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## Chief Minister's Jeevan Prerona Scheme to restart in the first week of September



**Guwahati:** Based on a directive from the Supreme Court of India, the State Government has taken a new decision regarding the mandatory police verification for government jobs. Addressing the decisions taken at a cabinet meeting held at Lok Seva Bhawan, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that from now on, the police verification report for a government job must be submitted within six months of appointment. The job will remain provisional until the police verification report is submitted. However, if the police do not submit the verification report within six months, the job will be regularized automatically. He also said that the cabinet has decided to exempt small tea growers from agricultural income tax. From now on, tea growers earning up to Rs 10 lakh annually will not have to pay agricultural income tax. For the construction of the proposed satellite city near Guwahati Airport, the cabinet approved the release *see page 7*

## Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma Reviews Post-Flood Situation in Upper Assam via Video Conference

**Amrit Kumar Sharma, Sivasagar :** On 10th August, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma held a video conference meeting with the Commissioners of Sivasagar, Charaideo, Golaghat and Jorhat districts of Upper Assam to take stock of the post-flood situation. With the water level of the floods receding, the focus has now shifted from relief to rehabilitation and reconstruction. Through the meeting, CM Dr. Sarma directed the district administrations to ensure timely delivery of government assistance to ev-

ery affected family through Aadhaar verification. He also laid emphasis on providing necessary assistance quickly to Anganwadi centers damaged due to the floods. It may be mentioned that from standing firmly by the flood-affected people during such a crisis to now leading rehabilitation and reconstruction, everything is progressing smoothly under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. The flood-affected people have expressed satisfaction with this.

## Distribution of 2,000 'Ashi' seedling trays among flood-affected farmers

Led by farmer leader Ranjit Kumar Bhattacharya



**Ramen Bharali, Bongsor :** In the aftermath of the recent devastating floods that wreaked havoc in three districts of Upper Assam, the Assam State

Kisan Morcha of the Bharatiya Janata Party has come forward to help with the rehabilitation and support of the affected farmers. On 10th August, at the historic Tengapukhuri in Mahmora Assembly Constituency of Charaideo district, under the initiative of the Assam State Kisan Morcha and led by farmer leader Ranjit Kumar Bhattacharya, 2,000 'Ashi' seedling trays were distributed among flood-affected farmers. The team also held direct interactions with the flood-affected people and distributed relief materials. *see page 7*

## Flood relief assistance from Pride East Entertainments Private Limited to the flood victims



**Ramen Bharali, Bangsar :** A commendable initiative by Pride East Entertainments Private Limited aimed at rebuilding the infrastructure of flood-ravaged schools in Upper Assam and facilitating the educational journey of students. The Pride East Group has played an important role in *see page 7*

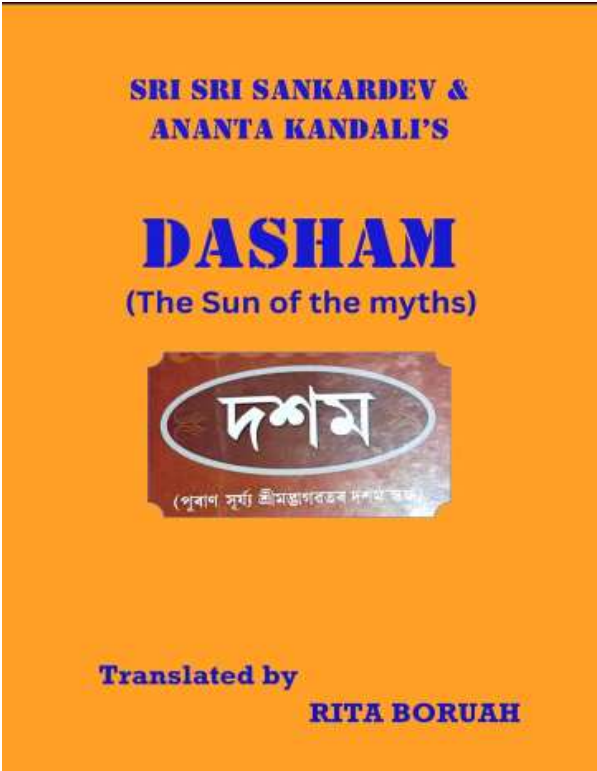
## OSD Hemanta Choudhury, launches flood relief distribution for victim district



**Ramen Bharali, Bongsor:** During times of disaster, just expressing sympathy is not enough. What is needed is to stand beside people and *see page 7*



Srimadvagawata, Dasham,  
Canto the tenth  
Part-44 Advice



O the assemblers, listen  
Beyond Madhava, there is no server  
Krishna Himself is ardent server of His devotees  
There is no wise who does not worship Krishna.  
O observe, how does Madhava play  
Which is not within the reach of the Supreme Reality.  
The omnipresent Lord, who resides within every soul  
and is the ultimate consumer of all sacrificial offerings,  
Is now sitting and eating food with the common shepherd children.  
Where else will you find such a merciful Lord?  
Knowing this, make the feet of Lord Krishna your ultimate refuge.  
Through Him, a person easily attains Dharma (righteousness), Artha (wealth), Kama (desires), and Moksha (liberation);  
Otherwise, this human birth, which is like a wish-fulfilling jewel, will slip away right out of your hands.  
In this current age of Kali, all classes of people have intermingled and become indistinguishable, (losing their distinct ethical paths). Without chanting the name of Lord Hari, There is absolutely no other way to find salvation.  
The minds of the people in the Koli age are profoundly impure and polluted;  
No other religious practice or ritual can ever provide them liberation.  
The man, who ever spells just four letters,  
Rama with sincere heart,  
Only that person can have his salvation in the least.  
Only that person crosses the dreadful dangers of this worldly existence,  
Effortlessly and happily attaining the treasure of salvation.  
The supreme fruit that was achieved in the Satya Yuga through meditation,  
And by worshipping Hari through grand sacrifices in the Treta Yuga.  
The fruit that can be achieved through worship in Dwapara  
All that fruit can be found by chanting Hari's name in Koli Yuga.  
This material world is extremely terrible, but by taking Whose name one crosses over it; Sankara composed this, urging everyone to loudly chant "Hari, Hari."

■ Rita Boruah  
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Dibrugarh Trust for Humanity  
Provides Flood Relief

**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** The humanitarian organization Trust for Humanity of Dibrugarh distributed flood relief among more than 100 flood-affected people in Bihubar and its adjoining flood-hit areas of Sivasagar district. The organization began its relief mission on the morning of August 8 from Panchali Babuwa Mill in Dibrugarh and travelled to the interior areas of Sivasagar district, including Hiloni and Bihubar, where it distributed food supplies and drinking water to flood-affected families. In addition, several families were provided with essential kitchen items, utensils, and other basic necessities required



for daily living. The members of the relief distribution team were Imtiyaz Ahmed, Mohibul Hussain, Mohammad Mustafa, Ali Hussain, Iftikhar Khan, Sazzad Ansari, Sakib Hussain, Ersad Hussain, Firoz Ansari, Hazrat Ali, Rashid Ali, Abubakkar Ahmed, and Nizam Ahmed.

Nalbari youths take on PWD, clean  
overgrown roadside vegetation

**Nalbari :** In an apparent challenge to the Nalbari Public Works Department (PWD), a group of local youths came forward to clean the thick vegetation that had overgrown along both sides of a road in the district. The incident took place along the NH-27 to Bilpar Amartal Chowk connecting road, under the Ghagrapar revenue circle. Frustrated by the prolonged neglect of the roadside vegetation, a section of conscious youths from the village took up machetes, spades, and other tools and cleared the jungle themselves. The cleanliness drive was organised by the Ma Mahamaya Samiti of Bilpar Paschim Chuburi, which undertook the task of cutting and clearing the dense vegetation from both sides of the road connecting Bilpar Amartal with National Highway 27. According to locals, the thick vegetation had created serious difficulties for people using the road. School students, women, pedestrians, and motorists had reportedly been facing considerable inconvenience while commuting through the stretch due to the overgrown bushes and vegetation.



Residents claimed that they had repeatedly approached the concerned officials and employees of the Nalbari PWD, requesting them to address the issue. However, they alleged that their appeals received little attention, forcing the local youths to take up the work themselves. The voluntary labour was carried out under the supervision of Suman Deka, Secretary of Ma Mahamaya Samiti. Local youths including Gautam Deka, Ankur Deka, Mrinmoy Deka, Hirak Choudhury, Sushanta Deka, Tapan Deka, Pranjit Bhuyan, and Tinku Deka, among others, participated in the cleaning drive.

Nalbari Launches District-  
Wide Deworming Campaign  
Under National Health Mission

**Nalbari :** The National Deworming Programme was launched in Nalbari on Monday under the initiative of the National Health Mission, Nalbari. The inaugural programme was organised at Balikaria Basudev Vidyapith, where Additional District Commissioner (Health) Kaustav Kalita attended as the chief guest and administered deworming tablets to three students of the school. The programme will cover all children and

adolescents aged between 1 and 19 years across the district. The National Deworming Programme, which will continue till August 17, will provide deworming tablets to school-going children at their respective schools. ASHA and Anganwadi workers will also distribute the tablets to children aged 1-19 years through all Anganwadi centres and during household visits to ensure that children across the district are dewormed.

# Two Hundred Years of Yandabo

## A Treaty, a Turning Point

■ **Satyabrat Borah**

As the bicentenary of the Treaty of Yandaboo approaches, Assam finds itself standing at a quiet but deeply significant historical threshold. Two hundred years ago, a single treaty signed far away from the soil of Assam altered the course of its destiny forever. The Treaty of Yandaboo was not just a diplomatic document that ended a war between the British East India Company and Burma. It was a turning point that pushed Assam out of nearly six centuries of political independence and into the long, complex experience of colonial rule. Looking back today, it becomes clear that this treaty reshaped not only the political map of the region but also the confidence, identity, and historical momentum of an entire people.

Before 1826, Assam had existed for centuries as a distinct political and cultural space under Ahom rule. The Ahoms, who had established their kingdom in the thirteenth century under the leadership of Chaolung Sukapha, gradually built a state that was deeply rooted in the land and its people. Their rule was not merely administrative or military in nature. It evolved as a social and cultural system that accommodated local customs, languages, and traditions. Over time, the Ahoms adopted Assamese language and culture, forging a shared identity with the indigenous population. Religious tolerance, social balance, and the inclusion of diverse communities into the state structure became defining features of Ahom governance. For nearly six hundred years, Assam resisted repeated external invasions and maintained its sovereignty with remarkable resilience.

Yet history often turns not only on external threats but also on internal weaknesses. By the late eighteenth century, the Ahom state had begun to show signs of deep internal strain. The Moamoria rebellion shook the foundations of the kingdom, weakening its administrative

and military strength. Prolonged civil conflicts, court intrigues, and power struggles eroded the authority of the monarchy. Decision-making became short-sighted and fragmented. The unity that had once allowed the Ahoms to repel powerful invaders slowly gave way to distrust and division. It was in this moment of vulnerability that Assam became exposed to forces far beyond its control.

Taking advantage of Assam's internal turmoil, Burmese forces repeatedly invaded the region in the early nineteenth century. These invasions left deep scars on the collective memory of the Assamese people. Villages were destroyed, temples desecrated, and countless lives lost to violence, displacement, and fear. The Burmese occupation was marked by extreme brutality, and even today, stories of that period evoke a sense of horror and trauma. Faced with the inability to protect their kingdom, sections of the Ahom ruling elite turned to the British East India Company for military assistance. At that moment, seeking British help may have seemed like a necessary and unavoidable choice, a desperate attempt to escape immediate annihilation. However, history would soon reveal the heavy price of that decision.

The British intervention in the Anglo-Burmese War led to the defeat of Burmese forces. But victory did not restore Assam's independence. Instead, it paved the way for colonial control. On 24 February 1826, the Treaty of Yandaboo was signed between the British East India Company and the Burmese kingdom. Assam, which had already suffered immense devastation, was transferred to British authority without any consultation with its people. The Assamese had no voice at the negotiating table. Their land, their political future, and their sovereignty were decided by distant powers pursuing their own strategic interests.

With the signing of the treaty, Assam was abruptly transformed from an independent kingdom into a colonial possession. This shift marked

the end of a long tradition of self-rule and the beginning of an uncertain new chapter. British rule brought with it profound changes to Assam's political, economic, and social life. Some of these changes were presented as reforms or progress, but beneath them lay the logic of colonial exploitation.

To the British, Assam was primarily valuable as a resource-rich territory. Its fertile land, forests, oil reserves, and especially its potential for tea cultivation made it strategically and economically attractive. The development of tea plantations did create a new economic landscape, but the benefits were unevenly distributed. Large tracts of land were taken over for plantations, often displacing local communities. Labour was brought in from outside the region under harsh conditions, creating new social tensions. Local farmers found their landholdings shrinking, while changes in land revenue systems pushed many into debt and poverty. Assam's economy was increasingly shaped to serve imperial interests rather than local needs.

Colonial rule also brought significant social and cultural transformations. Western education was introduced, giving rise to a new educated middle class. This exposure to modern ideas encouraged rational thought, scientific temper, and eventually political awareness. At the same time, however, colonial policies often undermined local languages and traditions. In the early years of British administration, Assamese was denied recognition as a separate language and was replaced by Bengali in official and educational settings. This decision deeply hurt Assamese society, creating a crisis of linguistic and cultural self-respect. Language, which had long been a pillar of Assamese identity, suddenly became a site of struggle.

The response to this cultural marginalisation laid the foundation for a powerful intellectual and cultural awakening. From the late nineteenth

century onwards, Assamese thinkers, writers, and reformers began to assert the distinctiveness of their language and culture. Figures such as Anandaram Dhekial Phukan, Hemchandra Barua, and later Lakshminath Bezbaroa played crucial roles in reviving Assamese literature and shaping modern Assamese identity. Literary movements, language campaigns, and cultural initiatives helped restore confidence and pride among the people. In an indirect yet profound way, the colonial experience initiated by the Treaty of Yandaboo forced Assamese society to reflect on itself and articulate its identity in modern terms.

As the bicentenary of the treaty draws near, it becomes evident that the legacy of Yandaboo extends far beyond the nineteenth century. Many of the political and economic structures introduced during colonial rule continue to influence Assam today. Questions surrounding land rights, resource control, migration, and centre-state relations have roots in policies framed during the colonial period. Administrative boundaries, legal frameworks, and governance models created by the British still shape the functioning of the state in various ways.

The Treaty of Yandaboo should therefore not be remembered solely as a moment of defeat or loss. While it undeniably represents a painful rupture in Assam's history, it also serves as a powerful lesson. It reveals how internal disunity and lack of long-term vision can weaken even the strongest of states. The fall of the Ahom kingdom was not caused only by external aggression but also by internal fragmentation. This lesson remains deeply relevant in the present, reminding society of the importance of unity, foresight, and collective responsibility.

At the same time, the treaty reminds us that a nation's history is not built only on moments of glory. Defeat, suffering, and struggle are equally part of the historical journey. Understanding these chapters honestly allows a society to grow *see page 7*



## Minister Pijush Hazarika Reviews Fertiliser Availability and Oil Palm Mission in Assam



**Dispur :** Assam Agriculture Minister Pijush Hazarika today chaired two review meetings at office conference room at Janata Bhawan to assess the availability and distribution of fertilisers in the state and review the progress of the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) for the financial year 2026–27. During the meeting on fertiliser availability, the Minister held detailed discussions with senior officials of the Agriculture Department on measures to ensure adequate and timely availability of fertilisers to farmers across the state. The meeting discussed the existing 12 rake points through which fertilisers are brought into Assam. Shri Hazarika emphasised the need to increase the number of rake points to facilitate faster and smoother transportation and distribution of fertilisers. He stated that the matter would be taken up with the concerned

Central Ministry. Representatives of all nine fertiliser companies operating in Assam were directed to ensure adequate availability of fertilisers and prevent shortages, particularly during the cropping season. The Minister also stressed the need to ensure that farmers receive fertilisers at the genuine prices. The meeting further discussed measures to check overcharging and black marketing of fertilisers. Shri Hazarika directed the Agriculture Department to strengthen monitoring and take strict action against any malpractice affecting farmers. The Department was also asked to examine feasible measures to give due preference to locally produced fertilisers, with a view to strengthening local production and improving availability within the state. In the second meeting, the Minister reviewed the progress of the National Mission on Edible Oils –

Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) for FY 2026–27. The month-wise targets and achievements under the mission were reviewed, and the concerned companies were directed to accelerate oil palm plantation activities and improve their performance. District Agriculture Officers from across the state also participated in the review through video conference. Shri Hazarika directed them to discharge their responsibilities effectively, ensure proper field-level implementation of the programme, and make farmers aware of the benefits and support available under the oil palm initiative. The Minister emphasised that Assam has an important role to play in contributing towards the country's goal of self-sufficiency in edible oils. He urged all stakeholders to work in close coordination and ensure timely implementation of the mission so that its benefits reach farmers effectively. The Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture; Director of Agriculture; senior departmental officials; District Agriculture Officers; and representatives of all nine fertiliser and concerned oil palm companies participated in the respective review meetings.

## Tezpur Launches 'Har Ghar Tiranga-2026' with Tricolour Rangoli and Mass 'Vande Mataram' Singing

**Tezpur :** As part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga-2026' celebrations marking the 80th Independence Day of the nation, a series of programmes were organised at Ananda Chandra Agarwalla Park, Tezpur, on Tuesday by the Sonitpur district administration. The day's programmes commenced with the preparation of a tricolour Rangoli based on the theme 'Vande Mataram' at 2:30 pm in the presence of District Commissioner, Sonitpur,

Ananda Kumar Das, and other officials of the district administration. Students, teachers, Civil Defence personnel, members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under ASRLM and NULM, along with noted artistes of Tezpur, participated in the Rangoli preparation. Subsequently, a mass singing programme of 'Vande Mataram,' coordinated by the Office of the Cultural Development Officer, Sonitpur, was organised at 4:00 pm at the park.

## Akashvani Dibrugarh Cluster Continues Second Flood Relief Drive

### Field-Based Broadcast Programme in Sivasagar



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** As part of its ongoing humanitarian service for flood-affected people, the Akashvani Dibrugarh Cluster participated in its second flood relief programme at Nepalikhuti in Sivasagar district. The programme was attended by Cluster Head K. K. Rengma and Indira Morang, Head of Programme, Akashvani Dibrugarh. The primary objective of the relief initiative was to extend assistance to people affected by the recent floods and to express solidarity with them during this difficult period. The Akashvani Dibrugarh Cluster also reiterated its commitment to standing by the people during times of crisis and natural disasters. Alongside the distribution of relief materials, Akashvani Dibrugarh conducted off-broadcast field recordings in Nepalikhuti the area worst affected by the floods as well as in various locations in and around the Nazira subdivision. Through these field-based recordings, the team documented the real-life experiences, hardships, and voices of flood-affected residents, with the aim of bringing their stories to a wider audience through radio broadcasts. The recording programme was led by Indira Morang, Head of Programme, Akashvani Dibrugarh, and was attended by Transmission Executives Jintu Chetia and Santosh Thakur. Through such field-based initiatives, Akashvani Dibrugarh continues to strengthen its bond with the public while providing a platform to amplify the experiences, concerns, and demands of the affected communities before the wider society.

## Assam Rifles celebrates 150 years of 'Vande Mataram' at Lokra

**Jamugurihat :** Assam Rifles commemorated 150 years of the national song, 'Vande Mataram,' with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour by organizing a mass singing event and a drawing competition at Assam Rifles High School, Lokra, on Tuesday. The event witnessed active participation from students and teachers, who came together to pay tribute to the timeless spirit of 'Vande Mataram,' a song that played a significant role in India's freedom movement and continues to inspire generations with its message of unity and devotion to the nation.



# Sonowal Sahitya Sabha Resolves to Promote ‘Sonowalmiz’ in Dibrugarh



**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** The Sonowal Kachari Sahitya Sabha has resolved to promote the Sonowalmiz language by publishing books, organizing poets' meets, seminars, and discussion forums to enrich and develop the language. It also plans to hold various competitions for the younger generation. With this objective, the Sabha's president, Mohan Sonowal, appealed to all literary enthusiasts of the Sonowal Kachari community to intensify research and literary activities in Sonowalmiz. Speaking at an extended executive committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Mohan Sonowal at the premises of the Greater Dibrugarh Khringkhing Baithou Temple, the Sabha's founding president and noted litterateur Guneshwar Sonowal, a retired pensioner, said that there is no indigenous community without its own language. While acknowledging that literary works are produced in standard Assamese, he stressed the need to cultivate and enrich

Sonowalmiz through regular use and literary activities. According to him, modern songs are the most effective medium for making a language popular. Stating that this is an achievable goal, he handed over to the Sabha a manuscript containing forty modern songs written in Sonowalmiz for publication. At the meeting, Chief Editor Mridul Sonowal explained the objectives of the gathering. Representing the Sonowal Kachari History Compilation Committee, Joint Editor Dr. Nitumoni Saikia presented a progress report and sought the cooperation of all concerned. Publication Secretary Ratan Hazarika informed the gathering about plans to publish books on the history of Sonowal Kachari villages, biographies of distinguished Sonowal Kacharis, agriculture and entrepreneurship, as well as various literary works in the Sonowalmiz language. Another Joint Editor, Dr. Tulsi Sonowal, updated the attendees on the progress of preparing a grammar book, dictionary, and other language-

related publications undertaken by the Sabha. The meeting also adopted several resolutions to strengthen the organization. It decided to organize a Sonowalmiz Poets' Meet after the monsoon and to hold a National Seminar on Sonowal Language and Culture at Moran College. In addition, the Sabha resolved to extend necessary assistance at the earliest to people affected by the recent devastating human-induced floods in Upper Assam. During the meeting, Dr. Nitumoni Saikia Bora of Dibrugarh, Umesh Sonowal of Behpuria, Bhaskar Sonowal of Morichapathar, Shyamal Sonowal of Arunachal Pradesh, and Shiva Sonowal of Charaideo were inducted and administered the oath as members of the Sabha's Central Executive Committee. Representatives from the Sabha's units in Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Dhemaji, Changlang and Namsai (Arunachal Pradesh), Sivasagar, and Charaideo districts also addressed the meeting. Among those present were advisers Dr. Satish Chandra Bora, Ahindra Saikia, Heramba Prasad Das, vice-presidents Dr. Lab Ram Sonowal, Sumanta Bora, Monideepa Lalowari, along with a large number of office-bearers and executive committee members.

# Mega health camp in Shivsagar district successfully concluded



**Lakhya jyoti Bora :** Assam Ayurvedic Practitioners Association organized a mega health camp last 4, 5 & 6 august in Nazira, Shibsagar district . A total of 17 doctors and staff including experienced doctors Dr. Amdadul Islam, Dr. Chaklin Mushtaq, Dr. Rahimul, Dr. Mehboob, Dr. Bhawanur, Dr. Zuber, Dr. Fahim, Dr. Rafizur, Dr. Nazrul, Dr. Jahangir, pharmacist Mehraj, Ikram and others free treatment“provides .. The camp provided free medicines to the patients for general health check-ups, high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases. Therefore, it is necessary to take measures to ensure that the free medical services are provided to more than 3,000 people. District administration and public thanked to authority and everyone present for successful implementation of the programme .

# Rhythm, Discipline and National Spirit: 222 Students Complete Ghosh Training in Assam.

**Pankaj Nath :** As many as 222 students from 16 Niketans under four Sankuls of the Guwahati Bibhag participated in a four-day residential Ghosh training camp organised by Shishu Shiksha Samiti, Assam, from August 8 to 11, at Janajati Chhatrawas, Maligaon, Guwahati, Assam . During the camp, students were imparted systematic training in Ghosh, beginning with the fundamentals of traditional musical instruments and progressing to various Ghosh compositions. Special emphasis was laid on developing discipline, concentration, teamwork, punctuality and a sense of national responsibility among the participants. The camp followed a structured daily schedule from 4.30 am to 10 pm. Besides Ghosh training, students participated in various physical, intellectual and value-based activities. The concluding ceremony was attended by Vidya Bharati Purvottar Kshetra Sangathan Mantri Dr. Pawan Tiwari, Purvottar Kshetra General Secretary Dr. Jagadindra Ray Choudhury, Madhya Guwahati MLA Vijay Gupta and the Kshetra Sharirik Sanyojak, among others. Shishu Shiksha Samiti, Assam, Prachar Sanyojak Mukuteswar Goswami said the students presented an impressive demonstration of their training and collective Ghosh performance at the concluding programme. The dignitaries appreciated the students for their discipline, dedication and performance, and encouraged them to continue learning and utilise their talents in the larger interest of the nation.

# Founder of Dibrugarh's Jyotirupa, Cultural Activist and Retired Employee Hemen Bordoloi Passes Away

**M Hashim Ali, Dibrugarh :** Hemen Bordoloi (popularly known as Kanu), a resident of Guard Para in Dibrugarh, a retired government employee, founder of the cultural organisation Jyotirupa, and a noted cultural activist, passed away last night due to age-related ailments. He was 84. A dedicated employee of the Inland Water Transport Department of the Assam Govt, Hemen Bordoloi was born in Dibrugarh on March 1, 1942. He was one of the founding members of Jyotirupa, one of Dibrugarh's most popular socio- cultural organisations. Various organisations and institutions have expressed profound grief over his demise and conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. He is survived by his only son, cultural activist Nilabh Nayan Bordoloi, his daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law, granddaughter, friends, and many other relatives. His last rites were performed today at the Chiring Chapori Crematorium in Dibrugarh in the presence of a large number of admirers and well-wishers.



## Video Journalist Found Dead Under Mysterious Circumstances in Hatigaon

**Guwahati:** A video journalist was found dead under mysterious circumstances at a rented house in Sewali Path, Hatigaon area of Guwahati, raising concerns about the circumstances surrounding his death. The deceased has been identified as Dipu Choudhury, who was reportedly working with a private satellite television channel. Dipu Choudhury was a resident of Pathsala and was staying in Guwahati for work. As per Dipu's Colleague he was a hard workingman and career oriented man. As per available the information today, Choudhury's body was recovered from his rented accommodation in the Sewali Path. The circumstances leading to his death remain unclear. After the necessary procedure, the Hatigaon police team are expected to conduct an investigation to determine the exact cause of death and establish the circumstances



surrounding the incident. The body is likely to be sent for a post-mortem examination, which may help the police to confirm the cause of death.

## POCSO Case In Tinsukia, Accused Sent To Judicial Custody

**Guwahati:** A 37-year-old man arrested in connection with an alleged trafficking and exploitation case involving minor girls in Tinsukia district was sent to judicial custody on Monday after completing three days in police remand. Tushar Goyal was produced before Special POCSO Judge Mohammad Imdad Ahmad following the completion of his custodial interrogation. The court subsequently remanded him to judicial custody. Goyal was arrested in connection with Tinsukia Sadar Police Station Case No. 1060/2026. The case has been registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual

Offences (POCSO) Act. Investigators have identified Goyal as an alleged customer and are examining his suspected links with others arrested in the case. His police remand was granted to enable investigators to question him and ascertain his alleged role in the suspected network. Police have so far arrested seven people and rescued four minor girls from different parts of the district, according to sources. The girls were allegedly lured with promises of education and employment before being brought into the suspected network. Police are examining how the minors were allegedly recruited, transported and accommodated, while also probing possible links to hotels and other establishments.

## Digboi College takes major stride in professional education with ITEP launch

**Digboi :** Digboi College (Autonomous) on Tuesday marked a significant milestone in its academic journey with the ceremonial inauguration of its four-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP), comprising BSc-Ed and BA-Ed courses, along with the inauguration of its newly constructed class building. The ITEP was inaugurated by Prof Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Chairperson of the Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), at the newly constructed library building of the college. The occasion also marked the formal inauguration of the new class building, with Prof Mahanta and other dignitaries lighting the ceremonial lamps to mark

the beginning of a new academic phase for the institution. Addressing the gathering as chief guest, Prof Mahanta highlighted the evolving trajectory of education and called upon students to look beyond merely acquiring degree certificates, stressing the importance of professional education, technical competence, and skills relevant to emerging needs. He observed that Digboi-Margherita, being a strategically located border region, needs greater opportunities and platforms for its students to pursue need-based technical and professional qualifications. Such initiatives, he said, would enable young people to acquire practical skills and better prepare themselves for future challenges.

## Rotary Club Dibrugarh distributes Relief in Flood-hit Sivasagar

**Dibrugarh :** The Rotary Club of Dibrugarh on Sunday visited Maut Gaon in Sivasagar district, which was severely affected by the recent flood. About 250 beneficiaries were provided stainless steel utensils and other items. Special packets were prepared for the nutrition of pregnant and lactating mothers, and floor mats were also provided to them. The distribution programme was conducted in the premises of Nine Story Foundation, headed by Rajiv Borgohain. Debojit Tanti, who displayed extraordinary courage by rescuing six people, including children, from raging floodwaters, was felicitated in the programme by Amit Jasrasariya, President of Rotary Club of Dibrugarh, while a token of appreciation was presented to him by PDG Kalpana Khound.

## Dima Hasao bans roadside cooking, littering at public places

**Halflong :** The Dima Hasao district administration has imposed restrictions on cooking and preparing food at roadside locations, viewpoints, lay-bys, open spaces, and other public places across the district, citing environmental concerns, public safety, and the risk of fire. In an order issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, District Magistrate and Chairman of the District Road Safety Committee, Gayatri Devidas Hyalinge, prohibited the use of LPG cylinders, kerosene and charcoal stoves, firewood, barbeque grills, and other cooking or heating appliances at such locations. The order particularly covers the Manderdisa-Harangajao stretch of NH-27 (East-West Corridor) and the Mahur-Hangrum stretch of NH-137, besides other public roads and places in Dima Hasao. According to the administration, roadside cooking by tourists and visitors has led to indiscriminate dumping of food waste, plastic, bottles, disposable plates, and packaging materials.

## Workers' unions rally in Bongaigaon demanding relief from soaring prices and stronger labour rights

**Bongaigaon :** Trade union workers, including members of the CITU, AIKS, and AKSU, staged a protest in Bongaigaon on Monday against the rising prices of essential commodities and fuel, and anti-worker policies of the government. The protest rally started from Bongaigaon railway station and moved through the town to end in front of the DC office of Bongaigaon. The protesters, carrying red flags and banners, raised slogans demanding immediate relief for workers and measures to control the rising cost of living. They also called for stronger social security measures and protection of workers' rights, alleging that existing policies were placing an increasing burden on working-class families.



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## Distribution of 2,000 ‘Ashi’ seedling trays among flood-affected

At the beginning of the program, farmer leader Ranjit Kumar Bhattacharya had a detailed discussion about the urgent needs and various problems faced by local farmers who had lost their crops and assets and were left directionless due to the floods. With the aim of ensuring crop production in the fields again after the floods and making the farmers self-reliant, special initiatives were taken by the Kisan Morcha. In addition to distributing 2,000 ‘Ashi’ seedling trays among the flood-affected farmers, farmer leader Ranjit Kumar Bhattacharya personally planted some seedlings in the field and specially encouraged the farmers present there. To ease the daily hardships of flood-hit families, a relief distribution program was also carried out through a joint initiative of the Kisan Morcha and the youth volunteers of Jalukbari Constituency. Under this program, essential daily-use utensils and other relief materials were distributed among 250 flood-affected families in the area. Present and leading the entire program were Pankaj Borbora, State President of the BJP Kisan Morcha, and Ranjit Bhattacharya, Assam State General Secretary. Suraj Dihingia, MLA of Mahmora Constituency, was also present. The MLA participated in the program, interacted with the local farming community, and assured them that the party and the government would always stand by them during times of disaster, thereby motivating the farming community. The leadership stated that the Kisan Morcha will always work to resolve every problem faced by the farming community, and such service-oriented programs will continue in flood-affected areas in the future as well. Also present at the event were Kisan Morcha State General Secretary Sanjeev Bora, State Vice-Presidents Nibaran Lahkar, Nipon Nath, Shyamal Saikia (EM Tengal Kachari), State Kisan Morcha Secretaries Hardeep Choudhury, Dibyalata Baishya, Bishwajit Basak, Pankaj Boruah; State Kisan Morcha members Anupal Kalita, Pabitra Saikia, Ankur Dutta, Porag Mudoi, Hemanta Bora, Alokesh Kalita, Anurag Rajkhowa, Kabindra Deka, Bonita Das, Ram Babu Sikdar, Pranjal Sharma, Bonita Kalita, along with local party officials and more than fifty party workers and local people.

## OSD Hemanta Choudhury, launches flood relief distribution

extend a helping hand. Keeping this great objective in mind, on 9th August, Hemanta Choudhury – Officer on Special Duty to Assam’s greatest Chief Minister of all time Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, a compassionate and people-centric personality – formally flagged off "Manabotar Jatra" on behalf of Jalukbari Constituency for distribution of flood relief materials to three districts of Upper Assam. Under this initiative titled "Manabotar Jatra", essential daily-use items along with medicines, students’ books and other materials have been sent to reach the flood-affected people of three districts of Upper Assam.

## Chief Minister’s Jeevan Prerona

of Rs 2,100 crore out of the required Rs 5,000 crore for land acquisition. Mentioning that the Chief Minister’s Jeevan Prerona Scheme will restart from the first week of September, the Chief Minister said the cabinet has approved Rs 118.58 crore for implementation of the scheme. He further said that from now on, panchayats in the state will be allowed to undertake only 5 types of work. If any panchayat wishes to take up any work beyond these, it will have to take approval from the concerned District Commissioner. The 5 designated works are: 1. Construction of interlocking paver block roads 2. Construction of special markets for women 3. Construction of boundary walls for school premises 4. Construction of crematoriums 5. Setting up of gyms or wellness centers.

## Flood relief assistance from Pride East Entertainments Private Limited to the

rebuilding the education sector in flood-affected areas by providing financial assistance totaling 1 crore rupees to 20 schools in the Nazira and Demow constituencies. As part of this, on August 12, Pride East CMD Riniki Bhuyan Sharma presented cheques worth 5 lakh rupees to 5 flood-affected schools in the Demow constituency. Flood devastation may damage school infrastructure, but it can never halt the dream of education. This humanitarian effort for the bright future of students is truly inspiring.

# Erosion-hit Residents Block NH-15 at Bihaguri Daily Market

**Tezpur :** Residents affected by Brahmaputra erosion staged a road blockade on National Highway-15 near Bihaguri Daily Market on Tuesday, demanding urgent measures to protect their homes and agricultural land. The protest began around 11 am, with residents of several affected villages joining the blockade. Locals said erosion had completely wiped out Jharani village and destroyed nearly 80 per cent of Tinikharia village, while large areas of agricultural land in Berenga Pathar had also been washed away. Residents alleged that despite repeated appeals, no permanent protection measures had been implemented. They said the Brahmaputra had reached close to Barakata Beel, raising fears of further erosion in the Bihaguri area. The affected families said they had lost ancestral land and livelihoods, while some agricultural areas had been covered with flood-borne silt. They also expressed resentment over the absence of an embankment in the greater Bihaguri area.

## Humanitarian support reaches 300 flood-affected households in Jorhat

**Jorhat :** Humanitarian assistance reached 300 flood-affected households in No. 1 Jonaki Mandal Gaon of Titabar Assembly constituency in Jorhat, providing essential hygiene kits and dignity kits to families affected by the recent floods. The humanitarian response was supported by Salesforce and implemented by Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children) in coordination with local government authorities, community representatives, technical institutions, and community volunteers. The intervention aimed to address the immediate hygiene, health, and dignity needs of vulnerable flood-affected families and support their recovery.

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## Two Hundred Years of Yandabo : A Treaty, a Turning Point

stronger and wiser. The colonial period that followed Yandaboo also gave rise to resistance, reform, and the eventual aspiration for freedom. The growth of national consciousness, the defence of language and culture, and the desire for self-determination can all be traced, in part, to the disruptions caused by colonial rule.

For today’s generation, the Treaty of Yandaboo should not remain confined to textbooks or academic discussions. It should be engaged with as a living history that continues to shape the present. It reminds us that freedom is never easily won, and once achieved, it must be carefully protected. Two hundred years later, the shadow of Yandaboo still lingers over Assam, but within that shadow lies the opportunity to draw strength, clarity, and purpose from the past. If the lessons of history are understood with honesty and humility, the pain associated with Yandaboo can be transformed into a source of collective wisdom. By respecting the past, acknowledging historical truths, and remaining committed to justice, unity, and dignity, Assam can ensure that the memory of the treaty serves not as a symbol of helplessness but as a reminder of resilience. In this deeper understanding lies the true meaning of marking two hundred years since the Treaty of Yandaboo.



## Meeting on Child Marriage-Free Assam holds in Nagaon



**Pankaj Nath :** A meeting on Child Marriage-Free Assam was held at the DC Conference Hall in Nagaon, Assam on Wednesday to strengthen collective efforts towards preventing child marriage. The meeting focused on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, its legal provisions and penal consequences. The roles and responsibilities of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPOs) were discussed, with emphasis on timely

reporting, verification and follow-up of cases. The importance of close coordination among the DCPO, CMPOs, Police, BDOs and village-level stakeholders was highlighted. Strengthening awareness, activating committees at the grassroots level and focusing on rural and vulnerable areas were also discussed. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to ensure stronger community participation, timely inter-

vention and sustained monitoring towards making villages, districts and ultimately Assam free from child marriage. The meeting was attended by Sikha Nath, Asst. Commissioner, Paramita Sarkar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anjali Arya, District Child Protection Officer, BDOs from all blocks of Nagaon, officials from the District Child Protection Unit, and representatives from NEAID and Kosi Lok Manch (NGO). The meeting further discussed about declaring villages as "Child Marriage-Free Villages", which have no reported FIRs or complaints related to child marriage for a specified period, subject to verification. This is an initiative of the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. Of India.

## Two youths killed as car crashes into tree on NH-27 near Rangia

**Rangia :** Two youths were killed on the spot in a tragic road accident, which occurred when the vehicle they were travelling in hit a tree at NH-27, near Bala Bongaon in Rangia on Tuesday. The deceased were identified as Nihar

Dey (21 years) and Debabrata Kundu (21 years, residents of Bongaigaon. According to the Rangia traffic police inspector, Bhabesh Kalita, the driver of the vehicle (AS19Y0780) is suspected to have fallen asleep at the wheel.

## ACHIEVEMENT

**Manoj Deka**, son of Shri Amrit Deka and Smt. Rumi Deka of Malibari, Kamalpur LAC, P.O. Haldha, Kamrup, Assam, has brought immense pride to his family, teachers and locality through his outstanding academic achievement. A brilliant and meritorious student, Manoj completed his Higher Secondary education from Sigma Point Integrated Academy, Baihata Chariali, Kamrup, securing an impressive 91%. Demonstrating his exceptional academic ability, dedication and determination, Manoj appeared for the JEE Main examination and achieved an outstanding 97 percentile in his very first attempt. His remarkable performance has earned him admission to the prestigious National Institute of Technology (NIT) Silchar, where he will pursue Electrical Engineering. His success is a shining example of hard work, discipline and perseverance. Securing admission to NIT Silchar through JEE Main on his first attempt is indeed a remarkable accomplishment and a moment of great joy for his parents, teachers and well-wishers. Manoj's achievement will undoubtedly inspire many young students of Kamrup and Assam to dream big, work hard and strive for excellence. Heartiest congratulations to Manoj Deka on this remarkable achievement. May he continue to excel in his studies and reach greater heights in his academic and professional journey.



— Heramba Nath

## Two Morigaon girls to participate in Sattriya Sanskriti Samaroooh 2026

**Morigaon :** Two emerging little talents, Sikhi Kakati and Jahnabi Goswami of Morigaon Sankari Sangeet Vidyalaya (MSSV), have been nominated for participating in the final round of Sattriya Sanskriti Samaroooh 2026, to be held in Srimanta Sankardev Kristi Sangha-Garmur SaruSatra on December 12, 2026. Both Sikhi Kakati and Jahnabi Goswami showed excellent performances in the North-East Sattriya dance competition organised by Sattriya Sanskriti Charcha aru Gabesana Parishad, Asom, from July 12 to August 9.

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

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