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Chief Minister Dr. Sarma launches first instalment; over 37 lakh women receive DBT assistance across Assam



Dispur : Reaffirming the State Government's commitment to strengthening Assam's

social security net, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today launched the first

disbursement of Orunodoi 3.0 for the financial year 2026-27 by facilitating the transfer of

Orunodoi 3.0 begins FY 2026-27 disbursement

monthly financial assistance to more than 37 lakh women beneficiaries across the State through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

The State-level programme was held at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati, while similar programmes were organised simultaneously

at more than 3,500 locations across Assam, including Gram Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, Village Council Development Committees (VDCs), Village Development Committees (VDCs) and MAC areas.

As a special humanitarian measure, beneficiaries *see page 7*

Chief Minister's Aid Brings Message of Hope, Courage and Compassion to Flood-Hit People

Amrit Kumar Sharma, Sivasagar: As part of the initiatives of Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, one of the most popular and illustrious Chief Ministers of all time who has been tirelessly dedicated day and night to the safety, security and welfare of the people of Assam, the Chief Minister's relief kits were distributed on 3rd August with the help of the Sivasagar District Administration among the flood-affected families of Lorapota village in Chenimara area. At the time of disaster, a helping hand extended with compassion *see page 7*

CM Visits Home of 13-Year-Old Who Died Saving His Beloved Puppy

Sivasagar: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited the family of 13-year-old Hridip Panika in Sivasagar district and offered his condolences after the teenager lost his life while trying to rescue his pet puppy during the recent floods. During his visit to the Panika family's home in Bamun Pukhuri village under Nazira, the Chief Minister met Hridip's parents, Deepak Panika and Parbati Panika, who were overwhelmed with grief over the loss of their only child. Sarma consoled the bereaved family and assured them of all possible government assistance. "I



can help you in every possible way. I will build your house and do everything I can, but I cannot bring your son back." Recalling the tragic incident, Hridip's father, Deepak Panika, *see page 7*

Minister Atul Bora inspects erosion-affected Dhansiri embankment

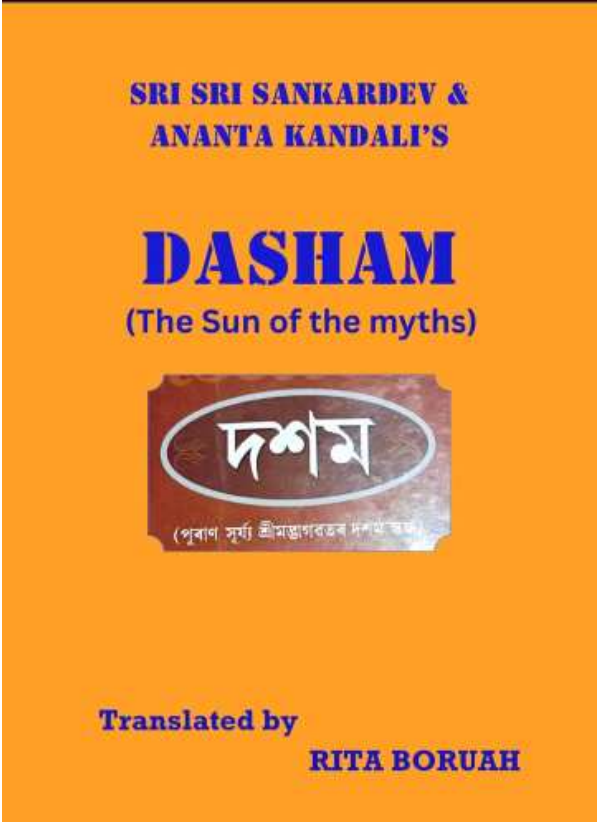


Arindam Bapanash, Bokakhat : Residents of Bhati Singadoria in Kuruwabahi under the Bokakhat co-district have been living in fear for several days as erosion threatened a section of the Dhansiri river embankment. Dissatisfied with the response of the Water Resources Department, local people spent several sleepless nights. Reports of the devastating floods in Sivasagar and Nazira further heightened their anxiety. As the Water Resources Department had taken no action until Saturday *see page 7*

Nirmal Purja and Three Climbers Bodies Recovered from Broad Peak

Guwahati: The Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) has confirmed that the mortal remains of British-Nepali mountaineer Nirmal Purja and three fellow climbers have been recovered from Broad Peak following a challenging high-altitude operation. In an official statement, the ACP said the *see page 7*

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Some others kept meal on a stone,
All the children took their meal in pleasure.
Many others showed their meal by raising their hands
Saying , "Of all,my meal is the most delicious."
Snatching his meal,another ate it,
All laughed aloud having seen it.
Some others stole away all curd and milk and rice,
Some others laughed and made them laugh by making face.
By this way,all children ate with Krishna,
O listen to how His meal was taken by Narayana.
Being the Super God,taking meal openly,
Krishna ate it with pleasure, playing with the cowboys,happily.
Taking His flute in His left hand
Kept the flute Mohan on the wall instant.
Taking fruit by His finger and eating them
He looked at His friends and made a face.
Making all laugh, the Master of the Jadus ate
The gods watched Him from the divine.
Thus,making pleasure, differently
The children ate with concentration to Krishna whole heartedly
All the calves with a greed of grass
Went to the jungle to graze.
Having not seen the calves,
LThe Cowherd boys looked to and fro with "fearful eyes
They wanted to throw away the rice from mouth
Seeing this, Madhava prevented by raising His hands.
"Oh my friends, don't >be fearful and avoid your rice
I will bring back the calves at once.
Comforting all the children,
With a stitch in hand,Gobinda ran.
Alone He went by searching the feet of the cows
Immense places of danger, and the mountain caves.
Being trapped with hedges
Gopal wondered in search of the calves.

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Foundation Day Celebrated
at Sualkuchi Budram-
Madhab Satradhikar College

Pabin Kumar Das, Sualkuchi : The 64th Foundation Day of Sualkuchi Budram-Madhab Satradhikar College, a premier educational institution of Sualkuchi, was successfully celebrated on August 1. The day's events began in the morning with the hoisting of the flag by the college principal, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Kalita. The tribute to the martyrs was offered by Vice-Principal Bhupen Chandra Barman, Teachers' Union President Dr. Pulin Chandra Sharma, and Students' Union President Kuldeep Das. At 11:00 AM, an open session was organized under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. Nihar Ranjan Kalita. The session was inaugurated by Biraj Kumar Das, President of the College Governing Body. Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, Prakash Chandra Das, MLA of the Hajo-Sualkuchi constituency, urged students to focus more on the core purpose and goals of their stu-



dent life. He state. He also remarked that Satras (monasteries), Namghars (prayer halls), and educational institutions are the soul of the nation, and their history must be studied. He added that a nation without education has no stability or progress, urging students the backbone of the country to remain determined to build its future. Distinguished guest Pawan Kumar Agrawal, proprietor of Datamation, unveiled the college's annual magazine, 'Arunabha' He referred to student life as an invaluable asset and noted that only when students fulfill their respon-

sibilities through hard work and perseverance will the true value of the college be realized. Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Chairman of the Eastern Regional Committee of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), was also present at the event. Reminiscing about the joy and memories of the college's Foundation Day, speeches were delivered by former Vice-Principal Dr. Yogesh Deka, Dr. Dipul Kumar Das, Uddipana Das, Naresh Sharma, and Jintu Das. The vote of thanks was offered by Professor Atul Chandra Das.

Tarali Sarma and Rupam Bhuyan Host
a Musical Fundraiser at Gauhati Uni-
versity for Assam Flood Victims

Guwahati: Today, amid the ongoing flood crisis in Assam, renowned Assamese singers Tarali Sarma and Rupam Bhuyan led a fundraising initiative at Gauhati University to support communities affected by the devastating floods. The artists, accompanied by their team, organised a musical fundraising event that drew enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members and well-wishers. The programme aimed to raise financial assistance for flood-hit families while encouraging the university community to stand in solidarity with those affected. Dur-

ing the event, Tarali Sarma and Rupam Bhuyan performed a series of soulful Assamese songs, creating an emotional and inspiring atmosphere. Their performances resonated with the audience, motivating many to make generous contributions towards the relief effort. The initiative highlighted the power of music in bringing people together for a humanitarian cause. The funds raised through the event will be used to provide relief to families in flood-ravaged areas who have lost their homes and livelihoods. The organisers announced that the col-



lected amount would be distributed in the affected regions the following day to ensure timely assistance reaches those most in need. The initiative was widely appreciated as a meaningful contribution to the state's ongoing flood relief efforts.

A Historic Cultural Step: The Success Story of the Kashi Madhava Kandali Ramayana Program



Guptajit Pathak : Under the auspices of the South-East Asia Madhava Kandali Ramayana Milan Sabha of Guwahati, the national seminar of the 2nd National Ayodhyananand Janmotsav-2026 was successfully organized on July 25 at the Centre for Vedic Science, Banaras Hindu University, Kashi, Uttar Pradesh. The organization of this seminar highlighted the narrative of the *Saptakanda Ramayana* composed by the 700-year-old unblemished North Indian regional Assamese language poet, Madhava Kandali, within the premises of an Indian historical university. This step marks a significant milestone in promoting the literary and cultural heritage of the Ramayana in the Indian subcontinent. More importantly, the organization of this event served as a human cultural bridge between the cultural tradition of Assam and the holy city of Kashi, strengthening the ideals of national integration through India’s shared civilizational heritage.

This national-level program was executed based on the overall planning and research of Rajib Hari Kaushik from Kharghuli, Guwahati, who is the national campaigner and organizer of the national mission program of Indian poet Madhava Kandali’s Ramayana. Through Madhava Kandali’s Ramayana, the focus has been placed on introducing the Ramayanic literary, historical, and cultural

contributions to national and international contexts, while also fostering a sense of cultural and academic brotherhood among the regional language Ramayanas of Assam and other states of India. Through efforts toward unity and integration, documentary filmmaker Rajib Hari Kaushik transformed this vision into a nationally recognized academic and cultural platform.

In order to make Assam’s Ramayanic literature popular among Indians, four distinguished personalities from Assam were invited to deliver speeches under the topic “Sita Sendur” at the 3rd National Seminar of the 2nd National Ayodhyananand Janmotsav-2026. Among the invited speakers were Professor Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah, Controller of Examinations, Assam



Skill University, Guwahati; Mr. Guptaajit Pathak, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Geetanagar College, Guwahati; Ganesh Prasad Upadhyay from Silapathar, Dhemaji district; and Dr. Devajani Bhattacharjee, prominent Ramayana researcher and translator from Silchar. Their participation reflected the growing academic

importance of Assamese Ramayana studies in national discourse.

At the said function, the grand unveiling of a second book was performed by all the distinguished guests. The book is authored by Guptaajit Pathak and titled *‘Reimagining the Manifestations of Bharatiya Knowledge Systems: Holistic History, Culture and Identity’*. The book has been published by Indu Book Services Private Limited, New Delhi. On this occasion, Guptaajit Pathak delivered a research lecture titled *‘Srimanta Sankaradeva’s Ramayanic Literature and the Ramayana Traditions of India and Southeast Asia: A Comparative Historical Study’*, presenting a comparative historical analysis of Srimanta Sankaradeva’s Ramayana-based literature and the Ramayana traditions of India and Southeast Asia.

Scholars, researchers, Ramayana enthusiasts from Assam and various regions including Varanasi, as well as studying students from universities across Assam and the North-Eastern region, participated in

the event. Such programs play a crucial role in strengthening Indian culture, Ramayana traditions, and cultural harmony among different states. This broad participation transformed the seminar into a significant platform for inter-regional scholarly interaction.

The commemorative volume titled *“Aai Sita Gosanee”*, edited by

Rajib Hari Kaushik and released at the event, received widespread appreciation from scholars and participants. The publication was formally launched in the presence of distinguished guests, reflecting the continuous relevance of Assamese Ramayana literature in contemporary academic and cultural discussions. The discussion highlighted the importance of preserving India’s diverse Ramayana traditions and



shed light on Madhava Kandali’s unique contribution to the evolution of regional literature and culture.

Shri Mahant Avadhut Giri Ji Maharaj, National Vice-President of Shri Chaturbhuj Seva Sansthan, located in Baragaon, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The function was presided over by Dr. Shankar Kumar Mishra, Head of the Sanskrit Department at Banaras Hindu University and National In-charge of Vishwa Sanatan Pratishthan.

Professor Dr. Binay Kumar Pandey, Coordinator at the Centre for Vedic Science, Banaras Hindu University, attended as an honored guest and noted in his speech that the narrative of the 14th-century Madhava Kandali Ramayana should be far-reaching, just like Goswami Tulsidas’s Ramayana.

Professor Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah and Ganesh Prasad Upadhyay addressed the gathering as keynote speakers. Attending as an

honored guest, Dr. Purabi Saikia—Associate Professor in the Department of Botany at Banaras Hindu University, recipient of the civilian honor “Assam Saurav Award” presented by the Government of Assam for her notable contributions to environmental science, and recipient of the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Young Scientists in 2024—shed brief light on Madhava Kandali’s Ramayana. Mr.

Guptajit Pathak and Dr. Devajani Bhattacharjee delivered insightful lectures on the literary, historical, philosophical, and cultural dimensions of Assam’s Ramayana literature. Their presentations demonstrated how regional Ramayana traditions contribute to a broader understanding of Indian civilization.

This colorful program was jointly organized through the initiative of the Luit-Zest Communication Educational Trust, Guwahati, and the Vishwa Sanatan Sanstha, Varanasi. Dr. Santosh Acharya, National President of Vishwa Sanatan Pratishthan, offered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the seminar. Under the leadership of Rajib Hari Kaushik, Managing Trustee of Luit-Zest Communication Educational Trust and General Secretary of the Reception Committee for the Kashi Conference of the 2nd National Ayodhyananand Janmotsav 2026, the coordination of the event was

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PIB Guwahati Organises District Media Workshop 'Varta' on Census 2027 in Tinsukia, Assam



Pankaj Nath, Assam : Press Information Bureau (PIB), Guwahati, Assam organised a District Media Workshop 'Varta' at the Conference Hall of the District Commissioner's Office, Tinsukia, on Tuesday to create awareness about the upcoming Census 2027. Around 35 participants, including media representatives and government officials, attended the workshop. Addressing the participants at the outset, Sumit Sattavan, IAS, District Commissioner, Tinsukia, outlined the district's preparedness for the Census. He assured citizens that all information collected during the Census would remain strictly confidential and would not be shared with anyone. Emphasising the importance of providing accurate information, he said that authentic Census data enables the Government to formulate effective policies and implement welfare schemes for the benefit of citizens. He appreciated the Press In-

formation Bureau for organising the workshop, noting that such interactions strengthen coordination between government agencies and the media. He urged citizens to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Census by providing correct and authentic information, as the data collected serves as the foundation for planning welfare schemes, infrastructure development, and public service delivery. Delivering the keynote presentation on Census 2027, Shri Bikash Nath, Joint Director, Directorate of Census Operations, Assam, explained the two phases of the Census, the use of digital technology, the self-enumeration facility, the confidentiality of personal information, and the roles and responsibilities of Enumerators and Supervisors. He informed that citizens would also have the option of submitting their information through the self-enumeration portal. Dr. Pranjit Saikia, Master

Trainer and Associate Professor, Doomdooma College, delivered a comprehensive session highlighting the new features of Census 2027. He noted that, for the first time, the Census would be conducted digitally, leading to better-quality data, faster processing, reduced manual effort, real-time monitoring, and a more environmentally sustainable process. Stressing the importance of public participation, he said the success of the Census depends on the active cooperation of citizens. He also highlighted the crucial role of the media in creating awareness about the Census process and encouraging citizens to provide accurate information. The workshop was organised as part of PIB's ongoing media outreach and capacity-building initiatives aimed at strengthening engagement with journalists at the district level. It provided a platform for interaction and knowledge-sharing between government officials and media professionals, enabling journalists to gain a deeper understanding of key government policies, flagship programmes, and their implementation at the grassroots level.

Drug Control Department Seals Two Pharmacies During Surprise Inspection Hatigaon

Guwahati: The Drug Control Department conducted a surprise inspection at several pharmacies in the Sijubari area of Hatigaon, Guwahati, after complaints regarding alleged irregularities in the operation of medicine shops. During the drive, team found that several pharmacies were allegedly operating without valid licences. Inspectors also discovered that some establishments were functioning without the presence of qualified pharmacists, a mandatory requirement under the law for running a pharmacy.

The department further raised concerns over the alleged sale of medicines in unhygienic conditions. Officials also collected information related to the suspected sale of counterfeit medicines as part of the inspection. Taking action against pharmacies found violating regulatory norms, the inspection team sealed two medicine shops in the area. Among them was Anand Medico's, which was shut down by the department. Another pharmacy, reportedly operating without a valid licence, was also sealed during the operation.

Importance of Science and commerce Study

■ Asik Ahmed

Do You know what the importance of Science and commerce study is ! Alarmingly it is a very necessary topic for us . Have you ever rarely think what is the benefits of Science or commerce study ! During the same time the study of Science and commerce has a lots of scope . Seemingly English,Economics and phsycology are one of the useful subject from arts stream ,which gives various opportunities and it will help astonished way . Those subject has enormous field in day to day from Arts stream. Anyone way in today competitive word there lots of opportunities to study of commerce and science which is helpful for anyone career in future. That's why if you will study science or commerce then it will gives a better future to bulid our career .Did you muse over why that most of the Science or Commerce student will easily pass in various comparative exam ? Seldomly the student of Science or Commerce are practices various analytical subject like maths,physical,accountancy etc so that they can easily handle in any competitive exam . Now a days Reasoning,Quantitative tacnique are most necessary for any exam and those type type of analytical thinking are develop very well due to study of Science or commerce . More cover due to practices of analytical subject their Patience will be increase. So that we should have a introspection about study of the science or commerce . From commerce subject a student are able to acquire various knowledge about management, Investment ,Finance ,Marketing Etc. In case from most professional study student also develop their Varrious skill like-communication,gooming etc and ability to decision making ,planning,directing also. Now a day there are some highly demeaned course which has a good scrop in world for example B.Tech, BCA,MCA,MBA,BBA etc .Student can pursue B.tech from science steam,but if want to carrer bulid in software develper or computer application then BCA ,MCA are useful course for you . Student can pursue BCA ,MCA from any steam although maths is important from those type of course . That's is why if are good in maths then it will be helpful for appearing BCA,MCA courses . More from higher secondary level student take computer application or maths subject from arts stream also which will help to appearing for various types of course ,so that if you are from arts stream in HS levels don't take to forgate maths or computer application Because from those subject you will also appear for some of the science courses .

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The Digital Gavel: India’s Judicial Revolution

■ **Satyabrat Borah**

The pursuit of justice in India has long been a marathon through a labyrinth of paper and procedure. For decades, the halls of the judiciary have been defined by the scent of old files and the visual weight of stacked affidavits. Today, that landscape is undergoing a profound transformation as the legal system attempts to reconcile its ancient traditions with the speed of the digital age. Chief Justice of India Surya Kant recently introduced two major technological pillars designed to reshape this experience: a unified data platform known as One Case, One Data and an intelligent assistant named Su-Sahayak. These tools represent a significant leap toward a future where a legal dispute is no longer a fragmented series of disconnected events but a continuous digital narrative. To understand the gravity of this shift, one must look at the historical chaos of judicial record-keeping where a single case could look entirely different as it moved from a small district court to a high court.

The concept of One Case, One Data aims to eliminate this fragmentation by creating a single digital fingerprint for every legal dispute. In the current system, documents are often re-filed, manual verifications are repeated at every level of appeal, and statistics are frequently unreliable because of the sheer variety of software used across thousands of subordinate courts. By standardizing this data, the judiciary hopes to build a system where a judge in a higher court can see the entire history of a case with a single click. This isn’t just about convenience; it is about the integrity of information. When records are unified, the risk of losing critical evidence or missing a procedural step decreases significantly. This transparency allows administrators to pinpoint exactly where bottlenecks occur, making it possible to address delays that have historically kept litigants in limbo for generations.

Su-Sahayak acts as the public face of this digital revolution. It is an artificial intelligence chatbot integrated directly into the Supreme Court website, intended to guide users through the complexities of case statuses, judgments, and filing services. For a citizen who has never stepped into a courtroom, the Supreme Court portal can be an intimidating maze of legal jargon and broken

links. Su-Sahayak seeks to act as a digital clerk, providing immediate answers to frequently asked questions and helping people find the specific orders they need. This follows in the footsteps of earlier tools like SUVAS, which focuses on translating judgments into regional languages, and SUPACE, which helps process vast amounts of legal precedents. The goal is clear: to make the highest court in the land feel a little more accessible to the common person.

While these advancements offer a glimmer of efficiency, they also bring into focus the deep-seated inequalities that define the Indian landscape. The digital divide is not a theoretical problem; it is a daily reality for millions of people. When we talk about digitizing the judiciary, we must ask who is being asked to carry the burden of that change. A large corporate law firm in a metropolitan city like Delhi or Mumbai can easily afford the high-speed scanners, cloud storage, and updated software required to maintain a seamless digital trail. These firms have IT departments and the capital to absorb the costs of transition. On the other hand, an independent lawyer practicing in a small taluka court may find these requirements overwhelming. If the system mandates a level of digital proficiency and infrastructure that smaller practitioners cannot provide, we risk creating a multi-tiered justice system where the quality of representation is tied to the quality of one’s internet connection.

There is also the very real danger of digital middlemen. In many parts of India, when government services move online, a new industry of unregulated operators often emerges to help those who are not tech-literate. These intermediaries charge fees to navigate portals, upload documents, and check statuses. If the e-filing process becomes too complex, the cost of justice might actually increase for the poor as they pay these unofficial gatekeepers to interact with a system that was supposed to be simpler. Su-Sahayak, for all its intelligence, remains a text-based tool. In a country where oral tradition and voice communication are dominant, a chatbot that requires typing and navigating menus might exclude the very people who need help the most. While other government initiatives have embraced voice-first technology to bridge the literacy gap, the judicial tools currently demand a high level of formal digital literacy.

There are profound ethical questions regarding the use of artificial intelligence in the realm of law. AI models are trained on historical data, and historical data often carries the weight of past prejudices. In India, marginalized communities have been disproportionately affected by the criminal justice system. If an AI tool is used to help process facts or identify precedents, there is a risk that it might unknowingly replicate the biases present in those older records. The judiciary has wisely kept AI in the role of an assistant rather than a decision-maker, focusing on substantive reasoning remains a strictly human endeavor. This distinction is vital. A machine can summarize a thousand pages of evidence in seconds, but it cannot understand the nuances of human dignity or the social context of a crime. Keeping the human element at the center of the courtroom is essential to prevent the law from becoming a cold, algorithmic calculation.

The security of this data is another pressing concern. A centralized platform containing the life stories and legal battles of millions of citizens is an incredibly sensitive asset. Ensuring the privacy of litigants while maintaining an open and transparent system is a delicate balancing act. Legacy records, often handwritten and decaying, must be digitized with extreme care to ensure their integrity. If a digital fingerprint is corrupted or accessed by unauthorized parties, the consequences for an individual’s life

could be irreversible. The push for a unified judicial data platform must be accompanied by a robust framework for data protection and a massive effort to train court staff across the country to handle this information responsibly.

The transition to a digital judiciary is a journey that requires more than just code and servers; it requires a deep commitment to empathy. Technology should serve as a bridge, not a barrier. As we move toward a more automated future, the focus must remain on the person standing at the back of the courtroom waiting for news about their case. For that person, the success of One Case, One Data is not measured by the speed of the server but by the fairness of the outcome. The tools introduced by the Chief Justice are a bold step in the right direction, but their true value will be determined by how well they serve the most vulnerable members of society. If we can ensure that a lawyer in a rural district has the same ability to navigate the system as a lawyer in a glass tower, then we will have truly improved access to justice. The path forward is complex, but the goal of a faster, more transparent, and more equitable legal system is worth the effort of navigating these digital growing pains. We are witnessing the beginning of a new chapter in Indian law, one where the pen and paper are slowly making room for the pixel and the algorithm, and the hope is that this change will lead to a more just world for everyone.

Wild elephant menace on Numaligarh roads

Bokakhat : People travelling in and around Numaligarh may encounter wild elephants at any time. The animals are frequently seen not only along the national highway but also on other connecting roads. They have reportedly begun charging at vehicles, posing a serious threat to motorists and disrupting traffic. In the Deopahar foothill area of Numaligarh, wild elephants regularly roam along National Highway 39 in the evenings, making travel extremely risky. The road connecting the Numaligarh Refinery to the Prime Minister’s Neem Ali Road has become particularly dangerous due to the frequent movement of elephant herds. Traffic often comes to a standstill whenever the elephants appear. On Monday, a female wild elephant rammed a trailer truck on this road and thrust her trunk into the truck’s cabin. The elephant was accompanied by two young calves. Locals at the scene raised a loud commotion in an effort to drive the elephants away. Eventually, the female elephant and her calves moved towards the nearby Letekujan tea estate. On the same road, the elephant also attacked a tractor. The driver narrowly escaped by fleeing from the vehicle.

NHM Employees and Regular Employees Should Not Be Treated Differently

■ Heramba Nath

The healthcare system of Assam stands on the unwavering commitment of thousands of dedicated professionals serving in government hospitals, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-Centres, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, and other public health institutions. Among them are both Regular Government Employees and National Health Mission (NHM) Employees. Although their service conditions differ, their common mission remains the same—to provide accessible, affordable, equitable, and quality healthcare to every citizen.

Every day, NHM employees and regular employees work side by side in the same health institutions. They attend to the same patients, implement the same national health programmes, participate in immunisation campaigns, maternal and child healthcare, disease surveillance, tuberculosis control, malaria elimination, non-communicable disease programmes, emergency healthcare, and various public health initiatives. They shoulder the same responsibilities, face the same challenges, and work tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of the people of Assam. Patients do not distinguish between a contractual employee and a permanent employee; they simply expect competent, compassionate, and timely healthcare.

Unfortunately, in some workplaces, an unhealthy distinction is still made between NHM employees and regular employees. Some individuals mistakenly consider themselves superior merely because they hold permanent government posts with pay-band scales, greater job security, pensionary benefits, and other service-related privileges. Such attitudes are neither ethical nor appropriate in a profession founded upon compassion, equality, dignity, and service to humanity. Differences in service conditions should never become grounds for disrespect, discrimination, workplace humiliation, or arrogance.

It is equally important to recognise the academic excel-

lence and professional competence of many NHM employees. Across Assam, numerous NHM professionals possess outstanding educational qualifications and specialised expertise. Many hold postgraduate degrees such as M.Sc. in Microbiology, Zoology, Molecular Biology, Parasitology, Epidemiology, Home Science, as well as M.A., M.Com., MBA, MCA, and M.Pharm. Others possess professional qualifications such as B.Sc. Nursing, M.Sc. Nursing, B.Pharm., B.Sc. in Optometry, B.Sc. in Dietetics, and Master of Physiotherapy (MPT). Many also hold Master's degrees in Mass Communication, Master of Laws (LL.M.), and other specialised disciplines, while some have earned Ph.D. degrees in their respective fields. Some possess advanced technical qualifications such as DOEACC (now NIELIT) 'C' Level. These highly qualified professionals have been selected through competitive recruitment processes and contribute specialised scientific knowledge, clinical expertise, technical skills, research capability, programme management expertise, legal knowledge, communication skills, and administrative competence to Assam's public healthcare system. Their contractual status should never be interpreted as a reflection of their academic merit, professional ability, or dedication to public service. Employment status does not define intelligence, competence, integrity, or commitment. Every healthcare worker, whether serving under the National Health Mission or as a regular government employee, deserves equal dignity, mutual respect, and recognition for his or her valuable contribution to strengthening public healthcare.

Likewise, regular government employees have served society with dedication for decades. Their experience, institutional knowledge, leadership, and commitment remain invaluable assets to Assam's healthcare system. They have played a vital role in strengthening public health services and ensuring continuity in healthcare delivery. Their contribution deserves equal appreciation and respect. This is not a question of one group being superior to another.

Rather, both groups are indispensable partners working towards the same noble objective of serving the people. “Respect is never determined by salary, pay scale, designation, employment status, or service benefits. Genuine respect is earned through honesty, competence, discipline, humility, professionalism, dedication, and compassion. Every healthcare worker who sincerely performs his or her duties deserves equal dignity and appreciation.

NHM employees have made remarkable contributions to strengthening public healthcare in Assam. They have played a pivotal role in implementing national health programmes, improving immunisation coverage, supporting maternal and child healthcare, strengthening disease surveillance, controlling communicable and non-communicable diseases, promoting health awareness, expanding community outreach, and delivering essential healthcare services in rural, remote, riverine, tea garden, and other underserved areas. Their tireless efforts have significantly strengthened the State's healthcare delivery system. Along with their commitment to healthcare delivery, many NHM professionals have also enriched the system through their diverse academic backgrounds, specialised technical expertise, research experience, communication skills, and professional excellence across multiple disciplines. Their contribution demonstrates that merit, competence, and dedication are not determined by employment status but by commitment to public service.

Similarly, regular government employees continue to provide stability, institutional continuity, administrative leadership, and experienced guidance within the healthcare system. Their long years of service have helped strengthen public health institutions across the State. Together, NHM employees and regular employees complement each other's strengths and work collectively to ensure quality healthcare reaches every citizen.

Professional ethics require every employee to treat colleagues with courtesy, fairness, equality, and mutual respect.

Humanity teaches us that every individual deserves dignity irrespective of employment status. No NHM employee should ever be made to feel inferior because of contractual service, and no regular employee should believe that permanent service benefits confer personal superiority. Professional relationships should always be built upon mutual respect rather than employment category.

A healthcare institution flourishes only when teamwork prevails. Mutual trust, cooperation, understanding, and respect create a healthy workplace, improve staff morale, enhance efficiency, and ultimately ensure better patient care. Discrimination, prejudice, workplace divisions, and arrogance weaken institutional harmony and undermine the true spirit of public service.

The time has come to move beyond labels such as "Regular" and "NHM." Government policies may distinguish service conditions, but they should never divide colleagues. Every employee shares the same responsibility of serving humanity, protecting public health, and upholding the dignity of the healthcare profession.

NHM employees and regular employees should never be treated differently. They are colleagues, partners in public service, and fellow human beings united by a common purpose—to safeguard the health and well-being of the people. Together, they constitute the backbone of Assam's public healthcare system. Every employee, irrespective of employment status, deserves equal dignity, respect, and professional recognition. Government policies may distinguish service conditions, but they should never create divisions among colleagues. Let every health institution foster a culture of equality, teamwork, professionalism, and mutual respect, where merit, competence, integrity, and dedication are valued above labels. When NHM employees and regular employees work together in harmony, with shared purpose and mutual appreciation, the greatest beneficiaries will always be the patients, the healthcare system, and the people of Assam.

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Chief Minister Dr. Sarma launches first instalment; over 37 lakh women receive DBT assistance across Assam

of Orunodoi residing in the flood-affected districts of Sivasagar, Charaideo, Golaghat and Jorhat received Rs. 2,500 each to support their recovery from the recent floods.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma described Orunodoi as the State Government’s flagship social welfare programme that has emerged as a powerful instrument for strengthening the financial security of women and promoting inclusive socio-economic development across Assam.

He said that while the previous Government had continued the monthly assistance under the scheme until April 2026, the release of subsequent instalments was deferred following the formation of the new Government, as the State Budget was yet to be passed. With the approval of the Budget, the Government has now resumed disbursement, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring uninterrupted welfare support to eligible families.

Highlighting reforms introduced under Orunodoi 3.0, the Chief Minister announced the introduction of an Aadhaar-linked payment mechanism to eliminate duplication and ensure that financial assistance reaches only the genuine beneficiaries through their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.

He said that owing to the transition to the Aadhaar-based system, a small number of beneficiaries whose bank accounts are yet to be linked with Aadhaar may temporarily face delays in receiving the current instalment. However, he assured that the Government is actively facilitating Aadhaar-bank account linkage to ensure seamless and timely credit of benefits.

To further strengthen service delivery under the scheme, Dr. Sarma announced that the Government will appoint ‘Orunodoi Sarothi’ in every Legislative Assembly Constituency. The designated functionary will act as a facilitator to assist beneficiaries in resolving issues relating to enrolment, payments and other scheme-related grievances.

The Chief Minister also reiterated the Government’s resolve to make Orunodoi more responsive to the evolving needs of society and transform it into a stronger platform for financial security, dignity and economic empowerment for every deserving household in Assam.

As part of the future roadmap for the scheme, Dr. Sarma announced that the Government is working towards introducing an advance payment facility for beneficiaries. He further informed that efforts are underway to enable beneficiaries to access bank loans by leveraging their Orunodoi benefits, thereby promoting financial inclusion and livelihood generation.

He also announced that the Government intends to expand the coverage of beneficiaries under the scheme and enhance the monthly financial assistance beyond the existing Rs. 1,250, further strengthening the State’s social protection framework.

Finance Minister Jayanta Mallabaruah also addressed the programme. The event was attended, among others, by MLAs Diplu Ranjan Sarma, Pradyut Bordoloi and Bijay Gupta, Guwahati Mayor Mrigen Sarania, senior government officials and a number of beneficiaries.

CM Visits Home of 13-Year-Old Who

said his son was swept away by floodwaters while trying to save the family's three-month-old puppy, Borun. "He was our only son. He saved the dog, but he was swept away," Deepak said, adding that Hridip was a Class 8 student at Model School. He also spoke about the strong bond between Hridip and the puppy, saying the boy had brought Borun home when the animal was just one-and-a-half months old and had raised him with great care and affection. Hridip's mother, Parbati Panika, said the family had desperately tried to escape the rising floodwaters but could not save their son. As floodwaters inundated Bamun Pukhuri village, Hridip jumped into the strong current after seeing Borun being swept away. While the puppy survived, the teenager was carried away by the floodwaters. His body was recovered later after an extensive search operation. The Chief Minister assured the family that the state government would extend all possible support in their time of need.

Chief Minister’s Aid Brings Message of

becomes a new ray of hope for a family. It is noteworthy that each relief kit contained essential items for families such as 7 kg rice, 2 kg pulses, 1 litre bottle of Fortune cooking oil, 1 packet of salt, packet of candles, matchbox, phenyl, biscuits, mosquito-repellent coils, baby diapers etc. ““At this difficult time of disaster, these kits have provided relief to many families and also stand as a shining example of the government’s humanitarian commitment. Standing responsibly beside every citizen affected by natural disasters and extending help is a bright reflection of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma’s people-centric governance philosophy. For this initiative, the people have expressed their sincere gratitude and thanks to Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and the Sivasagar District Administration.

Nirmal Purja and Three Climbers Bodies

bodies of 43-year-old Purja, Zhong Wang, Nima Sherpa and Kilu Sherpa were successfully brought down to Base Camp after what it described as an "exceptionally challenging and technically demanding" recovery mission. The operation was carried out by a dedicated ground team led by Mingma G, with support from Sirbaz Khan, Abid Baig, Sherbaz, Dipen Gurung and Pemba Chhewang Sherpa. The ACP praised the team's courage, professionalism and commitment in completing the difficult mission under extreme conditions. The club also acknowledged the support of the British High Commission and the Embassy of Nepal for their cooperation during the recovery effort. While the operation marks a significant milestone, the ACP said three climbers remain missing and pledged to continue search and recovery efforts whenever weather and mountain conditions permit.

Minister Atul Bora

to address public concerns, locals took matters into their own hands. They purchased wire at their own expense, cut tree branches, and placed them in the river in an attempt to divert the water current. Finally, on Sunday, the Water Resources Department placed bamboo bundles in the river to try to change the flow of the current, but residents alleged that the department considered this minimal effort sufficient.

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A Historic Cultural Step: The Success Story of the Kashi Madhava Kandali Ramayana

managed, while Dipankar Boro, Chief Assistant Secretary of the organizing committee, supervised the reception aspect. Samiksha Mishra, a post-graduate student in the Sanskrit Department at Banaras Hindu University, anchored the proceedings of the function.

Discussions regarding the success of the seminar on Madhava Kandali’s Ramayana spread across other states. Extensive media coverage has already been received in national daily Hindi newspapers. The published reports highlighted the future programs of the South-East Asia Madhava Kandali Ramayana Milan Sabha, the release of “Aai Sita Gosanee”, and the scholarly deliberations on the Ramayana tradition. Such media recognition significantly increased public awareness regarding Assam’s contributions to Indian literary history.

The event proved that the legacy of Indian poet Madhava Kandali is no longer confined to Assam alone, but is gradually becoming part of India’s national cultural discourse. By bringing together scholars, saints, researchers, and students from different regions, this step strengthened academic collaboration, promoted cultural exchange, and reaffirmed the enduring relevance of the Ramayana as a unifying civilizational text.

The remarkable success of this initiative stands as a testament to the vision, dedication, and organizational leadership of Rajib Hari Kaushik. As the national campaigner and organizer of the national mission for Madhava Kandali’s Ramayana, Kaushik’s sustained efforts have transformed Assam’s Rama-culture movement into a vital national platform for research, dialogue, and cultural integration. The Kashi program not only celebrated the literary genius of Madhava Kandali, but also reinforced the timeless message of unity in diversity in India through the shared heritage of the Ramayana. It has laid a strong foundation for future national and international collaborations that will continue to preserve, promote, and propagate the invaluable legacy of Assam’s Ramayana tradition.

Crowdfunded BRD Flood Relief Reaches Nearly 300 People in Remote Charaideo Border Villages



Pankaj Nath : In a remarkable display of community solidarity, Born for Rural Development (BRD) successfully organised a crowdfunded flood relief camp in the remote villages of Khelua and Arandhara in Charaideo district, located along the Assam–Nagaland border. The humanitarian mission was organised by Born for Rural Development (BRD) with the support of GRAMYA SARATHI and renowned social media influencer Mahira Khan. The relief programme was made possible through crowdfunding, with generous contributions from individuals and well-wishers who came together to support flood-affected families.

Despite difficult terrain and limited accessibility, the BRD team reached the remote villages and distributed essential relief materials, including food items, safe drinking water, and other daily necessities. Nearly 300 people benefited from the relief camp. The initiative focused on reaching vulnerable communities that often remain underserved during disaster response. Local residents expressed gratitude for the timely assistance, as many of them had received organised relief for the first time during the current flood crisis. BRD conveyed its heartfelt appreciation to every donor, volunteer, supporter, and well-wisher whose contributions made the relief mission successful. The organisation also acknowledged the valuable support of GRAMYA SARATHI and Mahira Khan in mobilising resources and extending humanitarian assistance. The organisation appealed to the public to continue supporting its humanitarian initiatives so that assistance can reach more flood-affected families in remote parts of Assam.

MLA Himangshu Shekhar Baishya Participates in Paddy Plantation Programme at Chhaygaon



Deepshikha Nath, Chhaygaon : The Hon'ble MLA of Palashbari Legislative Assembly Constituency, Shri Himangshu Shekhar Baishya, participated yesterday in a paddy plantation programme held at Pachimdhuli, "Chhaygaon" under Palashbari constituency organised by the Chhaygaon-Palashbari Mandal Kisan Morcha. During the programme, the MLA operated tractors and power tillers in the agricultural fields of Pachimdhuli reminiscing about his childhood memories associated with farming. He also urged the farmers of the constituency to actively engage with the various agricultural schemes introduced by the welfare-

oriented government led by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. In his address, he expressed strong confidence that the dreams and aspirations of the farmers of Palashbari would be fulfilled. The event was attended by several distinguished personalities, including Zila Parishad member Mihir Ranjan Das; Executive Member of the Education Department of the Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council, Shri Ramakanta Rabha; President of South Kamrup District Kisan Morcha, Shri Ratul Das; Agricultural Observer of the constituency, Jyotish Rabha; Agricultural Development Officer of Chhaygaon Circle, Shri Urmil Borthakur; President of Chhaygaon-Palashbari Mandal Morcha, Shri Pabitra Nath; along with other respected members and party functionaries. The programme highlighted the commitment to ushering in an agricultural revolution in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and Agriculture Minister Shri Pijush Hazarika, with the Agriculture Department gaining significant momentum in Assam.

DC Kamrup Deba Kumar Mishra Completes Self-Enumeration for Census 2027

Amingaon : District Commissioner, Kamrup, Deba Kumar Mishra, has urged the people of the district to actively participate in the Self-Enumeration (SE) exercise for Census 2027. The District Commissioner completed his Self-Enumeration by filling in his details online and encouraged the people of Kamrup district to take part in the exercise and contribute to the successful conduct of Census 2027. The Self-Enumeration process commenced on August 2, 2026, and the portal will remain open till August 16, 2026, enabling citizens to provide their household and individual details online from the comfort of their homes. He urged citizens to make use of the Self-Enumeration facility within the stipulated period and participate in this important national exercise.

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