RN-1127/57 TECH/GH - 103/2018-2020, VOL. 82, NO. 121

www.assamtribune.com

Google Play ePaper app for The Assam Tribune

Pages **12** Price: ₹ **6.00**

GUWAHATI, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

US Treasury plans to borrow \$2.9 trillion

p7 6 major schemes to curb artificial flooding in Guwahati

p**11** One-third of shops to be opened in Dibrugarh



Fuel price hike

NEW DELHI, May 5: The government on Tuesday night hiked the excise duty on petrol by a steep Rs 10 per litre and that on diesel by Rs 13 a litre. The hike in duty has taken away gains from falling global crude oil prices. Last month, benchmark Brent crude oil dropped to as low as \$18.10 per barrel, the lowest since 1999. - PTI

Visa order

NEW DELHI, May 5: The government on Tuesday suspended all existing visas granted to foreign nationals, barring a few categories, till international air travel to and from India remains shut due to the coronavirus pandemic, an order from the Union Home Ministry said. - PTI

Entrance exam

NEW DELHI, May 5: Engineering entrance examination JEE will be held from July 18-23, while medical entrance exam NEET will be conducted on July 26, Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said today. The exams were postponed due to the lockdown. – PTI

Board exam

NEW DELHI, May 5: The pending class 10 board examination will only be conducted for students in North East Delhi and not the rest of the country, HRD Ministry clarified today. The CBSE had notified this last month but there has been confusion. - PTI

Probe ordered

GUWAHATI, May 5: Agriculture Minister Atul Bora today ordered an inquiry into the allegations of corruption in selection of beneficiaries under the PM-Kisan scheme in some districts of Assam, as reported in local media. – Staff Reporter

Well mishap

GUWAHATI, May 5: Two bourers – Bankim Hajong and Mrigendra Chandra Roi - died after earth caved in while they were digging a ring well in Noonmati area on Tuesday evening. A team of SDRF personnel retrieved their bodies. – Staff Reporter

JOCOSERIOUS



The virus effect compelled me to change the name!

Construction work resumes at the flyover at Dispur, Super Market in Guwahati on

3,900 new COVID-19 cases in 24 hours: Centre

NEW DELHI, May 5: The biggest single day spike of 3,900 novel coronavirus cases and 195 fatalities has been reported in the last 24 hours till Tuesday morning, the Union Health Ministry said, asserting that the delay in reporting of COVID-19 cases by certain states has led to the sudden spurt in figures.

Addressing a press briefing, joint secretary at the Health Ministry Lav Agarwal said timely reporting of cases and their management is very crucial while dealing with an infectious disease. The ministry released a

data for cases and deaths from Monday 8 am to Tuesday 8 am. It said in this 24 hours period, India registered a record single day increase of 195 deaths and 3,900 cases, taking the total number of COVID-19 fatalities to 1,568 and cases to 46,433.

"Some states had not been reporting COVID-19 cases timely. After persuading them, they have reported such cases. This is the reason for the sudden spurt in the number of cases since

yesterday," Agarwal said, adding that the issue has been addressed.

"We are very comfortable in terms of managing COV-ID-19 as of now, but any laxity at the field level or any lack of cooperation may have its consequences, he warned.

Agarwal advised states to effectively implement contact tracing, active case search and focus on the clinical management of cases on the basis of the numbers reported.

>> SEE PAGE 6

More relaxation allowed for economic activity

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: In a fresh order, the State government today announced more relaxations for economic activity, allowing the supply chain to work even during the night curfew hours.

The order issued by the Chief Secretary stated that all industries and their supply chain are allowed to operate at all times.

Tea industries, warehouses, all activities related to PDS operation, FCI warehouses, railways, LPG and petroleum delivery services can operate

Confirmed cases

Cured/Discharged

Confirmed cases

Cured/Discharged

Confirmed cases

Cured/Discharged

Death

Death

Tea industries, warehouses. all activities related to PDS operation, FCI warehouses, can operate at all times in

Though e-commerce delivery is allowed between 6 am and 6 pm, their backend activities and personnel can work at all times.

COVID-19 STATUS

WORLD

INDIA

ASSAM

Data as on Tuesday

Supply chain activities relat-

3,610,006

1,176,338

252,346

46,711

13,160

1,583

1

State.

Private offices in malls can open during day time, the order said. Shops in market complex-

ed to essential services like

milk, fish and other perisha-

bles have been permitted at

Conservancy services by

municipal bodies have been

also exempted from the night

all times.

es are allowed to operate with two shops closed between two open. However, grocery, pharmacies and medical establishments in the complexes can open on all days during the permitted hours.

All shops in rural areas, except for malls are allowed to remain open without any distinction of essential or nonessential services.

All types of goods carrying vehicles are allowed to operate at all times.

All construction activities including highway construction, flood control works are also allowed at all times.

Bank employees are allowed to move beyond 6 pm depending on necessity.

Large standalone shops are allowed to open with limited entrants.

"However, despite the exemptions, the workers in such activities will have to follow social distancing norms," the order said, adding that the exemptions are not allowed in containment zones.

test positive for COVID-19 in Assam

Two more

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: Two more persons - one from Goalpara and another from Kokrajhar - have tested positive for the dreaded novel coronavirus during the last 24

The person from Kokrajhar district tested positive for COVID-19 late in the evening. He has a travel history to Coochbehar in West Bengal, according to official sources. However, since the person

from Bongaigaon is in a containment zone, there is no need to fear. Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. The total COVID-19 pa-

tients in Assam now stands at 44. However, 32 have been discharged so far. One has died and the number of active cases is 11.

Meanwhile, the Health Minister informed that 44 students from Assam studying in Mewar University, Chittorgarh (Rajasthan) are returning to Assam in two

"They have all the requisite permissions and passes from the state government for unhindered travel," he

On the other hand, the first batch of 124 Kota students quarantined at Sarusajai stadium was today released after they tested negative for COVID-19.

Sarma visited the quarantine site along with officials to monitor their release process.

64 flights to be operated from May 7

15,000 Indians to be brought back

NEW DELHI, May 5: Air India will operate 64 flights from May 7 to May 13 to bring back around 15,000 Indian nationals stranded abroad amid the COVID-19induced lockdown, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Tuesday.

The Minister, while addressing a virtual press conference, said private Indian airlines may join the repatriation effort after May 13.

Those availing the repatriation flights will be charged, Puri said.

A passenger on a London-Delhi flight will be charged Rs 50.000 and on a DhakaDelhi flight Rs 12,000, the Aviation Minister said.

On arrival from abroad, all passengers will be screened and put under quarantine for a period of 14 days as a COV-ID-19 precautionary measure, Puri said.

These 64 flights would be conducted by Air India and its subsidiary Air India Express to repatriate Indians from 12 countries such as the UAE, the UK, the US, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Kuwait and

India will conduct 10 flights to the UAE, seven flights each to the US and the UK, five flights to Saudi Arabia, five flights to Singapore and two flights to Qatar to repatriate Indian nationals between May 7 and May 13, the minister said.

During this time period, India will also conduct seven flights each to Malaysia and Bangladesh, five flights each to Kuwait and Philippines, two flights each to Oman and Bahrain, Puri said.

India has been under lockdown since March 25 to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. All commercial passenger flights have been suspended for this period. – PTI

NRL to import crude oil from Malaysia STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: Taking advantage of plummeting prices of crude oil in the international market, NRL is importing 21 TMT of crude oil from Petronas in Malaysia.

The crude oil vessel MTS-Trader has sailed off from Miri Port of Malaysia today and is expected to reach Haldia on May 12.

"From Haldia, the crude will be rail freighted to Numaligarh for future processing," NRL MD SK Baruah said, adding that it was a step towards ensuring energy security.

Crude oil is presently traded in the market in the range of USD 19 per barrel to USD 24 per barrel against normal crude oil average price of around USD 55 per barrel. Crude oil price varies based on its characteristics.

Pulitzer Prize for 3 J&K photojournalists SRINAGAR, May 5:

Three photojournalists from Jammu and Kashmir have been awarded the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for their "striking images of life" in the valley. Channi Anand, Mukhtar

Khan and Dar Yasin of the Associated Press won in the feature photography category. Khan is over the moon af-

ter he came to know about the award. "I could have never imagined in my lifetime... It could not have been possible without my family – both at home and AP," he said.

28 CRPF men from Assam test positive in Delhi

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, May 5: At least 28 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel hailing from Assam and posted in a Delhi-based battalion have been infected with COV-ID-19, while one has died. Altogether 122 personnel of the battalion have tested positive for the dreaded novel coronavirus, officials said.

The latest figures came even as the CRPF headquarters here has been sealed after a personal staff of a senior officer tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday. A personal secretary of a Special Director General (SDG) rank officer working in the headquarters has tested positive for the virus and hence the building has been sealed.

The infected men belong to the 31st battalion of the CRPF, based in Mayur Vihar Phase-III of the national capital and the area has been entirely sealed after the huge numbers of COVID-19 cases started building up over the last few days. "A total of 122 troopers of this battalion have tested positive for the virus. Results for over 100 more are awaited." an official said.

The brighter side is that the maximum of these infected troopers are asymptomatic, he said, adding that the personnel are admitted to an isolation facility of the Delhi government at Mandoli

These huge numbers in a single battalion (of over 1,000 troopers) has rung alarm bells in the establishment after it was found that "dichotomous" orders were issued to check the spread of COVID-19. While the general order

was a mandatory quarantine of 14 days for the personnel joining back the unit from leave or having suspected exposure to a coronavirus-infected person, officials said the CRPF medical wing had issued a separate order in April stating that paramedics can be taken off quarantine if they do not show any symptom after five days.

>> SEE PAGE 6

CM reviews transport dept services during lockdown

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: With the lockdown being relaxed, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today asked the transport department to do a mapping of its fleet of ASTC buses in proportion to the people stranded in different places of the State and the country to ensure their safe movement.

Chairing a meeting here to review the preparedness of the department to push its fleet of buses into service to transport the stranded people to their respective destinations, Sonowal said in this time of extraordinary health emergency, the transport department should provide services in line with the advisories given by the health department. Thanking the transport de-

partment for being on the frontline in providing emergency and essential services during the lockdown, the Chief

Maintain DISTANCE

Save SOCIETY

Minister emphasised that the management and movement of buses should be made judiciously to mitigate the hardship of the stranded people.

Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary giving a snapshot of different activities performed by the department during the lockdown informed the Chief Minister that during eight days from April 25 to May 2 a total of 2,090 buses transported 32,444 passengers. The Chief Minister later

visited the Prem Singh Brahma Inter-State Bus Terminus and talked to the passengers. He also took stock of the arrangements made by the ASTC for the operation of the fleet of buses.

such patients has also been maintained. GMCH now has 2294 beds including the ICU beds and

GUWAHATI, May 5: The Gauhati Medical College Hospital (GMCH) is limping back to normalcy after it has been reopened for general patients and the pressure on the hospital increased as the private hospitals are not willing to take any chance and some such hospitals are referring patients with cold and cough to the GMCH as they do not have the facility to test COV-GMCH sources told The

R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

Assam Tribune that though the hospital has been reopened for general patients, special isolation ward for suspected COVID-19 patients



GMCH resumes normal functions

Rush of patients suffering from cough and cold

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for

Sources said that the around 1499 patients were

yesterday. Sources said that recently a new 54 bed new ICU block was inaugurated in the hospital, while, a 46 bed special ICU for COVID 19 patients is also in operation.

The GMCH was closed for

ignated as a COVID-19 hospital. But the hospital has been reopened for general public on April 25 and up to yesterday more than 5600 general patients visited the hospital. Of course, the flow of patients picked up since yesterday when the lockdown was eased. Sources revealed that in normal times, around 10,000

general patients from March

29 to April 24 as it was des-

patients and attendants visit the GMCH every day. In 2018, on an average day, around 2600 patients used to visit the hospital, while, the number increased to 2780 in 2019.

>> SEE PAGE 6

> SEE PAGE 6

SV/P/AC000063/12

Required retired persons & Entrepreneurs for MNC. Earning Rs. 45,000/-. Work from home. Contact: 96781-80856. SV/P/AC000035/8

Urgently required Female Candidate in Guwahati. Knowledge in computing tender on GeM(Government E Marketplace) must. Language known, English, Hindi, Assamese & Bengali. Qualification: Graduate. Salary: No bar, Contact within 7 (Seven) days. Contact No. 80110-55938/

SV/BL000017/1

Required Businessman, VRS Housewife work from home digitally 50k Monthly. Contact-8638269613. SV/P/AC000073/8

98640-12772 Or email:

modulartoolsequipments@gmail.

EDUCATIONAL





Medical

Foundation

One Year Integrated Class Room Course for Olympiad & Class IX

Two Year Integrated Class Room m for Olympiad, NTSE &

rath Course for JEE Main 2021

Regular Course for JEE (Main) 3021.





CD/Edu/...../1

TUTOR

10+ years experienced Tutor available for Mathematics/ Computer Science/Informatics Practices (VIII-XII). 94357-

Tutor/P/AC000070/1

SANITIZER

Please book in advance to Sanitize your Office & Residential Premises. For booking please WhatsApp your contact & address details: 8135074814. Sanitizer/AC000065/8

IN MEMORIAM

US Treasury plans to borrow \$2.9 trillion 2nd Death Anniversary and claimed the lives of over

Late Hemanta Kumar Gogoi (03.02.1953 - 06.05.2018)

We miss you everyday Γoday we remember fondly all the memories you have left behind. You are forever in our heart. Mourned and missed by Rumita Gogoi, Arpita Kashyap, Paramita Gogoi, Kashyap Das, Amaira & Aditya.

CD/In Memo/P/NP000006/1

TUITION

Eduquest Home tuition for all subjects (I to XII) experienced teachers, Ph. 98640-50064 97060-50064. Tuition/P/NP000003/1

Perfect Tutorial provides Online/Home Tuitions @all subjects/Boards (I-XII) M: 93653-70159. Tuition/P/SP000029/7

HIGHLY EXPERIENCED HOME TUTORS FOR (VIII-XII) PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY,

MATHEMATICS. CALL:

80111-98297. Tuition/P/SL000001/7

GUARANTEED EXPERIENCED ONLINE/ OFFLINE HOME TUTOR (VIII - XII) PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS. 91270-59003.

Tuition/P/AC000074/8

100% experienced home Tutor for (XI-XII) Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics. P.C.M. Point. 9678990167. Tuition/P/AC000037/29

HOUSE & FLAT

3/6 BHK flat at Santipur, Guwahati-09 & single BHK flat at Kahilipara, Guwahati-19. Ph,: 90859-39393. H&F/P/AC000072/7

80% work completed 2/3 BHK flat at Chandmari Colony (Nizarapar) Avail PMAY Subsidy benefit. Ph.: 98640-10641.

H&F/P/NP000008/3

Residential 2/3 BHK flat / Commercial Space at Noonmati (Opp Axom Jatiya Bidyalaya. Ph.: 98640-10641. H&F/P/NP000007/3

BEAUTICIAN

URGENTLY REQUIRED EXPERIENCE FULL TIME BEAUTICIAN FOR HOME BASE FEMALE SALOON SERVICES MAKEOVER IN GUWAHATI (DOOR TO **DOOR** SERVICES) WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE DOING FACIAL, HAIR TREATMENT, PEDICURE & HAIR, MANICURE. MAKEUP, BLEACHING WAXING ETC. (MINIMUM SALARY 8000 PLUS INCENTIVES). CALL 6003635454 FOR MORE DETAILS. Beautician/P/AC000066/4

GODOWN

2500 to 98,000 sq.ft. Industrial Shed/Warehouse, Godown at Khanapara, Beltola, Lokhra, Amingaon, Changsari, Mirza. 94354-03986. Godown/P/AC000050/30

NURSING

Home Nursing care, Baby care, Patient care. Contact: 86388-95299, 86387-22884. Nursing/AL000001/1

Home Nursing Service available for all kinds of patients. Ayushmaan Homecare. 69005-33236, 97070-77762. Nursing/P/AC000071/1

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from 'Mrs. Nellie Ahmed Tanweer' to Ms. Nellie Ahmed by an affidavit before the Notary Kamrup (M), Guwahati on 13.03.2020. PN/RP000011/1

Classified Advertisements

Ph: 97060-43680 or 70860-44611

WASHINGTON, May 5: The US plans to borrow a record \$ 2.9 trillion during the April-June quarter to deal with the raging coronavirus pandemic that has wreaked Monday. the world's largest economy

69,000 people in the country. According to The Wall Street Journal, the sum is more than five times the previous quarterly record, set at the height of the 2008 financial crisis.During the April-June quarter, the US Treasury expects to borrow USD

Indian dancer

dies of cardiac

arrest

DUBAI, May 5: A 47-year-

old Indian classical dancer, who

was a prominent face in the

UAE's cultural circuit, died

here after a cardiac arrest, her

family said, amidst the corona-

virus outbreak in the country.

from Kerala and also worked

as a freelance events manag-

er, died on Sunday at her

home in Al Nahda, the Kha-

"We feel she could have sur-

vived had it not been for these

unprecedented coronavirus

times," Deepa's husband, Suraj

Moosad was quoted as saying

dominal distention and had

surgery for that in 2011. She

used to complain of stomach

cramps and diarrhea often.

day, when she was feeling

really unwell, we took her to

a Dubai hospital where they

warned us that there were

already around 140 COVID-19 patients and as she had a

compromised immunity, ad-

mitting her to the emergen-

cy may not be a good idea,'

The family then headed to

another hospital where they

apparently stated that her ad-

mission was not possible as

there were no available beds

due to a surge in COVID-19

Then, she was taken to an-

other clinic in the city where

she was finally admitted and

administered pain killers. – PTI

ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Chandra Kanta Pawe,

Assistant Professor of

Pragjyotish College, has been

awarded the degree of Doctor

of Philosophy (Ph.D) in

Geography by Gauhati

University for his thesis entitled

'Landscape Changes, Urban

Sprawl and its impact on forest

cover in the Guwahati

Metropolitan Area". He carried

out his research work under the

supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Anup

Department, Gauhati University.

He is the elder son of Padma

Kanta Pawe and Sunmai Pawe

of Nakari, North Lakhimpur and

husband of Mrs. Lekha Borah.

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER EXTENSION

NOTICE

NIT No ALDA/FSBR/Pt-II/

2014-15/1489 dated 21s

March, 2020 against civil

works at FSBS-Barapetta

(Rs 4.00 Lakh is

extended for submission

up to 12th May 2020 (3

pm) due to unavoidable

circumstances. NIT is

available on request by

Chief Executive Officer,

Assam Livestock

Development Agency,

GS Road, Khanapara,

Guwahati-781022.

Email:

email.

Achieve/P/SP000030/1

of

Department,

Geography

Geography

Saikia

patients, the report said.

he was quoted as saying.

"Early morning on Sun-

"She had hysterical ab-

leej Times reported.

by the newspaper.

Deepa Nair, who hailed

2.9 trillion in privately-held net marketable debt, assuming an end-of-June cash balance of USD 800 billion, an official statement said on

The increase in privatelyheld net marketable borrowing is primarily driven by the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, including expenditures from new legislation to assist individuals and business and changes to tax receipts, it said.

The latest spending packages are estimated to be

IERUSALEM, May 5: Is-

rael Institute for Biological

Research (IIBR) has devel-

oped an antibody which can

neutralise the virus respon-

sible for COVID-19 within

the bodies of those infected,

the country's Defence Min-

ister Naftali Bennett has said.

labs of the institute, Bennett

on Monday said that he wit-

nessed a "significant break-

He was shown the "anti-

body that attacks the virus in

a monoclonal way and can

neutralise it within the bod-

ies of those ill," according to

a statement from his office.

ISLAMABAD, May 5: Pa-

kistan Prime Minister Imran

Khan said that the govern-

ment had decided to gradu-

ally ease the lockdown in the

coming days, keeping in view

the ground realities, espe-

cially the economic situation

of the country amid the coro-

"Keeping in view the

ground realities, especially

the economic situation of the

country and the problems of

the common man, the gov-

ernment has decided that the

lockdown will be gradually

eased in the coming days," a

statement issued by the

Prime Minister's Office

quoted Khan as saying on

Monday.He said that the gov-

ernment was trying its best

to provide all possible relief

navirus pandemic.

Pak Govt to gradually

ease lockdown

through".

Recounting his visits to the

worth about 14 per cent of billion, the statement said. the country's economy. The government has also extended the annual April 15 deadline for tax payments, adding to the cash crunch.

The borrowing estimate is USD 3,055 billion higher than what was announced in February this year, the US Treasury said.

During the third quarter, Treasury expects to borrow USD 677 billion in privatelyheld net marketable debt, assuming an end-of-September cash balance of USD 800

During the first quarter, the Treasury borrowed USD 477 billion in privately-held net marketable debt and ended the quarter with a cash balance of USD 515 billion, it

In February, Treasury estimated privately-held net marketable borrowing of USD 367 billion and assumed an end-of-March cash balance of USD 400 billion, the statement said.

The USD 110 billion increase in borrowing result-

Moroccan King Mohammed flanked by his brother Prince Moulay Rachid, and the Crown Prince Moulay Hassan in

Israeli institute develops

coronavirus antibody

as reported The Times of Is-

Located in Ness Ziona, the

Israel Institute for Biological

Research (IIBR) is a secre-

tive unit that works under the

to the people in view of the

coronavirus situation, adding

that despite the difficult cir-

cumstances, the government

announced an economic pack-

age of 1.25 trillion PKR, re-

ports The Express Tribune.

providing 12,000 PKR to 12.5

million deserving families was

being ensured on the basis of

In addition, a special pro-

gramme had been launched

to provide relief to labour-

that people from all walks of

life across the country came

forward to assist in the ef-

forts and provide relief to the

people in the difficult situa-

tion created by the pandem-

ic," Khan added. – IANS

"It is very encouraging

transparency and merit.

ers and workers.

He said that the process of

country' Prime Minister's

After completing the de-

velopment phase of the anti-

body, the researchers are

now in the process of

patenting the find "and in the

next stage, researchers will

approach international com-

panies to produce the anti-

body on a commercial scale."

tute staff for this terrific

breakthrough," Bennett was

quoted as saying in the state-

The statement from the

Defence Minister's office did

not specify whether human

OTTAWA, May 5: Canada

has joined the European Un-

ion (EU) and other countries

in a global effort to develop a

vaccine for COVID-19 when

the country's five provinces

began easing restrictions on

business and services imposed

during the pandemic. The goal

of the EU-initiated "Corona-

virus Global Response" is to

raise more than \$8 billion for

medical research, and the Ca-

nadian government has so far

committed \$604 million to-

ward vaccine development and

finding treatments for the dis-

ease, reports Xinhua news

agency. "It is really important

that the world comes togeth-

er to collaborate," said Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau dur-

ing his daily COVID-19 news

conference here on Monday.

trials were conducted.

"I am proud of the insti-

Office, said the report.

ed primarily from the higher end-of-quarter cash balance, it said.

The US Congressional Budget Office last month predicted the budget deficit would hit USD 3.7 trillion this year, while the national debt soared above 100 per cent of the GDP.

Last week, Jerome Powell, the chair of America's central bank, said he would have liked to see the US government's books be in better shape before the pandemic. - PTI

published vide Tender Notice No. CON. 2020/Jan/02; Dated: 03-01-2020. Please

ailable in <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>. Chief Engineer/Con-VI, Maligaor

(COTISTI UCTION COSCULTED TO SMILE OF SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. LMG/Enggi 25 of 2020; date: 28-04-2020. E-tenders

are invited by the undersigned for the following works: SN.01. Brief Description

loors of Personal Branch office & Accoun-

office along with improvement in laboratory of DRM/Office Building in Lumding. **Tender Value:** ₹62,67,088.72; **Earnest Money:** ₹1,25,300.00. **E-tenders will be closed**

5:00 hrs on 26-05-2020 and Opener

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. LMG/Enga

are invited by the undersigned for the following works: SN. 01. Brief Description of Item: Provision of manpower for assistance in patrolling in between the section of Lumding (LMG) Campur (KWM) under the juris DEN/I/Lumding. **Tender** ₹72,31,380/-; Earnest Money: ₹1.44.600 - E-tenders will be closed on 25-05-2020 and Opened on 26-05-2020. The complete information with tender

Earlier on Monday, Israel's

Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu committed \$60

million at an international

donors conference raising

funds for the joint fight

against COVID-19 pan-

According to data from

Johns Hopkins University,

over 16,000 people in Israel

have tested positive for

COVID-19 which has so far

killed 237 people in the coun-

Globally, more than 3.6

million people have tested

positive for the disease which

has so far killed over 252,000

"Even once we find a vac-

cine – whether it's in Canada

or elsewhere around the

world – we will share the vac-

On the same day, Canada's

two largest provinces gave the

green light to the reopening

of mainly seasonal businesses

in Ontario, and storefront re-

tail operations outside the

The Montreal metropolis

has more than half of the prov-

ince's COVID-19 cases, and

with no sign of the pandemic

curve flattening, Quebec Pre-

mier Francois Legault an-

nounced on Monday that the

opening of retail stories in the

province's most populous re-

gion, scheduled for next May

11, would be delayed by a

Montreal area in Quebec.

cine in its formula."

people. - IANS

Canada to develop

COVID-19 vaccine

demic.

Open tender through e-Tendering syste electrical contractor and superviso license for the following work. Tender No. EL/CON/SCL/01/2020/JI. Name o works: Power supply arrangement t State Power sub-station in connection with ₹4,57,400/-, Completion period: 180 days E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. or -05-2020 and opened at 15.30 hrs. on 28-05-2020. The complete informatio with the tender document of above e tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction Organisation) "Serving Customers with a smile

experienced and reputed Contractor(s) firm(s) for the following works:- E-Tende No. DY CE3-MLG-GLUED-2020-03 Name of work: Manufacturing, supplying fixing of In-situ glued joint on 52/6 connection with New Bongaigaon Goalpara Town - Kamakhya Doubling Project. Tender Value: ₹3,39,47,067/-Earnest Money: ₹3,19,800/-. Completion period: 24 Months. Tenders will be ned on 09-06-2020 at 15:30 Hrs. a the office of General Manager/Con Maligaon. The complete information wit the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 14.30 hrs of 09 06-2020 at www.ireps.gov.in. Sr. XEN/CON/Kamakhya, Maligao

Northeast Frontier Railway

nvited from valid electrical license onservation system for Railway platfor Chaparmukh Railway station i connection with Digaru-Hojai Patch Doubling Project. Tender value tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. o I-05-2020 and opened at 15.00 hrs. on ender will be available upto 13.00 hrs o www.nfrlyconstruction.org.

Open tender through e-Tendering syste

Contractor (s)/firm(s) having valid electrical contractor and supervisor icense for the following work. **Tender No**. EL/CON/SCL/14/2019/B-S-RT. Name o work: Supply, erection, testing and ommissioning of tunnel lighting, power supply system and lighting & socke system for technical building cum power nouse for tunnel no.1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 21, 23 connection with Bhairabi - Sairang Nev line project. Tender value 18.04.38.715.00. Earnest money 10,52,200.00, Completion period: 180 days, E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs on 28-05-2020 and opened at 15.30 hrs on 28-05-2020. The complete informatio tender will be available in website

Northeast Frontier Railway

sumption is a known cause of death and disability, yet it was previously unclear if alcohol consumption is also a cause of

Higher alcohol consumption linked to increased stroke risk cohol consumption – is the Genomic and Precision Medicause of a disease, or if it is the legs.

warning for heavy drinkers, new research says that higher alcohol consumption is associated with an increased risk of having a stroke or developing peripheral artery disease (PAD). While observational studies

have consistently shown that heavy alcohol consumption is associated with an increased risk of certain cardiovascular diseases, they often use selfreported data and are unable to determine the cause.

ceoalda@gmail.com For the current findings, CD/TN/...../1

cine Journal Report, researchers used a different technique called Mendelian randomisation that identifies genetic variants with a known association to potential risk factors to determine the potential degree of disease risk. "Since genetic variants are

determined at conception and cannot be affected by subsequent environmental factors, this technique allows us to better determine whether a risk factor – in this case, heavy alsimply associated," said study researcher Susanna Larsson from Karolinska Institutet in The research team analysed

the genetic data from several large-scale consortia and the UK Biobank, which follows the 500,000 UK residents.

health and well-being of Results indicate that with higher alcohol consumption, a three-fold increase of peripheral artery disease, a narrow-

ing of arteries that results in

The findings showed that higher alcohol consumption

can lead to a 27 per cent increase in stroke incidence. They also found some evi-

dence for a positive association of coronary artery disease, atrial fibrillation and aortic aneurysm. "Higher alcohol concardiovascular disease," Larsson said. - IANS

5:00 hrs. on 27-05-2020. The complete information with tender documents o 15.00 hrs. of 26-05-2020 in websi www.ireps.gov.in NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

website <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>.

UTSOURCING THE WORK O WASHING/CLEANING AND

dated 04-05-2020. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Nam of work: Outsorcing the work of washing cleaning and transportation of 1000 linen set Maintenance Depot, Guwahati for a period o Earnest Money: ₹70,100/-. Cost of tende document: ₹3,000/-. Date & time o Closing of tender:15:00 hrs. on 27-05-202 & opening of Tender: 27-05-2020 at 15:30 document of above e-tender will be available www.ireps.gov.in

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

www.nfrlyconstruction.org.

Dy. CEE/CON/SCL, Maligaor

Fixing of In-situ glued joint etc

E-Tender Notice No. CON/MLG/2020 MAY/03; Dated: 29-04-2020. Open tende through e-tendering system is invited from

Provision of energy conservation system for Railway platform E-Tender Notice No. DY.CEE/CON/

MLG/07/2020; Dated: 29-04-2020. World tender through e-Tendering system ar No.: EL/CON/MLG/24/2019-20/DGU-HJI Name of work: Provision of energy \$3,86,36,369/-, Earnest money \$3,43,200/-, Completion period: 180 days 21-05-2020. The complete information 21-05-2020 in website www.ireps.gov.ir

Dy. CEE/Con, Maligaon Northeast Frontier Railway "Serving Customers with a smile

E-Tender Notice No. DY.CEE/COM SCL/09/2020/BS; Dated: 04-05-2020

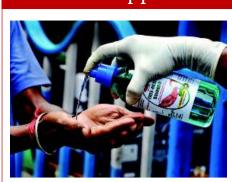
www.ireps.gov.in www.nfrlyconstruction.org Dy. CEE/CON/SCL, Maligao

"Serving Customers with a smile"

For pick up of

from your doorstep ...

Corona Snippets



A wine shop worker pumps sanitizer on the hands of a customer standing in a queue to buy liquor amid ongoing COVID-19 lockdown, in Kolkata on Tuesday. - PTI

Part of Shastri Bhavan sealed off

NEW DELHI, May 5: Authorities sealed a floor of Shastri Bhavan, which houses several important ministries, on Tuesday after a senior official tested positive for the coronavirus, the second incident of a government building being partially cordoned off in Lutyen's Delhi within a week. The fourth floor 'A' wing from Gate 1 to Gate 3 has been sealed and is being disinfected, two officials said. Some gates and lifts will also remain closed till Wednesday. They said an official of the Law Ministry, housed on the second floor of Shastri Bhavan, tested positive for the virus, and as per the protocol, the contact tracing has been initiated. – PTI

Gujarat hospitals to join WHO's 'Solidarity' trial

AHMEDABAD, May 5: Hospitals from four cities in Gujarat will participate in the World Health Organisation's 'Solidarity' international clinical trial to help find an effective treatment for COVID-19, a senior State health official said. The trial, to be conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) at hospitals in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot, will compare the effectiveness of four drugs and standard care on coronavirus patients. principal secretary (health) Jayanti Ravi told reporters on Monday. The four drug regimes to be tested on patients are – Remdesivir, Lopinavir, Hydroxychloroquine or Chloroquine and Interferon, she said. – PTI

Darul Uloom for use of bank interests

MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP), May 5: A prominent Islamic seminary has issued a fatwa, allowing the use of interest accumulated on bank deposits of mosques to help the needy during the coronavirus-forced lockdown. The Darul Uloom Deoband gave its opinion in reply to a question by a Karnataka-based manager of a mosque, who had asked whether the interest amount can be used to help the poor during the lockdown. The Fatwa department of Darul Uloom Deoband, comprising Mufti Habibur Rehman Azmi and Mufti Mehmood, told the manager that the bank interest cannot be used by him or the mosque but the amount may be used to help the poor and handicapped, who are facing problems to earn their livelihood. According to Islamic beliefs, acceptance of bank interests is considered forbidden. - PTI

CISF donates over Rs 16 cr to PM CARES

NEW DELHI, May 5: The Central Industrial Security Force has donated over Rs 16.23 crore, equivalent to the one-day salary of its staff members, to the PM CARES Fund to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, a force spokesperson said on Tuesday. The donation was made on Monday after CISF Director General Rajesl Ranjan handed over a cheque of Rs 16,23,82,357 to Union Home Minister Amit Shah. - PTI

Up to Rs 1,000 fine for spitting in public places

NOIDA (UP), May 5: To contain the spread of coronavirus, spitting saliva, gutka or tobacco in public places in Noida has been prohibited and violation of this can attract a penalty of Rs 500 for first time offenders and Rs 1,000 for repeat offenders, according to a new order. The order was issued by the Noida Authority on Monday, a day after the Uttar Pradesh government passed a similar order to prohibit spitting in public places amid the COVID-19 outbreak. "It is directed that spitting, or spitting gutka or tobacco in public places is prohibited. Any violation of the order will attract a penalty of Rs 500 for first-time offenders and Rs 1,000 for repeat offenders," Noida Authority CEO stated in the order. – PTI

No community transmission of COVID-19: Harsh Vardhan

has so far been able to stave off community transmission of COVID-19, says Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, expressing the hope that "behavioural changes" brought about by the infection could become the new normal for a healthy society after the pandemic abates.

The nation in a post-coronavirus future could well look back on the pandemic period as a blessing in disguise if Indians imbibe hand, respiratory and environmental hygiene and practise it in their everyday lives, the minister said.

Underlining the importance of the lockdown, which has been extended till May 17, the minister said health should be on the radar just as much as the economy. The government has to do a

balancing act, Vardhan told PTI. On Tuesday, the number of COVID-19 cases shot up to 46,433 from the 42,836 the day before, a sharp rise of 3,597 cases, according to Union Health Ministry data. The death toll has risen to 1,568 from 1,389.

"Once the havoc caused by the virus subsides and the crisis blows over, people may remember it as a blessing in disguise," Vardhan said.

He added that India has so far been able to keep itself from slipping into the stage of community transmission of the novel

"By now we know that fighting coronavirus is no rocket science. If behavioural changes, such as hand, environmental and respiratory hygiene, which are being practiced more rigorously during this period, get imbibed in society it will become the new normal," Vardhan said.

Such practices will bring down the instances of communicable diseases and society will evolve for the better, he stressed.

Other than small pox and polio, no other viral infection has been completely eradicated from this country. Other diseases keep recurring, the minister said, indicating that COVID-19 might be here for the long haul.

But every cloud has a silver lining, he said.

The situation posed by the COVID-19 pandemic can be seen as an opportunity to shore up health infrastructureand indigenous production of medical equipment and protective gear under the 'Make in India' initiative, the minister explained.

"We have ramped up the production of COVID-19 protective gears likePPE (personal protection equipment) and N-95 masks. Testing facilities have been scaled up significantly," he said.

Efforts are also on to ramp up the production of APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients), the raw material for pharmaceuticals, Vardhan added. - PTI

Indians landing in country have to register for Aarogya Setu: MHA

Stranded Indians who will be brought back by special flights from abroad will have to download 'Aarogya Setu' mobile app and detailed procedures for this entire evacduring the ongoing lockdown uation operation will be isperiod sued, an official of the Minis-

Tuesday. Talking about the evacuation plan for Indians stranded abroad, Srivastava said embassies in various countries are preparing the list.

try of Home Affairs said on

This (evacuation by air or naval vessels) facility will be on payment basis, she said. Non-scheduled commercial flights are being arranged and this operation will begin from May 7 in a phased manner.

"Passengers will be screened before boarding a flight and only asymptomatic travellers will be allowed. Every passenger will have to follow the guidelines issued by the health and civil aviation ministries," she said.

"Travellers will have to register for 'Aarogya Setu' app upon reaching their destination. They will be tested medically and concerned State governments will keep them in hospitals or in institutional quarantine on payment basis," she said.

State governments are being advised to prepare for testing and quarantine of such passengers and their trans-

The Ministry of External

Affairs and Civil Aviation Ministry will issue details in this context, the officer said.

Srivastava also reiterated the national directives that are required to be followed

In public places it is mandatory to wear face masks, keep 'do gaz ki doori' (a distance of around two metres), spitting will be a punishable offence, consumption of liquor, 'paan', tobbaco is prohibited, social distancing is essential at shops and not more than five people should assemble at any such facility, she said.

During a wedding function, not more than 50 people are allowed and not more than 20 people can participate in a funeral. Social distancing should be ensured during these events too, she said.

At workplaces, arrangements for thermal scanning, hand wash, sanitizers and masks should be made.

At offices and in office transport, social distancing should be ensured and there should be adequate difference of time in work shifts. Lunch breaks should be allowed at different times so that social distancing is ensured, Srivastava said.

She added that it will be the responsibility of organisation chiefs to get their employees registered on 'Aarogya Setu' app, developed by the government to check coronavirus cases. - PTI

Centre, States taking steps for relief to migrant workers: SC

A lightning bolt flashes across the sky over the city during a thunderstorm, in Jabalpur on Monday. - PTI

NEW DELHI, May 5: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said the Centre and States are taking appropriate steps to provide relief to migrant workers and disposed of a plea seeking directions to the Railways as also States to provide free of cost travel to homebound migrants.

Abench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and BR Gavai, which took up the matter through video conferencing, said that it does not see any reason to keep the PIL pending and disposed it off.

The top court was hearing a PIL filed by Jagdeep S Chhokar, former director in-charge of IIM, Ahmedabad, and lawyer Gaurav Jain, who have sought direction to authorities to allow migrant workers across the country to return home on free travel after the coronavirus test.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioners, said all migrant workers are not being allowed to go to their villages and many of them have to walk on foot to return home. The bench said the relief claimed by the petitioner has already been granted by the government and it cannot consider the prayer besides what has been made in the petition.

Bhushan said the Central government has to provide the migrant workers the ways and means for the movement but a circular has been issued saying that the State where the workers are and their

native State, have to agree for their travel. It is only after both the States agree that migrant workers are sent to their native places, he said, adding that most of them are also being asked to produce medical certificates from hospitals and are facing problems in doing so.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the government is following the rules and the protocol and providing all possible help to the migrant workers.

The bench said that trains and buses are being provided for their travel and some reports say that 85 per cent cost of their travel is borne by the Centre.

Bhushan said the Railways is saying that States must collect fare from the people and while the reports of 85 per cent subsidy by the Centre may be true, paying even 15 per cent is also too expensive for the migrant workers who have lost their financial means.

Mehta said that initially the grievance of the petitioners was that migrant workers were not allowed to go home, now they are allowed as the government is reviewing the situation on a daily basis.

He said the ground situation is being monitored on a daily basis and when a migrant worker goes back to his native place he or she has to be placed under quarantine for which a standard operating procedure has been finalised. – PTI

Shramik Special trains: 67 run so far, 21 more to go today

NEW DELHI, May 5: The Indian Railways on Tuesday said that it has so far run 67 Shramik Special trains carrying around 67,000 stranded migrants since May 1.

Till May 4, the railways had run 55 trains, the national transporter said.

"There are 21 trains scheduled for Tuesday mainly from Bengaluru, Surat, Sabarmati, Jalandhar, Kota, Ernakulam. On an average, these trains are carrying 1,000 passengers each," the railways said.

These 24 coach trains, which have a capacity of 72 seats, is now reduced

to 54 due to social distancing norms with the middle seat not being allotted to any passenger.

While the railways has officially not stated how much it has spent so far on these services, which the government says has been shared on a 85:15 ratio with the States, officials indicated that for the first 34 trains, the national transporter spent Rs 24 crore, while the States spent Rs 3.5 crore.

Sources said that the railways is spending around Rs 80 lakh per service for the Shramik Special trains.

In its guidelines, the railways has

said the trains will ply only if they have 90 per cent occupancy and the "States should collect the ticket fare".

Having already run 67 such trains since Friday, the Railways has now issued detailed guidelines on security and sanitisation protocols to be followed.

The Railways, in its guidelines issued, has divided the protocols into three broad sections – originating station, destination station and on board the trains. It has also spoken on security arrangements that need to be made at all entry and exit points at the stations as well as on the trains. – PTI



ADKJ #DID YOU KNOW ?

The Water Carrier

Bishti is a community of India who performed the role of carrying drinking water. Initially they used to give water to the soldiers in battles. They would carry water in Goatskin bag known as Mashaks. Later they were employed by the cities to supply water to its different parts in those very bags!



NCPCR focus on creating database of street children NEW DELHI, May 5: Taking note NCPCR Chairman Priyank Kanungo

of the plight of street children during the coronavirus lockdown, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) said this time could be used to create a database of the children so they could be linked to various government social schemes and be prevented from coming out on the streets again.

Generally found on traffic signals, railway platforms, religious places, shopping areas, near bus and auto stands, these children are often involved in rag-picking, street vending or begging. Post March 24, they are either at shelter homes or have walked down to their native places. However, nobody actually knows where they are.

"It could be an ideal situation to prevent these children from coming on the streets again. It is an unprecedented situation when even trains are not running. These children generally run away from homes on trains. Now they should be helped to settle down where they are right now,"

told PTI Bhasha.

He also said that there is no need of any new law but the existing laws like Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016 should be implemented efficient-

ly and the NCPCR is working on it.

"The enforcement agencies in the child protection mechanism should work proactively with child welfare committees which are there in every district across the coun-

try. There are child welfare police officers and special juvenile police units in every police station. The CWC should prepare a database of these children with the help of these authorities so that they could benefit from various government schemes like BPL card, Right to food or Prime Minister Awas Yojna," he said.

According to a study by the NGO 'Save The Children', there are over two million children on the streets of India living in abject deprivation of

the most basic rights and in poverty. It also found that over 80 per cent of the children living in streets have no form of a legal

They do not identity document, exist in the denying them ac-Indian Census cess to social entitlements study. This In a project 'Spotmakes children in the street even

more

vulnerable

light on the Invisibles', in collaboration with the NCPCR, they carried out a census of street children last year.

"This project has been able to link 2,29,262 children in street situations with a legal identity documents across 10 cities (tier 1 and 2) across the country. Apart from identity documents, 89.180 children have been linked to various schemes and services of government. But this number is much less in comparison to the total number

of street children in India. We have to reach maximum children who need support and protection," Anindit Roy Choudhury, Director Programmes, Save The Children told PTI.

"Most often than not, children in street situations are often left out from being counted. Therefore, a large group is often unaccounted for. In the current scenario they could be subjected to sexual exploitation, trafficking or any crime," he added.

"They do not exist in the Indian Census study. This makes children in the street even more vulnerable to being left out from social protection schemes that the government provides and from being protected. It is imperative that all children are given identity cards so that they can be brought under existing social and child protection schemes," he added.

Kanungo has said that NCPCR is revisiting the standard operating procedures for children in street situations developed in collaboration with 'Save the Children' and will finalise it in next 8-10 days. – PTI

oooo /apnedeshkojano | contribution@apnedeshkojano.com Powered by: Priya Communications

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 4 THE ASSAM TRIBUNE, GUWAHATI

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.

DOLLY PARTON

The Assam Tribune

Migrant movement

It is unfortunate that while announcing a 21-day lockdown on March 24 in a bid to combat the coronavirus pandemic, the Centre had not foreseen the plight it would subject lakhs of migrant workers throughout the nation to. In hindsight, rather than implement an immediate lockdown, the Centre might have done better to have allowed a few days' time for the population to have prepared themselves, and also facilitated the movement of those who wished to return to their native places. Not only were a huge number of migrant workers stranded due to the lockdown in various parts of the country, thousands of tourists, students and pilgrims were also left in limbo. While the latter elements perhaps could fend for themselves, the migrants who were mostly daily wage-earners eking out a hand to mouth existence lost their livelihood because of closure of all manufacturing and commercial activities, and did not have the means to sustain themselves for a lengthy period. In times of social distress, the thoughts of most migrants turn towards their native places, a familiar environment obviously inducing a sense of security, and India too was no exception. In the absence of inter-State transport in the form of trains and buses, many workers took to the road in what appeared to be impossibly distant treks to their homes on foot, depending on good Samaritans to provide food and water.

Within the lockdown period itself the authorities had become aware of the distress this segment was experiencing, clashes with the police in different locations underlining the fact. Finally, the Centre was forced into allowing stranded migrants to return home while reiterating that the relaxations given for the inter-State movement of people during the lockdown was available only to migrant workers, stranded tourists, pilgrims and students. The Centre has allowed their movement through trains and buses with certain conditions that include consent of both sending and receiving States, maintenance of social distancing norms and other restrictions. However, lack of clarity on who would bear the costs, with railway officials initially asserting that the migrants must pay the fare and the Centre denying it, had ensured that many stranded migrants are still stuck in metros surviving on doles offered by administrations. It is essential that various States harbouring stranded migrants undertake an initiative to locate them and facilitate their way back to their native places if they so desire. At the same time, mass movement of people within the nation has increased the danger of greater Covid-19 transference, especially to infection-free rural areas. Thus the need is also to undertake close monitoring of the returnees and ensuring that they go into quarantine. The current migrant movement that is taking place poses a clear danger, and the situation needs to be handled carefully so as to prevent adverse outcomes.

Need for clear strategy

With most of the lockdown restrictions being curbed in the State, the authorities need to plan a clear strategy for a calibrated exit. In the State, most of the economic activities including shops and establishments barring malls and restaurants (takeaway services allowed), and commercial transportation including city buses and taxis have resumed as have all government and private offices. While all this had to be done in a graded manner given the large-scale concerns of mass livelihood and the economy, the authorities and the general public must keep in mind the importance of maintaining social distancing norms and other simple safeguards such as universal mask wearing and washing of hands. Economic activity had to resume sooner than later but it naturally brings with it a serious risk of a surge in the spread of Covid-19 unless cautions are taken in our routine lives. Reducing the risk of withdrawal from lockdown will depend on prioritized actions. The experience of China, South Korea and Singapore, which are ahead of the curve thus far, provides pointers to opening up of activity after a phase of movement curbs. These countries opted for enhanced testing, isolation of the infected, tracing of patient contacts and strict quarantine. Post-lockdown, facilities for large-scale testing and support for infection clusters will be highly imperative to prevent what could be another and worse phase of contagion. The challenge now lies in normalizing daily lives and oiling the wheels of the economy without causing a surge in cases that could follow wrong steps. The State Government needs to get its act together and prepare a roadmap for reviving the economy. While many of the economic activities have now been allowed, it will take a while for those to operate on normal scales as earlier. Many activities involving migrant workforce are not likely to begin, given that a vast chunk of such manpower has gone back to their respective States, preferring understandably the social security mechanism in their homes and communities.

The Government and its various departments should now assess the losses in the diverse spheres and identify the problem areas so that an action for rejuvenation of these sectors can be put in place. The situation warrants the ministers to take the lead and come up with a set of priority actions under a business continuity plan. Among other things, the strategy will have to take into account the exodus of the migrant labour force from cities to their home towns. Shortage of labour will hit activity cutting across spheres, leading consequently to food deficits and high prices. Implementation of the MGNREGS project should be expedited, as it can serve the twin objective of meeting labour requirements locally and providing rural livelihood. Converged with other departments, MGNREGS can also help infrastructure creation and upgrade in these trying times. Agriculture as usual will have to be an area of constant focus, with thrust on exporting surplus produce, especially horticultural yields, to neighbouring States and even abroad.

Waging a long hard battle

Dr Monprativ Barooah

he corona pandemic has pushed the world into an unprecedented crisis. Right from New York to New Delhi as well as in many parts of the world, streets are now forlorn and deserted. There is an eerie silence – with a palpable fear of the virus everywhere. While the corona storm has lashed many parts of Europe and America, leaving a trail of death and disease, it looms large in other parts of the world with a portent of potential outbreaks. Scanty knowledge of the virus' novel strain and an uncertain epidemiological behaviour is baffling medical scientists and doctors alike across the globe. The contagion with its characteristic virulence is a threat no man had ever seen or comprehended before. It has without doubt put the human race in a rare litmus test. wherein the wait for the cataclysm to pass off seems to be unending and the only weaponry at hand being social distancing.

Treatment-wise, one of the major challenges faced by the medical community as well as the health experts has been in tackling the aggressive behaviour of this novel coronavirus in a large elderly western populace. Viruses, unlike bacteria, are always hard to deal with. And this sudden burst of a mutant strain with its aggressive clinical course as is manifested by the high infection mortality rate (high death rates) across Europe and America has virtually pressed the panic button in the medical world to search for a magic pill. Doctors and clinicians therefore began to try out all possible modalities that could salvage the patient inflicted with novel Covid-19. One such exercise has been the experiment with hydroxychloroquine-azithromycin combination. Donald Trump's premature announcement of hydroxychloroquine as a possible game changer in Covid-19 cure further bolstered a section of the international medical community in trying out the same. However Hippocrates, the father of medicine, had once famously said: Primum non nocere. This means 'First do no harm'. And medicines of course have the potential of doing more harm than good unless used wisely and backed by sufficient scientific evidence of its safety profile. Very soon the adverse

effects of hydroxychloro-

quine-azithromycin use

in Covid-19 patients be-

gan to surface. Deaths

were reported due to

cardiac side-effects of the above drugs. Now the medical fraternity has reservations regarding the use of this combination in Covid-19 positive patients. Even the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in India has changed its notification which says, "Do not use hydroxychloroquine without medical advice!"

But then one simply cannot blame the medical policymakers for this knee jerk guideline on HCQ-azithromycin use. The current pandemic has been of such a nature that it has thrown the whole world into a tizzy, literally

landing us in a catch-22 situation. Here in India, with a mammoth population and scarce medical resources, we are somehow lucky thus far. The infection mortality rate is still low. The virus has behaved soberly out here.

Does this imply that the collective immunity of the Indians has been able to thwart the explosive nature of the virus so far thereby limiting cases to ones with mild or moderate symptoms and a lower

Aggressive contact tracing followed by isolation arrested the spread of this pandemic. which could otherwise have tested out our healthcare resources. As Assam desperately ekes to return to normalcy, a meticulously chalked out policy is the need of the hour.

mortality rate?

Only time will tell us the answer. However, on the other hand, if the virus decides to put its foot down out here, we as a nation of 1.3 billion with less than 0.5 hospital beds per 1000 population will be living our worst nightmare.

Here in India, without doubt social distancing happens to be the only answer to the coronavirus right now. And mind you, there are no medicines on the counter and no vaccine in the near horizon. Ventilators can never be the bailout mechanism for a pandemic. It is a step-up therapy, to support the critically ill with a thousand uncertain metabolic derangements ultimately determining the fate of the patient.

As far as the States are concerned in dealing with the corona epidemic, Kerala and Assam stand out. The governments of both these States deserve accolades for flattening the epidemic curve. Kerala has been a success story thus far, bolstered of course by a robust

> healthcare infrastructure as well as a proactive administration-cum-governance. They have used aggressive testing, contact tracing and roundthe-clock surveillance to good effect. Despite Kerala's high population density and a large migrant flow, isolation of Covid-19 positive cases and their contact tracing has been top notch. Be it the village level Covid detectives, the community kitchens, the police, the volunteers and the many NGOs - all staged

a coordinated effort.

Here in Assam too, our Government has done a tremendous job led by a steadfast Chief Minister. When the pendulum began to swing precariously with the identification of the first case of Covid-19, tension ran high and a wave of impending doom swept across the region. But right through it, our CM stood tall, supported ably by an omnipresent Health Minister. Aggressive contact tracing followed by isolation arrested the spread of this pandemic, which could otherwise have tested out our health-

ately wants to return to normalcy, a meticulously chalked out policy is the need of the hour. Thousands are still stranded away from home. Students are longing to return to school. Daily wage labourers are dying to earn their bread and butter. Hundreds of patients are awaiting their periodic follow-ups and treatment at tertiary care centres. It is here that Assam can employ an aggressive testing-tracing-isolation exercise. The Health Department must continue chasing the virus and embark upon aggressive surveillance across all administrative entities below the district level. Fever and ARI clinics must continue operating 24x7 and a nodal centre must be incorporated at the district level where any suspected case can be reported. In all probability the virus will have a long and protracted course and will ultimately wane out in a year or two. Till then it is going to be a long hard fight. Elders must be protected and people with co-morbidities like diabetes and hypertension should keep themselves fit and their blood parameters under control. Herd or collective immunity has to ultimately take over, it being the only means of defence right now.

care resources. As Assam desper-

There is an urgent need to increase healthcare spending. Every hospital with more than 100 beds should be reinforced with a 10 to 15-bed intensive care units and manpower trained accordingly. Here in Assam, a long season of floods followed by the menace of encephalitis would hit us sooner than later. It is time for all of us to gear up. Our leaders will definitely show us the way. At least a few have done well thus far!

Corona, online education and India's winning side

Dr Surjya Kumar Saikia

ith the onslaught of the coronavirus, two-fifths of the world have gone under lockdown situations. And the most affected sector to hit by this lockdown is the formal education in schools, colleges and universities. In India, the situation is worse since the lockdown started from April 24, 2020 midnight which is the peak period of classes for semesters, school exams and their reopening. The results of many schools were not declared, textbooks were not distributed, and the semesters that were just gearing up had to stop. Initially it was thought to be a recess period for the hectically busy educators and time-starving students. People started browsing net voraciously, thanks to the low cost 4G planes of some network providers. The online chatting with jokes and stories of coronavirus spilled over from netizen to netizen. However, once the first seven days of the lockdown passed, the psychological boredom of home confinement started surfacing. At the same time, the Government's idea of 'work from home' was extended beyond corporates, and included officials of the Central and State government establishments. Through an advisory, the UGC also made it clear to all educators, especially uni-

versity, college and school teachers, to go for online classes to cover the course and keep the students busy

with academic assignments. The present situation reminds of the period of demonetization when advisories were circulated to go for online payments so far possible in case of all purchases. Initially the idea of online payments across pan-India was criticized from different corners, stating that, India with 70% of the rural population hardly understands the 'Sign in' agreements and online buttons. But things have been moved with challenges and in 2018-19. India registered 51% growth of digital transactions over 2017-18. A similar picture has now p behind the approach of 'Work from home' or WFH for professors and school teachers during this lockdown period. Probably, at the bottom of a smarter techno-savvy turn, the move to online education started with WhatsApp groups and slowly skilled to use the Zoom app. Until stopped for security reasons, it was disclosed that Zoom app experienced the highest downloading rate in India. The reason behind is clear, that besides the conferences and meetings, major usage of Zoom was explored by educators for interactive online classes. Even kids from primary classes received their lessons through Zoom on a daily routine basis from their teachers.

The revolution of online education in India was started earlier on July 9, 2017. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, initiated it with the name SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) under the Digital India movement to give a coordinated stage and free entry to web courses, covering all advanced education, high school and skill sector courses. Although the UGC pushed it to the universities and colleges, and credited some points for promotion if an educator registers courses in SWAYAM, the invitation was partially welcomed by traditional teachers with techno-lazy mindset. Many them skilled in handling a smart phone, have ignored it as a modern way of teaching-learning methods. For these educators, browsing emails and booking train and air tickets online are the best use of the internet; otherwise the rest of the data are consumed for browsing online shopping, WhatsApp or Facebook only. In a period when dominated lecture methods through blackboard and chalk are being encroached upon by the audio-visual online tools, many of the senior educators still prefer to linger with an old model of cell phone.

But now the corona episode has really broken up the techno-lazy

mindset of these educators and it has given a wake-up jerk to align their technological doldrums, especially on ICT, with the advancing young minds. The corona episode has made them to realize that there are few more buttons and apps to add into their professional routine. It taught that an educator is a learner throughout his/her life and cannot bypass the best and latest teaching-learning methods when it is needed. When school teachers from semi-urban schools are joining Zoom for online classes, a university or college teacher is using Acadly or Moodlecloud or Google Classroom to communicate with the students, the pandemic really deserves acknowledgement, for India to enter another phase of digital movement.

However, this individualistic approach by Indian educators still needs an organized projection for online teaching via their institute's web platform. Under this corona lockdown period, techno-rich countries are managing online interactive learning as an efficient option to overcome fallacies of traditional teaching-learning processes. One example is the New York School of Interior Design where a centralized entry window has been designed for students to their online courses to be attended during the corona lockdown period. Indians being the second largest consumers on MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) like Coursera still lacks a common policy on institutional ventures for its own institutes to bring online classroom learning a reality. Besides SWAYAM, the e-Pathshaala, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan (RMSA), etc., are not making excellent developments. The corona episode has taught us how online classes and assignments are not too far from reality, that is too at all academic levels covering rural as well as urban India. Obviously, a part of greater India may still remain unreachable through this e-education mode. But, like the 'cashless payment' during post-demonetization which really worked and convinced the urban-rural India to adopt the digital mode of payment as the softest way of transaction, the 'chalkfree education' can also be brought to reality, if not fully, at least to some extent for mass intra-education in a country like India.

This is the best time for the Government to make a pilot policy for traditional schools and colleges in India. On April 11, the UGC came up with the concept 'Bharat Padhe Online' – a new initiative not only for the lockdown period, but also to kick-start a new chapter in India's formal classroom education. The nearly 900 Indian universities may take the lead on this movement of 'chalk-free education'.

Letters to the **EDITOR**

Sir, - The normal office hours of the financial institutions, including banks, insurance companies, etc., in Assam is from 10 am to 5-5.30 pm. The maintenance of normal work hours during Lockdown 3.0 that started on May 4, 2020 is extremely vital, because a host of financial functions, including loans, disbursements, working capital needs, etc., are required to be normalized at the earliest, to help the businesses and economy to claw back. The moot point here is that even if the offices close at scheduled working hours, the officials need some additional time to reach their residences, besides attending to personal needs like shopping for daily requirements.

However, curfew stands imposed from 6 pm to 6 am, which means that the office hours need to be curtailed. This is avoidable at this stage. For the overall benefit of the society at

Need to alter curfew hours

large, the curfew hours need to be altered immediately, more so because the public transport is still a big issue for people working in financial institutions. Many of the offices are situated in deep rural areas. The evening curfew hours should start not earlier than 7 pm. Yours etc., D BHUTIA, RG Baruah Road, Guwahati.

Laudable step

Sir, – This is with reference to the news item (AT, May 3) revealing the elaborate arrangements by our armed forces to conduct aerial flypasts, light up ships at sea and shower flower petals on hospitals across the country in order to offer deep gratitude to all the frontline warriors combating Covid-19 unitedly and fearlessly. This is highly gratifying to note here that the thanks-giving programme was laced with various enthusiastic activities like laying of wreaths at the police memorial in Delhi and other important cities of the country to applaud all our police personnel for their relentless

services in ensuring the lockdown in true spirit. A part from this, the planes and helicopters from the Indian Air Force and the Navy flew over various important hospitals and healthcare establishments in the major metropolitan cities and thus generated huge confidence in the minds of all the corona warriors as well as Covid-19 patients.

ed all these to show that the nation has stood together and showed solidarity in fighting the corona pandemic. Salute to our armed forces and hats off to our spirited Covid-19 warriors. Yours etc., GURUBANDHU CHAKRABORTY, Digboi.

Our armed forces demonstrat-

Human survival

Sir, – It is time to stop and think over the present crisis now. If we continue to neglect the basic needs of cleanliness; if we try to act foolish, going against the Nature; if we encroach upon Planet Earth beyond our need and if we become lethargic and habituated with the man-made

canopy of our comfort zone. merely taking the role of an escapist or a commentator of the negatives of today's situation, we are doomed to be vanguished. Thus, we need to focus on all such issues related to human survival, along with the evergrowing campaign in quest of a safer, better and lively environment for every living being. Yours etc., JAYANTA TOPADAR, Dhemaji.

Stay alert

Sir, – The worst is not over yet. As it has been reported that Bongaigaon has been declared a Red Zone, it is absolutely imperative that people stay at home unless in case of extreme emergency. Since the newly-found positive cases (4) have no contract history, it is very much plausible that other undetected cases exist. I can't emphasize more the need to maintain social distance and sanitize. Not only people living in the red zone areas but also in the nearby areas like Dhaligaon, Chirang, etc., should be highly

alert. Times are difficult but cooperation is the only way to get through this. Yours etc., SAN-JUKTA SARANIA, Chirang.

Not the end Sir, – After the Government

announced measures to ease the lockdown restrictions imposed in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, scores of people were seen stepping out of their home. People have misunderstood this easing of restriction with the end of the pandemic and there were instance of gathering at places such as banks, ATMs, etc., with social distancing hardly being followed by anyone. Social distancing is the key to break the chain and flatten the curve. To avoid any spike in the number of positive cases in future, it must be ensured that proper social distancing is followed by every individual. Yours etc., ROHIT KUMAR YADAV, Khutikatia, Nagaon.

Articles (within 1000-1100 words) and Letters to the Editor for publication in the editorial page may be sent to the email ID: editor@assamtribune.com.

LOCAL FORECAST: Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain/thundershower is very likely to occur. Maximum and minimum temperatures are most likely to be 34°C and 21°C respectively

TEMPERATURE: Max 35.0°C Min 22.0°C

Attacks on COVID fighters decried STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: Expressing concern at the sporadic acts of violence against COVID fighters like doctors or security personnel, NGO Save Guwahati Build Guwahati (SGBG) has stressed the need to bring in a strict legislation to control the situation.

Condemning the attack on police at Lakhimpur yesterday and also at Naoboicha a few days back, SGBG said the frontline workers fighting the pandemic deserve all respect and security from society and such incidents are extremely condemnable.

SGBG president KK Barua and vice president Ajoy Dutta suggested that a law should be enacted so that those who attack doctors, paramedics, police, security personnel and other frontline workers do not get bail.

"Such incidents are being reported from various parts of the country. In some places, it has been seen that while the police try to explain the lockdown rules, they are attacked and people start pelting stones at them. When the situation gets out of hand, the police have to resort to lathicharge. On one hand, the country is showing its gratitude to frontline COVID fighters, and on the other, such acts demoralise them in a big way,' SGBG office-bearers stated.

Online math competition

GUWAHATI, May 5: The Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Management and Technology will hold the online 'Bina Chowdhury Mathematics Competition-2020' for students of classes XI and XII on May 15.

Each student will have to take part as an individual participant. The top three cash prizes are Rs 3,000, Rs 2,000 and Rs 1,000, stated a press release issued here today. The competition will include algebra, coordinate geometry, trigonometry, vector, differential and integral calculus.

"During the lockdown, students with zeal for mathematics will have a golden opportunity to showcase their mathematical knowledge and win prizes," said Prof Dilip Kr Sarma, organising secretary of the competition.

The last date for online registration is May 10, 2020. Details can be downloaded from www.gimt-guwahati.ac.in.

OBITUARY

Utpala Barua GUWAHATI, May 5: Utpa-



here, passed away in her sleep at her residence in the

early hours today. She was 86. She leaves behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives.

GUWAHATI, May 5: The government has taken several major schemes to mitigate the disaster caused by artificial flood

CITY CORRESPONDENT

in Guwahati. The Guwahati Development Department during the current year has come up with six major schemes to mitigate the intensity of artificial floods in the city. The six schemes include cleaning and desilting of the Pamohi water channel, Borsala Beel, Silshaku Beel, Bondajan Beel, Deepor Beel and the NBCC drain.

Rapid urbanisation leading to uncontrolled and unbalanced development activities in the last decade has had a detrimental impact on the ecology and environment of Guwahati city.

The city's drainage system has often collapsed in recent times due to heavy siltation, illegal encroachment, garbage dumping, etc., as the natural water exit channels take the additional burden of stormwater. As a result, the city experiences recurrent artificial floods and severe waterlogging

during the rainy season. To contain the same, the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has taken various measures from time to time. However, in the current time of the COVID-19 pandemic, any addition of disaster will prove catastrophic. Hence the Guwahati Development Department is taking all possible measures beforehand in a proactive manner.

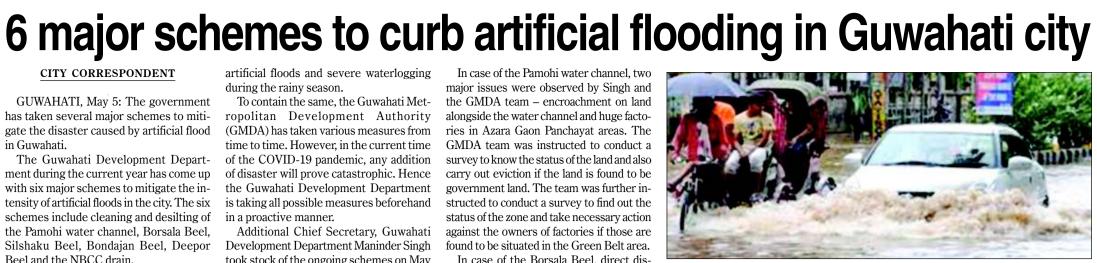
Additional Chief Secretary, Guwahati Development Department Maninder Singh took stock of the ongoing schemes on May 1, making personal visits to some of the sites. He was accompanied by a GMDA team consisting of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Moloy Bora, Secretary Ananta Kumar Gogoi and site engineers Kriti Nath Talukdar and Janardhan Hazarika.

While inspecting the sites, Singh instructed the GMDA team to take up additional measures wherever necessary, to successfully complete the schemes before monsoon arrives.

In case of the Pamohi water channel, two major issues were observed by Singh and the GMDA team - encroachment on land alongside the water channel and huge factories in Azara Gaon Panchavat areas. The GMDA team was instructed to conduct a survey to know the status of the land and also carry out eviction if the land is found to be government land. The team was further instructed to conduct a survey to find out the status of the zone and take necessary action against the owners of factories if those are found to be situated in the Green Belt area.

In case of the Borsala Beel, direct discharge of dirty drainwater into the water body has made the water unhygienic. The GMDA team in this case, was instructed to conduct a survey to find out the technical flaws of the alternative drain. Subsequently, a proposal with required rectification will be placed before Guwahati Development Department to make the drain workable.

In case of the Silshaku Beel, 60 to 70 per cent areas of the beel were found to be under encroachment. Also, presence of three



bottlenecks between the beel and the Brahmaputra river made riverine survey of the water body difficult. In this case the GMDA team was instructed to survey the beel area and carry out an eviction drive to make the area free from encroachment. Instructions were also given for repair of the 'water master' and removal of the bottlenecks in consultation with Oil India Limited.

In case of the NBCC drain, the GMDA team was instructed to deploy more machines within three days for early completion of the works as well as to deploy a sucker machine for cleaning and desilting works.

Under the guidance and supervision of CEO Bora, the GMDA engineers are confident of carrying out the new instructions for the schemes in an expeditious manner and complete them before monsoon.

On the same day, Singh also visited the new ropeway project site undertaken by

Passengers maintain social distancing while travelling by an ASTC city service bus, in

Tarun Gogoi seeks special schemes for weaker sections

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: Former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi today said that special schemes, including loan waivers, should be provided for the economically weaker sections of society to help them tide over the economic downturn brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown.

"Lakhs of people have lost their income after imposition of the lockdown. The government has not done anything to address the problems faced by daily wage earners, self-

CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, May 5: Taher-

uddin Ahmed, an Assam Police

officer and amateur ham radio

operator based in Guwahati has

been helping several people of

the State stranded in different

parts of the country due to the

used the ham radio network

in the country to help people

stranded in states like Telan-

gana, Tamil Nadu and Karna-

taka. He also works as a senior

instructor in the Assam Police

Radio Organisation (APRO).

information through the ham

radio network about people

being stuck due to the nation-

wide lockdown. Food items and

other essential items have been

arranged for those stranded

"I had come across a lot of

The 55-year-old Ahmed has

nationwide lockdown.

employed persons, small traders, farmers and artisans who have been affected the most. Neither the Central government and nor the Assam government has taken up any special schemes to provide relief to such people," said Gogoi.

He said special schemes should be launched to alleviate the suffering of the needy families. "Such people should be helped with new schemes, including waiver of loans," said Gogoi.

He also opposed the State government's decision to suspend the MLA Area Development Fund in the first four

Ham radio operator helping

people stranded outside State

people with the help of various

NGOs, ham operators and ham

radio clubs across the country,"

he said. "Recently, I came to

know about several people who

Taheruddin Ahmed (left) at work

went to Vellore in Tamil Nadu

for treatment before the lock-

down. I contacted Dr Shashi

Kumar, secretary of Tamil

Nadu Private Ambulance Driv-

ers and Owners Association for

help. Kumar sent a team to

Assam Bhawan in Vellore and

distributed food items to 20

people," he added.

months of the current financial year. "I consider this to be a wrong move. The fund helps in implementation of projects at the local level and the rural areas, thus bringing about infrastructure development, while also providing job opportunities," said the threetime Chief Minister. Gogoi called upon the State government to roll back the recent VAT hike in petrol and diesel.

"The government should also formulate an immediate plan to save the local crafts of Assam which have suffered a lot on account of the lockdown," said the senior Congress leader.

West Bengal Radio Club sec-

retary Ambarish Nag Biswas

helped school students from

Assam who were stuck in

Kolkata due to the lockdown.

"I got information about the

20 students that they had run

out of food. I immediately con-

tacted Biswas for help. He ar-

ranged 15 days' ration and gave

The APRO instructor has

also set up a statewide network

of radio communication during

the lockdown. The network,

Central Amateur Radio Activi-

tv Centre, Guwahati which has 60 members, has been helping

the police in different ways dur-

ing the lockdown. Community

radios and internet radios are

also serving people during the

countrywide lockdown and cre-

ating awareness against the

it to them," Ahmed said.

Over 1.3 lakh needy people given meals by NF Rly so far STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has provided more than 1.3 lakh free meals to needy persons so far during the lockdown period.

"The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has provided nearly 45,000 free meals, while other agencies have provided over 85,000 free meals to needy people in area falling under the zone. The items were distributed by Railway Police Force (RPF) and other railway officials by maintaining social distancing even beyond the station vicinity to cater to the food requirements of needy people in areas surrounding the railway stations," said Subhanan Chanda, Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of NFR.

Saraighat bridge: The Saraighat rail-cum-road bridge (Old Saraighat bridge) was reopened for vehicular traffic on Monday after completion of repair work in the upper deck (road section), said Chanda.

The Old Saraighat bridge had been closed for traffic since May 1 to facilitate NFR to carry out repair work. Movement of vehicles was diverted via the New Saraighat bridge, which is a road-only bridge, during this period.

Elderly man found dead at Byrnihat CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, May 5: The body of an unidentified man believed to be in his sixties was found this morning at 13th Mile in Tamulikuchi area near the Central Academy for State Forest Service, Byrnihat. The body will be kept at the GMCH morgue for 72 hours for the purpose of identification, police said.

Contribution to Arogya Nidhi

GUWAHATI, May 5: Employees of the Indian Institute of Bank Management (IIBM), Guwahati, on Tuesday contributed their salary of one day towards the Assam Arogya Nidhi to help the government in its fight against COVID-19, a press release stated.

Govt fully aware of trade community's concerns: CM

and economic activities have

been provided exemptions in

the third phase, people from all

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday held a meeting with the district presidents of the Assam Chamber of Commerce through video conferencing at his conference hall at Janata Bhawan and appreciated the role played by the State trader community during the difficult period created by COVID-19 pandemic.

Stating that on the strength of the help and cooperation extended by all sections of society Assam has gone past two phases under lockdown relatively successfully, Sonowal said that though certain businesses walks of life must stay alert against the deadly virus as the battle is far from over. Sonowal urges **Assam Chamber**

of Commerce to

have patience till

the situation becomes normal

Reassuring the trader community that the State government is fully aware of the heavy losses that the business community of the State has been incurring due to the lock-

down, Sonowal urged them to stay motivated during these tough times.

Responding to a few requests made by the participants at the meeting, such as rescheduling of daily curfew timings from 7 pm to 6 am, appealing to the commercial building owners to exempt or reduce rents, specially for restaurants, etc, Sonowal said that the government would consider their grievances with empathy. He urged the traders to have patience till the situation returns to normal.

Innovative thinking to unleash latent potential was also the need of the hour, he opined.

After 'infodemic', Anamika Ray Trust launches 'COVID Katha'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 5: The city-based Dr Anamika Ray Memorial Trust (ARMT), which was established by noted media educator Dr Ankuran Dutta with the aim to uplift research and other developmental activities in the fields of media, education, ethnic community, open and distance learning, communication for development and other related areas of media and social sciences, has been playing a proactive role within its capacity in the fight against the ongoing pandemic.

Recently, ARMT completed a month-long campaign against fake news (infodemic), which has become as dangerous as the coronavirus itself. As part of the campaign, a series of cartoons were published by the trust in collaboration with The Assam Tribune and a digital media outlet of the State.

ARMT has now come up with 'COVID Katha', a multimedia guide about various facts related to the ongoing pandemic for mass awareness.

The guidebook has been published by the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in association with ARMT. It was launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan on Sunday.

The guidebook includes 26 different topics directly or indirectly related to the pandemic and need to be followed by the common man to get rid of the disease.

It includes topics like the Aarogya Setu App and understanding to fight COVID-19, strengthening immunity, tracing the origin of COVID-19, disciplined preventive restrictions, extreme consequences, fabricated information on the pandemic, systematic efforts to achieve the goals of containing the virus, self-help guidance for virus prevention, interfering the healthy societal structure, etc., along with do's and don'ts.

The project was conceptualised by the head of NCSTC Dr Manoj Kumar Patairiya and produced by Dr Ankuran Dutta. It was edited by Assistant Professor of Gauhati University Dr Anupa Lahkar Goswami and research associate of ARMT Raja Das. The layout and graphics were done by Dr Sanjib Bora and the cartoons were sketched by Nituparna Rajbongshi.

In his foreword to the guidebook, Dr Vardhan wrote, "I have found it extremely useful and exemplary science communication solution for the people at large in the present scenario.'



After lockdown relaxations, auto-rickshaws wait for commuters at a stand, in Guwahati

NFR's freight revenue down due to drop in transportation of coal, other items

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, May 5: A drop in transportation of various commodities, including coal, mineral oil and fertiliser, led to a decrease in the year-on-year cumulative revenue earnings from freight traffic of the Maligaon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) during the 2019-

NFR's revenue earnings from freight traffic on an originating basis stood at Rs 1,066.64 crore in 2019-20 compared to Rs 1,164.51 crore in the previous financial year 2018-19, resulting in an annual fall of 8.40 per cent.

During the period under review, the commodity-wise freight traffic on an originating basis of NFR also went down by 7.39 per down to some extent," said a source. cent year-on-year to 8.77 million tonnes (MT) as against 9.47 MT in 2018-19.

"The earnings took a hit on account of



the overall slowdown in the Indian economy. 2019-20 was not a particularly good year for our country's economy. There was considerable slack in demand for various commodities. As such, transportation of freight commodities also went

Asked if the COVID-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown had an impact on the figures, the source said, "That is

deadly coronavirus.

not the case. We are looking at the figures of 2019-20. The pandemic hit India only in the fourth quarter of the financial year and the lockdown was imposed only a week before the fiscal year was about to end. But even

then, though passenger services were suspended after imposition of the lockdown, freight trains continued to run. The impact of the lockdown will be visible in the numbers for 2020-21."

NFR's freight earnings from coal, ce-

ment, fertiliser, mineral oil and container service witnessed a dip in the last fiscal as against 2018-19. However, the zone reported a growth in earnings from transportation of raw materials for steel plants and foodgrains.

During the financial year ended March 31, 2020, NFR earned Rs 98.97 crore from transportation of 0.60 MT of coal.

Coal continues to be a major source of earnings from freight traffic for the NFR, despite the annual drop witnessed this time. The same is the case with mineral oil.

Besides coal, other commodities like mineral oil, foodgrains and raw materials for steel plants form the biggest component of freight traffic of the NFR zone.

In 2019-20, NFR earned Rs 168.13 crore from transportation of 1.52 MT of raw materials for steel plants and Rs 5.32 crore from 0.09 MT of cement.

NFR transported 0.70 MT of foodgrains earning Rs 186.59 crore during the fiscal under review, while it also transported 0.17 MT of fertilisers earning Rs 11.49 crore in revenue.

In the last fiscal, NFR earned Rs 367.29 crore from transportation of 2.63 MT of mineral oil.

Besides, the zone earned Rs 21.40 crore from transportation of 0.08 MT of container service, Rs 207.40 crore from 2.98 MT of 'other goods', and Rs 5 lakh by transporting a small quantity of pig iron and finished steel in the period from

April 2019 to March 2020.

Overall, in 2019-20 fiscal, Indian Railways' cumulative revenue earnings from freight traffic stood at over Rs 1,23,244 crore, a decline of over 1.6 per cent on an annual basis, while its commoditywise freight traffic also registered a fall of over one per cent to 1,210.46 MT.

Sources admitted that 2020-21 is also likely to be a tough year. "The first quarter will be really bad as the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown will be felt by all the zones, including the NFR. However, we hope that the situation will improve by the second quarter and go for a turnaround by the third. Yet, it is too early to make a forecast," an official said.

Fake COVID-19 kits in international market: CBI

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has alerted State police organisations of the country about fake COVID-19 testing kits circulating in the international market after an intimation from the Interpol in this regard, sources said.

They said the Interpol has alerted its 194 member countries about these fake

Tuesday approved shifting of

Surat-based diamond work-

ers and their family mem-

formed a committee, a sen-

The five-member panel will

for Health Kumar Kanani. portal," he said.

be chaired by Minister of State

Other members include IAS

officer MS Patel, a Deputy

Commissioner of Police, a

Deputy SP and a Deputy Col-

lector, said Ashwani Kumar,

Secretary in the Office of

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

"Diamond workers in Surat

mainly belonged to Amreli,

Bhavnagar and Botad districts

ior official said.

NEW DELHI, May 5: The testing kits sneaking in the international market, they said.

Interpol Liaison Officers

respective police organisations

Prior to this announcement,

Tribal Affairs Minister Ganpat

Vasava and Kanani held a meet-

"Diamond workers from

other districts of Gujarat can

also apply through that online

An estimated 3 to 4 lakh

Kumar said the permission

people from Saurashtra live in

Surat, most of them workers

to travel will be issued only

after screening and that online

registration will start from

"People having symptoms

Wednesday.

of Saurashtra region. Since like cough and fever will not

they want to go back to their be allowed to travel. Upon

native places, we have formed reaching there (Saurashtra),

a committee to coordinate these people will be checked

with these three districts. Peoagain and asked to undergo 14

ple wanting to go can register days of home quarantine," said

Kochi airport gears up

to receive expatriates

themselves on an online por- Kumar. - PTI

in diamond polishing units.

(ILOs) to alert their

Gujarat forms panel

to shift diamond

workers from Surat

bers to their native places in ing with Surat District Collec-

the Saurashtra region and tor and MS Patel to discuss the

The Gujarat government on evening," Kumar said.

AHMEDABAD, May 5: tal to be launched by Tuesday

The ILOs are officers deputed in every State police The CBI, which is the National Central Bureau for organisation for liaison with the CBI over matters related India tasked with coordination to the Interpol. with the International Criminal Police Organisation "No Indian company or (Interpol), immediately swung into action and alerted all

supplier is mentioned in the Interpol communication," the sources said.

about such unscrupulous

supplies, they said.

They refused to give any further details as such

Man quarantines

self on tree for 14

days after walking

200 km to reach

home in Rajasthan

JAIPUR, May 5: A 24-year-

old migrant worker, who

walked around 200 km from

Ajmer district to his village in

Bhilwara after the lockdown

was extended, spent his man-

datory 14-day quarantine on a

Kamlesh Meena reached

Sherpura village in Jahajpur

tehsil on foot from Kishangarh

But the residents stopped

him from entering the village

over fears that he might have

contracted COVID-19, and

summoned a medical team

from a community health cen-

When the health workers

asked him to shift to a quaran-

tine centre in Bhilwara for 14

days, the villagers decided to

arrange his stay and quaran-

tine in the fields at a distance

The villagers and Meena's

family members erected a

'machaan' (temporary plat-

form) with bamboo on a tree

for him and his father, Sagar-

mal, made arrangements for

food, water and other essen-

tial items during the quaran-

Asked if West Bengal was

not reporting cases properly

as a sudden spike of deaths has

been reported there, he said,

"We coordinated with the state

government and it was

ensured that whatever late

reported to us the additional

An increase of 98 fatalities

due to COVID-19 and 296 cases have been reported from

West Bengal so far since

Ensuring timely reporting

of cases along with implemen-

tation of field level action is

important while dealing with

an infectious disease, Agarwal

Asserting that it is impor-

tant that each and every con-

conducting surveillance for

Severe Acute Respiratory

Infection (SARI) and influenza

like illness (ILI) symptoms in

facilities in containment zones

and otherwise, vields very

valuable data and guides further

Pulitzer ...

(Contd from page 1)

the awards were announced,

Khan said, "Dear colleagues

and friends I just want to say

Thank you and that this award

@PulitzerPrizes an honor for

Dar, who like Khan hails

from Srinagar, said the award

was an honour and a privilege.

"I would just like to say thank

you for standing by us always.

It's an honour and a privilege

beyond any we could have ever

imagined. It's overwhelming

to receive this honour," he said.

Congratulatory messages

have been pouring in for the

three photojournalists who

won the biggest prize in jour-

nalism for their feature pho-

tography during the lockdown

in the region following abro-

gation of Article 370 in August

The journalist fraternity also

hailed the first Pulitzer win-

ners from Jammu and Kash-

last year.

mir. - PTI

Taking to Twitter soon after

action. - PTI

us..."

Monday morning.

from the houses.

tre to have him screened.

'machaan' built on a tree.

in Ajmer on April 16.

information may alert the operatives who may be under the scanner of a police organisation in the country.

India is heavily dependent on imported COVID-19 testing kits.

The country has reported 46,433 COVID-19 cases so far with 1,568 persons succumbing to the disease which spreads through droplets expelled from the

nose or mouth of an infected person when he coughs, sneezes, or speaks.

People can catch COVID-19 if they breathe in these droplets, according to the World Health Organisation.

The Interpol has noticed a large number of international crimes after the coronavirus pandemic gripped the globe, including online sale of fake medicines and medical

supplies, ransomware operations targeting hospitals, financial frauds related to medical supplies, among others.

The Lyon-based international police cooperation organisation has issued a number of global alerts about the modus operandi of criminals trying to mint quick money in the wake of COVID 19 global crisis. - PTI

NOTICE

It is for general information to all concerned that due to lockdown for COVID-19 the Technical Bid opening date of E-Tender for selection of transporter for door step delivery of NFSA 13 Rice of Biswanath District vide this Office Notice No. BFS-50/2017/Pt-1/300 dated on 17.04.2020 is extended upto 18.05.2020 at 12 Noon.

> **Sd/- Deputy Commissioner** Biswanath.

Janasanyog/D/423/20

No. DSW(ICDS)G/31/2020/8

In view of some technical reasons, in respect of Digital Class Room in Anganwadi Centres in Assam, vide Tender No. DSW(ICDS)G/31/2020/2, dtd. changed and extended till 08.05.2020 upto 2.00 P.M.

Sd/- Director.

Uzanbazar, Guwahati- 1

ASSAM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (A Government of Assam Undertaking)

Tender Reference No.: AIDC/CC/SM/1/2319

Social Media Management Agency for Industries & Commerce Department,

A.I.D.C. Ltd. Intends to Engage a leading/ reputed firm to manage the Social Media for Industries & Commerce

RFP will be available from May 11, 2020. The last date for submission of bids is June 8, 2020. The pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for May 20, 2020 at Assam Industrial Development Corporation Limited (AIDC), R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati, Assam

The detailed guidelines, schedule, terms and conditions will be available at www.assamtenders.gov.in from May 11, 2020 and applications will be received through the portal only. Any change to the said RFP shall be published on the given website.

The selection will be based on QCBS system and the financial lowest bidder may not qualify for the selection. AIDC reserves the right to accept or reject any/ all RFP without assigning any reason whatsoever. This notice will also form a part of the contract and will be binding

Janasanyog/CF/109/20

Sd/- Managing Director

Request for Proposal (RFP) for hiring of

EXTENSION NOTICE

Short Notice Inviting Tender regarding structure of 09.04.2020, the date and time for collecting of tender document and tender submission are hereby The other terms and condition will remain same.

Social Welfare, Assam

Janasanyog/C/195/20

Government of Assam

Department, Government of Assam.

upon the tender.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing non-refundable court fee stamps of

Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paisa) only are invited

rom intending Govt. Registered dealers/firms/suppliers for

supplying the following gratuitous relief items to the Office of

he Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar for the year 2020-21 will

be received by the undersigned on or before 15th May, 2020

up to 03:00 P.M. and the same will be opened on 15th May,

020 at 03:30 P.M. in presence of the tenderers or their

authorized representatives. The tender must be accompanied

with a copy of the Firm Registration Certificate, GST registration

certificate, Trade License, Tax Clearance Certificate, IT Return

Certificate, Credential Certificate/Financial Sound Certificate

PAN card & Bank Draft/F.D. for Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty

housand) only as Security Deposit in favour of Deputy

Commissioner, Kokrajhar. Tender without samples will not be

FLOOD) FOR THE YEAR 2020-21". The rate should be quoted

In the absence of fulfilling these conditions, the tender will be

ejected. The rate should be quoted separately for different

ypes of article including GST. The trade marks, if any, may be

dicated in the tender against each item of gratuitous relief.

The tenderer must be in a position to supply the articles

mmediately on emergency basis to the affected families from

he date of receipt of supply order, failing of which, the Security

Deposit amount will be forfeited and the approved rate of that

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the

Kilogram

Kilogram

Per litre

Kilogram

Kilogram

Kilogram

Per packet

Per packet

Per dozen

Per dozen

Per dozen

Per packet

Per piece

Per piece

Per metre

Per packet

Per packet

Per box

Per bottle

Per piece

Per piece

Per piece

Per packet

Per packet

Per bottle

Per bottle

Per litre

Per litre

Per piece

Per piece

Per quintal

Per quintal

irm will be treated as cancelled.

enders without assigning any reason thereof.

Rice (common / Fine)

Dal Musur (Big/Small)

M.Oil (Standard Brand)

Name of Items

The tender should be submitted in sealed envelope superscribed on the cover as "SUPPLY OF G.R. ITEMS (STORM/

Boats anchored along the banks of the Ganga as dark clouds hover in the sky, during the ongoing nationwide lockdown, in Patna on Tuesday, - PTI **COVID-19 curve remains**

NEW DELHI, May 5: The COVID-19 curve has remained relatively flat so far but the continued rise of cases at a steady rate is a cause of concern, AIIMS Director Randeep Guleria said on Tuesday.

Different modelling experts have predicted that a peak in number of cases of novel coronavirus infection may occur in the next four to six weeks, that is by the end of May or middle of June, Guleria said stressing on the need to be extra vigilant and to make efforts to reduce the number of cases in the hotspots.

He also said, "The country may see a rise in COVID-19 cases during the winter again but that time will only tell."

These remarks come amid cial distancing, especially if several State governments giving relaxations and opening up liquor shops in accordance pulmonologist, said. to the guidelines issued by the home ministry.

flat: AIIMS director

relatively flat so far because of the implementation of the rus there. lockdown and other containgiven us time to prepare our health infrastructure and

"However, the number of steady rate and this is a cause of concern. Every citizen number of cases rose to should understand his respon- 42,836 in the last 24 hours, sibility and sincerely follow the according to Union health

they are in hotspots or containment areas," Guleria, a He stressed on focusing on

areas having a high case load "The curve has remained of COVID-19 so that there is no further transmission of vi-

Simultaneously, he emphament measures and this has sised on stepping up surveillance in green zones which have reported no cases so far ramp up testing facilities in so that they continue to remain infection-free.

On Tuesday morning, the cases continue to rise at a death toll due to coronavirus rose to 1,568 and the principles of lockdown and so-ministry data. - PTI

KOCHI, May 5: A batch of over 2,100 expatriates from Kerala tine period. – PTI in Gulf countries are expected to be airlifted here in the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic and extensive preparations are under 3,900 new ... (Contd from page 1)

way at the international airport here to receive them, an official said on Tuesday. As many as 2,150 expatriates are expected to be airlifted in 10 flights from countries including United Arab Emirates,

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia in the first phase of evacuation operations commencing on Thursday. "Extensive preparations to ensure implementation of COVID-19 evacuation protocol and exit social distancing norms

spokesman of the airport said. He said a three phased dis-infestation project was going on at the airport while mock drills for testing different systems had already been completed. – PTI

are under way at the Cochin International Airport Limited," a

No. ACE/T/NIT/15/Pt-II/2017-18/

this office No. ACE/NIT/15/Pt-II/2017-18/20 Dated 30.04.2020 the work for Kalaigaon LAC Under SOPD (G) for the year 2019-20 is temporarily ineffective due to some unavoidable circumstances, until further notice and others will remain same.

Janasanyog/CF/119/20 Tezpur Zone, Tezpur.

The Addl. Chief Engineer (Planning), P.W.D. (Roads), Assan on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bid from approved and eligible contractors registered with Assam PWD (Roads) for two works in Kamrup (Metro) district of Assam under SOPD(G) for the year 2019-20. Details may be seen at website: assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned in the "City Works Cell", from 08.05.2020 during office hours

> Addl. Chief Engineer (Planning), PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

Janasanyog/CF/127/20

No. KRR DDMA K(M) 06/2020/9

Short Notice quotation in sealed cover affixing court free stamps of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight twenty five) only is hereby invited from the registered Govt Manufacturers/ Distributors/ Suppliers/ reputed firms/ Individuals of Assam for the supply of relief items in connection with relief measures during any kind of disaster both man-made and natural. The rate should be quoted for each item separately inclusive of GST and other taxes. The intending quotationers must submit sample along with market rate/ dealer rate quoted to the office during office hours within 15th May, 2020 addressing to the ADC & CEO, DDMA, Kamrup (M), O/ o the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M), Panbazar, Guwahati.

Tender Documents shall be available in office of District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kamrup Metropolitan District, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup Metropolitan District, Panbazar, Guwahati-781001 on payment of non-refundable fee of INR 500/- (INR five hundred only) by Demand Draft in favour of "Deputy Commissioner & Chairman" District Disaster Management Authority payable at Guwahati. Detail may be seen at the undersigned office.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner & Chairman **DDMA**, Kamrup Metropolitan District, Guwahati Janasanyog/C/201/20

reporting of cases was happening gets streamlined. The state government has

With reference to the Re-press Notice Issued vide

Sd/- Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)

No. CE/CW/53/2019-20/7

PRESS NOTICE INVITINGTENDER

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION (NIQ)

TN for treatment at home for people with mild symptoms

CHENNAI, May 5: The Tamil Nadu gov- the government. "A communication link being people who test positive for coronavirus at their respective residences if they have very mild symptoms and issued separate

guidelines for it. It has been decided to accept a proposal of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine for home isolation of those who test positive and have "very mild" symptoms or tact of positive patients needs are "pre-symptomatic," a government order to be traced, Agarwal said

(GO) stated. For treatment at home, the person diagnosed for COVID-19 should be "clinically assigned as a very mild case/pre-symptomatic case by the treating medical officer,"

the GO added. Such people should have requisite facility at their residence for self-isolation and also for quarantining the family contacts.

Availability of a well-ventilated single-room preferably with an attached or separate toilet and the availability of a care giver all the time are among the eligibility norms prescribed by

ernment has approved a proposal for treat- tween the care giver and hospital is a prerequisite for the entire duration of home isolation."

> The care giver and all close contacts of such patients should take hydroxychloroquine as a prophylaxis besides preparations including multivitamins as per protocol and as prescribed by the treating medical officer.

> Immediate medical attention must be sought if serious signs or symptoms develop including persistent cough, pain/pressure in the chest, continuous fever, difficulty in breathing, mental confusion, seizures and decreased urine output.

> All suspected (awaiting test results) and confirmed cases of COVID-19 are currently being isolated and managed in a hospital setting.

> Also, authorities have said that facilities like colleges and others that are designated as 'Covid care centres' are set to be used for asymptomatic people who test positive for the contagion.

> Several people who have tested positive for the virus here and in other parts of Tamil Nadu have very mild or no symptoms. - PTI

GMCH resumes ...

(Contd from page 1)

Most of the patients are accompanied by a number of attendants, while, a number of attendants of admitted patients also visited the hospital. But now the visit to the hospital by the attendants has been restricted and only one attendant with each patient is allowed. GMCH sources said that all those visiting the hospi-

tal are now screened by a team of doctors and other staff and if any patient is suffering from high fever and have any other symptom of COVID-19, he or she is admitted to the isolation ward and tests are carried out. Interestingly with the state under lockdown, the number of accident cases received by the hospital came down drastically. With the State put under night curfew, doctors are of the opinion that the accident cases will remain low in the days to come though the lockdown norms have been eased. GMCH sources said that a new phenomenon has

added to the pressure on the hospital as the private hospitals send patients having cold and cough to the GMCH. The private hospitals do not have the facility to carry out COVID-19 tests and without taking any chance, they send all such patients to the GMCH, sources added.

28 CRPF men ...

(Contd from page 1)

Officials have indicated that the primary source of the COVID-19 infection in this unit could be a constable (nursing assistant) who joined this battalion after finishing his leave period at his home in the NCR.

The jawan is posted in another CRPF battalion deployed in Kupwara of Jammu & Kashmir and it is not clear as to how he contracted the infection. Family members of the jawan had also tested negative.

It could also be possible that some other asymptomatic personnel from the 31st battalion was the primary source of infection for the unit, officials

The CRPF is investigating all these angles apart from an instance where it was claimed that the nursing attendant was not kept under strict quarantine in the battalion camp, leading to the spread of the COVID-19 infection.

Chira Gur Salt (Standard Brand)-Packet Baby Food (Cerelac (300g)) Baby Food {Lactogen (400g)} Biscuit (Goodday (39g)) 10. Biscuit (Marrigold (100g)) Biscuit {Thin Arrowroot (52g)} 12. Water Bottle (500 ml) 13. Mosquito Net (190cm x 180cm x 150cm double Polythene Sheet (Tarpaulin) (14ft x 18ft) Black Polythene Sheet Candle (Big) Candle (Medium) Match Box (10 pkt each) Hair Oil (50 ml) Soap {(Bathing) (Medium)) Cleaning Soap (50gms) Tooth paste (50gms) 23. Bleaching powder (500 g) Milk powder (Everyday-200 g) Harpic (Big) 25. Harpic (Small) 26. Phenyl (Liquid-White) Phenyl (Liquid-Black) Plastic Bucket (Good Quality)

Cattle fodder (Rice Bran) Per quintal 33. No representation for the enhancement of rates will be entertained during the validity of the tender period.

Janasanyog/CF/104/20

Plastic Mug (Good Quality)

Cattle fodder (Wheat Bran)

Fire Wood

30.

32.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar.



Forecast for NE: Rain thundershower is very likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and at most over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura Warning: Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at isolated places over Pradesh Thundersquall with wind speed exceeding 60 kmph is very likely to occur at isolated Nagaland. Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

	Tempera	atures
IV	lax (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	29.2	21.4
Tezpur	30.9	23.5
Silchar	31.9	23.6
Dhubri	33.2	24.4
Jorhat	28.3	21.1
N Lakhimpu	r 29.2	20.6
Shillong	22.6	_
Cherrapunje	ee 24.2	15.1
Aizawl	25.8	16.3
Kohima	22.8	12.4
Pasighat	30.3	22.5
Itanagar	30.2	21.5
Imphal	28.6	18.9
Agartala	36.3	25.6
M. C. C. C.	and The Control	1/10

Dhalai dist of Tripura gets Red Zone tag 13,000 people from Meghalaya

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, May 5: The Dhalai district of Tripura has been declared a Red Zone, while three places of the district including the headquarters of the 138th Battalion of the BSF, have been notified as containment areas following the outbreak of COVID-19, said Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath last night.

As many as 14 BSF jawans, including one head constable, have tested positive for COVID-19 and all of them have been admitted to the dedicated COVID-19 facility at the GB Pant Hospital here.

Civil Secretariat on the COVID-19 status in Tripura, which has got graded re- across the country due to the nationwide laxation during the third phase of the on- lockdown declared to contain the spread Assam and West Bengal.

There is no need to panic as all possible precautionary measures have been taken to contain the disease, the minister and engaged seven senior officials for this said, adding that the best possible treat-purpose. ment is being given to the COVID-19

Till date, 572 people have been homequarantined, while 128 are under institutional quarantine. Of the total collected samples of 5,611, 5,394 test results have been received. Only 17 COVID-19 positive cases have been found so far out of whom two have already got cured.

Meanwhile, many people from the Nath was briefing media persons at the State like migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and others are stranded

of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tripura Government has already started the process to bring back the stranded people,

Similarly, the State Government has decided to send back 33,000 migrant workers to their respective States from Tripura, largely by train. For sending back these migrant workers, the Tripura Government on Monday formed a team consisting of four top officials.

As per information received from the Chief Minister's Twitter handle, there are more than 33,000 migrant workers who are currently staying in various parts of Tripura. Most of these migrant workers are from Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh,

Meghalaya mushroom death toll rises to 6

death toll due to the consump- The three families, who are tion of wild mushrooms at a neighbours, had consumed the village near the India-Bangla- wild mushrooms they collectdesh border in Meghalaya rose ed from a nearby forest. to six as a 14-year-old girl sucficials said today.

families at Lamin village in gional Institute of Health and Amlarem civil subdivision of Medical Sciences (NEIGRI-West Jaintia Hills district fell HMS) on Monday, said Lamcritically ill after consuming in village headman Golden

SHILLONG, May 5: The wild mushrooms last week.

The girl, identified as cumbed at a hospital here, of- Marriaba Khonglah, died around 11.35 pm at the North At least 18 persons of three Eastern Indira Gandhi Re-

Her brother, Armstrong (23), had died on Sunday, he said. Both Marriaba and Armstrong are siblings of Katdilia Khonglah (26) who died within a few hours of consuming the poisonous mushrooms.

The other deceased are Synran Khonglah (16), Lapynshai Khonglah (28) and Morison Dhar (40).

Katdilias's sister, Wanrika. is

still undergoing treatment at the NEIGRIHMS, while seven-year-old Dimah Gashnga, the son of Morison, is in Woodland Hospital in Shillong.

The other ten persons have recovered and discharged from the hospital.

Meghalava Home Minister Lahkmen Rymbui, who is also the local MLA, expressed condolences to the bereaved fam-

Khandu calls for utmost vigil along border with Assam

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, May 5: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today said that every effort must be made to ensure that the State remains in the Green Zone.

'The main focus of the Government has to be in making the 12 entry points along the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border foolproof so that no case of coronavirus slips into the State. This must be achieved through a strong Health Department, respective district administrations and the police," Khandu said

Nagaland borders to remain sealed till May 17

DIMAPUR. May 5: The inter-State and Khuzama Gate in Kohima district. ickshaws would be permitted to ply on essential activities will remain strictly

Separate guidelines will be issued more than two and one passenger reof caution, the State Government said in respect of people belonging to Na- spectively. The driver and passengers missioners would issue orders under

in Mokokchung district, Dilai Gate and hicles carrying goods.

New Field Gate in Dimapur district,

movement of stranded persons would

be allowed in a regulated manner for a

specific period. Separate guidelines

It said there would not be any quar-

antining of persons entering a district,

in Nagaland as the whole State is un-

der the Green Zone. Inter-district

movement of commercial passenger

will be issued for the same.

of Health Services at Naharlagun today.

Khandu held a meeting with the Task Force officers who briefed him on the proposed road map for fighting coronavirus and other similar diseases on a long-term basis. The Chief Minister said that his Government's priority would be to build robust health infrastructure and facilities in the State, adding that all funds from the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme team effort from the State and the North Eastern Council would be diverted to the Health sector this year.

On the shortage of doctors while visiting the control cenarross the State, the Chief

the condition that they cannot carry prohibited between 5 pm to 6 am.

should wear masks and the former should appropriate provisions of law like pro-

make mandatory provision for hand san-hibitory orders under Section 144 of

The notification said taxis and autor-

The notification said inter-district itizer failing which the permit will be the CrPC and ensure strict compliance.

The notification said the public would

cancelled. However, movement of pas-

continue to strictly maintain social dis-

tancing and wear face masks. Stan-

dalone shops and outlets will be allowed

opening of market complexes, malls and

All schools and educational institutions,

departmental stores is barred.

senger buses will remain suspended.

COVID-19 at the Directorate tion of medical staff. He requested the doctors' fraternity to prepare a proposal for improvement of health facilities

Earlier, Khandu, along with a high-level official team, inspected the quarantine facility at the Police Training Centre at Banderdewa to check sanitation, quality of food and medical facilities, arrangements for screening of returnees, separate dormitories for men and women, etc. He also inspected the swab collection kiosks.

Arunachal Pradesh has remained a COVID-19-free State so far after a patient who was detected last month, was discharged from hospital after

tions, will remain closed till further or-

ders. Movement of individuals for non-

The notification said all deputy com-

In case of Dimapur district, the Commissioner of Police will issue the or-

The notification also said inter-State

buses for public transport, except those

permitted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), would not be al-

lowed to ply. It added that inter-State

movement of individuals, except for med-

ical reasons or for activities permitted by

der in this regard.

tient testing negative, Mizoram has now become free of coronavirus. The 50-year-old patient - a pastor who was admitted to hospital on March 24 – tested negative for the fourth time in a row.

The pastor had returned to Aizawl from Amsterdam on March 16. He tested positive for COVID-19 on March 24, becoming the second positive case in the North East after

stranded outside STAFF CORRESPONDENT istered online for their return. tered online, will be registered Sangma said most of these and screened at the entry

SHILLONG, May 5: An estimated 13,000 people from Meghalaya are stranded across the country and the Meghalaya Government will "ensure strict protocol" for return of these people to the State.

Chief Minister Conrad Sangma today said that phase-wise return of these stranded people is being undertaken with online registration of the stranded people in the North Eastern States first. He added that there are over 3,000 peoover 2,000 have already reg-people who have not regis-Minister said.

stranded people are at present in Assam.

The Chief Minister said that the Chief Minister said. the Government has put in doctors, Health workers, mag-

istrates and police officials. The four entry points into institutions. the State are located at Ratacheera in East Jaintia Hills

points by the officials and Health personnel present,"

Those who are screened place a strict protocol for en- and found okay, will be allowed try of these people into the to go and undergo a 14-day State, that will be overseen by quarantine at home. Those who test positive for COVID-19 will be taken to healthcare

"People who come back, along with their entire family district, Byrnihat in Ri-Bhoi members, will be guarantined district, Bajengdoba in North for 14 days. Volunteers will Garo Hills district and Tikrikilla supply essential commodities ple stranded in the region and in West Garo Hills district. The to their homes," the Chief

Taxis to ply in Sikkim with riders

Government has allowed us to

affecting our livelihood," said

operate as the lockdown was

GANGTOK, May 5: Taxis have started plying in Sikkim under the odd-even formula from today. This comes after the State Government scrapped a previous notification, allowing only private vehicles to ply. Significantly, private vehicles have now been barred from plying in the State after the taxis were permitted to operate.

"We are thankful that the

notification states that only three passengers, along with the driver, are allowed in a to social distancing norms. taxi, while in luxury vehicles

Pritam, a driver here.

State capital, MG Marg where standalone shops have been allowed to reopen, today saw bus-The Sikkim Government's tling crowds shopping for essential items. However, this also raised concerns over adherence

State Urban Development only five persons are allowed. Minister, on his visit to MG Frequent notifications in the Marg, urged shoppers to mainlast few days have confused cit- tain social distancing. Authoriizens who urged the Govern- ties concerned ordered cloment through the social me-sure of two shops for not maindia to streamline its decisions. taining proper distancing.

COVID-19 patient tests negative

AIZAWL, May 5: With Mizoram's lone COVID-19 pa-

"His samples were collected on four consecutive days and sent to the Silchar Medical College on May 1. The results arrived on Monday night and all of them are negative," State Health Minister Dr R La-Ithangliana said today. As the patient is physically weak, he will remain in hospital for a few more days, he added.

Manipur. – Correspondent

e-TENDER NOTICE

Engineer-II. Railway Electrification, Guwahati for & on behalf of the President o

GDRE-EL-NJP-TENDER-20-03 e-Tender No. & Date Name of work Electrification of control building of traction sub-station, along with power supply arrangement, provision of yard lighting for traction sub-station, provision of water pumping installation for traction sub-station at Dharamtul & Lanka and diversion & modification of 33

	line for traction sub-station, Lanka	a under Gr. 257 RE project.
3	Tender Value	₹ 3,14,32,354.20
4	Amount of Earnest money to be deposited	₹ 3,07,200.00
5	Cost of Tender document	₹ 10000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only).
6	Validity of offer	30 (Thirty) days from the date of opening.
7	Completion period	03 Months (90 days) from the issue of LOA
8	Date & Time of closing of e-Tender	25.05.2020 at 12:00 hrs.
	Make alternational details of tender	

NOTE:

of the original tender notice. (ii) Railway administration will not be responsible for any delay/difficulty

inaccessibility of the downloading facility for any reason whatsoever. (iii) After opening of the tender, any document/credential pertaining to the technical & financial eligibility and constitution of the firm will neither be asked nor be entertained/considered under any circumstances & no claim of representation whatsoever in this regard, from the tenderer shall be entertained. However, the railway reserves the right to ask for any clarification on the documents already submitted by the tenderer along with the offer.

Dy. CEE-II/RE/GHY Railway Electrification, New Jalpaigur

No.PR./324/2020 Satya Adv. "SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE"



NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION

No. NHM-31013(11)/68/2019-HRD-NHM/ 2217-2224

Date: 05/05/2020

Online applications are invited from the candidates willing to work in mission mode for engagement on Contractual Basis for the following positions under NHM, Assam **STATE LEVEL POSITIONS:**

l	SI.	Name of the Position	No. of Position	Remuneration per month
l	1	Addl. Consultant (Child Health)	1 no.	Rs. 65,000/-(Negotiable)
l	2	Consultant (Family Planning)	1 no.	Rs. 65,000/-(Negotiable)
l	3	Addl. Consultant (Maternal Health)	1 no.	Rs. 65,000/-(Negotiable)
l	4	State Programme Coordinator, NCD cum Health	1 no.	Rs. 40,000/-(Negotiable)
l		and Wellness Centre		
l	5	Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, NVBDCP	1 no.	Rs. 40,000/-(Negotiable)
l	6	Consultant, NCD Pool	1 no.	Rs. 65,000/-(Negotiable)
l	7	Consultant, NPPCD	1 no.	Rs. 50,000/-(Negotiable)
l	8	Consultant (M&E), PC-PNDT	1 no.	Rs. 65,000/-(Negotiable)
l	9	State Coordinator (Assam Clinical Establishment)	1 no.	Rs. 50,000/-
l	10	Consultant (Finance/ Procurement), Pool concerned	1 no.	Rs. 38,000/-
l	11	Consultant (Procurement & Supply Chain	1 no.	Rs. 38,000/-
l		Management), NVBDCP		
l	12	State Coordination Officer, Blood Cell	1 no.	Rs. 40,000/-
l	13	State Consultant (Public Health)	1 no.	Rs. 40,000/-
l	14	Consultant (RKSK)	2 nos.	Rs. 40,000/-
l	15	Additional Consultant (HRD)	1 no.	Rs. 38,000/-
l	16	Additional Consultant (M&E)	1 no.	Rs. 38,000/-
l	17	State Assistant Nursing Coordinator (SRC)	1 no.	Rs. 20,000/-
l	18	Administrative Assistant cum Accounts Assistant	1 no.	Rs. 16,000/-
l		(SRC)		

DISTRICT LEVEL POSITIONS

Ш	SI.	Name of the Position	No. of Position	Remuneration per month
	1	District Programme Coordinator, NCD	18 nos.	Rs. 30,000/-
	2	District Quality Consultant	19 nos.	Rs. 30,000/-
	3	District Community Mobilizer	10 nos.	Rs. 24,000/-
	4	District Accounts Manager	2 nos.	Rs. 24,000/-
	5	District Data Manager	13 nos.	Rs. 24,000/-
	6	District Vector Borne Disease Consultant	01 no.	Rs. 30,000/-
	7	Finance Cum Logistic Consultant	12 nos.	Rs. 24,000/-
	8	Hospital Administrator	15 nos.	Rs. 24,000/-
	9	Counselor	93 nos.	Rs. 20,000/-

BLOCK LEVEL POSITIONS:

SI.	Name of the Position	No. of Position	Remuneration per month
1	Block Programme Manager	19 nos.	Rs. 20,000/-
2	Block Accounts Manager	12 nos.	Rs. 16,500/-

Candidates have to apply online in the NHM, Assam website: https://nhm.assam.gov.in__The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reasons thereof. For detailed information regarding eligibility criteria, remuneration, etc. for the respective positions, kindly visit the NHM, Assam website https://nhm.assam.gov.in . The number of vacancies may vary at the time of recruitment. Online application will be received till 15/05/2020. Candidates without the requisite qualification need not apply.

Mission Director, NHM, Assam

Shoppers crowd Imphal streets after relaxation

district, Tsutapela and Watiyongpang vehicles will remain barred except ve-including tutorial and vocational instituthe MHA, would not be permitted too.

town or village from within anywhere to operate as per normal hours, while

CORRESPONDENT

Cultured honey bees lying dead in a heap due to unknown

reasons at Mawkhan village in West Khasi Hills district of

borders in Nagaland will continue to All other roads will remain closed.

in a notification. The international bor-galand returning from other States or

der of the State with Myanmar will from abroad during this period.

Meghalaya, on Tuesday. – UB Photos

CORRESPONDENT

remain sealed till May 17 as a matter

The notification said except in the

Bhandari subdivision of Wokha district,

the lone movement of goods vehicles

entering or transiting through the State

will be allowed after proper medical

screening of drivers and attendants

through designated entry and exit points.

entry and exit points for goods vehi-

cles, like Naginimora and Tizit in Mon

The Government has designated

also remain sealed.

IMPHAL, May 5: With the announcement of new guidelines by the Manipur Government after the State was categorised as a Green Zone, many people of the State, particularly in the capital city, came out in large numbers to buy essential items today.

Reports of traffic jams along the road at Paona Bazar and Thangal Bazar – two commercial hubs here - poured in during the day. However, the three women's markets and other shops at Ngari Gali and Nagamapal areas remained closed as the Government is yet to give its permission for their reopening.

An official order, issued by Manipur Chief Secretary Dr J Suresh Babu on May 3, stipulated that people should maintain social distancing and wear face masks while coming out of their homes. The order said that other markets, except the three women's markets and others at Nagamapal and Ngari Gali in Imphal, are permitted to operate from 6 am to 4 pm. But public movement between 6 pm to 6 am

is not permitted as per the order. Meanwhile, the State Government is taking steps to bring back more stranded residents from outside, after 92 persons had returned from Guwahati and Mizoram on May 2. On May 4,



People coming out to buy essential items, at the Paona Bazaar junction in Imphal on Tuesday. - Photo: Correspondent

this regard. The SoP requires the stranded persons arriving in private or hired vehicles, to fill up a prescribed form available on the official website, officials of more than 30 States and Un-

www.tengbang.in, it said. A Home Department cell dedicated to this purpose, will issue a pass and www.tengbang.in, was launched to students, are stranded in various States the State Home Department notified a also communicate it to the originating reach out to citizens stranded outside of India after the Centre clamped the

movement of the stranded people.

Meanwhile, 18 additional nodal officers have been appointed to assist the State's senior officers to coordinate with ion Territories.

On March 29, the website, standard operating procedure (SoP) in and transiting States to facilitate the the State after the nationwide lock- nationwide lockdown on March 25.

down. Prior to this, the Manipur Government had appointed PK Singh, Resident Commissioner at the Manipur Bhawan in New Delhi, as the nodal officer to help and guide the stranded citizens of the State.

Many citizens from Manipur, mostly

NEWS IN BRIEF



People catching fish in a pond at Singia Gaon, Samaguri on Tuesday. - UB Photos

3.75 quintal fish recovered

SILCHAR, May 5: The Cachar District Fisheries Department has busted a racket allegedly involved in smuggling of fish from Silchar to Mizoram. According to a release issued by the DDIPRO, officials of the Fisheries Department recovered 3.75 quintal fish species including including rohu, mrigal, katla and common carp. The recovered fish were brought to Silchar Sadar police station and auctioned in the presence of Executive Magistrate Deepmoy Thakuria and a revenue of Rs 30,000 was collected.

The District Fishery Development Officer Rafikul Haque informed that while the fish was recovered from smugglers on way to Bhaga along the Assam -Mizoram border, there were no arrests made. - Staff Correspondent

Financial assistance

DOOMDOOMA, May 5: Amidst the ongoing nationwide lockdown in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with other professionals, singers and their co-artistes are also suffering from severe economic hardships. Realising the trouble faced by these artistes and the technicians, popular Assamese singers Bhaskar Saikia and Pompy Purabi under the banner of Star Fox Entertainment has come forward to help them. The singers distributed Rs 30,000 online among 30 artistes and technicians of Tinsukia, Kakopothar, Digboi, Duliajan, Tengakhat, Lahowal, Dibrugarh, Nazira, Amguri, Nagaon and Udalguri.

Security personnel feted

DOOMDOOMA, May 5: The Doomdooma branch of Marwari Yuva Manch today felicitated the police and CRPF personnel engaged in duty at various places of Doomdooma town with a phulam gamosa and a bottle of water each as a mark of gratitude for their untiring service to the people and nation during this pandemic period. -

Demand Day observed

TIHU, May 5: With the aim of relieving the poor and the working class of the society, the CPM observed a Demand Day across the State on May 3. The Nalbari district unit of the party also observed the 'Demand Day' at Haribhanga village under Tihu subdivision taking placards in their hands. Jagat Goswami, an executive member of the State committee in his speech said that the exploitation of labour class people by the corporate sector is still continuing because the government is favouring them. – ANN Service

Anamolies alleged

TIHU, May 5: The Makhibaha anchalik Students' Union under Tihu subdivision here has alleged that there are massive anamolies in the preparation of the beneficiaries list under the PM Kisan Sanman Nidhi. The union submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Nalbari alleging that in the beneficiary lists of Khudra Makhibaha, Bar makhibaha and Saktipara villages, a large number of names of servicemen, relatives of panchayat representatives and pensioners have been listed depriving the genuine farmers. - ANN Service

Forest guard hit by rhino

KAZIRANGA, May 5: One Samel Choura, a forest guard of Kaziranga National Park was hit by a rhino at an area under Goroimari forest camp under Kaziranga (Kohora) central range of Kaziranga National Park on Monday. Later, Choura was shifted to Jorhat for further check up and treatment, said Range Officer Salim Ahmed.- Correspondent

Rice distributed

HAILAKANDI. May 5: Rice to non-NFSA card holders was distributed in 62 gaon panchayats across Hailakandi district. Disclosing this, Additional Deputy Commissioner, RK Dam said 5 kg rice per person was distributed to 34,728 non-NFSA card holders belonging to 8,512 families under 62 gaon panchayats. Rice worth 1,736 quintals was distributed. – Correspondent

Appeal to doctors

TEZPUR, May 5: The Sonitpur district administration has appealed to doctors to join the war against COVID-19. An active surveillance of ILI/SARI cases at community level will be carried out through a doorto-door surveillance programme for a period of three weeks. Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman, District Health Society, Sonitpur, Manvendra Pratap Singh has appealed to all doctors holding MBBS, BAMS, BDS/MDS degrees willing to volunteer to come forward and join the war against COVID19. Interested doctors may send SMS/email to 94353-71672/ idsp_sonitpur@yahoo.co.in latest by May 7, 2020. -Correspondent

Police party attacked

TEZPUR, May 5: Three youths - Madhurjya Koch, Kunal Bikash Baruah and Nihal Bikash Baruah were arrested were arrested by the Bebejia Police after they were attacked by the former on Sunday night, allegedly in a state of intoxication. A patrolling party led by the Officer In charge of Bebejia Police outpost, Sarat Das noticing a group of youths consisting of 10 members sitting together near a shop questioned them why they were out violating the curfew. However, the three attacked the patrolling party in which Sarat Das sustained serious injury. – Correspondent

Illicit liquor recovered

TEZPUR, May 5: An operation team of the Excise department led by the Superintendent of Excise, Sonitpur district Debanga Bhusan Saikia and Inspector of Excise, Tezpur Sadar, Prem Kumar Singh conducted an operation against illicit liquor in Salonibari TE, Bindukuri, Napam, Goroimari SSB camp Tezpur University area. Four persons were nabbed and 65 litres of illicit distilled liquor, 720 litres of fermented wash and 850 kg *pachwai* were recovered. – Correspondent

STATE ______ Majuli-Jorhat ferry service resumes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, May 5: The Majuli district administration has allowed plying of mechanised passenger ferries from today from two ghats of Majuli to one ghat of Jorhat during the third phase of lockdown that commenced on

The Majuli district administration has imposed several conditions to carry out the toand-fro Majuli-Jorhat ferry service.

An order passed by Majuli Deputy Commissioner Bikram Kairi on Monday night stated that 50 percent of the ferries that used to ply between Majuli and Jorhat under normal circumstances will be allowed to ply between Majuli and Jorhat from May 5.

The order said that the ferry service to passenger intake capacity of a ferry will be acbe run by Inland Water Transport wing of the Transport Department, will be only between Kamalabarighat (Majuli) and Nimatighat (Jorhat) and vice-versa, and between Afalamukhghat (Majuli) and Nimatighat and vice-versa.

Private ferries may be allowed to operate under the authority of the IWT as per the conditions imposed by the Brahmaputra island district administration, the order

The order mentioned that no ferry service will be resumed between Majuli and the northern bank of the Brahmaputra (Lakhimpur).

The order further stated that IWT will have to ensure that only 50 per cent of the total

commodated per trip.

Wearing of masks by passengers and ferry crew members was compulsory, the order mentioned. Arranging handwashing facility at the ghats for passengers before boarding and after de-boarding by IWT along with sanitization of the boats will have to be done, the order stated.

The order also mentioned that maintaining of social distancing norm and following of all other related instructions under COVID-19 rules during the entire journey has to be ensured by IWT officials and staff.

The ferry service resumed today as per instructions from the Majuli district administration, an official of IWT informed.

and Sarupeta anchalik committee of the organisation. Poor, ailing widow provided aid

AJYCP extends

help to martyr's family ANN SERVICE PATACHARKUCHI, May 5:

Leaders of AJYCP visited the res-

idence of anti-CAA agitation mar-

tyr Abdul Halim and handed over

essential commodities to the fam-

Bijan Bayan of the organisation's

central committee, Mantu Sarma,

Mridul Talukdar of Bajali Zila

Samiti and general secretary Lak-

Interacting with the martyr's

The team was accompanied by

office-bearers of Pub Hastinapur

family members, they greeted

them with a phulam gamosa.

sheswar Das led the team.

ilv members.

UDALGURI, May 5: A poor and ailing widow was provided help by a visiting medical team of Udalguri CHC led by Raj Mochahari.

CORRESPONDENT

The woman named Bhogeswari Deka was found in a helpless condition, suffering from several ill-

nesses since long. On coming to know about her plight, the medical team visited her Purondiya village home under Tangla PHC in Udalguri district on May 3 and provided her medical assistance, free ration to her family members, some money and also brought her to the 200-bed Udalguri Civil

Hospital for health check-up. The villagers and family members of the poor widow applauded the generosity of the medical team.



Passengers crossing the Brahmaputra on Tuesday after ferry service between Majuli and Jorhat resumed. - UB Photos

Chhaygaon MLA provides food to inmates of oldage home

ANN SErvice

MIRZA, May 5: Chhaygaon MLA Rekibuddin Ahmed visited the Women's Oldage Home and Child Observation Centre located at Bamunigaon under Chhaygaon LAC in Kamrup district on Monday and distributed fruits, biscuits, bread, milk, fruit juice, hand sanitiser, face masks etc., among the inmates.

The MLA also visited the Child Observation Home at Bamunigaon near here and distributed food items, face masks, sanitisers etc., among the children for their safety amidst the lockdown in view of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Further, he also visited the Mahatma Gandhi Model Hospital at Bamunigaon, which has recently been converted into a quarantine facility for COVID-19 patients. He distributed food items, face masks, sanitisers etc., among the hospital staff.

Thereafter, Ahmed went to the Chhaygaon Primary Health Centre at Gobordhan village and distributed those items among the staff of the health centre.

The MLA also donated Rs 10,000 to Chhaygaon Press Club for its welfare.

Later, talking to mediapersons, Ahmed said that he would distribute food and other necessary items among the staff of Goroimari Revenue Circle, Goroimari Police Outpost, Goroimari Press Club and Goroimari Primary Hospital in a bid to help fight the novel coronavirus pandemic.

He added that he would do whatever is possible for the people of his constituency. He thanked State Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma for his bold and pragmatic steps, besides the entire medical fraternity of Assam for working hard and risking their lives amidst the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

127 test negative in Udalguri

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIGAON, May 5: Udalguri district, which has officially been categorised in the green zone, has so far been free from any COVID-19 positive case.

Till date, samples of 127 people have been found to be negative in the district. In all, 133 samples were collected, while results of six samples are still awaited. This was officially announced by RN Brahma Choudhury, District Information and Public Relations Officer of Udalguri on May 4.

Samples were collected from Harisinga, Kalaigaon, Khoirabari, Mazbat and Udalguri revenue circles respectively.

Night curfew: As per government instructions, Prakash Ranjan Gharphalia, the Udalguri DC has tire Udalguri district, prohibiting movement of individuals, vehicles between 6 pm to 6 am from May 4.

COVID-19 warriors felicitated at Udalguri by students' body AASCSU leader in his speech.

CORRESPONDENT

UDALGURI, May 5: The All Assam Scheduled Caste Students' Union (AASCSU) felicitated mediapersons and security personnel of Udalguri area at two separate functions on Monday, i.e., at Udalguri Sahitya Sabha Bhawan and Udalguri Police Station respectively.

Expressing gratitude for the commendable services rendered by all the mediapersons during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, Gopal Sarkar, vice president of the students' organisation, said that the mediapersons have played the role of torchbearers to generate awareness among the people about the dreaded coronavirus pandemic.

"We the people salute you all for rendering yeoman service to the mankind and wish you good health in the days ahead," said the

The mediapersons were felicitated with phulam gamosa and a triple-layer face mask each on the occasion by the members of AASCSU, Bharat Mukti Morcha, Assam State committee and Udalguri district committee of the students' organisation.

In another simple function, the AASCSU members felicitated all the police personnel present, CRPF jawans and members of VDP at Udalguri Police Station and expressed their gratitude for the relentless service rendered by the former during the nationwide lockdown.

The AASCSU also felicitated all the health workers, including doctors and nurses of the 200-bed Udalguri Civil Hospital. The or ganisation has also resolved to felicitate the employees of Udalguri district administration next week.

Free masks being distributed at Rajapathar in Karbi Anglong, on Tuesday. - UB Photos

GU team receives patent for copper catalytic process

AJIT PATOWARY

A Gauhati University (GU) Chemistry Department team's path-breaking invention has been granted patent by the Patent Office of the Government of India.

The GU team, led by Prof Prodeep Phukan and comprising Subhasish Roy, Manas Jyoti Sarma and Bishwapran Kashyap, invented a copper catalyst for C-N and C-S bond forming reactions and a process for its manufacture.

The team filed the application for the patent certificate on November 16, 2015 and was granted the patent with Patent No. 336241 on April 29 last. The patent application was facilitated by the Patent Information Centre (PIC) of the Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTEC).

A chemical catalyst increases the rate of a

trogen and hydrogen under pressure to form creases the rate of C-N and C-S bond formammonia, while chlorine in the upper atmosing reactions, specifically Chan-Lam cou-

Structure of the copper catalyst for C-N and C-S bond

forming reactions

reaction. Iron, for example, combines with ni-related to this area. Its patented catalyst in-and claimed that the PIC works closely with

pling, at room temperature in shorter time, compared to the other ways currently followed across the world.

Siddhartha Devnath, Scientist-C of the PIC, ASTEC, who facilitated the patent application of the GU team, said it took almost 4.5 years to secure the patent for the GU team's innovation.

However, the Indian Patphere transforms ozone to elemental oxygen. ent Office seemed to be faster this time in However, synthetic catalysts can also be disposing of the application. He described the

the innovators while facilitating their applications for patent.

Devnath maintains that there has been a quantum leap in the State's area of innovation during the past five years and said that this indicates a generation of good intellectual property here with the prospect of a bright economic future for the State.

Prof Phukan, who at present heads the GU IPR Cell, said that he was taken by surprise by the sincere and prompt services rendered by the PIC in facilitating the patent for their innovation.

It may perhaps be pertinent to mention here that many patent applications are now filed through the Gauhati University IPR Cell. Prof Phukan urged the Gauhati University innovators to file more patent applimanufactured and the GU team's work was PIC as a part of the innovators' community cations in addition to their academic works.

Masks made by Majuli SHGs to be distributed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, May 5: Under an initiative of the Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM), 10,000 hand-made masks made by members of Majuli-based SHGs during the second phase of lockdown will be distributed freely among economically backward families across the island.

A Majuli district administration official told this newspaper that on Saturday the masks under the brand name 'Asomi' were handed over to the Chief Executive Officer of Majuli Zila Parishad Nara Narayan Nath at the Parishad's office at Kamalabari by officials of ASRLM for distribution to marginalised families through the gaon panchayats.

As per the instruction of the State Panchayat and Rural Development Department, the ASRLM will distribute masks freely to 500 poor people per each gaon panchayat in the Brahmaputra river island, the official informed.

The masks were made by 102 SHG members and were sanitised by ASRLM before dispatching them for distribution, the official stated. The official said that SHG mem-

bers were continuing making masks and soon three outlets will be opened at Jengraimukh and Kamalabari areas of Majuli to sell locally-made masks at competitive prices. AASU relief: In the meantime,

the Jorhat regional unit of AASU on Sunday distributed food material and masks among 1,000 families hit by the ongoing lockdown in different areas here.

AASU general secretary Luriniyoti Gogoi, State organising secretary Jul Khound, State executive committee member Uddip Jyoti Gogoi, president and adviser of Jorhat regional unit of AASU Arjunmoni Bhuyan and Bijoy Shankar Bordoloi respectively were among the leaders who took part in the drive.

Bimala Devi Goswami: a tribute

Bimala Devi Goswami, a nonagenarian of Khatiamari Satra under Palasbari in South Kamrup, passed away on April 26 last at the residence of her eldest son at Panjabari in Guwahati. She was 92.

Born at Naradpara village of Chaygaon in South Kamrup, she was married to Paresh Chandra Deva Goswami, who had a distinguished service career as a subdivisional agricultural officer and rendered commendable social

service as the seniormost member of Panjabari Senior Citizens' Association for over a decade. Bimala Devi raised four sons and

four daughters into responsible citi-

zens. In her passing away, Khatiamari has lost a prominent senior while we have lost an adorable elderly lady. On her adyashraddha today, I pray to God for her eternal bliss

and convey my sympathies to the bereaved family.

- DN Chakravartty

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Superintending Engineer P.W.D Nalbari Road Circle,

Nalbari on behalf of Governor of Assam invite bids from

approved and eligible contractor registered with

APWRD for 2 (two) Nos. scheme for Construction of

Road under SOPD (G) for the year 2019-20 under

Nalbari Rural Road Division, amounting to Rs. 183.21

L (Approx). Details may be seen at website- http://

assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the

N.B. The Tender amount has been considered including

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Superintending Engineer P.W.D Nalbari Road Circle,

Nalbari on behalf of Governor of Assam invite bids from

approved and eligible contractor registered with

APWRD for 3(three) Nos. scheme for Construction of

Road under SOPD (G) for the year 2019-20 under

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PWD

Nalbari Road Circle, Nalbari

undersigned during office hours from 12/05/2020.

No. SENL/NIT/N/2020-21/50/2

all taxes. (GST, L/Cess etc.).

No. SENL/NIT/N/2020-21/50/1

Janasanyog/CF/123/20

____ Business & Economy ___

CAPSULE

Paytm loyalty scheme NEW DELHI, May 5: Digital payment firm Paytm today announced a Rs 100-crore loyalty programme for grocery stores to cover losses faced by merchants from transaction charges. Businesses are now required to pay 1 per cent MDR (merchant discount rate) for transferring payment received on Paytm wallet to their bank account. - PTI

SBI Life Q4 net up

NEW DELHI, May 5: SBI Life today reported a nearly 16 per cent rise in its net profit at Rs 530.67 crore for the quarter to March 2020. The private sector insurer had a net profit of Rs 457.68 crore in the corresponding period a year ago. Its net premium income during the March quarter of FY'20 increased to Rs 11,862.98 crore from Rs 11,333.02 crore a vear earlier, SBI Life said in a regulatory filing. - PTI

Airtel Thanks app

NEW DELHI, May 5: Bharti Airtel's customers who have downloaded the company's mobile app will get free access to ZEE5's video entertainment content for about two months under a partnership between the two entities announced today Airtel Thanks app customers will not have to pay any subscription to avail the access to ZEE5's content, according to the announcement. - PTI

Max Bupa MD-CEO

NEW DELHI, May 5: Max Bupa Health Insurance today said it has appointed Krishnan Ramachandran as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He succeeds Ashish Mehrotra, who has decided to pursue another opportunity after a successful stint of almost five years, Max Bupa Health Insurance said in a statement. - PTI

Ford India launches contactless sales. services

MUMBAI, May 5: Ford India today announced the launch of contactless sales and service of vehicles as its dealerships resume operations amid an increased focus on maintaining social distancing norms in the the experiences and lessons wake of coronavirus pandemic. emerging from the COVID-19 CVID-19 Crisis

The new procedure called crisis could be a further incen-Dial-A-Ford will allow a prospective customer to book, test drive or even get the delivery of new vehicle at his or her doorstep.

The new approach, which puts special emphasis on sanitization of Ford facilities as well as strict guidelines for people and vehicle at dealerships, incorporates enhanced engagement processes and policies for sales and service, and will be centrally controlled via helpline 1800-419-3000, the company said in a release.

"Dial-A-Ford is a manifestation of our Feels Like Family promise where we promise to deliver safe and hygiene standards of sales and service experience without compromising on convenience," Vinay Raina, Executive Director, Marketing, Sales and Service, Ford India, said. – PTI

NABARD disburses Rs 12,767 cr to State coop banks, RRBs

MUMBAI, May 5: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NAB-ARD) today said it has disbursed Rs 12,767 crore to State cooperative banks and regional rural banks for onlending to famers.

The loans are being offered for one year at an interest rate of 4.8 per cent, NABARD said in a release. The loan has been disbursed under a refinance scheme by NABARD from its own resources and was given this week, it said.

"An amount of Rs 12,767 crore has been disbursed this week to State CBs and RRBs across the country in a bid to augment their resources during the ongoing lockdown conditions for extending credit to farmers," NABARD said.-PTI

Govt mulling introduction of import substitution policy: Gadkari

NEW DELHI, May 5: Union Minister focus towards export enhancement is the Nitin Gadkari today said the government need of the hour, and necessary practices sis amid coronavirus pandemic, with milis considering to introduce a policy on shall be adopted to reduce the cost of powlions of units staring at losses and the prosimport substitution and urged India Inc er, logistics and production to become to upgrade technologically and come up with cost-effective substitutes to reduce the country's inward shipment.

Transport and Highways said a policy on import substitu- 'Financial package for MSMEs soon' tion is being thought of in the wake of the economic situation created

by the COVID-19 pandemic. Gadkari said the industry may not be

shut for a long time, and several relaxations could be given by the end of May. He urged various stakeholders to con-

vert knowledge into wealth by improving quality through innovations and cutting cost. The minister was addressing repre-

sentatives of the Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India, technical service providers and performing artistes from the entertainment sector in separate meetings via video-conferencing.

The minister emphasised that special

competitive in the global market.

Further, he said there is also a need to focus on import substitution to replace for-The Minister for MSME and Road eign imports with domestic production.

> Gadkari said the industry should focus more on innovation, entrepreneurship, science and technology, research skill and experiences to convert the knowledge into wealth.

He also stressed the need for greater for-

malisation of the entertainment industry. Package for MSMEs: Gadkari has said he expects a financial package to be declared by the government for micro, small and medium enterprises sector soon.

The MSME sector, which contributes 29 per cent to the country's growth and 48 per cent to exports, is a major employment generator.

Border Roads Organisation (BRO) resumes work on the strategic Rohtang tunnel amid the ongoing

COVID-19 lockdown, in Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday. The work has been started with special

Need to bridge digital divide

as tech plays key role: WTO

There is a "glaring" need to ital economy has played dur-

COVID-19 crisis, according to factors that have caused disrup-

a report by the World Trade tion in supply and demand over-

The report has argued that resulted in delivery delays or

bridge the digital divide, both ing the crisis," it said.

within and across countries, as

the digital economy has played

a key role during the current

tive for global cooperation in

the area of e-commerce, which

could help to facilitate cross-

border movement of goods and

services, narrow the digital di-

vide, and level the playing field

It said certain traditional

obstacles have been accentu-

ated and have continued to

hamper greater participation

in e-commerce activities by

small producers, sellers and

consumers in developing

countries, particularly in least-

developed countries (LDCs).

lighted the glaring need to

bridge the digital divide, both

within and across countries,

"The pandemic has high-

for small businesses.

Organisation (WTO).

NEW DELHI, May 5: given the central role the dig- in business-to-consumers

It also said that e-commerce

for goods and services trade has

been adversely impacted by the

all and such disruptions have

outright cancellation of orders.

related challenges have arisen

or been further amplified dur-

ing this pandemic, such as in-

creasing prices to unreasona-

bly high levels, product safety

concerns, deceptive practices.

and cybersecurity concerns,

It, however, said the en-

forcement of social distancing,

lockdowns and other meas-

ures in response to the COV-

ID-19 pandemic has led con-

sumers to ramp up online shop-

ping..., internet telephony and

"This has resulted in spikes

teleconferencing, and stream-

ing of videos and films.

the report said.

Several other e-commerce-

(B2C) sales and an increase in

business-to-business (B2B) e-

commerce. The increase in

B2C sales is particularly evi-

dent in online sales of medical

supplies, household essentials

and food products," it added.

increased for internet and

merce can be an important tool

ID-19 and its impact on e-

commerce may encourage

strengthened international

cooperation and the further

development of policies for

online purchases and supply...

E-commerce can also support

small businesses and, by mak-

ing economies more compet-

itive, be an economic driver

for both domestic growth and

international trade,"it added.

tor at the WTO. – PTI

With a fast growing e-com-

"The global nature of COV-

or solution for consumers.

mobile data services.

It said that demand has also

permission from the State government, in a bid to complete construction by September. - PTI

However, the sector is facing a huge cripect of job cuts as they struggle to survive.

"There is serious thinking in the government and we are trying our level best. We are consulting all stakeholders and... different departments are consulting each

other... We are trying our level best to get a good package to MSMEs where the problem is serious and we are support-

ing them," the MSME Minister said. "I am expecting that as early as possible the package will be declared by the government." Gadkari told a TV news channel.

tary has been appointed for coordination with State governments and all foreign companies, who want to invest in India. Gadkari also said the foreign compa-

nies "will get all type of clearances within 3 months" along with red carpet treatment, transparency, time-bound decisionmaking process and corruption-free sys-

Govt allows cos' AGMs through video-conferencing

NEW DELHI, May 5: The government has allowed companies to conduct annual general meetings this year through video-conferencing and other audio-visual means amid the coronavirus pandemic.

In the wake of the pandemic and subsequent nationwide lockdown disrupting economic activities, the ministry, which is implementing the companies law, has been providing various relaxations in terms of compliances from time to time.

"On account of need for continuous adherence to the social Besides, he said, a special Joint Secredistancing norms and restrictions placed on movement of persons, it has become necessary and hence it has been decided to allow companies to hold their AGM by video-conferencing or other audio visual means during the calendar year 2020,' it said in a release today. - PTI

Nalbari Rural Road Division, (Nalbari LAC) amounting to Rs. 283.47 L (Approx). Details may be seen at website http://assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours from 11.05.2020.

N.B. The Tender amount has been considered including all taxes. (GST, L/Cess etc.).

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PWD Nalbari Road Circle, Nalbari Janasanvog/CF/125/20

Global retail stares at \$2.1-trn loss, to take 4 yrs to revive: Report

the COVID-10 pandemic ravaging several industries amid poor consumer spending, global retail sales in 2020 will decline by an average of 9.6 per cent, resulting in a loss of \$2.1 trillion and it will take four years for retailers to overtake pre-pandemic levels, a new Forrester report said today.

The impact on India and Japan is to be severe due to the strict lockdowns, the declaration of a state of emergency in Japan, and the postponement of the 2020 Summer Olympics.

The likelihood is that the pandemic will last seven months, and from 2021 retail categories, that have declined by more than 10 per cent, will only bounce back to 90 per cent of pre-pandemic spend.

In the worst-case scenario, lost online sales could reach \$510 billion, and even in the he added. – IANS

report mentioned.

"COVID-19 is significantly Michael O'Grady, Principal Forecast Analyst at Forrester.

"Online sales, however, will

NEW DELHI, May 5: With best case, retailers will lose \$244 billion in online sales, the

impacting the global retail landscape. Retail categories like grocery and essential consumables are performing well, while other categories like fashion, beauty, and cosmetics are seeing a marked decline in consumer spend," said

In 2020, there will be a significant decline in global retail sales, particularly with nonessential items sold offline, which will be a big challenge for brick-and-mortar retailers.

be more resilient. To navigate the crisis, retailers need to manage their costs and drive their e-commerce sales and services as much as possible.

NBFCs for one-time restructuring of all loans

MUMBAI, May 5: Non- on Monday, according to the It added that the pandemic (NBFCs) have asked the Re- Council (FIDC), a representahas made it clear that e-com-serve Bank of India to allow tive body of lending NBFCs. them one-time restructuring of all loans till March 2021, as their borrowers are facing funding issues amid the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdown.

NBFCs have also demanded extension of the Reserve Bank of India's moratorium to them. relaxation on provisioning norms and additional funding from Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) through refinance mechanism.

merce sector both in India and These suggestions were globally, the rich nations want made by the industry players specific guidelines on the secin their meeting with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held

banking financial companies Finance Industry Development

The industry body said all their customers are facing disruptions in cash-flow cycles, which is likely to be there for the major part of this fiscal. The most affected segments include transport operators, contractors and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

"A one-time restructuring window should be allowed till March 2021 for amending the loan repayment schedules and/ or extending loan tenures or restructuring the EMIs, without affecting the asset classification, in line with the revised expectation of cash flows of our customers," FIDC said in a statement. - PTI

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. CE/DEV/TB/504/2019-20/

The Chief Engineer PWD (ROADS), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites Bids on behalf of the Governor of Assam for 1 (One) no of Package for Road and Bridge Projects under SOPD-G for the year 2019-20 in Jania Legislative Assembly Constituencies of Assam, amounting to Rs. 8.15 Crs (approx) from approved & eligible Contractors enlisted with APWD.

Details may be seen at website www.assamtenders.gov.in from 07.05.2020 Amendment /Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD, Assam website www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Schemes are being sanctioned by the competent authority. In the event of non-sanction of the schemes, the bids may be cancelled and no claim what so ever on this account shall be entertained from the bidders.

Note: - N.I.T Value is inclusive of GST, Labour cess etc. Sd/- Chief Engineer PWD (Roads), Janasanyog/CF/115/20 Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

No. NIT/DMTRD/SOPD(G)/2019-20/W-27/Pt.-I/2511

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER Executive Engineer, PWRD, Digboi and Margherita

Territorial Road Division, Margherita on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bid from the approved and eligible contractor having registration in Assam PWD (Roads) for "Improvement/ Reconstruction of roads/culverts under SOPD (G) for the year 2019-20" for 7 Nos. of works as shown in the table below in Tinsukia district of Assam amounting to Rs. 168.373 Lakhs (Approx). Details may be seen at the office of the undersigned from 06.05.2020 during office hours.

The work will be allotted subject to approval from the competent authority. In the event of nonapproval of schemes, the bids may be cancelled and no claim whatsoever in this regard shall be entertained.

SI. No.	Name of LAC	Nos. of Works	Total Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	
1	Digboi LAC	6 Nos.	147.953	
2	Margherita LAC	1 No.	20.420	
Total Cost = 168.373				

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWRD, **Digboi & Margherita Territorial Road Division** Margherita Janasanyog/CF/107/20

Trust in social media very low in India: Survey NEW DELHI, May 5: A C-Voter nation- holds). Television witnessed a more polar- while 40.7 per cent expressed a lot of trust.

wide survey indicates that the trust levels of Indians in social media is very low, particularly compared to mainstream media platforms like newspapers and TV channels.

One of the most dangerous phenomena during a crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic is the viral spread of misinformation and outright lies through social media platforms. But as per the on-going nationwide tracking poll conducted by C-Voter between April 23 and April 30, policy-makers in India can heave a sigh of relief. As per the C-Voter survey, the proportion of Indians who display "a lot of trust" in social media platforms is remarkably low, particularly when compared to mainstream media platforms like newspapers and TV channels.

At an aggregated national level, just about 12.5 per cent of the respondents said that they had "a lot of trust" in social media while 30.8 per cent affirmed that they have "no trust at all" in social media. In sharp contrast, 34 per cent of respondents said they had a lot of trust in newspapers while 6.8 per cent said they had "no trust at all". (It would be worth mentioning here that a strict lockdown has resulted in newspapers not reach-

ing the doorsteps of a large number of house-

ised outcome with 42.3 per cent saying they had a lot of trust while as much as 16.1 per cent (compared to 6.8 per cent for newspapers) saying they had no trust at all.

The lack of trust in social media cuts across geographies and segments like income, education, age, caste and ethnicity. Interestingly, the sections of Indians that are perceived to use social media most widely are the ones that exhibit the lowest levels of trust in social media. When it comes to young Indians below the age of 25 (a cohort that rarely reads printed newspapers in large urban centres), 36.3 per cent say they have no trust at all in social media, while just 11.7 per cent aver they have a lot of trust. In the same category, 7.3 per cent of young Indians say they have no trust at all while 35.6 per cent said they had a lot of trust in newspapers. Similarly, 14.7 per cent young Indians had no trust at all in TV news while 37.6 per cent had a lot of trust. For highly educated Indians, the results are even more startling with 41.7 per cent saying they have no trust at all in social media while a mere 8.6 per cent said they had a lot of trust. For the same category, 8.3 per cent expressed no trust at all in newspapers

The corresponding figures for TV news were 11.2 per cent and 28.9 per cent respectively. In the case of high income Indians, 33 per cent say they have no trust at all in social media while 7.8 per cent say they have a lot of trust.

The only category of Indians whose "no trust at all" percentage in social media which was below 20 per cent was Indians above the age of 60. Otherwise, Indians across all categories displayed a lack of trust in social media. For instance, 35.2 per cent of Indian Dalits expressed no trust at all in social while 41 per cent of semi-urban Indians expressed the same view.

That should come as a sigh of relief for policy-makers and law-enforcement officials who find it difficult to contain rapidly spreading rumours and their consequences. Many steps have been taken to stop rumours from spreading - one example being the decision of WhatsApp to limit a seemingly viral post to just five forwards per person. But there have been grave consequences. Social media rumours led to the grisly lynching of two monks and a driver in the Palghar district of Mahar

No. SMEJ/JMCH/2415/2020/4827

SHORT TENDER NOTICE (INVITING e-TENDER)

Sealed bid (two bid systems) affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paisa twenty five) only are invited from eligible Pharmacies/ Supplier for supply of Medicines, Surgical, Consumables and Implants to Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat under Atal Amrit Abhiyan (AAA) and Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in the State of Assam as per following schedule:

Date and Time of Publishing of e-Bid	Date and Time of Start of bid submission	Date and Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Date and Time of End of Bid submission	Date and Time of Opening of e-Technical Bid	Opening of e-Price Bid
Document	10.00 514	10.00 514	10.00 514		01111
12.00 PM	12.00 PM	12.00 PM	12.00 PM	1.00 PM	Shall be
of	of	of	of	of	communicated
06.05.2020	06.05.2020	12.05.2020	27.05.2020	27.05.2020	only to the
					technically
					gualified
					bidders
					subsequently

Instructions for e-tendering:

- The participating bidders should have valid Digital signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in/.
- The Tender shall be submitted online only through the website https:// assamtenders.gov.in/. The bidders are also requested to submit a hardcopy of their tender documents to the o/o the Principal cum Chief Superintendent, JMC&H, Jorhat after
- successful submission of their tender through online on or before 27.05.2020 at 12.00 PM The complete e-tender document may be obtained from the e-tender portal https:// assamtenders.gov.in/ & our official website : http://jorhatmedicalcollege.in.

The institute reserves the right to reject any/ all applications without assigning any reason

Sd/- Superintendent

Janasanyog/CF/130/20

whatsoever.

Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat

ashtra in April, 2020. - IANS

-Movies

UTV MOVIES

19:25 Underworld: Rise of the

M*VIES

12:25 Kick 15:00 Biwi No. 1 17:50 Bodyguard

14:05 Hydra 15:45 Titanic

Lycans 20:55 Twilight

= Leisure & Lifestyle =====



Chronic health trouble

Long-term health conditions in childhood linked to high mental problems

hildren with long-term health conditions may be more likely to experience mental illness in early adolescence than healthy kids, warn researchers.

In the study, published in the journal Development and Psychopathology, children reported to have chronic health problems showed higher rates of mental illness at 10 years, and those health problems continued to be associated with poor mental health at the ages of 13 and 15.

"This research provides the strongest evidence of it to date in the years of late childhood and early adolescence. The difference chronic conditions make to mental health is concerning, and the first impact can be seen even before adolescence, in late childhood," said study author, Dr Ann Marie Brady from the Queen Mary University of London in the UK.

For the findings, the research team reviewed a sample of approximately 7,000 children to investigate the occurrence of mental health disorders, including anxiety or depression, and chronic illness.

The measure of chronic illness was based on mothers assessing their child's health at 10 and 13. Since chronic conditions are defined as those that cannot be cured but can be controlled by medication and other therapies and may have little disease activity, this

measure included children presenting with minor health problems.

The researchers found that children with chronic health conditions were approximately twice as likely at 10 and 13 to present with a mental health disorder than the control group (children reported by their mothers to be 'healthy, no problems').

At age 15, children with chronic health problems were 60 per cent more likely to present with such disorders.

To investigate this pattern further, the researchers looked at a subset of the children with chronic illness: those who had been diagnosed with asthma.

Asthma symptoms are generally mild and well-controlled. Nevertheless, researchers found that asthmatic children showed a similar pattern, having a higher rate of mental illness at 10, 13 and 15 than healthy children.

The study also reviewed what additional factors might account for the link between chronic conditions and mental illness. The sample was taken from the Children of the 90s study, which also contains information from parents and children about other issues including family functioning, friendships, children's activity levels, bullying and healthrelated absenteeism from school.

(Source: IANS)

SAL 12:00 Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah 18:30 Partners Trouble Ho Gayi

19:00 Tera Kya Hoga Alia



20:30 Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah 21:00 Aladdin - Naam Toh Suna

Hoga 21:30 Bhakharwadi 22:00 Maddam Sir 22:30 Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah

In Rise Of Kirmada 14:00 Chhota Bho

17:30 Chhota Bheem 18:00 Chhota Bheem Chapa 18:30 Chhota Bheem And Krishna Vs Zimbara

12:00 Oggy And The

Cockroaches 19:00 Roll No. 21

20:00 Oggy And The Cock... 21:00 Be Cool, Scooby-Doo

22:00 Courage The Coward 23:30 The Tom & Jerry Show

Pago

12:00 Chhota Bheem

15:00 Roll No. 21

20:00 Super Bheem 21:00 Grizzy And The Lem. 22:00 Mr. Bean 23:00 M.A.D. 23:30 Grizzy And The Lem.

WILD

12:00 Deadly Instincts13:00 Wild Families14:00 Cave Crocs Of Gabon

15:00 Survival Of The Fittes:

17:00 Hostile Planet

20:00 Survival Of The Fittest

22:00 Journey Into Amazonia

23:00 Dangerous Encounters

HISTORY

21:00 The Hidden Kingdo

Of China

12:00 Forged In Fire

12:30 Ancient Aliens

Storage Wars

14:30 Food Tech 15:00 OMG! Yeh Mera India

13:30 Pawn Stars

16:00 Forged In Fire 16:30 Counting Cars 17:00 Storage Wars

17:30 Shipping Wars18:00 Modern Marvels

19:30 Pawn Stars 20:00 OMG! Yeh Mera India

19:00 Idiot TV

21:00 Forged In Fire 22:00 Pawn Stars

22:30 Storage Wars

23:00 Forged In Fire

19:00 Wild Pals

20:00 Baalveer Returns

Entertainment

18:00 Kasam Tere Pyaar Ki

12:00 Kundali Bhagya

17:00 Brahmarakshas

18:00 Kumkum Bhagya

18:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Lil

22:00 Baarish

12:00 Bidaai

Champs 2017
20:00 Qubool Hai
21:00 Karrle Tu Bhi Mohabbat

22:30 Kehne Ko Humsafar Hair 23:00 Kundali Bhagya

14:00 Kasamh Se

13:00 Tujhse Hai Raabta

19:00 Swaragini 20:00 Sasural Simar Ka 17:00 Mann Ki Awaaz...Pratigya 18:00 Pyar Ka Dard Hai Meetha Meetha Pyara Pyara

19:00 Siva Ke Ram

21:00 Maharaj Ki Jai Ho

Hai 22:00 Yeh Rishtey Hain

22:30 Yeh Hai Chahatein 23:00 Qayamat Ki Raat

21:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata

colors

13:00 Jaani Dushman -Ek Anokhi Kahani 15:30 Khatra Khatra Khatra

16:00 Mahakali Anth Hi

20:00 Shakti Astitva Ke

Aarambh Hai

17:00 Ram Siya Ke Luv Kush

23:30 Maddam Sir rishteu

12:00 Swaragin

ment

NATIONAL

CHANNEL

12:00 Running Wild With Bear

13:00 Monster Fish

Grylls

18:00 Brain Games

18:30 Science of Stupid

20:00 50 Days 50 Stories

19:00 World's Most Extreme

21:00 Primal Survivor 22:00 Running Wild With Bear.

23:00 Airport Security Madrid

PLANET

12:00 Wildest Survival 13:00 Animals Unleashed 13:30 Animal Planet Exclusive

14:00 Just Animals 14:30 Nature's Strang

16:30 The Cute Ones

17:00 World's Wildest

15:00 Meet The Peng 15:30 Coyote Peterson 16:00 How Do Animals Do

17:00 Rescued

14:00 Primal Survivor 15:00 Snakes in The City 16:00 Running Wild With Bea

GEOGRAPHIC



13:00 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai 14:00 Mere Angne Mein 15:00 Diya Aur Baati Hum 22:00 Bigg Boss 23:00 Khatra Khatra Khatra 16:00 Saath Nibhaana Saathiya Region

07:00 Breakfast Live 08:00 Live at 8 09:00 Good morning Assar 10:00 Assamese news 11:30 Kotha Barta (R)

12:00 Mid Day Live Afternoon Prime 17:30 Guwahati Bisesh

18:00 Guwahati Live 18:00 Guwahati Live 18:30 Breaking @ 6:30 19:00 Assamesse Prime 20:00 Discussion Show 21:00 Super Prime Time 22:00 Live at 10 22:30 Noixo Guwahati 23:00 Noixo Batori

raing 1700 Xopun

ştart**s**≈7

11:00 ICC Knockout 2000 18:30 Vivo IPL HLs

19:30 Ind vs Aus ODI HLs 20:00 Vivo IPL HLs 21:00 Legends 2018 21:30 Ind vs Aus ODI HLs

23:00 Football United Special Hero ISL HLs

19:00 Legends 2018

22:00 Vivo IPL HLs

11:00 ICC Knockout

1730 Barala Kai 1830 Xopunor Aasutia Rang 2000 Jonaki Kareng Xopun Oi Khapla Bah Amarawati Bah

2200 Borola Kai Sports

Continents 18:00 Bizarre Beasts



20:30 Killer Instincts 22:00 Coyote Peterson: Brav 22:30 Brave Wildern 23:00 The Cute Ones 23:30 How Do Animals Do That 07:45 Pratham Xongbad 14:00 Biyolir Headline

16:00 Abelir Khabar 16:30 Superfast Prime Time 100 17:00 City18 18:00 Prime Time18 19:00 Dintur Shironam 20:00 Porjyobekhyon 21:30 Aparadh Nama 22:00 North East Scar

08:30 Devotional Music 08:45 Swachh Bharat Bator 08.50 Batori 15:00 Vigyan Prasar 15:30 Classical Music

22:30 Noixo Xironam

16:00 Abelir Batori 16:05 Akholor Jut 16:30 Chiphung 17:00 Nimishote Bator 17:02 DD Kisan TV Serial in Hindi 17:30 Krishi Darshan

18:00 Dharabahik

19:00 Legends 19:30 Ind vs Aus ODI HLs

21:30 Ind vs Aus ODI HLs

22:00 Vivo IPL HLs 23:00 Football United Specia

13:00 Men in Blue Victoriou 16:00 E Cricket Challenge

17:00 The Blue Revolution 18:00 Turf Wars

18:30 Vivo IPL HLs

20:00 Vivo IPL HLs

21:00 Legends 2018

23:30 Hero ISL HLs



KURT RUSSFLL

10:50 Iron Man 13:00 Oz the Great and 15:10 Titanic 18:25 Ice Age: Dawn of the 12:45 Mortal Kombat

20:00 Captain Marvel 22:10 The Forbidden Kingdom 19:40 The Nake Gun 21/2: The Smell of Fear 21:00 Cradle 2 The Grave

11:30 Madascar 12:55 Cast Away 15:10 She's Out of My League 16:45 World War Z 21:00 Days of Thunde



14:10 Chennai Express 16:45 Khoon Ka Rishta

19:45 Jung 22:30 Main Faisla Karunga

10:10 Manikarnika: The Quee

of Jhansi

18:30 Madhura Raja

23:30 Daringbaaz 2

19:30 Unforgettable Moments20:00 Nail-Biting Finishes

20:55 Dhamaal

21:30 Turf Wars

22:00 India's Finest

12:00 Best of UCL

16:00 WWE Raw

20:00 WWE Raw 23:00 Australian Oper

22:30 Nail-Biting Finishes 23:00 Great Centuries

SONY

23:30 Unforgettable Mo



15:45 Krrish 3

13:00 Dangerous Khiladi 6

22:10 Gangaaja 11:40 International Rowdy



12:50 Jaanwar 15:55 Naseeb Apna Apna

TEN 2 12:00 UFC Main Event

14:00 FA Cup Classic 15:00 Xplosion 16:00 TNA Greatest Matches 17:00 Dream Team 17:30 Olympic on the Record

18:00 NBA HLs 19:00 UFC Fight Night 20:00 FA Cup Classics 21:00 Dream Team

21:30 UEFA Champions League 22:00 UFC Fight Night

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 6, 2020:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Astute, sensitive you has already had to overcome a great deal and so are better equipped to deal with the year ahead than most. You make this a year of success, and it will smile on you. If single, many fall in love with you, and you have your choice of suitor. There can be a link to someone considerably older or younger. If attached, you are compulsive in your loving, and your partner reciprocates. PISCES loves to snuggle

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Absorbed as you are with research work, the pieces of the puzzle fall into place today. The grand mystery is solved. Living arrangements are a source of tension, but you rise above as you are about to enter a whole new phase. Tonight: Bravo.

*** Surprises are in store today - not Taurus' favorite thing. You like stability. But this is ultimately positive. Do not worry if an old relationship ends abruptly. Something better will be waiting in the wings. Patience on your part averts a confrontation. Tonight: Stay cozy

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Stay warm enough and do not let inactivity or stress undermine your fitness. You are a little irritable with and critical of a coworker. Work on tolerance and releasing stress. It is a putzing around day, trying to organize things. Tonight: Celebrate yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** There's much excitement today. There will be some deep attraction, with some meaningful romantic interludes. Rather than you taking this as a weather report, do something about it with a loved one - mysterious, unpredictable and talented as they are. Tonight: Add more fun to the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your future security will be determined by how you cherish and nurture the gifts given to you. Today you get hints about future financial needs and long-term economic conditions. Write them down. They are very valuable. Tonight: Spend priceless time with a child.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Strive for clear communication. A neighbor becomes more important. Resist the temptation to try juggling too many projects at once. Today the tension subsides and it will be easier to focus. This brings positive experiences your way. Tonight: Check up on a sibling or old pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You prefer understated elegance, and you do not appear wealthy. However, your natural good taste and appreciation for appear wealthy. However, your natural good taste and appreciation for appear wealthy. However, your natural good taste and appreciation for developing your long-range financial plan today. Tonight: Early bedtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***

★★★ Your winning personality will open doors today. Your curiosity is aroused and you tend to probe. An old mystery is solved as a result. Your energy level increases, making it easier to exercise and express creative ideas. Tonight: Read an Agatha Christie book or watch a film adaptation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) $\star\star\star\star$ Long-time blockages and phobias are clearing, thanks to the extreme times we are in. A sense of freedom and confidence builds today, and you work well alone. Wrap up in a cozy robe and burn the midnight oil on a work or creative project. Tonight: The results will be truly brilliant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) $\star\star\star\star$ Support comes from friends today. Involvement with organizations is rewarding. A friend will boost your confidence with encouraging suggestions. A sense of deja vu is especially vivid and brings insights about future goals. Tonight: Celebrate with a virtual dinner with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) $\star\star\star\star\star$ There can be some professional politics at play. You will want to boost your earning power, but you must be patient with finances. Suddenly pressure and anger will resolve. There is a sense of peace about your reputation. Circulate using technology. Tonight: A success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Those foreign born might appeal strongly. Such individuals might have a major impact on your thinking. So much so that you can expect deep change within your personal philosophies. A child is excited to tell you something. Tonight: Beware power struggles over beliefs.

Thought for the day Landlords, like all other men, love to reap where they never sowed. -KARL MARX

LOCKHORNS



"LEROY HIT THE TRIFECTA ... HE FORGOT MY BIRTHDAY, OUR ANNIVERSARY AND NOW VALENTINE'S DAY."

THE PHANTOM



R By Lee Falk I'LL TAKE THAT OFF

BLONDIE BUMSTEAD, ARE YOU STILL THE INVENTORY REPORT THAT'S THE ONE THAT WILL GET YOU FOOLING AROUND WITH THAT SORRY, BOSS DESK IN THREE MINUTES! OVERDUE CAN YOU BE OH YEAH MORE BOSS? THAT ONE! SPECIFIC?



Tribune CROSSWORD - 6886

Across Its capital is

Banjul (6) Feign (8) Cut roughly (4)

10 Egyptian deity (6) earnestly (6) 14 Fishing

angler's pole? 16 Seeps (5)

Begin bidding 19 Biblical name

21 More certain Ready for immediate

use ? (2,3) Change (4) City in

26 Nebraska (5) Golfer's standard (3)

Inquires (4) In the open air Capital of

(4.2)

Liechtenstein Bothers (5) Put to work (4) EI

True skin (6)

Kingdom in the

Establish firmly

33 Took it easy (6)

Male profes-

sional escort

Be relevant to

Himalayas (6)

31 Greasy (4)

12 Piece of work

Spanish hero?

13 Happen

SOLUTION TO TRIBUNE CROSSWORD - 6886

27 Alpine feature : the 28 21st letter of

the Greek alphabet (3)

30 Physicist Niels

Arete, 28 Phi, 30 Bohr.

repeatedly (5)

capacitance (5)

principal (5)

Protrude (3)

mushroom (3)

escargots (7)

22 Resistance unit

23 Leaps over (6) 24 Putting on aesthetic airs

25 Gave a strong

Stranger (5)

jerk (6)

20 Brown-capped

21 Gathered

15 Fundamenta

unit of

21 Snailed, 22 Ohm, 23 Vaults, 24 Arty, 25 Yanked, 26 Odder, 27 8 Hire, 9 CID, 12 Job, 13 Recur, 15 Farad, 18 Prime, 19 Jut, 20 Cep, Down: 1 Gigolo, 2 Bear on, 3 Asks, 4 Outdoor, 5 Vaduz, 6 Vexes, Omaha, 28 Par, 29 Dermis, 30 Bhutan, 31 Oily, 32 Entrench, 33 Rested. 16 Oozes, 17 Open, 19 Jacob, 21 Surer, 22 On tap, 23 Vary, 26 Across: 1 Gambia, 7 Simulate, 8 Hack, 10 Osiris, 11 Adjure, 14 Rod,

HEALTH CAPSULES® by Bron Smith

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF EATING BLACK SEED? THE MOST POWERFUL Defense against IS OIL of OREGANO

BLACK SEED, ALSO KNOWN AS BLACK CUMIN, HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING A BROAD RANGE OF HEALTH CONDITIONS. INCLUDING TYPE 2 DIABETES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE ASTHMA, COLON CANCER, MRSA, H. PYLORI, EPILEPSY

AND DRUG WITHDRAWAL. Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.

JUMBLED WORDS Given below are four jumbled words. Solve he jumbles to make proper words and mo

DEEOR **ENIIS**

ACDLNU AERFPP

Everyone has a

yours is watching television. – David SOLUTION

Jusmer: Everyone has a purpose in life. Nords: Erode, nisei, unclad, frappe.

Donations to fight COVID-19 continue in Dibrugarh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, May 5: Contributions towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund, Assam Arogya Nidhi and to other accounts of the government have been continuing from religious institutions, various organizations, employed class and others from the district.

Twelve Masjid committees from the city donated a collective amount of Rs 82,000 towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund of Assam. The amount was handed over to the local Deputy Commissioner here by a delegation from the Muslim community including Dr Ahmedullah Khan, Giyasuddin Ahmed and Imran Hussain.

Executives of Rossell Tea, a division of Rossell India Limited, also handed over a cheque amounting to Rs 75,000 to Dibrugarh Deputy Commissioner here as contribution towards the Assam Arogya Nidhi. The contributions were made by the executives of the company serving in Dikom, Nagrijuli, Nokhroy, Bokakhat, Namsang, Kharikatia and Romai tea estates.

"We are all part of a community and well-being of community comes first during the time of crisis. We feel proud to contribute to show our gratitude to the government of Assam for their commendable initiatives and to every single person who are in the frontline serving day and night to save us from this pandemic COVID-19," Samar Jyoti Chaliha, Superintending Manager said on behalf of Rossell Tea.

Police, CRPF personnel feted

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, May 5: Doomdooma branch of Marwari Yuva Manch on Monday felicitated police and CRPF personnel engaged in duty at various places of Doomdooma town with a phulam gamusa and a bottle of water each as a mark of gratitude for their untiring service to the people and aged woman patient has little son is a railway employee in etables, fuel, essential items nation during this pandemic congestion in her lungs, the New Bongaigaon. Son had a and ambulance service during



One-third of shops to be opened in Dibrugarh

DIBRUGARH, May 5: The district administration here has approved the plans submitted by city's New Market and HS Road traders' body regarding the opening of one-third shops during lockdown 3.

Deputy Commissioner Pallav Gopal Jha, while presiding over a meeting with the traders' body in presence of Superintendent of Police Sreejith T. District Development Commissioner Sanjay Dutta and other officials of the district administration and police, said the owners of all business establishments will ensure observation of social distancing and wearing of masks by their customers. Violation will

STAFF CORRESPONDENT lead to action against shop owners, he stressed.

He also asked other business organisations to submit their plans with regard to the opening of one-third of the shops. The shops can be opened but subject to the approval of district administration, he reiterated.

As per the decision taken in the meeting, all shops will remain closed on Sundays except pharmacies, clinical establishments and petrol pumps. Further, violation of rules in respect of numbers of passengers allowed in three-wheelers, cycle rickshaws, taxi, commercial vehicles and private two-wheelers. four-wheelers, etc. will lead to seizure of the vehicles.

inter-state travel by private vehicles can be submitted to the Deputy Commissioners' office or through e-mail to dcdibrugarh@nic.in, providing contact numbers and other details minimum 48 hours prior to the journey. The district administration will respond to the applications at the earliest, a release stated.

DHMM provides relief: The Dibrugarh Hindu Milan Mandir (DHMM) Committee has provided food packets to 135 poor families living in ward numbers 8, 18 and 20 of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board.

The Committee also felicitated several cleaner staff of the local municipality at a function held at the DHMM office Applications for emergency at Thana Chariali here today.

Himanta visits Bongaigaon containment zones, civil hospital

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, May 5: The lockdown situation in Bongaigaon district would be reconsidered on May 11 only after receiving the test results of samples collected from persons who have been put under institutional quarantine for their active contact with four of the five COVID-19 natients. State Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma told the media on Monday during his visit to the district headquarters.

Of the five COVID-19 patients detected recently in the vegetable vendor and the fifth minister told the media.

First COVID-19 case was 14 days in home guarantine. detected on April 28 and the rest four cases were found on April 30 in the district.

First case got infected after she and her family members visited her maternal grandfather's residence in Dhubri district. Her grandfather, a Markaz returnee, had tested coronavirus positive after her visit.

Of the rest four COVID-19 patients, two are health workers of a government public health centre in Bongaigaon town. The third patient is a

"Already over 2500 persons have been quarantined for their (active and passive) con-

tacts with the four COVID-19 patients," the minister said. Sarma visited the two containment zones of the town and the civil hospital along with State ministers Pijush Hazarika and Phani Bhushan Choudhury.

In the civil hospital, he inspected the quarantine facility. Sarma also said that he would tell Bongaigaon Deputy Commissioner Dr MS Lakshmi Priva to ensure that peodistrict, four are stable and the one is an aged woman, whose ple in the district can get veg-

travel history and he had spent the lockdown period.



Workers carrying out repair works in an embankment at the erosion-prone Jogihuti area on the bank of Brahmaputra, in Dhakuakhana on Tuesday. - UB Photos

Illegal condensate oil seized, two held

ANN Service

DULIAJAN, May 5: In a crackdown against the illegal trade of condensate oil, a team of police led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Kulpradip Bhattacharya of Namrup and officer-in-charge of Duliajan Police Station Rupjyoti Dutta seized 7,000 litres of illegal condensate oil from 2 no. Naoholia village of Duliajan on May 4 night.

Acting on a tip-off, DSP Kulpradip Bhattacharya raided the house of Bolai Majumder (67) and seized approximately 1,500 litres of condensate oil.

Later, the police team raided the house of Papu Mazumder (31) and recovered 5,500 litters of condensate oil. The house of Papu Mazumder is near the residence of Bolai Majumder.

The houses of both the illegal condensate oil traders are situated at 2 no. Naoholia village in Duliajan.

The condensate oil was collected by these two illegal traders from the crude oil transportation pipelines of Oil India LTD.

Later police filed a case against Bolai Majumder and Papu Majumder in the Duliajan Police Station. Both the culprits were then sent to the Dibrugarh District Jail today.

Fake beneficiaries in Central scheme detected CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, May 5: Gross anomalies in the implementation of Prime Minister's Kisan Samridhi Yojana were reported in Morigaon district, official sources here said.

Madhoram Patiri, district agriculture officer (DAO), informed this correspondent that in the last financial year (2019-20), 94,000 beneficiaries were paid Rs 6,000 each through their bank accounts in three instalments under PM Kisan Yojana. Out of them, 22,000 beneficiaries were found fake in Morigaon district who took the benefits of the scheme in the names of marginal farmers. Patiri said.

Following the detection of serious anomalies in the selection of beneficiaries, already two agriculture officials.

MGNREGA jobs for youths who have returned home: Doley

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, May 5: State Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development Naba Kumar Doley today announced at Majuli island that the government will provide employment under MGNRE-GA projects to youths who returned to Assam from diffrent parts of the country leaving their iobs due to COVID-19 threat.

Doley, accompanied by Lakhimpur MP Pradan Baruah, arrived in Majuli today and held a meeting with senior district administration officials, and officials of several government departments at the Deputy Commissioner's office at Garmur and reviewed the situation in view of the third phase of lockdown commencing from Monday.

A Majuli district administration official told this newspaper this evening that the Minister in the review meeting disclosed that the Government through the Panchayat and Rural development has decided to provide employment to youths who returned to the State from various of India due to COVID-19 threat situation.

Doley said that those people who came back to the State leaving their jobs in view of COVID-19 threat situation could apply for works under MGNREGA projects, the official informed.

youths who returned home amount of daily wage presentfrom outside the State leaving jobs could apply to their respec-

submission of their applications the applicants will receive jobcards, the Minister said in the meeting, the official informed.

The official stated that Doley said after getting jobcards the applicants will have to apply for work to respective Gram Rojgar assistant or panchayat secretary and then is expected to be employed in work within 15 days of submitting application.

The jobcard holders will get 100 days of employment and jobcards to be employed in receive payment in their bank accounts after completion of 15 days period each, the Minis-The Minister said that ter stated, adding that the ly was Rs 213.

Doley, however, said that the tive gaon panchayats seeking said initiative will not be carjobcards and within 15 days of ried out in containment zones.

Masks provided to mediapersons

CORRESPONDENT

BARPETA, May 5: Mediapersons associated with Barpeta Press Club were provided masks by Barpeta Municipality Board under the Urban Livelihood Mission. District Information and Public Relation Officer Bikash Sarma and executive officer of the municipality cum circle officer Barpeta Na-

function held in the forecourt police and cleaning workers of Barpeta Press Club, which was conducted by Mintu Pathak, Manager of Urban Live- that they will open sale points lihood Mission, Batpeta. The of the masks very soon. The masks were prepared by members of a women self-helf group under the livelihood mission.

bajit Pathak handed over the these self-help groups were masks to the pressmen in a also given to health workers. earlier. The manager of the livelihood mission informed Rural Livelihood Mission of the district has already opened sales outlet of the masks pre-It must be mentioned here pared by the self-help groups that the masks prepared by in several places of the district.

Lala town committee demarcates shops for opening

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, May 5: The Lala town committee of Hailakandi district has demarcated shops on the pattern of red, orange and green colours to ensure only third shops open on a particular day following the state government's decision to allow shops to open in green and orange zone districts.

Disclosing the plan of action. executive officer of Lala Municipal Board, J Daimari said in the two meetings held with the Lala Merchants' Association, it was decided that shops would be demarcated on the lines of red, orange and green colours to make the process of identification of shops to be opened on a particular day smooth and hassle-free. 'The red shops will keep shut-

ters down, the orange shops will open on the next day and the green ones to remain open on that day," Daimari said, adding the arrangement worked out with the merchants' association has dispelled all doubts and made things crystal clear. He said this system has been

put in place to ensure 'there is no gathering and social distancing maintained at any cost to break the novel coronavirus that this arrangement would not be applicable in the case of grocery shops, pharmacies and Merchants' Association on medical stores which are allowed to remain open on all days during the permitted hours.

The manner in which the arrangement is being made by the executive officer of the municipality has drawn appreciation from the denizens of Lala town. Daimary said as per the standing instructions from the state government, markets, bazaar or haats would remain closed with in the municipality zone.

The state government has decided not to allow any markets even outside the municipal ity limits. Meanwhile, the circle officer cum executive officer of the Hailakandi Municipal Board has convened a meeting with the Hailakandi Wednesday to chalk out the ways to keep one-third shops

Cops, mediapersons felicitated in Dhemaji

ANN Service

DHEMAJI, May 5: Members of the Dhemaji Jila Mahila Samiti vesterday felicitated the police officials and mediapersons of Dhemaji by offering them face masks and phulam gamusas for their selfless service in fighting the COV-ID-19 pandemic in the state.

The members of the Mahila Samiti first felicitated Dhemaji Superintendent of Police Dr Dhananjay Ghanawat at his office and after that they felicitated Additional SP Munindra Nath Deori, DSP Pradip Konwar, Border Division DSP Naba Bora, Dhemaji Police Station OC Naren Sonowal, sub-inspector Padmeswar Borkataky and several other police personnel here with face masks and gamusas for their outstanding services in the current lockdown by maintaining social distancing.

Thereafter, the Mahila Samiti members felicitated the media persons like Ashwini Duwara, president, Dhemaji District Journalists' Association, secretary Bhaskar Sabhapandit, Dhemaji Press Club president Premananda Talukdar, secretary Harendra Sarma and 5 other mediapersons in the same way for their exceptional services.

The Mahila Samiti team was led by Nirama Boruah, president, Dhemaji Jila Mahila Samiti, Bhogeswari Hazarika, executive president, Kunja Bora, secretary, Lakshi Devi and Kumali Das, members and Binita Garodia, adviser of the Mahila Samiti and president of the Dhemaji Jila Sahitya Sabha.

The members of the Mahila Samiti also requested the Dhemaji police to take stern steps to deal with smuggling of drugs in Dhemaji.

Piramal Foundation reaches out to Hailakandi senior citizens

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, May 5: The district administration of Hailakandi in collaboration with Piramal Foundation reached out to senior citizens during the nationwide lockdown to prevent infection of coronavirus under the Surakshit Senior Citizens'

The Programme Manager of Piramal Foundation, Sadasiva Reddy said the organization in league with the district administration reached out to the elderly in distress through its 310 volunteers over the past several days. Around 689 calls were made to the elderly and to those whose children are stuck in different parts of the country. "We connected with the elderly

and vulnerable sections of the society through our volunteers during the lockdown. I made video calls with the help of our volunteers and assured them of all possible help and support to ensure their wellbeing and safety," said Reddy, adding that this medium turned out to be very successful.

A case study made by Piramal Foundation brought to the fore interesting facts. It was found that 70% of the senior citizens were aware of COVID-19 causes and symptoms. About 69% senior citizens adopted precautionary measures like wearing face masks, hand washing for 20 seconds, maintaining six feet social distancing, etc.

"India's mortality rate due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been lim-

ited to 3.3% so far. With more than 1,200 deaths across all age groups, the mortality rate has been as high as 75.3% in people aged 60 and above." said Reddy, adding that the elderly are most vulnerable to the contagion and need constant support to access resources and maintain mental health.

It is against this backdrop, the administration is currently undertaking every possible measure to prevent further outbreak of COVID-19 in the district while ensuring the emotional well-being of the people, particularly the senior citizens.

"Under the Surakshit Senior Citizens' Abhiyaan, ensuring senior citizens' emotional well-being as its core objective, Piramal Foundation's virtual field support team calls and shares the message of the district administration. As the secondary objective, the Health department is also smartly equipped to support the senior citizens and anyone else who may contact the virus. The tertiary objective the campaign serves is to build confidence in the district administration and district health services to ensure senior citizens are able to fall back upon during their time of need," added Reddy. Reddy said Piramal Foundation's

virtual field support agents calling senior citizens to enquire about their health status has led to the creation of a database of people suffering from chronic diseases and ensures their medicines and other needs are provided. "In addition to the support provided, the team also builds

awareness on COVID-19, how it spreads, what are the symptoms, district helpline numbers, and preventive measures people need to follow. Further, senior citizens record their grievances through these calls which are then shared with the concerned department for necessary action," he quipped.

While senior citizens were largely adhering to the lockdown guidelines following the directives of the district administration, the outreach and the resulting positive feedback keeps the administration, Piramal Foundation's team, and the senior citizens motivated.

Reddy informed that 64% of senior citizens were overwhelmingly happy that the district reached out to them during the lockdown.

No. CS/DTRD/SOPD(G)/2019-20/525

Retender has been invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD (Roads), Guwahati ARIASP Circle, Ghy-21 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites 1 (one) no. item rate Bids from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Assam PWD (Roads) o Contractors registered with other State/Central Government Departments, Institutions, undertakings and Authorities for the work. Details may be seen at website http://assamtenders.gov.in and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PWD (Roads), **Guwahati ARIASP Circle, Guwahati-21** Janasanyog/CF/133/20

Docitions

No: ASRLMS/HR/Recruitment/1967/2020-21/5 Online Applications are invited for engagement on contractual basis for the following positions in Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Assam, under National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP).

SI. No.	Positions	No of Vacancies
1	State Project Manager (Value Chain & Forward Linkage)	1
2	State Project Manager (Enterprise Promotion)	1
3	State Project Manager (Social Management Framework & Gender)	1
4	Project Manager (Capacity Building for Model CLF)	1
5	Project Manager (Insurance/ Pension)	1
6	Project Manager (Organic Village Clusters)	1
7	Project Manager (Livelihoods Training & Capacity Building)	1
8	Young Professional	7
9	District Functional Expert (Non-Farm)	5
10	Block Coordinator (Organic Farming)	20
11	Block Coordinator (Forward Linkage)	1
1 F	or eligibility criteria, age, reservation	calary and

1. For eligibility criteria, age, reservation, salary and other terms and conditions, applicants are advised to visit the society's website www.asrlms.assam.gov.in. The link for Online Application is http://asrlms.com, which will be active from 10.00 am of 11th May, 2020 and will remain active till 11.59 pm of 11th June, 2020. Mode of Application is Online only.

Sd/- State Mission Director, **Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society** Janasanyog/DF/129/20

Akhtar keen on becoming India bowling coach

NEW DELHI, May 5: Former Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar says he is interested in becoming India's bowling coach if there is an offer, asserting that he is capable of grooming "more aggressive, fast and talkative" pacers.

Akhtar expressed his willingness in an interview on social networking app 'Helo'.

Asked if he would like to be associated with the Indian bowling unit in future, he responded in the positive.

"I will definitely. My job is to spread knowledge. What I have learned is knowledge and I will spread it," Akhtar said.

"I will produce more aggressive, fast and more talkative bowlers than the current ones who will tell-off the batsmen in a way that you will enjoy a lot," he added. – PTI

Ronaldo returns to Turin

MILAN, May 5: Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo flew back to Italy after almost two months in coronavirus lockdown in his native Portugal.

Ronaldo and his family landed in Turin Airport just after 10.20 pm local time on Monday, according to media reports in Italy. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner arrived by private jet from the Portuguese island of Madeira and will spend two weeks in quarantine.

The 35-year-old played Juventus's last Serie A game, a 2-0 win over Inter Milan behind closed doors at the Allianz Stadium on March 8, before the Italian football season was suspended amid the COVID-19 pandemic which has killed over 29,000 people in the country.

Ronaldo returned to Madeira after the Inter Milan match to be close to his mother Dolores who had suffered a stroke. – AFP

England have to make do with limited chances: Morgan

LONDON, May 5: England's white-ball captain Eoin Morgan says his team will have to make do with limited opportunities that come its way to prepare for this year's T20 World Cup after the COVID-19 pandemic forced a cricket shutdown in the country.

The coronavirus outbreak has forced the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to suspend professional games in the country till July 1 and has put in doubt Australia's ODI and T20I tour of England in July.

Morgan feels converting England's three-ODI series against Ireland into a T20 rubber in September will be their best chance of getting some practice ahead of T20 World Cup.

"For the last month, everybody has struggled to get



Given the circumstances we'll have to see how much cricket we play and the opportunities that land on guys' laps. They'll have to make the most of them. Eoin Morgan

a sense of what's possible and would be ways and means we what might or might not hapcould have meaningful pracpen," he told reporters via tice games in and around those Zoom during the launch of the Ireland games in a similar en-

> vironment. "We could have proper opposition and maybe use the

England Lions there too to make it as highly competitive as possible."

The global health crisis has also put under threat the T20 World Cup, which is scheduled to be held from October 18 to November 15 in Australia.

"If the T20 World Cup goes ahead in the slot that it's been allocated at the moment, we'll have certainly played a limited amount of cricket before then," Morgan said.

"Given the circumstances we'll have to see how much cricket we play and the opportunities that land on guys' laps. They'll have to make the most of them."

Morgan also believes that the T10 format can ensure cricket's inclusion in Olympics, where the sport has not figured since 1900. – PTI

Stokes to run half marathon to raise funds

LONDON, May 5: England's World Cup-winning allrounder Ben Stokes will run his maiden half marathon to raise funds for a charity and hospitals battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a video message posted on Instagram, Stokes said he was inspired by three men calling themselves the 'Cricket Garden Marathon Team', who ran full marathons in their own backyards, to run and raise funds for Britain's National Health Services (NHS).

"(A half marathon) has always been something that I've thought about doing but never really got around to ever doing it," Stokes said.

"Obviously we've been in lockdown so I thought what a great opportunity to go out and if I'm going to do it I might as well try and raise some funds,' he added. - PTI

Former players can double up as coaches: PV Sindhu

NEW DELHI, May 5: World champion shuttler PV Sindhu believes foreign coaches would be difficult to hire in a post COVID-19 world, presenting former India internationals the opportunity to step forward and

fill in the void. "If the global pandemic continues, bringing coaches from abroad might become difficult, there are a lot of good players in our country who have played at international level, and we can use them in a coaching capacity," Sindhu said on Monday while speaking during a webinar.

The Olympic silver-medallist was addressing the newly-appointed Assistant Directors of the Sports Authority of India through an online session.

Sindhu stressed on the importance of parents, coaches, administrators working as a team to build up a champion.

"The administrators must know the journey of every sportsperson. The future of Indian sports lies in the hands of young sports administra-

tors like all of you," she said. "You must visit all the SAI regional centres and be aware of the performances from the players and be in touch with their parents. The parent's involvement is a lot and you need to take feedback from them. This feedback needs to be monitored.'

The 24-year-old from Hyderabad also said "players must be continuously tracked to avoid age fraud.'

"You must also understand how the SAI coaching system works and if athletes are receiving the right diet and supplements at the various centres," she added. – PTI

IOA seeks feedback from athletes, coaches

NEW DELHI, May 5: Conceding that the risk of athletes losing motivation in the ongoing lockdown is real, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Tuesday sought the views of athletes, coaches and other stakeholders on how to restart the

national camps. National Sports Federations and State Olympic Associations have been asked to collect feedback from the stakeholders such as athletes, coaches, support staff, central and state government ministries, match officials and sports administrators on how and when training should resume. The lockdown has been extended till May 17.

The stakeholders are being asked to respond to a questionnaire and the feedback will be collated and compiled to form a White Paper under IOA President Nar-

"We may have to make do.

If Tests were going on, there

Abu Dhabi T10.

inder Batra. "Training of the athletes was at the peak when the lockdown was enforced and the athletes had to stop their training at once, although it differs from sport to sport. The risk of athletes and coaches losing motivation is real," the document released on Tuesday read.

"In the present scenario, we will have to find out what is the way forward and how athletes can resume sports activities, training and eventually competitions," it added.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has also spoken about a phased reopening of national camps by the end of this month. - PTI

Cricket behind closed door will be strange: Buttler

LONDON, May 5: England batsman Jos Buttler says cricket's possible return behind closed doors in the post COVID-19 world will be "strange" but it will also take the game back to its "most purest form" when no one watched the players compete.

With the coronavirus outbreak forcing a cricket shutdown across the world, there is speculation that the sport might initially return without fans.

"An interesting thought about when cricket returns, if it comes behind closed doors and there is no fans and stuffs, I know that will be really strange for professional cricketers but in a funny sort of way it will take



you back to what it was like when you first started," Buttler said in an interview to Lancashire Cricket.

"There is no one watching you and you are playing because you love the game. I know it will be different because you have experienced the other side of it but that is

the most purest form of cricket, isn't it?"

The global health crisis has forced England and Wales Cricket Board to suspend all professional sport till July 1 in the country and also put in doubt the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia.

Buttler said he is hoping for some form of cricket to return this year.

again," he said. – PTI

"One thing that sports does is it brings people together, give people hope. So hope Originating from Japan there can be some form of cricket whether it is behind closed doors, or we play the Blasts, just a little bit of something, it would be great to see the boys on field again even if it is for TV, and get that enjoyment from sport repeating any

SU DO KU



Solution of last problem

'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. Fill the grid with digits in such a manner that every row every column and every 3 x 3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without

ı	5	2	7	3	4	6	1	8	9
ı	6	1	9	2	5	8	3	4	7
ı	8	3	4	1	7	9	6	5	2
ı	3	6	1	7	8	4	2	9	5
ı	2	7	8	5	9	3	4	6	1
ı	9	4	5	6	1	2	7	3	8
ı	1	5	3	9	6	7	8	2	4
ı	7	8	2	4	3	5	9	1	6
ı	4	9	6	8	4 5 7 8 9 1 6 3 2	1	5	7	3



সাম্প্ৰতিক সময়ত অসমৰ ছয়খন জিলা ক্ৰমে ডিব্ৰুগড়, শিৱসাগৰ, যোৰহাট, ধেমাজি, লক্ষিমপুৰ আৰু বিশ্বনাথত গাহৰিৰ এক অচিন ৰোগত বিভিন্ন বয়সৰ প্ৰায় দুহেজাৰৰো অধিক গাহৰি মৃত্যুমুখত পৰিছে। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰৰ পশুপালন আৰু পশুচিকিৎসা বিভাগে বিষয়টো অতি গুৰুতৰ হিচাপে বিবেচনা কৰি ইতিমধ্যে যাৱতীয় ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। ৰোগ বিধৰ নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ আৰু সংক্ৰমণ ৰোধৰ বাবে নিম্নলিখিত নীতি-নিয়মসমূহ মানি চলিবলৈ আপোনালোকলৈ আহ্বান জনোৱা হ'ল -



- 🦫 গাহৰি পামসমূহৰ জৈৱ সুৰক্ষা নিশ্চিতকৰণৰ বাবে যত্নপৰ হওঁক।
- 💿 গাহৰি পামসমূহলৈ অন্য ঠাইৰ পৰা নতুন গাহৰি আনি নোসোমাব আৰু নিজৰ পামৰ পৰা কোনো গাহৰি উলিয়াই অন্য ঠাইলৈ নপঠিয়াব।
- 🌑 পালকসকলে নিজৰ নিজৰ গাহৰি পামসমূহ পৰিদ্ধাৰ-পৰিচ্ছন্ন কৰি ৰাখিব।
- গাহৰিপামত কোনো কাৰণতে অচিনাকি অথবা নতুন ব্যক্তিক প্ৰৱেশ কৰিবলৈ নিদিব।
- 🧕 যিহেতু ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে ইতিমধ্যে আক্ৰান্ত জিলা কেইখনত গাহৰি তথা গাহৰি মাংস বিক্ৰী কৰাটো সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে নিষিদ্ধ কৰিছে, গতিকে পালক তথা ব্যৱসায়ী সকলে সেইবোৰ এলেকাত গাহৰি বা তাৰ মাংস বেচা-কিনা নকৰিব।
- 🦲 যিকোনো কাৰণত গাহৰিৰ মৃত্যু হ'লে মৃতদেহ কমেও ছয় (৬) ফুট দকৈ গাঁত খান্দি মাটিৰ তলত পুতি থব। লগতে গাঁতত যথেষ্ট পৰিমাণে ব্লিচিং পাঁডদাৰ দিব।
- 놀 মৃত গাহৰি কেতিয়াও মুকলি ঠাই, নৈ, বিল, খাল আদিত নেপেলাব।
- 💁 <mark>অসংগঠিত ৰূপত বাসস্থানৰ নাতিদূৰৈত পালন কৰা গাহৰিসমূহৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো উল্লেখিত নিয়মসমূহ সতৰ্কতাৰে পালন কৰক।</mark>
- গাহৰিৰ যিকোনো ৰোগৰ লক্ষণ দেখা মাত্ৰেই তাৎক্ষণিকভাৱে ওচৰৰ পশুচিকিৎসালয় বা পশুস্বাস্থ্য উপ-কেন্দ্ৰৰ সৈতে যোগাযোগ কৰক।
- 🕒 বৰ্তমান সময়ত ২০ দিনৰ বাবে গাহৰি জ্বৰ (Classical Swine Fever) ছিটাকৰণ সাময়িক ভাৱে স্থগিত কৰা হৈছে।
- 🕒 হোটেল বা ৰেষ্ট্ৰৰেন্টৰ পেলনীয় খাদ্যবস্তু বা অন্য উৎসৰ খাদ্য গাহৰিক নুখুৱাব। সূত্যু হোৱা গাহৰিৰ শৱ, নৈ, খাল-বিল আদি জলাশয় নাইবা মুকলি ঠাইত দলিয়াই পেলালে আইনমতে দণ্ডনীয় হ'ব। 🍛 প্ৰয়োজনীয় দিহা-পৰামৰ্শ আৰু যাৱতীয় অনুসন্ধানৰ বাবে খানাপাৰাস্থিত পণ্ড স্বাস্থ্য কেন্দ্ৰৰ নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কক্ষৰ
- দূৰাভাষ নং ৯৪৩৫০৬১৬০৮/৭০০২৪৮৩৮১০ত যোগাযোগ কৰিবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰা হ'ল। 🥒 গাহৰি পালকসকলে গাহৰি পালনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত যিকোনো সমস্যাৰ সন্মুখীন হ'লে ততালিকে
 - বিভাগৰ বিনামূলীয়া দূৰাভাষ নং ১৯৬২ত যোগাযোগ কৰক। পশুপালন আৰু পশুচিকিৎসা বিভাগ, অসমৰ দ্বাৰা জনহিতাৰ্থে প্ৰচাৰিত

