয়ক হিতেৰে কৰ্মসূলৰ প্রয়োগ কৰাবলৈ কিম ধৰি বিষত চালীৰা বছোৱে
ই-বিজ্ঞা, চিলাই আৰু মেমুন ডিজিটেল মাইক্রো, পারী বিবৰণ, পোচেন বৰকৰৰ ইত্যাদি বিতৰণৰ লাগামে
প্রামা ১০৫০০ সমৰ্থীয়া কোড, মাস্কুল কেডে, ধৰণোদ্ধাৰ, অ্বৰ্বন্দ পেটিলিয়াম, ছাতাৰাস আৰু ছাতা
লিমান, শ্বাশন, ক্রোধীকৰণ আৰু নিৰ্মাণ কৰা হৈয়ে ইয়াৰ উপৰ অসমৰ সুবৰ্ণী পৰিয়াকৰন
মেমুনী বিস্কুটীসকলৰ উচ্চ কোকোৰ বাবে সাহায্য প্ৰাপ্তিৰ বাবে কৰা হৈয়েছে।
২০২২ চনৰ পৰা অসমৰ ভাষিক সংব্যোগসূত্র পৰিবহন ব্যৱহাৰ কৃপণত আনন্দৰ পৰ্যাপ্তভাৱে বৰ্ণিত
হৈয়াছি। আৰু লেতাজী প্ৰাহৰী (পৰৱৰ্তন দিবসা) উন্নয়নৰ কাৰি আহিছোঁ। এই পৰিবহন তিনি তিনি
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CNFF-25 concludes at Jyoti Chitraban, Koli', 'Joba' adjudged as best short features



Deepshikha Nath, Chayagaon : Curtains came down for the 9th Chalachitram National Film Festival at Jyoti Chitraban premise in Kahilipara on 30 November 2025, as distinguished guests of the closing ceremony handed over the awards along with the certificates and cash prizes to the winning filmmakers in the presence of eminent film personalities, novice director-producers and common cine-goers. Organized by Chalachitram, a subsidiary of Vishwa Samvad Kendra-Assam, the two-day CNFF-25 showcased over 30 short features and documentaries in both competitive and screening categories,

where 'Koli', directed by Jyotirmoy Mazumder, was adjudged as the best short feature in northeast India category and 'Joba', directed by Indira Baikerikar, was awarded with best short feature in the rest of India section.

Best documentary award was conferred on 'The String Master', directed by Biswajit Das, whereas best director's award went to Bismita Borah for her short feature 'Who Will Call Out Father Father'. 'Expectation' team comprising Ramjyoti Krincharan, Ajijul Islam and Elvachisa Sangma received best cinematography award, whereas best editing award went to Samujjal Kashyap for the

film 'Muga' and best screenplay award to Irungbam Manisana for 'The Silent Performer'. The jury board consisting of renowned filmmaker, critic & writer, Vijayakrishnan, national award winning filmmaker Maipaksana Haorongbam and leading sound designer & mixer Debajit Gayan made a special mention to 'Just Breath', directed by Shreyas S Gautam.

Gracing the closing function, Assam legislative assembly speaker Biswajit Daimary appreciated the move to encourage the short duration filmmakers with a gorgeous platform. Sharing the dais, Jyoti Chitraban film society chairman Bidyasagar Bora and CNFF-25 president Nava Thakuria also encouraged the film fraternity in their endeavour to create films for the national cause. 'The First Film', directed by Piyush Thakur was screened as the closing film, whereas 'Aham Bhartam', directed by Bharat Bala, was shown as

the opening film of the festival.

The unique visual feast for film buffs with the central theme 'Our Heritage Our Pride' received nearly hundred entries (produced between 1 November 2024 and 15 September 2025 with the duration of maximum 25 minutes), out of which the preview committee comprising of veteran filmmaker Bibhu Dutta, award winning director Jhulan Krishna Mahanta and accomplished cinematographer Hiten Thakuria selected the package for screening. The festival fostering nationalism and making cinema to pay homage to thousands of years of Indian civilization, culture and heritage, was inaugurated by Dr Sunil Mohanty, Asom Khetra prachar pramukh of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh on 29 November by lighting sacred lamps in front of Bharat Mata's portrait and also three Assamese cultural icons namely Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika, heart-throb Zubeen Garg and

flutist Deepak Sarma.

An outdoor discussion on film performance, technique and audience's response, where popular Assamese actors Jatin Bora and Kapil Bora along with multifaceted performers Poonam Gurung and Kamal Lochan participated, attracted a good number of young filmmakers and appreciators. Moderated by poet and film critic Aparajita Pujari, the deliberation covered a relevant topic 'Performing the Self: Acting in the Age of Social Media'. 'Release of souvenir Chalachitram and a special screening of 'Mon Jai' as a tribute to Zubeen Garg added colour to the festival. On behalf of the organizing committee Kishor Shivam, Bhagawat Pritam, Riju Dutta, Sanjib Parasar, Deepak Dutta, Pranjit Deka, Buddha Boro, etc hope that the CNFF would encourage the budding filmmakers to promote filmmaking as a powerful tool for the social change across the sub-continent in the coming days.

Rich tributes paid to Ahom founder as Digboi observes Sukafa Diwas

Digboi : Axom Diwas, popularly known as Sukafa Diwas, was observed with dignity and fervour at the Tingrai Auditorium in Digboi on Tuesday morning. The programme, organized by the Tinsukia District BJP OBC Morcha in association with Digboi and Buridehing mouza, paid profound tribute to Chaolung Sukapha, the founder of the Ahom dynasty and one of the most influential figures in the shaping of Assam's historical, cultural, and socio-political identity. The event began with an official welcome by Bolin Hatiboruah, President of the Tinsukia District OBC Morcha, who presided over the proceedings. The auditorium saw the participation of numerous district office bearers, organizational in-charges, mandal representatives, and grassroots workers from across Tinsukia district, underscoring strong organizational unity and enthusiasm. Delivering the keynote address, Dr Ramen Hazarika, the main speaker of the occasion, presented an engaging and insightful exposition on the significance of

Axom Diwas and the far-reaching legacy of Chaolung Sukapha. He highlighted Sukapha's historic entry into the Brahmaputra Valley in 1228 AD, marking the beginning of a 600-year-long Ahom civilization, one of the longest uninterrupted ruling dynasties in Indian history. Dr Hazarika emphasised several of Sukapha's pivotal contributions, stating that the Ahom founder's leadership was rooted in diplomacy, inclusivity, and social cohesion. He noted Sukapha's remarkable ability to unite diverse tribes and communities, forming a harmonious socio-cultural fabric that later evolved into the broader Assamese identity. He further underscored that Sukapha introduced advanced agricultural practices such as wet-rice cultivation and systematic land management, which strengthened the agrarian economy and laid the foundation for sustained prosperity. Highlighting the administrative legacy, Dr Hazarika pointed to Sukapha's early framework of the Paik system, which later became the backbone

of the Ahom state's governance and military organization. "Sukapha did not create an empire by force — he created a civilisation by trust," Dr Hazarika remarked, stressing that his peace-building model and consensus-driven leadership remain relevant in contemporary society. Addressing the gathering, BJP MLA Suren Phukan reaffirmed the significance of Axom Diwas as a reflection of Assam's deep-rooted heritage and identity. He appreciated the Assam Government's consistent efforts in institutionalising the observance of the day and ensuring that the contributions of Chaolung Sukapha are honoured and remembered by future generations. Phukan highlighted that celebrating Sukafa Diwas reinforced pride in Assam's cultural resilience and historical continuity. The event also witnessed the presence of Manoj Dhanowar, BJP State spokesperson and probable BJP candidate for the Makum Assembly seat, whose participation added political prominence to the occasion.

Dr. Hirendra Nath Sarma assumes charge as Vice Chancellor of Sri Sri Aniruddhadev Sports University in Dibrugarh

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : Regarding the construction and other infrastructural matters of the state's first Sports University, Sri Sri Aniruddhadev Sports University at Chabua in Dibrugarh, the Governor of Assam and Chancellor of the university, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, had recently expressed deep concern. He had also shown displeasure that even after seven years since the establishment of the university, no significant progress had been made. In a recent meeting held in Dibrugarh with the Registrar, he announced that a review meeting on the university's progress would be held every month at Raj Bhavan. The second appointed Vice Chancellor of the university, academician and scientist Dr. Hirendra Nath Sarma, formally assumed charge at the temporary office of the university located at the Dibrugarh District Industries and Commerce Centre. Dr. Sharma, a senior professor and scientist from Rajiv Gandhi University in Arunachal Pradesh, expressed hope that the construction and all other pending aspects of the university established in the name of the great saint would be completed swiftly and efficiently.

He further stated that during his tenure, priority would be given to ensuring that academic activities begin smoothly at the Paanee-Era (Pani Era) area in Chabua. Registrar Pankaj Barthakur, Controller of Examinations Dr. Arinjit Hazarika, and other officials and staff of the university were present at the charge-taking ceremony. On behalf of Sri Sri Aniruddhadev Junior College, Sri Sri Aniruddhadev Academy and Dibrugarh Sahitya Sabha, Yadav Gogoi warmly welcomed the newly appointed Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sarma. He expressed hope that under his leadership, the higher educational institution established in the name of the reformer, literary figure, and founder of the Mayamara religious tradition, Mahapurush Sri Sri Aniruddhadev, would finally receive the dignity it deserves something eagerly awaited by the people of Upper Assam.

Accepting the warm wishes, the Vice Chancellor sought cooperation from everyone in society. He mentioned that he would personally visit the field site, interact with leading individuals, and ensure that the sports university is completed at the earliest. He

also announced plans to install a grand statue of Sri Sri Aniruddhadev at the entrance of the newly constructed university. For this purpose, he would hold discussions with members of the Mayamara religious community, individuals, groups, and organizations to take a collective public decision, which would then be submitted for approval to the university's governing body. It is noteworthy that although land had already been allotted at Dinjoy Paanee-Era village in the Chabua Assembly Constituency represented earlier by the former Chief Minister and currently by the Union Cabinet Minister from the Dibrugarh Lok Sabha constituency no progress had been made regarding demarcation, construction of buildings, or other foundational work. After being appointed as the permanent Registrar, Pankaj Barthakur had maintained close and frequent communication day and night with the Chancellor and Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, former Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, and several MLAs of the Dibrugarh district. Only recently has some minor

progress been made, although no major development work has taken place yet. At present, students from nearly seven states of Northeast India as well as other states of the country are studying at the university. With a very limited number of teachers, researchers, and staff, academic activities are being conducted from the temporary office at Dibrugarh's Kanai College.

After the term of the previous permanent Vice Chancellor ended, Dr. Hirendra Nath Sharma was appointed as the second permanent Vice Chancellor on 19 November. Conscious citizens have expressed hope that the university will now witness notable progress under his leadership. The Governor and Chancellor Lakshman Prasad Acharya has emphasized that construction work, recruitment, and all other processes must be expedited so that the university can soon emerge as a premier sports university in the country. His directive to hold a monthly progress review meeting at Raj Bhavan has raised strong expectations among local residents that the university will finally see fruitful outcomes soon.

Chaolung Sukapha : Founder of the Ahom Kingdom

■ Satyabrat Borah

Chaolung Sukapha, revered in Assamese history as the founder of the Ahom kingdom, was a prince of the Shan tribe who left the verdant hills of present-day northern Myanmar in the early thirteenth century and, after years of wandering and warfare, established a state that would endure for six centuries in the Brahmaputra valley. Born around 1189 at Mong Mao, a powerful Tai-Shan principality on the upper reaches of the Irrawaddy, Sukapha belonged to the royal line of the great Tai chieftain Khunlung and Khunlai, the legendary ancestors who, according to Shan and Ahom chronicles, had descended from heaven. His childhood name was Chao Chao Pha Phu Chao Ti Ying, but upon ascending to leadership he took the title Swargadeo, meaning "Lord of the Heavens," a name that later generations rendered as Sukapha.

The decision to leave Mong Mao was not born of mere adventure. By the beginning of the thirteenth century, the once-mighty kingdom had begun to fracture under internal strife and external pressure. Succession disputes, the growing power of neighboring kingdoms, and perhaps the memory of ancestral migrations westward all combined to convince Sukapha that the future of his people lay beyond the Patkai mountains. In the year 1219,

according to some traditional Ahom Buranji chronicles, or more commonly accepted as 1228, Sukapha set forth with a modest but determined retinue. The party consisted of about nine thousand followers, including two hundred horses, three hundred priests and nobles, ordinary soldiers, artisans, and most crucially, members of the royal family and the priestly clans of Deodhai and Bailung who carried with them the sacred ancestral tablets and the copper-plated royal genealogies.

Accompanying him were his chief queen, his two sons Khenung and Khunlai, several lesser wives, and elephants laden with grain, tools, and the ritual objects necessary for establishing a new kingdom. Among the most important possessions were the pair of golden umbrellas that symbolized sovereignty and the sacred Somdeo, a representation of the supreme deity. The march across the rugged Patkai range was arduous. Dense forests, swollen rivers, and hostile Naga tribes slowed their progress. Many perished from disease, exhaustion, and skirmishes. Yet Sukapha pressed on, guided by the belief that the land beyond the mountains had been promised to his ancestors by the god Lengdon. "After thirteen years of wandering, battling local tribes and searching for a suitable place to settle, Sukapha finally reached the fertile plains of the Brahmaputra

valley in 1240. The region was then inhabited by Morans, Borahis, and other tribal groups who practiced shifting cultivation and lived in small chiefdoms. Sukapha first established a temporary capital at Chemun, near the present-day town of Jorhat, but soon moved to the banks of the Dihing river. The site he chose for his permanent capital was at the foot of the hills where the Dihing and Dikhow rivers met, a place he named Chetang Borgohain, later known simply as Charaideo, meaning "the shining city on the hill." Here, in 1253, he built a palace of bamboo and thatch and laid the foundations of what would become one of the longest-lasting kingdoms in Indian history.

Sukapha's greatest contribution was not merely military conquest but the creation of a durable political and social system that allowed a small band of immigrants to establish dominion over a much larger indigenous population without destroying local cultures. He adopted a policy of conciliation and assimilation rather than annihilation. The Morans and Borahis were not driven out; instead, many were absorbed into the Ahom fold. Sukapha married local princesses, the most famous being the Moran girl Nang Borg Konwari and the Borahi princess Nang Simung Mung Ri. Their descendants formed powerful clans within the Aho

Preparations begin for Nationwide Kabaddi mega event, Kreeda Bharati holds meeting in Palasbari



Deepshikha Nath, Chhayaon : Kreeda Bharati has launched preparations for a grand nationwide Kabaddi event scheduled to be held across India in February 2026. In view of this major sports initiative, a meeting was held by Kreeda Bharati South Kamrup district committee in Palasbari on

Thursday. The meeting discussed plans to ensure that along with the national-level Kabaddi tournament, various venues across South Kamrup district can also successfully host Kabaddi matches simultaneously. Strategies for smooth coordination, participation, and local promotion

were also deliberated. The meeting was attended by Manoj Mohanty, Organisation Secretary of Kreeda Bharati Assam Kshetra, Alok Tripathi, General Secretary of Assam Kabaddi Association, Pankaj Bharali, In-charge District Sports Officer, Nareshwar Das, Secretary of South Kamrup Sports Association, Senior journalist Anil Kalita along with officials and members of Kreeda Bharati South Kamrup. At the beginning of the session Alaka Deka, gold-medal-winning player of the Assam Women's Kabaddi Team, was felicitated for her outstanding achievement.

World AIDS Day Observed in Dibrugarh

M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh : The Socio Educational Welfare Association (SEWA) observed World AIDS Day today at Pushkara Sarovar Portico, Natun Goan, Dibrugarh. The programme, aligned with this year's global theme "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response", brought together government officials, health professionals, civil society representatives, and youth to reaffirm collective commitment toward ending HIV/AIDS as a public health threat. Speaking on the occasion as Special Guest Sri Pranjal Baruah, ACS, Additional District Commissioner (Health), Dibrugarh emphasized the need for stronger social support for people living with HIV/AIDS and stressed that they must be free from discrimination. He urged families to speak openly with their children about HIV-related issues and highlighted collaborative efforts to reach hard-to-reach communities, including initiatives to reduce HIV infections among injecting drug users. Attending the event as special guest Raju Bahadur Chetri, Officer-in-Charge, Dibrugarh Sadar Police Station underscored the importance of collective action against drug abuse. He assured that the police remain committed to tackling illegal trafficking and possession of illicit drugs. Abhijit Saikia, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) spoke about the stigma and discrimination faced by PLHIV. He

highlighted the significance of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Act 2017, which safeguards the rights of HIV-positive individuals and health workers against discrimination. Dr. Partha Pratim Das, Associate Professor of Microbiology, Assam Medical College & Hospital (AMCH) explained how changing lifestyles have increased vulnerability among youth. He noted that the Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (ICTC) at AMCH provides free testing services while ensuring patient confidentiality. Dr. Kiran Jyoti Phukan, Counsellor cum Designated Resource Person, DSRC & SSK, AMCH, Dibrugarh stressed the importance of mass awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs). He cautioned that untreated STIs can lead to high prevalence rates and encouraged people to avail themselves of free services at the DSRC STI Clinic. Dr. Pinky Poddar, Medical Officer, OST Centre, AMCH highlighted the facilities provided by the OST Centre for injecting drug users (IDUs). She emphasized that opioid substitution therapy (OST) is one of the best options for IDUs to avoid risky behaviour. Earlier speaking on the objectives of the day Arfan Hussain, Vice President of SEWA called for collaborative action among all stakeholders to combat stigma and discrimination, enabling NGOs and health officials to respond more effectively.

Assam Rifles' Soldier Donates Blood, Saves Civilian Life

Chandan Sarma, Tezpur : In a remarkable show of compassion and duty, a courageous Assam Rifles soldier voluntarily donated blood to a civilian in critical condition. The patient was admitted to District Hospital, Kiphire when an urgent need for blood arose. Responding swiftly to hospital authorities' appeal, the personnel stepped forward to donate which resulted in stabilising the patient and saving precious life. This noble act underscores the Assam Rifles' core ethos of being the 'Sentinels of the Northeast' and commitment to community welfare.

Barpeta District Commissioner Orders PWD to Expedite Road Construction Work



Barpeta: During a supervision, Barpeta District Commissioner (DC) Rohan Kumar Jha has directed the engineers of the Public Works Department (PWD) to expedite the works at the important road construction sites in the district. This is in response to the direction from the Chief Minister of Assam. The DC made a thorough field inspection of projects executed by the Bhawanipur-Sorbhog-Pakabetbari Territorial Road Division regarding earthwork, laying of pavement, drainage and installation of safety.

Emphasising the importance of the road network for daily commuters and for commercial transport, Jha warned the contractors and engineers that delays or deviations from technical specifications would invite disciplinary action. He ordered that immediate corrective measures be taken at the sites that were lagging in progress or showing quality concerns.

While many reaches showed promising progress, others were lagging due to land acquisition problems, inclement weather, and shortages of materials. The project teams were asked to furnish detailed reports on the hurdles with remedial measures. Moreover, during the inspection, Jha asserts that "Quality maintenance is a long-term investment in infrastructure durability, not merely a procedural requirement." He ordered routine material testing, verification of pavement thickness, and documentation of any deviations from approved designs. Extra manpower and machinery are to be deployed to avoid further delays. Similarly, Jha emphasised worker and commuter safety through proper barricading, followed by signage, lighting, and clearly marked diversions. Residents were also optimistic about improved connectivity upon project completion. The PWD territorial division has been tasked with submitting updated progress reports, and similar inspections will continue across Assam in the course of broader governance reforms for increased accountability and infrastructural development.

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His humility, fairness, and ethical conduct have made him an admired figure in the community, where respect is earned through genuine service rather than superficial recognition. Villagers often seek his counsel not only for medical issues but also for moral and practical guidance, reflecting the deep trust he has cultivated over decades.

His personal charm, calm demeanour, and gentle smile enhance the respect he commands. Patients, colleagues, and the wider community experience not only the benefits of his medical knowledge but also the comfort of a caring and attentive presence. His inner qualities—empathy, honesty, patience, and selfless service—make him exceptionally approachable and deeply respected. This combination of professional excellence, ethical conduct, and personal warmth distinguishes Dr Dharma Kanta Nath as both a doctor and a human being of extraordinary character.

The influence of his parents continues to guide his life. From his father, Late Layan Chandra Nath, he learned responsibility, fairness, and unwavering honesty; from his mother, Bibi Bala Nath, he absorbed empathy, patience, and emotional intelligence. These lessons are not abstract ideals—they are reflected daily in the way he treats patients, interacts with colleagues, and engages with his community. Every decision, every word, and every patient interaction carries the imprint of the moral and ethical foundation instilled by his parents.

Dr Nath's approach to patient care reflects a deep understanding of the human condition. Beyond treating physical ailments, he consistently addresses the emotional and psychological needs of his patients. His calm demeanour reassures those in fear or distress, his thoughtful communication nurtures trust, and his careful explanations empower patients to make informed decisions about their health. In his presence, the often impersonal hospital environment transforms into one where patients feel genuinely cared for, understood, and respected.

A hallmark of Dr Nath's professional philosophy is his mentorship of younger doctors. He is known for patiently guiding interns, junior residents, and medical students, sharing not just clinical knowledge but also the values of empathy, ethics, and responsibility. His influence ensures that the next generation of doctors does not merely acquire technical skill but also develops

Dr Dharma Kanta Nath : A Life of Compassion...

the moral and humanistic sensibilities necessary for truly effective medical practice. Stories abound of young doctors who credit their growth, confidence, and approach to patient care to Dr Nath's guidance, describing him as both a teacher and a moral compass.

Equally significant is his engagement with the wider community. Dr Nath frequently participates in public health awareness initiatives, offering guidance on disease prevention, nutrition, and hygiene. He understands that healthcare is not confined to hospital walls, and he actively works to empower communities to take charge of their health. This commitment stems from his belief that medicine is not merely a profession but a service to society, requiring a holistic understanding of the social, economic, and cultural contexts in which patients live.

Many patients recount that his treatment often extends beyond prescriptions or procedures. He is known to visit the homes of seriously ill patients, provide financial assistance to those in need, and ensure that critical interventions are accessible even to the most vulnerable. Such acts of service, often unnoticed in public discourse, reflect a philosophy of medicine deeply rooted in humanity, compassion, and ethical responsibility. Through these actions, he demonstrates that true healing encompasses the restoration of dignity, hope, and trust, as much as it does the alleviation of disease.

Dr Dharma Kanta Nath's life is a reminder of the profound impact of quiet, sustained service. It illustrates that greatness is not measured by public recognition, awards, or titles, but by the positive change effected in the lives of those he serves. Every life he touches—whether through curing illness, guiding a younger colleague, supporting a family in distress, or mentoring students—adds to a legacy that grows exponentially over time, creating ripples of influence that extend far beyond immediate observation. His life embodies a rare synthesis of intellect, moral integrity, and heartfelt compassion. In the personal sphere, his humility, gentleness, and soft-spoken demeanour create a presence that is both comforting and inspiring. In social life, his guidance, fairness, and deep care for his community have earned him admiration and trust across Darrang District. Professionally, his ethical practice, careful decision-making, and compassionate treatment of

patients make him a beacon of excellence in medicine.

Dr Dharma Kanta Nath exemplifies the ideal doctor—not merely a healer of physical ailments, but a nurturer of trust, a source of comfort, and a model of ethical practice. While curing disease is central to the medical profession, he also attends to the emotional, psychological, and ethical dimensions of patient care. His enduring commitment to service, rooted in values instilled by his parents and refined through education, experience, and reflection, ensures that his life continues to inspire, guide, and touch the lives of generations to come. Recognition, awards, or public accolades are secondary to the real-life effects of his service: lives healed, suffering alleviated, and hope restored.

In every respect—personal, social, and professional—Dr Dharma Kanta Nath demonstrates that the nobility of medicine lies not merely in curing disease but in uplifting, guiding, and instilling hope in those who seek care. His life is an inspiring example of the true purpose and enduring power of the medical profession: service rooted in compassion, ethical integrity, and a profound respect for human life.

Through decades of tireless dedication, his work continues to reflect the core values instilled in him since childhood: honesty, humility, patience, and selfless service. For every patient cured, every life guided, every young doctor mentored, and every family comforted, Dr Dharma Kanta Nath leaves a mark that transcends professional accomplishment. In his example, we see a life that illustrates the profound truth

that true greatness is measured not in accolades, but in the lives touched, hope restored, and humanity preserved.

His journey, from the lanes of Gopalpur village to the corridors of Mangaldai Civil Hospital, serves as a testament to the transformative power of dedication, integrity, and empathy. It reminds us that in a world often dominated by the pursuit of fame, power, and recognition, the quiet, consistent, and ethical service of individuals like Dr Dharma Kanta Nath represents the highest ideal of humanity and professional excellence.

As his life continues to unfold through countless acts of service, compassion, and humility, it is only natural for those who know him, observe him, or have been healed by him to extend heartfelt wishes for the years ahead. People hope that the journey before him remains bright, peaceful, and fulfilling, enriched with good health, lasting happiness, and enduring prosperity. They pray that he is blessed with the strength and serenity to carry forward his noble work with the same sincerity and grace that have defined his path so far. His patients, colleagues, well-wishers, and the wider community believe

that the values he embodies will continue to guide many, and that his future endeavours will shine with the same integrity, dedication, and compassionate spirit that have made his life a source of inspiration. In these hopes lies a quiet acknowledgment of how deeply his service has touched others, and how profoundly his example continues to uplift and illuminate the lives around him.

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Social media threatens reading habit, Say leaders at Silchar Book Fair inauguration

Silchar : The fast-decreasing habit of book reading was the focal point at the inaugural function of the second edition of Silchar Book Fair organized by Assam State Publication Board here on Monday evening. Right from the Education Minister, Dr Ranoj Pegu, who presided over the programme, to Professor Partha Chatterjee, who ceremonially inaugurated the fair, mainly concentrated on the serious decline in book reading habit which has been constantly usurped by the rampant use of social media. Eminent journalist Dr Chatterjee, who shaped the Mass Communication Department of the Assam University two decades back, said that only reading books could widen the horizon of imagination and sharpen the intellect, while excessive use of social media shrinks both the imagination as well as intellect. The same observation was echoed in the speech of Dr Pegu who stressed on building up a habit of book reading. MLA Dipayan Chakraborty and MLA Kamalakhy Dey Purkayastha also spoke at the function.

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CM Dr. Sarma presents appointment letters to 5,815 youth

candidates earn government jobs. He added that nepotism frustrated young people and many who failed to get jobs despite good results had gone astray. Giving the example of yesteryears, the Chief Minister moreover said that several youth left for other states to work as security guards because they got no opportunities in Assam. Referring to the promise of one lakh government jobs during the last Assembly election campaign, the Chief Minister said that after forming the government he launched a clean and transparent merit based recruitment system. The government created a process that fills vacant posts each year in the police, education, and health departments so that no vacancy remains open for long, Dr. Sarma added. Referring to the proposal of four new commando battalions and one forest battalion, Dr. Sarma said that fair recruitment in Assam Police encouraged young people to work hard. As a result, many have qualified for Assam Police, CAPF, BSF, and the Army. He said that rural areas now show a new spirit. Youth now ask the government for stadiums so they can train for jobs. He described this change as the foundation of a new Assam. He addressed those who earned jobs through hard work, ideal role models and urged them to inspire others. He said that advertisements for five thousand new constable posts will appear very soon. The Chief Minister also advised recruits who gained jobs without paying bribes to reject corruption even after joining service. He said that no corruption complaints emerged against recruits in the past five years. He urged those who have come from low income families such as farmers, vegetable sellers, and rickshaw drivers to stay kind toward the poor because they earned their positions through determination and hard work. He asked new recruits to give up the Orunodoi benefits if any female member of their families are receiving, visit local temples or naamghars before joining their posts, and never neglect their parents. He noted that the Union Ministry of Home Affairs ranked Assam Police first in implementing the new criminal laws. He said that regular recruitment helped Assam Police achieve discipline, transparency, and strong investigative progress. Adequate officers and constables strengthened law and order and built a peaceful environment. He moreover observed that decisive steps in the past five years reduced crime in Assam and that registered cases fell significantly from 1.21 lakh in 2020 to 50,000 in 2024. Crime per one lakh people dropped from 379 in 2021 to 128 in March 2025. Pending cases fell from 1.33 lakh in 2021 to 14 thousand in 2024. Charge sheet rates rose from 47.8 percent in 2020 to 66.7 percent in 2024 and conviction rates rose fourfold to reach 22.9 percent. Crimes against women declined sharply. Such cases fell from 26,352 in 2020 to 5,555 in 2024, the Chief Minister highlighted. Labour Welfare, Home (Prisons, Home Guards and Civil Defence) Minister Rupesh Gowala, MLAs Atul Bora, Siddhartha Bhattacharyya, Ramendra Narayan Kalita, Chief Secretary Dr. Ravi Kota, DGP Harmeet Singh, and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Assam CM Extends Warm Greetings to Zeliangrong Community on Gaan Ngai Festival

greeting. Gaan-Ngai is one of the most significant festivals of the Zeliangrong tribes, the Rongmei, Liangmai and Zeme, who celebrate it with deep cultural devotion. Observed after the completion of the annual harvest, the festival marks the end of the agricultural year and the beginning of a new seasonal cycle. Depending on the lunar calendar, it usually falls between December and January. The festival opens with traditional prayers offered by village elders, seeking blessings for prosperity, protection and peace. Over the following days, the community engages in ceremonial dances, drum performances and age-old rituals that reflect their close bond with nature. Youth from the traditional boys' dormitories take a leading role in rituals, music and communal activities. A central highlight is the lighting of the ceremonial fire, symbolising purification and the triumph of light over darkness. Families also perform rituals to honour departed ancestors, expressing gratitude and asking for blessings for the coming year. Alongside its spiritual importance, Gaan Ngai is a celebration of community unity, cultural pride and generational continuity. With festivities underway across Assam, Manipur and Nagaland, the festival continues to strengthen the cultural fabric of the Zeliangrong people.

CM inaugurates women-run 'Mama Bazaar' at Kathiatoli

Modi's national initiative aims to empower 3 crore women as lakhpatti baideus, the Chief Minister said that in Assam too, more than eight lakh women have already achieved this milestone by leveraging SHG loans, bank linkage and revolving fund support. Dr. Sarma observed that Assam continues to import essential commodities such as eggs, rice, milk, pulses and edible oil. Trucks entering Assam are fully loaded but return empty, he said, adding that the State is yet to produce enough to meet its own requirements. He attributed this largely to the limited participation of women in productive economic activity. Highlighting the success of Amul, he said women's cooperatives in Gujarat produce nearly 1.5 crore litres of milk daily, while Assam produces only two lakh litres. If 40 lakh SHG women of Assam produce even one litre of milk each per day by engaging themselves in the dairy sector, Assam's daily milk production could jump to 40 lakh litres, he added. Similarly, if each woman produces just two eggs per day through poultry rearing, the State's daily production could reach 80 lakh eggs. With such collective effort, the State's rural economy could change significantly and Assam would no longer need to import these items, he said. Dr. Sarma urged beneficiaries to make judicious use of the seed capital. He said that the Rs. 10,000 provided now is only the first step, and the scheme will continue until every beneficiary becomes a lakhpatti baideu. If the amount is deposited in an SHG account, it would help build a corpus of Rs. 1 lakh, which could then be used to start a collective or individual enterprise, or expand an existing business. The Government will review the utilization of funds after six months and, upon proper utilization, beneficiaries will receive Rs. 25,000 and later Rs. 50,000 in successive phases, he said. The Chief Minister informed that women of Barhampur have shown strong interest in sectors such as agriculture, livestock rearing, handloom and handicrafts. A total of 8,714 women have applied for goat-rearing, 5,176 for dairy, 3,859 for poultry, 2,989 for pig-rearing, 1,279 for duck-rearing and 1,133 for fishery-related activities. On the Orunodoi scheme, the Chief Minister said 30,410 beneficiaries in Barhampur are currently availing benefits, and arrangements have been made to include another 3,000 eligible beneficiaries. Any remaining eligible household will also be covered, he assured. He added that 2,546 girl students from the constituency have benefited from the Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina scheme, and said the State Government will announce several new welfare measures on 1st January. Dr. Sarma said the Government is working to bring transformative changes to the lives of women in Assam. Schemes such as Orunodoi and MMUA have helped enhance the dignity of women, he noted.

Man Found Dead in Golaghat's Murphuloni Tea Estate

Golaghat : A shocking incident has come to light at the Murphuloni Tea Estate, Golaghat, where the body of a man was found inside the bungalow of Welfare officer Mosid Ahmed, early this morning. The deceased was discovered lying on his bed by the estate's security guard, who immediately alerted the garden authorities. According to estate officials, the officer had arrived at the tea garden on Wednesday for official work. The deceased has been identified as Saumitra Indu, a resident of Kolkata. His sudden and unexplained death has created concern and confusion among estate employees and local residents. "His health has not been well since yesterday. We took possible care of him, and today morning when we went to wake him up at 7:00 AM for his work, we found him lying dead," the tea estate security said. Soon after the information was received, a team from Bogijan Police Station reached the bungalow and began a preliminary investigation. The police have not found any visible signs of foul play so far, but they have stated that the exact cause of death can only be confirmed after the post-mortem report. The body has been sent to Golaghat Kushal Konwar Civil Hospital for autopsy. Authorities are awaiting medical findings to determine what led to the sudden death of the individual.



খাদ্য, বাজহুৰা বিতৰণ আৰু শাহুক পৰিয়ালা বিভাগ

**খাদ্য সুৰক্ষাৰ পৰা
পৰিপুষ্টিৰ নিশ্চিতলৈ**

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মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী, অসম

◆ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় খাদ্য সুৰক্ষা আইনৰ অধীনস্থ পৰিয়ালৰ বাবে ◆

বিনামূলীয়া চাউলৰ লগতে বজাৰতকৈ সুলভ মূল্যত খাদ্য-সামগ্ৰী

‘প্ৰধানমন্ত্ৰী গৰীব কল্যাণ অন্ন যোজনা’ৰ অধীনত বিনামূলীয়া চাউল

- ◆ ‘অন্ত্যোদয়া অমৃ যোজনা’ৰ অধীনস্থ প্রতিটো পৰিয়াললৈ প্ৰতিমাহে ৩৫ কিলোগ্ৰামকৈ চাউল
- ◆ অঞ্চলিকাৰপ্ৰাপ্ত পৰিয়ালৰ প্ৰতিগৰাকী বাস্তিলৈ প্ৰতিমাহে ৫ কিলোগ্ৰামকৈ চাউল

প্ৰতিমাহে প্রতিটো পৰিয়াললৈ ১ কিঃগ্ৰাঃ কৈ বজাৰতকৈ সুলভ মূল্যত খাদ্য-সামগ্ৰী

 <p>মচুৰ দাইল ৬৯ টকা (প্ৰতি কিঃগ্ৰাঃ)</p>	 <p>চেনি ৩৮ টকা (প্ৰতি কিঃগ্ৰাঃ)</p>	 <p>নিমখ ১০ টকা (প্ৰতি কিঃগ্ৰাঃ)</p>
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সুলভ মূল্যৰ দোকানীৰ কৰ্মীয়া

- ▶ অমৃ সেৱা দিন সম্পর্কে ব্যাপক প্ৰচাৰ আৰু সজাগতা সৃষ্টি কৰা
- ▶ অমৃ সেৱা দিনৰ প্ৰতিটো দিনত দিনজোৰাকৈ দোকান খোলা বৰ্ধা
- ▶ হিতাধিকাৰীয়ে লাভ কৰা সামগ্ৰীৰ বিপৰীতে e-POS মেচিনৰ বচিদ প্ৰদান কৰা

হিতাধিকাৰীলৈ আহুন

- ▶ প্ৰতিটো সামগ্ৰীৰ বাবে পৃথক পৃথককৈ e-POS মেচিনৰ জৰিয়তে বায়' মোট্ৰিক প্ৰমাণীকৰণ জৰুৰী
- ▶ সামগ্ৰী সংগ্ৰহৰ বিপৰীতে e-POS মেচিন সৃষ্টি বচিদ প্ৰদান কৰিবলৈ নাপাহৰিব



যিকোনো অভিযোগৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত জিলা/সমজিলা/মহকুমাৰ বিভাগীয় কৰ্তৃপক্ষ অথবা টোল ঝী নথৰ:

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তথ্য আৰু জনসংযোগ সঞ্চালকালয়, অসমৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰচাৰিত

অসম বাৰ্তা ছাৰক্ষাইৰ কৰিবলৈ ৭৬৩৬৮৩৪৯৪৩ ত Assam লিখি ৰাট্টেএপ কৰক

An International Seminar was held on "Mental and Physical Health Global Challenges & Emerging Issue- Innovative Strategies for Solutions"



Deepshikha Nath, Chhayaon : An International seminar was organised on 29th and 30th November recently by KRD College of Education, Chhayaon in collaboration with Asom Sikshak Prashikshan Mahabidyalaya, Lankeshwar Guwahati, Dakhin Guwahati B. Ed. College, Fatasil Ambari, College of Education Boko, Kamrup and Pragjyotish B. Ed. College Pacharia, Kamrup.

The seminar hosted some of the prominent personalities across the globe and among those Dr. Daisy Lekharu, Medical Doctor & Global Public Health Expert from Geneva, Switzerland was present as Keynote Addressee. In her engaging speech she has pointed out the major mental health issues of the present situation and also discussed how we can overcome those issues. Dr. Dilsad Ahmed from Abu Dhabi as Plenary Lecture has also joined as International Guests and ad-

dressed the gathering with his valuable speech. More than 350 participants across the nation from different educational institutions, universities, colleges and B. Ed. Trainees have participated in the international seminar through blended mode (offline and online).

Some eminent personalities invited in the seminar were Smt. Pomi Barua, Director Higher Education Assam, Dr. Nirada Devi, Ph. D. Director of SCERT, Assam. The ERC, NCTE, New Delhi Chairperson Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta was present as a Special Guest in the seminar. Dr. Rita Rani Talukdar, Prof and HoD Department of Psychology, Gauhati University was present as a Plenary Lecture and delivered her speech on mental health and role of social media on mental health conditions. Dr. Jogen Chandra Kalita, Prof of Zoology and Former Director of UGC-HRDC Gauhati University joined as Chief Advisor in the

seminar. Prof Baneswar Das, the Chief Patron of the seminar and President of the Governing Body of the college along with Dr. Abhijit Dev Adhikary, Principal and Chairman of the Organising Committee of the college was the other dignitaries in the seminar.

The Principals of the collaborator Colleges Dr. Malabika Kalita Bordoloi from ASPM, Lankeshwar Guwahati, Dr. Juri Hazarika from Dakhin Guwahati B. Ed. College Fatasil Ambari, Dr. Indrani Dutta Gogoi from Pragjyotish B. Ed. College Pacharia, Kamrup and Dr. Subhra Nath from College of Education Boko, Kamrup were the other dignitaries presented in the seminar. The faculty members of the collaborator colleges along with their Trainees enhance the quality of the seminar. "Two books on Mental and Physical Health written by Dr. Daisy Lekharu was inaugurated in the seminar along with the Book of Abstract of the International Seminar Papers presented by the participants across the nation was also inaugurated in the meeting. Additionally the college has inaugurated an attractive Art Gallery 'Aakar' which was also centre of attraction. The seminar was hoisted by Mrs. Shyamolima Dutta, Coordinator IQAC, Ms. Sangrila Basumatary, Convenor of the seminar and Begum Aspia Ahmed as Joint Convenor.

Dense Fog Delays Majuli Ferry Services

Majuli: Ferry services in Majuli were severely disrupted on Wednesday morning due to dense fog, affecting travel between the island and the mainland. The Inland Water Transport (IWT) department has suspended operations from the Majuli off-ramp until conditions improve, prioritising passenger safety.

Ferry operators and passengers faced difficulties navigating through the thick fog, which reduced visibility and increased the risk of accidents. "Today's fog is the heaviest we have experienced this year," said one ferry operator. "At times, it becomes unclear, and there is a real risk of collision, so we had to halt services."

Tezpur University Postpones End-Term Exams as Student Movement Intensifies

Tezpur: In an unprecedented move, Tezpur University has announced the reshuffling of its end-term examinations amid a spiralling student-led movement against alleged corruption and misgovernance. This is the first time in its history that academic schedules, more so end-of-term assessments, have been officially revised due to campus-wide unrest. The protests, which began in September, have escalated over the past few days, bringing almost all academic and administrative activities to a grinding halt.



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- Chicken Item
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- Biryani
- Pasta
- Fried Rice
- Roll
- Mutton Item
- Paneer
- Pakora
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