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BPF petition

GUWAHATI, April 30: The BPF has filed a writ petition in the Gauhati High Court contending that the Governor's rule in the BTC and appointment of an administrator violate the mandate of the provisions of Schedule VI of the Constitution. The matter has been listed for May 5. - Staff Reporter

Red zone tag

GUWAHATI, April 30: The red zone tag of Nalbari and Golaghat districts was today lifted, Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. City's housing complex Spanish Garden will also no longer be a containment zone, Kamrup (M) district administration said. – Staff Reporter

ASTC booking

GUWAHATI, April 30: People finding difficulties in booking ASTC service through the 104 helpline may contact local police station that would forward the details to the transport department, minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said after visiting Machkhowa bus stand tonight. - Staff Reporter

Repair works

GUWAHATI, April 30: The Northeast Frontier Railway will carry out repair work at the Saraighat rail-cum-road bridge from 12 noon tomorrow. The work is expected to get over on May 3. Vehicular traffic will be diverted via the new Saraighat bridge. -Staff Reporter

NSG officer

GUWAHATI, April 30: A sub-inspector level officer of the Chief Minister's NSG security has been asked to go for quarantine after he reported fever vesterday. His swab samples have been collected for COVID-19 test. - Staff Reporter

Modi-Kyi talks

NEW DELHI, April 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today called Myanmar State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kvi and discussed the evolving COVID-19 scenario and updated each other on the steps being taken to control the spread of the pandemic. - Sp1 Correspondent

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How am I going to fill it up?

from Chennai tests positive

industrial plants

People's behaviour key to prevent COVID-19: ICMR

GUWAHATI. April 30: The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) is of the view that the behaviour of the people would be vital for preventing the outbreak of coronavirus in the days to come. The ICMR is also of the view that the rapid testing kits should be used only for surveil-

Talking to The Assam Tribune, Director of the ICMR, Dr Rajni Kant pointed out that India has been going much better than

some other countries in the battle against coronavirus. However, he pointed out that the country would not be able to stay under lockdown for a very long time and the lockdown measures would have to be eased in the days to come. "That is when the behaviour of the people will be vital. All sections of people will have to behave in a responsible manner to prevent the spread of coronavirus. People must maintain social distance, wear masks and wash hands or use sanitizers regularly to prevent spreading of

Dr Kant said that the number of laboratories has increased within the last couple of months and so far, more than 8.30 lakh tests were carried out. The improvement of the facilities is a positive development and the number of tests carried out every day is increasing considerably, he pointed out.

Commenting on the controversy regarding the use of rapid test kits, Dr Kant said that such kits should be used only for surveillance. The ICMR is of the



view that the RT-PCR throat and nasal swab tests are the best tests for detecting COVID-19. However, Dr Kant said that if COVID-19 patients are found in one particular area, surveillance tests can be carried out in such places with the rapid antibody test

test and sometimes antibody tests do not detect presence of COVID 19 even after eight days of a person getting infected.

On the controversy regarding the rapid test kits prepared by Chinese companies, Dr Kant said that the kits manufactured by two Chinese companies - Guangzhou Wandfa Biotech and Zhuhai Livzon Diagnostics have shown wide variations and the States have been advised not to use those kits.

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An officer conducting thermal scanning on a passenger at Dhakuakhana on Thursday.

5 more COVID-19 cases reported in State

Bongaigaon declared red zone

STAFF REPORTER/ CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI/ BON-GAIGAON, April 30: Assam recorded five fresh COVID-19 cases during the last 24 hours taking the total number of positive cases in the State to 42. Bongaigaon reported four more positive cases on Thursday, while one person from Karimganj, a secondary contact of a Nizamuddin Markaz visitor, also tested positive for COVID-19 tonight.

The four new cases in

Bongaigaon takes the tally in the district to five, prompting the government to declare it as a red zone.

Of the four new patients, two are the residents of Bongaigaon town area and the other two are from Abhayapuri and Chaprakata area in the district. They have been identified as Anupam Thakuriya, Deepak Mallik, Babita Basfor and Meena Biswakarma.

Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who was on a Bongaigaon tour today, said the source of the infection of the four patients is not yet known, but insisted that "it still cannot be termed as community transmission".

"This is the first instance in the State when people without any known contact history with positive patient contracted the infection. However, it still cannot be described as a case of community transmission. We need to investigate further, if they came into contact with any suspected person," Sarma said, urging the people in the district to be extremely

cautious.

The new patients had flu like symptoms and their samples were sent for COVID-19 test to the Barpeta Medical College lab on suspicion.

"Even if we assume that Babita Basfor contracted the infection at the hospital which was also visited by a COVID-19 patient from Dhubri, the contact history of the other three is unknown so far," the Minister said.

All the patients have been brought to MMCH in Guwahati for treatment.

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Delhi has 13 COVID-19 patients from Assam

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, April 30: The total number of COV-ID-19 positive patients from Assam undergoing treatment in the national capital has gone up to 13 today from 10 detected on Wednesday.

According to sources in the Assam government, one Konkonjyoti Bora who was undergoing treatment here was detected as COVID-19 positive late last night and has been shifted to a quarantine centre.

A girl hailing from Dibrugarh, who lives in the Patel Nagar area of west Delhi and was undergoing treatment in a hospital, was detected positive for COVID-19 and has been shifted to a quarantine centre here.

Another patient Ashok Kumar Sharma, who was undergoing treatment at Batra Hospital here, was declared positive for COVID-19 and shifted to a quarantine centre. Later, doctors shifted him to Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital, sources said.

Till last night, at least 10 patients, including the seven CRPF jawans of the 31 Battalion based in the Mayur Vihar camp, besides three others – all hailing from Assam - were detected as COVID-19 positive and shifted to different quarantine centres across the national capital.

With more than 40 positive cases reported so far, the 31 Battalion of CRPF has become an epicentre of COVID-19. Mohammad Ikram Hussain, who hailed from Barpeta, Assam and served in the battalion, died on Tuesday.

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UGC for holding exams in July

Recommends reduction of exam time

NEW DELHI, April 30: Universities may conduct semester exams in July either online or offline depending upon feasibility and the COV-ID-19 situation and reduce the exam duration from three hours to two hours, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has recommended.

Detailing the guidelines for examinations and academic calendar for universities in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the commission has said the exams for final semester students be conducted in July.

It recommended that intermediate semester students may either be evaluated on the basis of internal assessment or in states where the COVID-19 situation has normalised, exams be conducted in July only. The varsities may decide whether to conduct exams online or offline keeping in view the support system available with them and ensuring fair opportunity to all students.

"Universities may adopt alternative and simplified modes and methods of examinations to complete the process in shorter period of time. They may reduce the time from three hours to two hours." the UGC has said. "They may conduct examinations in offline or online mode, as per their ordinances or rules and regulations, scheme of examinations, and must observe the guidelines of social distancing besides keeping in view the support system available with them and ensuring fair oppor-

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COVID-19 STATUS WORLD Confirmed cases 3,224,079 Cured/Discharged 993,029 228,908 Death INDIA Confirmed cases 33,610 **Cured/Discharged** 8,372 Death 1,075 **ASSAM** Confirmed cases 42 **Cured/Discharged** Death Data as on Thursday

Rishi Kapoor passes away

MUMBAI, April 30: Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor, who personified the Bollywood romantic hero for three decades before becoming a sought after character artiste, died here on Thursday after a two-year battle with leukaemia. He was 67.

Rishi, the third generation of the Kapoor dynasty that defined stardom, is survived by his wife Neetu, actor son Ranbir and daughter Ridhima.

"He is no more. He has passed away," his elder brother Randhir told PTI. The actor, familiar to gen-

erations of film goers for his many roles, right from Bobby to Kapoor & Sons, was taken to the HN Reliance hospital on Wednesday.

The end came at 8.45 am, the family said in a statement, requesting fans and friends to respect the restrictions in place in view of the lockdown. His death comes a day af-

ter after his D-Day co-star Irrfan Khan passed away, also of cancer. Three months ago, the disease claimed his sister Ritu Nanda. Vice President M Venkai-

ah Naidu, Prime Minister

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Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi were among the many people who condoled the death of the twinkle-toed actor.

"Multifaceted, endearing and lively...this was Rishi Kapoor Ji. He was a powerhouse of talent. I will always recall our interactions, even on social media," the Prime Minister wrote on Twitter.

Naidu recalled that the talented actor essayed many roles with aplomb and was popular for his romantic films.

The doctors and medical staff at the hospital said he kept them entertained to the last, the family disclosed in their statement. – PTI

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ASDMA ready with flood relief plan amid COVID-19 emergency year it is going to be far

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, April 30: With the State bracing for the first wave of floods, managing thousands of flood-hit in the temporary relief camps is going to test the authorities amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of the grave risks involved in the exercise, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) has prepared an elaborate flood relief management plan ahead of the impending flood season.

'Supporting the flood-hit is always challenging but this

tougher due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have prepared an exhaustive document so that all the stakeholders in the exercise can remain well-equipped to deal with the flood situation and prevent spread of the coronavirus," Pankaj Chakravarty, CEO, ASDMA, told The Assam Tribune. "The document will be

used by all the district disaster management authorities (DDMAs), SDOs (Civil) and revenue circle officers (RCOs) for management of relief camps during ensuing flood season," he added. Under the relief camp

management manual, camps and accommodation capacity are to be earmarked in advance while additional relief camps besides the existing pre-identified camps are to be ascertained as per population density of villages to earmark space for social distancing. Seven square metre area per person has been fixed instead of 3.5 sq metre to validate social distancing of at least one metre between any two camp

inmates. The manual envisages sufficient toilet facilities protake capacity and the PHE department has been roped in to coordinate. Also to be ensured are sufficient sanitation facilities comprising hand-wash, soap, sanitizers, masks, etc., for the camp in-"The relief camp premises will be strictly notified as

no-spitting, no-tobacco zone. Wearing of masks inside the camp will be made compulsory and sufficient numbers of masks will be provided by the DDMAs," he said.

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war against COVID-19: Centre NEW DELHI, April 30: essential resources reach the Union Health Minister Harsh last mile.

Vardhan on Thursday said India is doing better compared to other countries on all parameters in its fight against COVID-19 and should be able to win this decisive war in the coming few weeks.

While virtually interacting with civil society organisations (CSOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on COVID-19 issues at an event organised by Niti Aayog, Vardhan said such organisations have been working tirelessly to ensure

Talking about India's prep-

arations and their results, the Minister said, "We have gone quite ahead towards winning this war against COVID-19. He added that the country

has done better on "all our informed that everyday the parameters" compared to the rest of the world. "And I am sure in the coming few weeks, we should be able to win decisive war against COVID-19," the Minister claimed.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

of Biotechnology are doing genetic sequencing of coronavirus at 1,000 places, he said, adding, "We have half a dozen vaccine candidates, four of them are in significantly advanced stage.' The Health Minister also

(CSIR) and the Department

country is manufacturing 1.5 lakh personal protective equipment in the country. He said in May, "we will

have good indigenous production of good quality antibody test kits and also kits for detection of coronavi-

rus".

About challenges ahead as the Centre relaxes curbs on movement of stranded migrant workers across the country, he said there will be requirements of lots of help from NGOs to reorganise migrant labourers again in their home towns as there could be some resistance in the society when they go Until now, nine lakh peo-

ple are under community surveillance, the Union Health Minister said adding that it was a huge operation undertaken in the last three months. - PTI

35 US states release formal reopening plans

As many as 35 of the 50 American states affected by the coronavirus pandemic have unveiled formal reopening plans, as President Donald Trump expressed confidence that "much better days" are ahead for the country that has been hit hard by the "invisible enemy".

By Wednesday, 61,000 Americans have lost their lives due to the coronavirus and over 10 lakh people have tested positive, the highest for any country in the world.

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"We think we really have crossed a big boundary, and much better days are ahead, and I often say I see the light at the end of the tunnel very strongly.

- Donald Trump

"We mourn, and I have to track by the fourth quarter. say this so strongly we mourn every life tragically lost to the crossed a big boundary, and invisible enemy. And we are heartened that the worst of the pain and suffering is going to at the end of the tunnel very be behind us," Trump said, during a White House roundtable on Wednesday with industry executives on "Opening Up America Again".

Most industries and business activities remain shut and over 95 per cent of the country's 330 million population have been under stay-at-home orders. Over 26 million Amerincredible. I think next year is icans have applied for unem- going to be an incredible year ployment benefits and the for our economy. I think the number is expected to go up to more than 30 million.

The US economy has come to a standstill. It grew by neg-the American people, the ative 4.8 per cent in the first quarter. On Wednesday, Trump exuded confidence that economy would be back on ly six million tests, far more forts," he said. – PTI

Sailors become

COLOMBO, April 30: Sailors at a Sri Lankan naval base

have become the biggest cluster of coronavirus infections in

the Indian Ocean island nation with 248 testing positive for

Sri Lanka's Army Chief Lt Gen Shavendra Silva said that

The virus is believed to have entered the camp on the

outskirts of the capital, Colombo, last week when sailors

were deployed to hunt down a group of drug addicts who had

ID-19 patient and COVID-19 outbreak

antine. The virus then spread to different parts of the coun-

About 4,000 Navy troops are being quarantined inside the

Sri Lanka has had 649 COVID-19 patients and seven deaths.

About half of the sick were diagnosed after April 22 and

According to the newspaper Lankadeepa, with the largest

circulation in the country, at least six villages have been sealed

off this week in different parts of Sri Lanka because of exposure

to the sailors who returned home. About 1,300 other people

In a bid to control the spread of the virus, the government

has cancelled home leaves for troops and ordered them to

have been asked to self-quarantine, the paper reported.

camp while 242 relatives have been taken to four quarantine

out of 30 cases discovered in the last 24 hours, 22 are Navy

sailors and another seven had close contact with them.

the disease, authorities said on Thursday.

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were evading quar-

return to camps. – AP

"We think we really have

much better days are ahead, and I often say I see the light strongly," Trump said.

"We are seeing tremendous pent-up demand, and it's a beautiful thing to see, so it's wonderful to have America industry leaders, and that is what you are, true leaders to the White House," he told the in-"This demand is going to be

fourth quarter is going to be really, really good," he added. Thanks to the devotion of

number of new cases continues to decline, the United States has now conducted near-

than any other nation, the President said.

"And so much has been learned about what we are fighting, and if it does rear up a little bit in the fall or even a lot, we will be able to put it out. We will put out the embers," he added.

Vice President Mike Pence said he is encouraged by the progress, and even the hotspots around the country cases are levelling off and in some areas going down.

"Hospitalisations are declining even in the greater New York City area. That is a testament to the American people to the way the American people now nearly 45 days ago embraced the guidelines to slow the spread. And as we come to the end of this mitigation period, states across the country have all embraced those same mitigation and social distancing ef-

Germany to take 'small biggest cluster of infections in Sri Lanka steps' to loosen lockdown

BERLIN, April 30: Germany's Health Minister has warned against significantly relaxing restrictions imposed to curb coronavirus infections, saying this could recklessly endanger the country's achievements in fighting the pandemic.

In an op-ed on Thursday for daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Jens Spahn welcomed the public debate over loosening the lockdown. But he said that crisis better than others it would be reckless to achievement.

Germany has recorded almost 162,000 cases of COVID-19 and 6,467 deaths so far, according to figures compiled by Johns Hopkins University. That is about a quarter the number of deaths recorded in Britain and France, which have a similar number of confirmed cases. - AP

especially because Germany has so far come through this endanger this hard-won joint



Members of a youth group in Star Wars costumes entertain locals along a road in Manila, Philippines, on Thursday. - AP/PTI

Philippines rejects China's move on island

MANILA, April 30: The Philippines to advance its territorial claims. on Thursday protested China's designation of a disputed South China Sea fortified island base, as a Chinese administrative center.

called China's illegal designation of Fiery Cross Reef as a regional administrative center in the hotly contested Spratly archipelago.

It's the latest in a series of disagreements in the sea as Asian nations grapple lishment of a Sansha City covering much racel islands and the other has jurisdicwith the coronavirus pandemic. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused China last week of taking advantage of its constituent units and any subsequent Cross, into missile-protected island baswidespread distraction over the pandemic acts emanating from them. The Depart-es, including three with runways. - PTI

The Philippines calls on China to ad-

here to international law, the department idated China's sweeping territorial claims reef, which it has turned into a heavily said, reminding Beijing of a 2002 agree- in the South China Sea on historical ment that urged governments with rival claims in the sea to exercise self-The Department of Foreign Affairs is- restraint and avoid actions that would by the Philippines, and refused to recogsued a statement objecting to what it escalate the disputes and undermine regional stability. The Philippine government has pro-

> tested China's self-declared territorial zones in the waters starting in 2012, with and reefs in the South China Sea. what it said was Beijing's unlawful estabof the South China Sea.

international arbitration ruling that invalgrounds. China refused to participate in the arbitration case, which was initiated

Last week, the Philippines protested China's establishment of two districts to administer two disputed groups of islands

One district reportedly covers the Pation over the Spratlys, where China has It said it does not recognise Sansha nor turned seven reefs, including Fiery

More flights to evacuate stranded Brits from India

LONDON, April 30: The government-chartered flights, to 59 flights, catering for tered via the government's UK on Thursday announced seven further charter flights to monwealth Office (FCO) said. of those have already travelled, bring over 2,000 British travellers stranded in India due to the coronavirus pandemic lockdown back home to the UK.

All the new flights are between Amritsar and London to cater to the thousands still stranded in Punjab, with a daily flight planned every day between May 5 and 11.

brought back from India on 59 latest tranche brings that total those who have already regis-said. – PTI

the UK's Foreign and Com- 15,000 people and over 10,000 online booking portal. "These additional flights will

help over 2,000 more people get back to their loved ones here in the UK. I would like to thank the government of India for their help in making it happen," said Lord Tariq Ahmad, FCO flights to the UK have run eve-Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth.

The UK government has Once these flights are compreviously announced 52 char-

with the remaining amount due in coming weeks.

"Our charter programme has already helped more than 10,000 British travellers return coming days," he said.

Jan Thompson, Acting High Commissioner to India, said: This fifth round of flights brings the total number of planes we have organised from India to 59.

"There have been daily dehome from India by ensuring partures from across the country for weeks, which have ry day since April 8, with thou-helped thousands of people get sands more due to depart in the back to their friends and families in the UK. My team and I As with the last round of will continue to do all we can pleted, over 15,000 British ter flights bringing back over charter flights, seats on the to support British people who travellers will have been 13,000 people from India. The new planes will be allocated to remain in India," Thompson

Retiring First President of Poland's Supreme Court Malgorzata Gersdorf (left) wears a face mask, as she stands next to the head of the Iustitia Association of Judges, Krystian Markiewicz, in Warsaw, Poland, on Thursday. Gersdorf's going is seen as an end to the court's fight against the right-wing government's push to take control of the judiciary. - AP/PTI

About 50 bodies found in trucks outside NY funeral home

NEW YORK, April 30: Police were called to a neral home hung up without speaking. Subse-Brooklyn neighbourhood on Wednesday after a quent calls went to voicemail, which was full. funeral home overwhelmed by the coronavirus resorted to storing dozens of bodies on ice in rented trucks, and a passers-by complained about the smell, officials said.

Investigators who responded to a 911 call found that the home had rented four trucks to hold about 50 corpses, according to a law enforcement official. No criminal charges were brought and the official, who was not authorised to speak publicly about the investigation, spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The Andrew T Cleckley Funeral Home was cited for failing to control the odors. The home was able to obtain a larger, refrigerated truck later in the day, the official said.

Workers suited up in protective gear could be seen in the afternoon transferring bodies into the refrigerated truck.

A person who answered the phone at the fu-

New York City funeral homes have struggled in the city since late March.

The city set up temporary morgues. Hospitals used refrigerated tractor trailers to cart away multiple bodies at a time, sometimes loading them in public view on the sidewalk. Crematoriums have been backed up. Funeral directors across the city have pleaded for help as they have run out of space.

The NYPD notified the state Department of Health, which oversees funeral homes, about the situation at the Andrew T Cleckley Funeral Home. It did not respond to an email seeking

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams went to the scene on Wednesday evening. "While this situation is under investigation, we should not have what we have right now, with trucks lining the streets filled with bodies," he said. – AP

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Angelina Jolie pays homage to Irrfan Khan

Khan stood out for his generosity, says Hollywood star Angelina Jolie as she remembered her A Mighty Heart co-star, who passed away after a battle with cancer.

The 54-year-old actor died in a Mumbai hospital on Wednesday after a two year fight with a rare form of cancer. He was buried at the Versova graveyard. Jolie and Irrfan collaborated on

Michael Winterbottom's 2007 film about US journalist Daniel Pearl who was killed in Pakistan in 2002.

She played the role of Pearl's widow Marianne, while Irrfan appeared as Zeeshan Kazmi, the chief of Karachi Police.

In a statement, Jolie said it was a

"privilege" for her to work with Irrfan as she hailed him for his commitment to his craft.

"I had the privilege of working with Irrfan Khan on the set of A Mighty Heart. He stood out for his generosity as an artist, which made it a pleasure to work in any scene with him," Jolie said.

"I remember the intensity of his commitment, and equally his smile. I send my condolences and my sympathy to his family, his friends, and all admirers of his work, in India and around the world," she added.

Irrfan had followed up A Mighty *Heart* with Hollywood films such as The Amazing Spider-Man, Life of Pi, Jurassic World and Inferno.

Hollywood celebrities Chris

Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard and Natalie Portman also mourned Khan's death. Pratt and Howard had famously

collaborated with Irrfan on their 2015 blockbuster Jurassic World and they remembered the actor as a "screen legend" and an "exquisite human be-

"So sad to hear about the passing of screen legend @irrfank. Irrfan Khan played Masrani in *Jurassic* World. He was an exquisite actor and human. He will be missed," Pratt tweeted. Howard shared two stills of hers

with Irrfan from the Colin Trevorman being and we will all miss you row-directed adventure thriller and dearly. These images are from the said she feels "lucky" to have worked first and last day of filming, and I was with the actor. lucky enough to spend them work-



family always," she posted. Trevorrow was among the first from Hollywood to pay tributes to Irrfan. - PTI

will be available up to 15:00 hrs. of 26 05-2020 in website www.ireps.gov.in

DRM (W), Tinsukia NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Doubling rate of COVID-19 11 days, case fatality 3.2 pc: health ministry

ministry said on Thursday.

Addressing a press briefing, Joint Secretary in the ministry Lav Agarwal said the doubling rate of COVID-19 cases in several States is better than the national average.

He said the doubling rate of between 11-20 days in Delhi (11.3), some districts in it where the casa 51.2 per cent case fatality was

NEW DELHI, April 30: The Uttar Pradesh (12), Jammu and es are doubling at a faster pace. doubling rate for COVID-19 cases Kashmir (12.2), Odisha (13), Rahas improved to 11 days in the jasthan (17.8), Tamil Nadu (19.1) sure that we continue to work in a country as against the 3.4 days be- and Punjab (19.5). A doubling rate focussed manner in the identified fore the lockdown was imposed and of between 20-40 days was seen in hotspot areas, along with the other the case fatality has been recorded Karnataka (21.6), Ladakh (24.2), at 3.2 per cent, the Union health Haryana (24.4), Uttarakhand (30.3) and Kerala (37.5), Agarwal said.

> Chhattisgarh (89.7) and Himachal Pradesh (191.6), he added. spite the improved overall dou-tality was seen below 45 years, 34.8

A doubling rate of over 40 days was

noted in Assam (59), Telangana (70.8),

"And thus, it is important to enparts of the country," he said.

The Joint Secretary said the current case fatality rate for COVID-19 is 3.2 per cent in the country, with 65 per cent of the victims being males and 35 per cent females.

"Looking at the age distribution However, Agarwal said that de- of the deaths, 14 per cent case fa-COVID-19 cases was found to be bling rate of a State, there can be per cent between 45-60 years and

noted among those above 60 improved from 13.06 per cent to lishments, especially those in the he added. years," he said.

"Further, if we divide the mortality cases above 60 years, then we see that the mortality has been 42 per cent in the age group of 60-75 years and 9.2 per cent in those above 75 years," Agarwal said.

Also, co-morbidities like diabetes, hypertension, chronic kidney and heart-related issues among others deaths and both old age and co-morbidities were found as risk factors.

Agarwal said the recovery rate for COVID-19 has progressively

over 25 per cent in the country in the last 14 days.

He said some hospitals in the patients do not face any difficulty. private sector are hesitating to provide critical services like dialysis, chemotherapy, blood transfusion and institutional delivery to their regular patients due to lack of understanding and fear.

"In some cases, they have closed were found in 78 per cent of the down the clinics while some are for personal protection and use comes to 49,800 tests. It is imporinsisting for testing before offering PPE rationally in accordance with tant to understand that whatever those services," he said, adding that the guidelines and the healthcare capacity is needed, we have prothe ministry has asked the States facilities should follow the infection to ensure that all healthcare estab-prevention and control practices,

private sector, remain functional and provide critical services so that

"In the context of testing, it needs to be highlighted that health facilities should prescribe testing according to the testing protocol,' Agarwal said.

Healthcare service providers

Speaking about testing being scaled up, Agarwal said starting with one single laboratory, the RT-PCR tests are now available in 292 government and 97 private facilities across the country.

"On Wednesday, 58,686 tests were performed and if you see the average number of tests performed should take necessary precautions each day in the last five days, it gressively increased it," he said. -

Rishi Kapoor: An actor exits, the star continues to shine

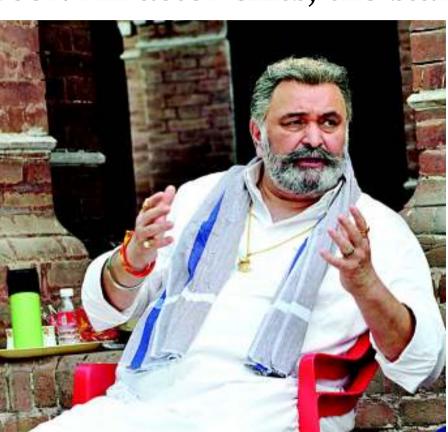
NEW DELHI, April 30: Some people are born in the lap of luxury and some, like Rishi Kapoor, in the spotlight of fame. As Raj Kapoor's son and Prithviraj Kapoor's grandson, the stardom was destined but the legacy of good acting was very much his own.

High-spirited, sometimes irascible and always outspoken, the talented Mr Kapoor died after a two-year battle with leukaemia on Thursday, his acting boots still firmly on at age 67.

The third generation of the famed Kapoor dynasty that fused stardom with a tradition of acting, Rishi marked three innings in cinema – child actor, romantic hero over three decades and finally character artiste when he transformed from chocolate boy lover to malevolent villain (Agneepath), harried tutor (Do Dooni Chaar) and potty-mouthed grandfather (Kapoor & Sons).

One of Hindi mainstream cinema's most enduring stars, Rishi did almost 150 films over five decades, six if you count his walk on part when he was father's film Shri 420.

Of these, almost 90 were as



A file photo of Rishi Kapoor during a shoot at Nabha Haveli in Patiala on May 6, 2018. – PTI

rary Dimple Kapadia (Bobby just a toddler during the song and Saagar) to a much young-came his trademark. 'Pvaar Hua Igraar Hua' in his er Urmila Matondkar in Shreeman Aashique.

Almost always the urban Doosra Aadmi. a romantic hero. In an age hero from an upper crust fam-

dancing and serenading ac-cales, strumming a guitar, driv-mance, often turning up as part tresses from his contempo- ing trendy cars and dressed in of an ensemble cast in films colourful sweaters that be-

His memorable movies comprised Chandni, Karz and

He made the most of the dominated by action stars, he ily, Rishi could be seen twist- hackneyed roles offered to was the eternal lover boy, ing and shouting in scenic lo- him as the poster boy of ro-

such as Kabhi Kabhie, Amar Akbar Anthony and Naseeb.

By his own admission, Rishi, or Chintu as he was known, said he was slotted as a romantic hero and could never have done experimental films.

"Ranbir did a Barfi. I could

never do Barfi, Sanju or Rock-dhima. et Singh in my time. I could never do these kinds of exper- read, son of a famous father imental films, which worked (Raj Kapoor) and the father of big time," he told PTI in an a famous son (Ranbir Kapoor). interview last year.

Mulk and Luck By Chance.

His latest cinematic appearance was in The Body, with Emraan Hashmi, in December 2019. The next, a remake of the Hollywood film *The Intern* with Deepika Padukone was announced but alas never got off the ground.

Acting was his lifeblood, and his love for food, family, friends, and films his raison d'etre just as it was for the rest of the Kapoors.

In 1970, his father – Shammi Kapoor - cast him in Mera Naam Joker as the young Raju. Three years lat-*Bobby*, again directed by his buying a film award for *Bobby*. father, that set him firmly on the romance path.

And somewhere early on the road to stardom, he met the love of his life Neetu Singh. The couple did many films together, such as Khel Khel Mein, Rafoo Chakkar and then very recently Do Dooni Chaar nave." and Besharam. They got married in 1980 and had two children, Ranbir, an actor-star like his father, and daughter Rid-

For years, his Twitter bio

His last tweet was on April Later in life came experi- 2 when he made an appeal to mental roles in films such as all brothers and sisters from all social status and faiths to not resort to violence, stone throwing or lynching. "Doctors, Nurses, Medics, Policemen etc.. are endangering their lives to save you. We have to win this Coronavirus war together, Please, Jai Hind!"

In his 2015 autobiography Khullam Khulla, in which he unhesitatingly talks about his father's relationship with Nargis, his first girlfriend and Rajesh Khanna's insecurity about his equation with Dimple and how he almost turned down Kabhi Kabhie because Neetu had a larger role. He er came the blockbuster also admitted in the book to

> "I think that Amitabh was sulking because I had won the best actor award for Bobby. I am sure he felt the award was rightfully his for Zanjeer, which released the same year. I am ashamed to say it, but I actually bought that award. I was so

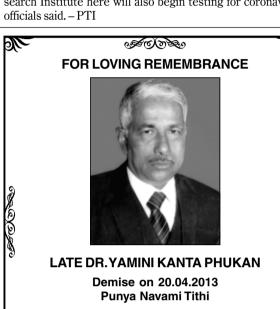
Not many people would admit to actually paying money for an award. But that was Rishi Kapoor. – PTI

Palaeosciences institute begins coronavirus testing

LUCKNOW, April 30: The Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) on Tuesday started testing samples for coronavirus, a senior scientist said. The research institute in Lucknow is the first central body in Uttar Pradesh to take on the task, Dr Neeraj Rai said. The institute will test 200 samples every day and will put out test reports every day, he said.

The BSIP has partnered with a private diagnostic firm for taking up sample testing, another official had said earlier.

Stressing that BSIP is a research institute, Rai said unlike others lab it will be able to find out how the virus is evolving and examine issues like false positives. The Central Drug Research Institute here will also begin testing for coronavirus,



On this "Punya Navami Tithi" you left us Seven vears back. But still each and every moment you are in our heart with your noble idealism. Give us

your heavenly blessings to go ahead in our life. Bandana

Nandini, Mandakinee

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- Science and Challenges

Invitation of articles on scientific issues in four categories from people of Assam on various issues related to society, health, superstition and our responsibilities. Best articles will be rewarded with cash prizes and certificate. Selected articles will be compiled to publish a book having ISBN.

This invitation to submit research articles is expected to generate awareness on COVID-19 and lay down a 'Roadmap' to tackle future biological disasters. A large scale participation is highly solicited.

 Keshab Mahanta Minister, Science & Technology, Assam

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First, second and third prizes, respectively are:

Category A: Rs. 25,000.00, Rs. 20,000.00 and Rs. 15,000.00 Category B: Rs. 30,000.00, Rs. 25,000.00 and Rs. 20,000.00

Category C: Rs. 40,000.00, Rs. 30,000.00 and Rs. 25,000.00

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(The author of the best article selected by the Jury from the articles of Category B, C and D will be rewarded with

Rs.1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh), which will be inclusive of the first prize in the concerned category from where the article has been chosen. There will be Jury award of Rs.10,000.00 each to 3 (three) more articles from each of the categories)

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A member of Bharat Scouts and Guides feeding animals during the lockdown, in Guwahati on Thursday. - UB Photos

Concern at cruelty to animals amid lockdown

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30: Sev- mediately whenever any per- their residential compound or eral cases of cruelty to animals son, feeder or animal welfare gate so that the nearby stray including pets amid the lock- activist reports such incidents. down, have been reported from different parts of the city, and local authorities to cooperalleged Just Be Friendly (JBF), at e with animal feeders with full a city-based animal welfare protection and respect as they NGO here. JBF office-bearers informed

that the animals are brutally beaten with rods or other hard obiects. Such inhuman behaviour of the people or animal owners is a punishable offence, they said.

Pets or stray animals do not spread coronavirus and anyone who abandons or harasses animals suspecting them to be mals to the treatment centre. carriers of the disease, is lia-

CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, April 30: Public

public places with the aim to pre-

Health and Family Welfare has

ucts in public places to prevent

spread of novel coronavirus.

Over 20 states and three

UTs have already banned use

of smokeless tobacco products

and spitting in public places

during COVID-19. Assam,

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chan-

digarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Ra-

jasthan, Punjab, Haryana,

Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat,

Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh,

Odisha, Puducherry, Uttara-

khand, Uttar Pradesh, Telan-

gana, Tripura, Maharashtra,

Mizoram, Nagaland and Sik-

"We applaud Central gov-

ernment for taking a timely

step for imposing a ban on the

sale of tobacco products and

spitting in public places to pre-

kim are penalising violators.

health experts have welcomed risk of severe COVID-19

the recent move of the Central symptoms, we urge all smok-

government to ban the use of ers and tobacco users to quit,

tobacco products and spitting in especially at this critical time,"

pealed to the police to act im- and some food just outside It also called upon the residents are offering animals feed and are carrying out their fundamental duties as per Article 51A(g) of

the Indian Constitution. The NGO also provides transportation service through its animal transporting van to needy dogs from the streets of Guwahati in situations when the rescuers cannot transport the ani-

JBF has also been carrying ble to be prosecuted under out an awareness drive hands with JBF to spread Section 11(1) of the Preventhrough social media on the tion of Cruelty to Animals Act, topic 'Lockdown Saviour of ing of the stray animals during a statement issued by JBF said. Animals' and appealed to eve-these difficult times.

Public health experts hail Centre's

move to ban tobacco products

vent and control the spread of

their health and reduce their

said advocate Ajoy Hazarika,

vent the spread of coronavirus. secretary of Consumers' Le- by answering their queries, set-

directed all states and union that smoking is a risk for COV- low up through a dedicated toll-

ty. Smokers who develop

COVID-19 infection have more

complications and greater risk

of fatality. Even if a person is

not affected by the virus, it is a

good time to stop smoking. This

improves immunity and can

improve lung function within a

few months. Apart from reduc-

ing risks, there are many other

benefits on the lungs, heart and

other parts of the body," said

Dr Srabana Misra Bhagabaty,

Associate Professor cum in-

charge, Department of Preven-

tive Oncology, Dr B Borooah

Cancer Institute (BBCI).

The Union Ministry of gal Protection Forum, Assam. ting a quit date, formulating a

COVID-19 virus. To protect to quit smoking and smokeless

"There is growing evidence personalised quit plan, and fol-

In this connection, JBF ap- ryone to put a bowl of water animals can consume them.

> The NGO has also taken the initiative to provide animal food (packaged and cooked) to various agencies like Assam Police, press clubs, NGOs and individual feeders of Guwahati and Bongaigaon so that they can feed the stray animals during the current lockdown.

> Till date a number of personalities like Rewati Chetri, Zublee Baruah, Dr Bijit Deb Choudhury, Rajib Kro, Dr Saurabh Hazarika, Aradhana Buragohain, Poran Borkatoky and Pompi Gogoi have joined awareness about the well-be-

Moreover, tobacco users keen

products, can avail of free tele-

phone-based quit line services

launched by the Central govern-

ment. The National Tobacco Quit

Line Services is designed to help

tobacco users quit the addiction

It offers free confidential, person-

alised support by trained tobac-

co counsellors in English, Hindi

Tobacco users can also avail

of m-cessation, an initiative of

MoHFW for utilising mobile

technology for tobacco cessation.

giving a missed call to a national

and regional languages.

GP Singh will be the nodal officer of the entire exercise to bring back the stranded people from other states to Assam. For the same purpose, Harmeet Singh has been entrusted to function as the alternate nodal officer.

Panel to form

strategy to bring

back people

stranded outside

State

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30: The

State-Level Empowered

Committee on COVID-19 to-

day constituted a panel to for-

mulate a standard operating

procedure (SoP) for bringing

back the migrant workers, pil-

grims, tourists, students and

others who remain stranded

at different places amid the

The committee will be

headed by Additional DGP

(Law and Order) GP Singh and

include ADGP (Security)

Harmeet Singh, CEO of the

ASDMA MS Manivannan,

MD of the ASTC AP Tiwari,

MD of the NHM Laxmanan S

and Commissioner of the

transport department Adil

Khan as its members.

lockdown.

To bring back the stranded people, the ASTC will arrange buses and NHM will bear the expenditure.

The meeting that was held today, also decided that all shops of the State dealing in textbooks will be allowed to territories to ban use and spit- ID-19. Smoking worsens lung free number (1800-11-2356) that remain open from Monday to ting of chewing tobacco prod- function and reduces immuni- can be reached from Tuesday to Sunday between 8 am and 8 pm.

Tea bodies donate Rs 19 lakh to Arogya Nidhi STAFF REPORTER

Tobacco users can register by GUWAHATI, April 30: The three Assam-based indigenous number (011-22901701) to avail tea producers' associations – support for quitting through Assam Tea Planters' Associaconstant text messaging on tion (ATPA), North Eastern their mobile phones. This serv-Tea Association (NETA) and ice uses two-way messaging Bharatiya Cha Parishad (BCP) between individuals seeking to - have donated a sum of Rs 19 quit tobacco use and experts lakh to the Assam Arogya Niwho provide them advice and dhi fund as support towards information through SMS or inthe fight against COVID-19 teractive voice response in 12 pandemic in the State.

> ATPA, NETA and BCP donated Rs 3 lakh. Rs 11 lakh and Rs 5 lakh respectively.

The North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi), under its CSR, also donated Rs 2 crore in addition to one-day salary of the employees amounting to Rs 5,75,673.

Employees of the Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM) have contributed Rs 5 lakh towards the

Assam Arogya Nidhi. The FCI Retired Employees' Welfare Association (FCIREWA) North Eastern Zone contributed Rs 50 thousand to the Assam Arogya Nidhi to help in the fight against

coronavirus. FCIREWA NE zone's vice president Amiya Kr Sarma and zonal secretary Ratul Ch Sarma handed a cheque for the said amount to Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma at the NHM office here on Tuesday, said a press release issued today.

Guwahatians found to be mentally toughest during lockdown

Nationwide survey by TRA Research

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, April 30: Residents of Guwahati have exhibited maximum resilience and mental wellbeing during the COVID 19-induced lockdown.

According to a nationwide survey conducted by TRA Research across 16 cities with 902 urban citizens to delve deeper into the mental wellbeing of citizens, Guwahatians showed the highest mental wellbeing (84 per cent) in their ability to cope with their current worries of family health and work stability as well as their fears on the country's health and economic impact.

Mumbai recorded the lowest mental wellbeing index at just 28 per cent, showing severe stresses and anxieties among the citizenry, followed by Lucknow at 36 per cent.

Guwahati was followed by Delhi-NCR (78 per cent) which had the second best mental wellbeing score. Other cities which displayed a 'Good' ability mental wellbeing of their citizens include Indore (75 per cent), Coimbatore (73 per cent) and Pune (72 per cent).

a consumer insights and brand analytics belief system and support system. company, explaining the concept said that

"The ability to cope with worries depends on the individual's mindset of course, but also depends on the city's general acceleration rate in patients, as also The rapid spread in Mumbai, with the highest number of COVID-19 patients, is also reflected in the low mental wellbeing of its citizens with regard to coping with the disease," he added.

The mental wellbeing index has been calculated with the coping index as the numerator and the worry index as the denominator, measured as a percentage, and the coping index was measured on four parameters and the worry index on six.

Dr Jalpa Bhuta, MD, Consultant Psy-

"It is reassuring that most of the people citizens' mental wellbeing in the context in smaller cities are coping better with good of the research was seen as their ability to mental wellbeing. In the larger cities there cope with current worries regarding the could be many factors responsible like worry on account of stability of work. When our identity is determined by our career and earning capacities, people can feel at a total loss when that may get impacted. Relationships are also getting fragile in bigger the city's complex demographics that cities, giving poor interpersonal support, may impede coping with the pandemic. which is much needed for a sense of mental wellbeing," she said.

On the difference in cities, Chandramouli further elaborated, "The smaller cities have a relatively higher mental wellbeing index as compared to the larger ones. Guwahati, Jaipur, Indore, Pune, Coimbatore are coping better with the situation than their counterparts in cities like Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata."

Dr Bhuta suggested attitudinal alterations to cope. "It is important for all of us to find peace within ourselves, develop a chiatrist, practising at Global Hospital and more spiritual and accepting attitude, Hinduja Khar, said that coping skills were learn to deal with change and embrace N Chandramouli, CEO, TRA Research, determined by one's resilience, attitude, the higher power during difficult times.'

Hema Bharali's

demise condoled

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30:

Mourning the demise of Padma

Shri award winning social activ-

ist and Gandhian Hema Bharali,

the Assam Shishu Kalyan

Sadan, Jalukbari today remem-

bered her pioneering role in es-

tablishing the Sadan, a home for

orphans and children in distress,

with day-to-day works in the

home like providing training on

handloom and handicraft, gar-

dening, etc. Apart from other

'She herself was associated

way back in 1956.

Ration given to priests, workers of Umananda Temple

STAFF REPORTER/ CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI/JORABAT, April 30: The Kamrup (Metro) district administration on Thursday distributed free rations among the priests and workers of the Umananda Temple here. The Inland Water Transport department also donated food items among them as they remain stranded on the island amid the lockdown.

Meanwhile, during the ongoing lockdown, the Kamrup (Metro) district administration day distributed food items, such programmes.

istration also rejected around 1,500 applications seeking vehicle passes, as the applicants failed to mention valid reasons.

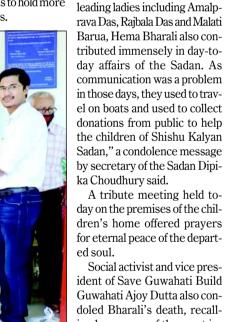
transport around 3,500 labourers stranded in the city, to different parts of the State.

Amid the nationwide lockdown in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, the 128th Battalion Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Wednes-

has issued more than 8,000 ve-masks, sanitizers, etc., among hicle passes so far. The admin-over 200 needy people of Ural and Kahikuchi villages under Sonapur revenue circle under its civic action programme.

The troops, under the guid-Again, the administration ance of Commandant Surjit Kuhas arranged 170 buses to mar Atri, also distributed nutritious meals while at the same time making sure the hygiene standards are not compromised.

The CRPF officers present on the occasion also called for use of soap to ensure that people first wash their hands before eating. The battalion plans to hold more



Representatives from the Kamrup (M) district administration distributing essential food items at the Umananda Temple, in Guwahati on Thursday. - UB Photos

Media Adviser to CM calls on eminent personalities

CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, April 30: As a part of the government bid to reach out to people, Media Adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami today called on a number of intellectuals, litterateurs, journalists, artistes and eminent personalities, talked to them and took stock of their health condition.

While spending time with them, Goswami apprised them of the steps the Government of Assam has been tak- the public on the need to break ing to deal with the COVID- the chain of transmission of the

government, he also expressed his gratitude to these educating the people on following social distancing norms.

Goswami today met *The* Assam Tribune editor Prafulla Govinda Baruah at the latter's residence here and enquired about his health and wellbeing. Goswami thanked him for the role the Assam Tribune Group of Newspapers has been playing in sensitising

19 situation. On behalf of the dreaded virus in the State. Goswami also met writerjournalist Homen Borgohain,

personalities for their role in artist Neel Pawan Baruah, poet Nilamani Phukan, actress Anupama Bhattacharjee, cartoonist Troilokya Dutta and talked to them on COVID-19 and the State's response to mitigate the problem, besides enquiring about their wellbeing.

The Media Adviser also met the Deka Satriya of Barpeta Satra Nabajit Das, who is recuperating from his illness at the Apollo Hospitals here and wished him a speedy recovery.

Webinar on corona impact on agri, allied sectors

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30: The State government is working on a war-footing to check the loss suffered by the horticulture and food processing sector by using its experience of other disasters like flood, and it has been able to control the situation to a large extent.

Deputy Director of Horticulture and Food Processing Khagen Sharma said this here today while taking part in a webinar organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce on the topic 'The impact of coronavirus outbreak on agriculture and allied sectors of the North East

and its revival strategy.' Sharma informed that amid

the lockdown, the State has ket. He said despite the lockexported fruits and vegetables to various states like Bihar, Manipur, West Bengal, etc, and each district administration has allowed a certain number of vehicles to sell the commodities.

"By doing so, a new business model has emerged where there is no middleman, and farmers are selling directly to customers through governmentapproved vendors by maintaining social distancing," he said.

Chairman of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) Paban Kumar Borthakur said despite the global economic slowdown, the agriculture and food processing sector still has a lucrative mar-

down, around 60 per cent of agri-exports are still going on. Prabhat Bezbaruah, chairman of the Tea Board of India, said the

tea industry is facing a tremendous problem of logistics, as they have limited scope for transporting the products to consumers.

Deputy General Manager of APEDA Dr Saswati Bose said there would be a paradigm shift in the way goods are exported in the new world order. Most of the biggest horticulture-producing countries like Spain, Mexico and the Netherlands have been affected greatly due to coronavirus and it could be a very good opportunity for the NE exporters to gain their share in the world.

for eternal peace of the depart-Social activist and vice pres-

ident of Save Guwahati Build Guwahati Ajoy Dutta also condoled Bharali's death, recalling her as one of the most inspiring ladies of Assam and a true Gandhian. "A great patriotic woman, Hema Bharali remained a dedicated social worker throughout her life. Her life and work would continue to inspire the coming generations," he added.

Sanitization. distribution of food by NDRF

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30: The 1st Battalion NDRF Guwahati today carried out a sanitization drive at Reserve Bank of India and Gauhati University. NDRF teams sprayed disinfectants on the premises as well as the vicinity of both the institutions.

During the programme

the NDRF rescuers laid emphasis on social distancing, hand washing, use of sanitizer and following lockdown norms to contain spread of coronavirus. The NDRF rescuers also

distributed food among more than 2,500 needy people at Matiyapara, Jahajghat, Uzan Bazar, , Katamura, Bargaon, Changsari, Bazarapara, Palasbari and Mirza today.

The exercise was carried out in collaboration of Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad and Amrit Bhog Bhandara Guwahati.

The Ajmal Foundation donated 200 packets of grocery items to mediapersons on the Guwahati Press Club premises today.

Rotary Club Guwahati also handed over hand sanitizers and face masks to the Press Club office-bearers.



constable Sanjoy Jha of Panbazar Police Station Traffic Branch who were arrested on Wednesday on charges of illegally transporting a huge amount of gold and cash. The inset photo shows the money and gold recovered from the two cops. - UB Photos



LOCAL FORECAST:

Partly cloudy sky with possibility of development of thunder/ ightning. Maximum and minimum temperatures are most likely to be 34°C and 21°C respectively on Friday.

TEMPERATURE:

20.0°C

Illegal banners, hoardings being removed by GMC CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, April 30: The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) has been removing illegal hoardings and banners across the city. Five hoardings and 966 banners have already been removed in five places of the city under the drive in the last few days.

All these hoardings were put up without the GMC's permission.

In a statement, the Corporation has urged the advertising agencies concerned to repay their dues within five days.

"Stringent action will be initiated soon if the dues are not paid; these firms would be barred from carrying out any sort of advertisements within Guwahati," the statement added.

Several agencies have put up hoardings and banners without the Corporation's permission and some have es Ltd to work on vaccine developbeen put up after the completion of the programme, the statement said, while asserting that "from now on, the GMC will slap fine on these agencies in this regard."

Vety students to help fight pig disease

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30: The State government will engage the postgraduate level students of the College of Veterinary Science in its bid to contain the unknown disease which led to the death of more than 2,000 pigs in six districts of Assam.

engagement process will start after receiving the final report from the Bhopalbased National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, to which the State veterinary department has sent samples of

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 30: The Indian

Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-

G) on Wednesday announced that it is

collaborating with Ahmedabad-based

pharmaceutical firm Hester Bioscienc-

IIT-G and Hester Biosciences ex-

pect the vaccine to be ready by the

end of this year to start animal studies.

The work is currently in its early stage

ment for COVID-19.

ment will act on the issue by following and to send teams of doctors to every Central government guidelines, the district if required. source said. The disease originated in

infected pigs to ascertain the disease.

An official source said that the student pigs died in Dhemaji district, followed by Sivasagar district.

Reviewing the situation on Wednesday, Agriculture Minister Atul Bora instruct-

cials to create mass awareness to check After the report comes, the depart- the apprehension among common public

Bora also informed that the govern-Dhemaji district and spread to Dibrugarh, ment would take steps to compensate the Sivasagar, Jorhat, Lakhimpur and Biswa- entrepreneurs who are facing losses due nath. At present, the highest number of to the disease. He strictly asked every official not to neglect duty during such

> Meanwhile, the Agriculture Minister today visited the areas affected by the dis-



virus-1 expressing the SARS-CoV-2 said, "I am hopeful that the outcome of

A fruits-laden tricycle goes past a coronavirus-themed artwork made on a wall at Fancy Bazar in Guwahati, on Thursday. – AT photo

The vaccine will be based on recom-

The recombinant avian paramyxo-

virus-1 will be used to express the

immunogenic protein of SARS-CoV-

2. The recombinant avian paramyxo-

protein can be used as a vaccine candi-

The team at IIT Guwahati is headed

by Dr Sachin Kumar, Associate Pro-

fessor of the Department of Bioscienc-

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IIT-G working on COVID-19

FIR filed against writer's remarks made on Facebook CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, April 30: An FIR was filed at the Hatigaon Police Station in connection with alleged derogatory remarks made on Facebook by writerpolitician Satya Ranjan Bora against an Assamese family.

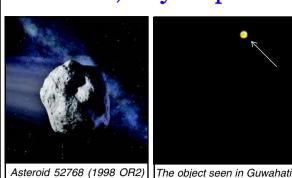
A source at the police station said that Assam Pradesh Congress Commit tee minority cell chairman Salman Khan filed the FIR today, where Khan mentioned that Bora had remarked that a Majulibased family had fed a Muslim person and allowed him to perform namaz in their house.

Blog writing competition

GUWAHATI, April 30: The All Assam Tourism Students' Union (AATSU) is organising a prize-money blog writing competition on May 2 on topics related to tourism.

Interested people can prepare the blog containing minimum 200 words and send it to WhatsApp number 7002941356, stated a press release here.

Unidentified object in city sky could be a drone, say experts



RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, April 30: A dazzling unidentified object, reported to have been spotted in the sky by some onlookers in Guwahati last night, generated a lot of curiosity among citizens.

Although NASA had said that an asteroid named '1998 OR2' would fly past Earth at a safe distance of 3.9 million miles/6.2 million kilometres on Wednesday, scientists here debunked the perception that the object seen last night over Guwahati could be that asteroid.

The 1998 OR2 flew past Earth at a distance calculated to be more than 16 times the average distance between Earth and Moon.

Guwahati Planetarium Curator BC Bora told The Assam Tribune that the asteroid cannot be seen with the naked eye and one would need a telescope for it.

A video circulated in the social media showed the bright object - often sparkling - in the atmosphere, not very far from Earth's surface. Some onlookers reported to have taken the video, apparently with their cellphone cameras.

"It (1998 OR 2) cannot be so bright, nor can it be seen with the naked eye," Bora said, adding that it could be either an artificial satellite, a drone, a jet plane, a sky lamp, or a balloon used for lab purposes.

Former Associate Professor of North Guwahati College Tapan K Sarma, however, insisted that the object is most likely to be a drone.

"Drones, or small planes that fly without humans, are used in photography nowadays. It is very often used in war and spying. The military has been doing drone tests in the last few months. We cannot exactly say it's a military drone, but I strongly feel that it is indeed a drone. Some also fly drones as a hobby," Sarma said.

The NASA had said that 1998 OR2 – also known as Asteroid 52768 – which is calculated to be around 2 kilometres wide, would zoom past Earth on Wednesday afternoon (IST) at a distance of 6.2 million kilometres. Altogether 22,261 near-Earth asteroids (NEAs) are

known to scientists as of March 5, 2020, and only 1,955

of them are considered to be potentially hazardous.

sical swine fever and Japanese Encephalitis. The role of IIT-G is to produce

been explored as a vaccine vector for various animals and human pathogens. It has been used to express the immunogenic protein of human pathogens such as HIV, avian influenza virus, human parainfluenza virus and SARS-CoV.

The avian paramyxovirus-1 has

Similarly, it has also been explored as a vaccine vector for animal pathogens such as infectious bursal disease virus, infectious laryngotracheitis virus, bovine herpes virus and the Nipah virus.



Dr Kumar and his team have gener-

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virus-1-based vaccine platform for clas-

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IIT-G Director Prof TG Sitharam

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win-win situation for the country and

will lead to breakthrough results in

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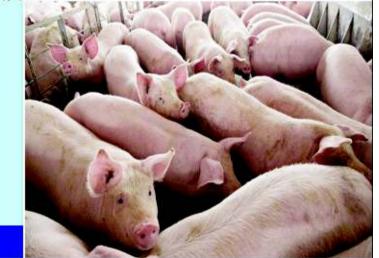
vide leads for vaccine development

against other diseases in the immedi-

সাম্প্ৰতিক সময়ত অসমৰ ছয়খন জিলা ক্ৰমে ডিব্ৰুগড়, শিৱসাগৰ, যোৰহাট, ধেমাজি, লক্ষ্মীমপুৰ 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।
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- 🦫 <mark>যিকোনো কাৰণত গাহৰিৰ মৃত্যু হ'লে মৃতদেহ কমে</mark>ও ছয় ফুট দকৈ গাঁত খান্দি মাটিৰ তলত পুতি থব।
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- <mark>๑ অসংগঠিত ৰূপত বাসস্থানৰ নাতিদূৰৈত পালন কৰা গাহৰিসমূহৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো উল্লেখিত</mark> নিয়মসমূহ সতৰ্কতাৰে পালন কৰক।
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পশুপালন আৰু পশুচিকিৎসা বিভাগ, অসমৰ দ্বাৰা জনহিতাৰ্থে প্ৰচাৰিত

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow Don't walk behind me... I may not lead; Walk beside me... just be my friend.

- ALBERT CAMUS

The Assam Tribune

Covid-19 scenario

The clouds which darken the global sky are threatening to grow darker and the Covid-19 scenario, in the absence of a weapon which can arm mankind to fight the coronavirus, is becoming grimmer. The only ray of light is provided by China, the country where the pandemic began, which has been able to return to a semblance of normalcy, giving hope that other impacted nations might succeed in doing the same. Ironically, the country to be worst affected has been the 'most powerful nation on Earth', the United States of America, which at the moment seems to be the most powerless nation on the planet! The number of people infected by Covid-19 in the US, at the time of writing, has reportedly crossed the one million mark, and deaths rose to over 58,300. Such figures denote the biggest loss of human lives experienced by the US from a single occurrence in recent decades, exceeding as they have the number of American soldiers who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. According to the US National Archives, 58,220 American soldiers died in the Vietnam conflict, which began in 1955 and ended in 1975. The difference, of course, is that a generation of young Americans lost their lives in the war which had spawned the 'make love, not war' hippy movement, while it has been the aged and economically deprived who have been devoured by Covid-19!

The primary reason why America is suffering so grievously is the belated nature of its response to the pandemic, which President Trump had initially dismissed as nothing more than the common flue. Being criticized for his mishandling of the pandemic, with approval ratings slipping, Trump has engaged in his characteristic diversion tactic, attempting to shift the blame on to China and hinting that the latter's version of the genesis of Covid-19 was not true. According to the conspiracy theory being floated around and fed by people like Trump, the virus did not originate in an animal market in Wuhan but was artificially created in a laboratory and somehow leaked out. Besides Trump, who had asked for an investigation into the origins of the virus and whether it had actually escaped from Wuhan Institute of Virology, Britain, Australia and Germany have called for more transparency from Beijing. As if to take the wind out of the sails of such world leaders, China has now announced that it would allow American scientists to work with their Chinese counterparts to investigate the origins of the novel coronavirus. Reportedly, Ian Lipikin, Director for Centre for Infection and Immunity of Columbia University, and Lu Jinhai of Sun-Yat-Sen University of Guangzhou, will conduct the probe. Such a probe, if it does transpire, might serve to provide greater clarity to the origin of the virus and lay to rest this brewing controversy.

They kept us enthralled!

Two great personalities who in their own inimitable ways enthralled the movie-lovers passed away on consecutive days creating a void in the entertainment industry. While both of them charted different routes to attain stardom, both fought bravely till the very end against their ailments. Irrfan Khan lost the battle against a rare form of cancer on Wednesday while Rishi Kapoor, who kept the killer crab at bay since 2018, breathed his last on Thursday. Like he was in reel life, even in real life Rishi Kapoor kept the doctors who treated him entertained till the end. Rishi Kapoor charmed his way into the hearts of millions of fans from the seventies of the last century. Though a romantic hero, Rishi Kapoor performed diverse roles with ease in his long and illustrious career. It was his debut movie as a lead actor in Bobby in 1973 which catapulted Rishi Kapoor into instant superstardom. And since then there was no looking back. Rishi Kapoor etched a name for himself as the top romantic hero of his time. From 1973 to 2000, he played the role of the romantic hero to perfection in 92 films. His roles in hit films like *Laila Majnu*, *Prem Rog*, Saagar, Chandni, Karz, Heena, Sargam, Bol Radha Bol, etc., made him popular as a romantic hero. In the later stage of his career, he acted in films like Kapoor and Sons, 102 Not Out and Mulk. His contribution was recognized and was bestowed with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

As Rishi Kapoor was born in the first family of Hindi cinema, being the son of legendary Raj Kapoor and grandson of Prithviraj Kapoor, it was easy for him to take the much-needed break in the highly competitive world of Hindi cinema. But for Irrfan Khan, to get the break wasn't the easiest of tasks. He transitioned from the TV soaps to the big screen by putting in years of hard work. The success of Irrfan Khan epitomizes the fact that talent can overcome all the hurdles. Irrfan was neither an action nor a romantic hero. He was a versatile actor who could fit into any role with ease. His powerhouse performances in movies as diverse as *The Namesake* and *Magbool* made him stand out as an actor with a difference. And his ability to enact a variety of characters made him a favourite among the movie-lovers. Not only in Bollywood, but even in Hollywood Irrfan shone bright. Irrfan will not only be remembered for his performances in Hindi movies like Paan Singh Tomar, Pikku and The Lunchbox but even for English movies like The Slumdog Millionaire, The Amazing Spider Man, The Life of Pi, Jurassic World. With the passing away of Rishi Kapoor and Irrfan Khan, the nation has lost two of its best actors and their death has caused irreparable loss to the world of cinema.

Time to take bold measures

Paresh Malakar

he Covid-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented scenario worldwide. Never were humans so scared. Never before human activities came to such a grounding halt. It pushed everyone inside the four walls of their house. Like the air and the waters. it is a great leveller. It knows no nationality, religion, class and caste. But who could be more ingenious than the politicians? They can even use Covid-19 for partisan ends. Covid-19 has struck even the wealthiest nations hard. After China, Italy and Spain, it is spreading like a wildfire in the USA, the wealthiest nation on earth. It has also exposed the frailty of their health services. Should America spend more on weapons or on health services? And, most importantly, its medium of spread is no ordinary thing. They were aeroplanes, steel and glass frames, shiny aisles, ubiquitous handshakes of business conferences and high profile parleys.

Presently, we are in its grip. We don't know when the respite will come. Each pandemic is a watershed moment in history. It changes the face of the world and human civilization. We do not know the cause of this virus. But we know why and how it has spread in the world. It is difficult to stop its spread and pace because we live in a globalized world. It can spread through all the means of our comfort and luxury. It can spread through our mode of existence. There is no way to stop it unless we stop everything. So there is nothing, no aeroplane is flying, no train is running and no bus is plying. And our luxury cars are parked in the garages.

Each county in the world is trying to make a sense of it. Each country is trying to cope with it. Which countries will be able to deal with this emergen-

cy better? It seems the countries practising good governance are positioned better to deal with this. It is common sense that people centric, better governed dispensations will always respond better to such emergencies. However, governance is never a one-way traffic. The role of the citizenry is equally important. Here one can also add the element of national character. Does gender also play a role in governance? Why is it

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How, for that matter, has India fared in dealing with Covid-19? Ours is a filthy and dirty country. Our public health system is not up to the mark. The mushrooming of nursing homes and private hospitals is a telltale sign of our public health malady. Except Kerala, the

public health system in our country is in disarray. That it is in disarray was reflected in the National Preparedness Survey on Covid-19 report prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms, Government of India. As per this report, there are inadequate medical facilities to deal with any Covid-19-related health emergencies in Cachar, Charaideo, Dima Hasao, Karimganj, Nalbari, Sonitpur and Udalguri districts in Assam. A

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> sound healthcare system is never built overnight. Our hospitals should be equipped with adequate healthcare facilities, doctors and caregivers.

> Many epidemiologists have said that the virus turns deadly in cold weather, but loses its steam in hot and humid weather. That was experienced in the European and other countries in the West including

the USA. As of now the highest death toll has been reported from the USA. Its effects in the cold countries have been severe. These countries are the worst sufferers so far. In India we are happy and lucky that the hot summer days are here again. But has India prepared well for the Covid-19 emergency? The above survey doesn't give us a sense of satisfaction. Except Kerala, and a few others, most of the States are not adequately prepared

to deal with the pandem-

But that is only one side of it because Covid-19 is not only about our health, it is also about our economy. Its economic fallout may far outweigh its health impact. World over, an economic crisis is looming large. There has already been a debate on medical health versus economic health on the issue. The other day, eminent public health consultant Deepak Natarajan, in an interview with Karan Thapar in 'The Wire', said that

he didn't support the wholesale lockdown. According to him, this would cripple the economy and endanger the livelihoods and lives of hundreds of millions of dailywagers and rural landless labourers. He advised targeted lockdown. This may sound controversial but cannot be ignored given the present state of our economy. Shouldn't some warning have been

issued and necessary preparations taken before declaring the lockdown? After the sudden lockdown, we saw how millions of hungry, thirsty, sick, young and old migrant workers began a long march home to their villages. In the last few days too, we have been witnessing sporadic upsurge of poor people on the streets in different parts of India which has also thrown the social distancing measures to the winds.

We are in the middle of a cri-

sis. It is difficult to say anything definitively at the moment. But we must see to it that we adopt the best available measures to deal with the crisis. For this we should try to involve the best of experts and policymakers. As Natarajan has suggested, maybe should explore the possibility of imposing targeted lockdown than the blanket one. In this respect, the office order issued by the Union Home Ministry detailing the instructions is a welcome step. So far Assam is concerned, it will certainly be necessary to work in tandem with the national initiative. But that doesn't mean that we cannot have an Assam-specific plan. Following the national guidelines, a State-specific framework must be worked out by involving experts through wider consultations. At this hour of crisis, the top political and bureaucratic leadership must be courageous enough to take bold measures aimed at addressing our socioeconomic and epidemiological concerns.

Tea industry and Covid-19 threat

Dwaipayan

hen an industry, be it small or large, suffers a serious dribbling in production under a Catch-22 situation triggered by any kind of infectious and dreadful disease or virus pandemic, then managing the resultant financial crisis by it alone is not just time consuming but very challenging as well. That is exactly what is happening to the tea industry in Assam, a sharp decline in production due to the prolonged lockdown that has been in force since March 24 across India necessitated by the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

The tale of West Bengal with relation to the tea production is also equally grave. West Bengal, like Assam, is also set to witness a big slump in tea production because of the ongoing lockdown. Since the tea industry in Assam and West Bengal - the two main tea producing States in the country – has been under the lockdown as part of the aggressive measures to bring down Covid-19 cases, through three vital weeks of production, it is estimated that it is poised to suffer a loss of around 150 million kg of tea, while the resultant total revenue loss for Assam tea estates will be nearly

12%. With the tea industry in both the regions having been at the crossroads under the impact of the country-wide lockdown stemming from the Covid-19 crisis, it will probably be prudent on the part of the incumbent Central Government to timely come forward with a bailout package to help the tea industry to secure the livelihood of 1.2 million workers belonging to multi-ethnic groups engaged in the industry. If the Centre really announces a satisfactory economic package for the workers and employees only for the period under closure due to the risk of a major Covid-19 spread, then the management of the industry, on the other hand, will have to try and work out an effective system to boost the rate of tea production and the volume of export and reduce the cost of production after the situation is back to normal. There is no gainsaying that the sharp decline in the growth rate of tea production and a spike in its cost are the two main irritants that have led the tea industry to a nearmoribund state financially.

However, it is good to learn that more than two weeks after the lockdown was enforced across the country, the Dibrugarh district ad-

ministration ordered to resume the

tea gardens' normal activities in the district from April 11 last. The decision was taken in a meeting between the Deputy Commissioner and the stakeholders of the tea gardens of the district on April 10. But had the administration, instead of issuing its order, implemented Dispur's reported directive for resumption of plucking of new green leaves from April 1, strictly adhering to the guidelines issued by the Deputy Commissioners and the Health Department in the State, the industry could not have possibly faced the problem of overgrowth of tea leaves. The decision in this regard was taken by a Cabinet meeting on March 29 last. But because of the delay in giving the permission to the industry, the firstflush crop will perceptively overgrow affecting its quality during the second flush that begins mid-May. By all accounts, the Dibrugarh administration seems to have taken the decision about the reopening the tea gardens in Assam palpably, given the current sorry economic state of the tea industry, emanating from the prolonged lockdown over the Covid-19 threat, and the livelihood of the very large number of workers engaged in the sector. The District Commissioners in other districts such as Tinsukia and Ca-

char are likely to take similar decisions about resumption of plucking new leaves in the districts soon.

The problem of overgrowing crops was due to the plucking of new leaves left untouched since March 22. However, there is yet another problem of skimming of accumulated tea bushes. It may also take about three weeks' time, if not more, when all the tea gardens in Assam reopen. So it is against this shabby backdrop that it will seldom be surprising if the gardens suffer a setback in output. Indeed the State Government cannot be blamed for keeping the State under the prolonged lockdown since March 24. It was imposed as a part of aggressive measures only to check Covid-19 transmission. Therefore, from that perspective, the Dibrugarh district administration's decision in this regard has been a well-considered one

The tea planters in North Bengal who have last year suffered a huge financial loss with the tea prices drastically plummeting in the country have pleaded with the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, to be allowed to resume activities in the tea industry given the two major reasons – one is securing the livelihood of as many as five lakh workers who are directly or indirectly involved in the industry of North Bengal, and the other to salvage 40% of the first flush tea which is the largest revenue earner for the Darjeeling tea industry. They reportedly called for an early reopening of the tea gardens on the premise that a further delay will ruin the first flush teas. But as of now there is so far no report trickling in about the Chief Minister issuing orders for the reopening of the gardens.

As regards the tea industry in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, it was about to witness an output decline in the first six months due to the Covid-19 impact. But the Tamil Nadu and Kerala governments have balanced the emerging situation by timely allowing the plucking and other activities for the tea gardens in the States.

Back home, in Assam, the small ea growers, like the tea industry in the State, are also finding themselves on a sticky wicket with their around 3.75 lakh workers on a casual basis facing a spectre of financial hardship in view of the normal activities in the tea gardens coming to a standstill owing to the virus outbreak. So to remedy the situation, the Government can as a shortterm measure toy with the idea of a one-time financial largesse.

Letters to the **EDITOR**

Sir, – The print media is recognized as the vibrant means for dissemination of the authenticated information in every corner of a region, irrespective of class and creed. Unfortunately, it has suffered a major setback at the time of the corona pandemic. In Assam this crisis is not because of the lockdown alone but for the poor mindset of the elite groups of the society which have refused to allow newspaper hawkers to enter their premises to distribute the dailies in the morning, even after the assurance from the competent authorities regarding lack of possibility of transmission of infection through newspapers. In Assam, I am surprised to know that newspaper subscriptions have fallen beyond anticipation even in the Capital Complex area of the State under the Guwahati-6 postal zone. The print media is unquestionably considered as an important means for mobilizing and strengthening the public opinion in all developmental programmes and also as an eve-opener for the administration as well as to the public and polity in an hour of crisis for receiving feedback. In this context, unfortu-

Special relief for print media

nately, it has suffered a serious setback because of misconceptions, put under the public domain by fake and bogus messages and remarks circulated in social media mentioning newspapers as a carrier of the virus. Being a well-wisher of such organizations, I could not only appreciate the deterioration of their financial conditions, but am also concerned with the well-being of the hawkers and the agents of the newspapers. It will take time for the print media to regain their earlier position. Therefore, I request the State Government to prepare a package of relief for the print media as a whole. Yours etc., Dr TAPAN DUTTA, Jorhat.

Rent concessions Sir, – Amid the nationwide lockdown in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, State Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has recently made an appeal to all the respective landlords and owners of private hostels, paving guests accommodations and rented houses to adopt a humanitarian approach towards their tenants and boarders and provide them relief such as concession of rent during the lockdown period. His request to the landlords and owners to provide 50% concession to the students and tenants working under private sector and others who do not have a

regular source of income is highly welcome. It has been noticed that many landlords have accepted the request. I was pleasantly surprised when the owner of the rented house where I was staying in Guwahati called me recently and intimated about her decision to reduce my house rent to half. Yours etc., BASANT GOGOI, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.

Opportunity knocks

Sir, - The Covid-19 pandemic has heaped unimaginable miseries on the people across the world. One wishes it never had happened. However, there are lessons to take away from this unprecedented catastrophe. It also presents an opportunity for the Government to take the issue of public hygiene forward and save a lot of people, especially from the lower economic strata, from falling sick and further hurting their fragile pecuniary condition. Spitting and littering in public places seem to be quite a normal and acceptable thing to do for a large section of our people. It has become a habit and they seem to do it unconsciously. But this despicable behaviour is very disturbing to many and this section would like to see a change towards a cleaner public space. Here is the opportunity.

People are now worried about

the escalating threat of the coronavirus and are more likely to respond positively to any directive of the Government against spitting and littering in public places. The Government should not let such an opportunity pass. It would do well to involve all – the public, business establishments, industries, schools, colleges, religious institutions, etc., in creating a lasting change in behaviour of people for conduct in public places. While continuing the ban on spitting in public places, offices, etc., it may consider undertaking a sustained awareness drive, including visual displays, on the ill effects of spitting and littering. It may also consider initiating punitive actions like imposing fines, publicly punishing erring individuals, as is being done to defaulters during the ensuing lockdown. Yours etc., BARUN BARPUJARI, Six Mile, Guwahati. Tribute to Irrfan

Sir, - On April 29, 2020, amidst the nationwide lockdown for the corona pandemic, the news of the demise of an exceptional actor Irrfan Khan poured in. Social media was filled with condolences, grief and prayers of the departed soul.

The death of any public figure irrespective of their forte impacts the common men. Their ideologies, motivational talks, work that they

have performed during the lifespan, become a source of inspiration for many. People miss the hero, the role model or a prominent face. But this time it was different. Irrfan Khan's death felt like a personal loss to many. As if one among us has gone too early, as if some tasks remained unfinished, as if many dreams shattered quite abruptly, as if time has played an unfair game.

His movies were never so glitzy, as compared to the other Khans of Bollywood, still his phenomenal performances made them remarkable. He optimized every shot and convinced the audience that with the art of acting, one can supplant the stereotypical dashing look, six packs, fancy dance style, etc. His simplicity in the charismatic world of Bollywood made him different than the rest. He was the one who looked real even in the reel life, whom we wanted to watch more and surely never wanted to say goodbye so soon.

His journey is truly larger than his life. But he will live among us through his versatile work. He felt like one among us whom we will miss dearly. Yours etc., SWASTICA GOSWAMI, Six Mile, Guwahati.

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Forecast for NE: Rain/thundershower is very likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura

Warning: Thunderstorm with lightning is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind with speed (30-40) kmph is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

Temperatures:

N	/lax (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	30.2	20.4
Tezpur	31.0	21.2
Silchar	30.9	22.0
Dhubri	30.6	22.5
Jorhat	30.7	20.6
N Lakhimpui	30.9	20.3
Shillong	19.6	-
Cherrapunje	e 21.7	14.8
Aizawl	24.6	17.1
Kohima	21.4	11.2
Pasighat	29.4	20.0
Itanagar	33.9	20.4
Imphal	26.0	17.9
Agartala	31.6	22.2

Arunachal gets first COVID-19 testing lab

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, April 30: Arunachal Pradesh's first COVID-19 qRT-PCR laboratory opened today at the Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS) Hospital at Naharlagun, which has been converted into a dedicated COVID-19 hospital.

The COVID-19 testing laboratory will start collecting samples for suspected coronavirus from May 1 onwards.

The testing laboratory was inaugurated by Health and Family Welfare Minister Alo Libang in the presence of Secretary (Health) P Parthiban, TRIHMS Director Dr Moji Jini and other senior officers of the department.

Speaking on the occasion, Libang informed the gathering that the State Government has initiated the work to establish two more COV-ID-19 testing laboratories – one at Pasighat and the other at C-Sector, Naharlagun.

"Work on the proposed laboratory at Pasighat is currently under way, while the one at C-sector in Naharlagun will be completed in a couple of days. We assume that with the establishment of the COVID-19 qRT-PCR laboratory at the TRIHMS, samples of around 100 people can be tested on a single day. This will increase to another 200 samples a day once the laboratory at C-Sector, Naharlagun, is made operational." he said.

The Health Minister also informed that work is under way to establish the COVID-19 hospital at Midpu in Papumpare district.

Stranded citizens: With just three days left for the nationwide lockdown to end, the Arunachal Pradesh Government today said that it was making arrangements to bring back its citizens, including students, who are stranded in other parts of the country and who wish to return to the State.

"In the first phase, the Government plans to make arrangements for bringing back those stranded in other North Eastern States in consultation with the respective State governments. Those availing of the services will need to pay for the transport charges,' State Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar said on Thursday.

Tripura on edge after driver from Chennai tests positive

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, April 30: Tripura has got fresh jitters after a person from Tamil Nadu who was in the State on April 27 and 28, tested positive for COVID-19.

The person in question – an ambulance driver from Chennai - had come to the State to drop five persons at Udaipur subdivision in Gomati district during the lockdown period. As part of the COVID-19 guidelines, all the other primary contacts of the ambulance driver - one more driver and the five others – will undergo tests.

The driver was diagnosed with COV-ID-19 on Wednesday, sending alarm bells ringing here. He had already left for Chennai along with the other driver.

Meanwhile, the five persons of Udaipur have been sent to institutional quarantine by the district administration, said Education Minister Ratan Lal Nath.

The issue of lifting the lockdown was discussed in an all-party meeting last night and almost all representatives of the political parties who attended the meeting, advocated exiting the lockdown in a phased manner depending on the ground situation, Nath said.

"There will be relaxation on some sectors. This will be decided by the State Cabinet shortly before May 3, the last day of the ongoing lockdown," the minister said.

Nath stated many political party representatives, who lauded the State Government's role in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, expressed the fear that there might be adverse impact if the lockdown was fully withdrawn after May 3.

The problem of bringing back people stranded outside the State was also disstock of the State's financial position. The expenses will be more if the Government brings back all the stranded people. That is why the Government has decided to allow the stranded people to return home on their own, while it will provide all logistical support," Nath said.

The Education Minister made it clear that the Government cannot only bring back the students who are stuck at Kota.

In the meeting, State Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar informed the political parties about the steps taken by the Government in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the future plans.

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb presided over the meeting, which was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Dev Varma, Forest Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia and Opposition leader Manik Sarkar.



A vehicle disinfection tunnel being inaugurated at the Budhjungnagar Industrial Estate in West Tripura district, on Thursday. - Photo: Correspondent

Nagaland Cong demands rollback of COVID-19 cess on fuel

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, April 30: The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) today demanded immediate rollback of the COVID-19 cess levied by the State Government on diesel, petrol and motor spirits in the State.

Nagaland is reportedly the first State in the country to levy a COVID-19 cess on diesel and petrol.

Additional Chief Secretary and Finance Commissioner Sentiyanger Imchen said diesel price in the State has been increased by Rs 5 per litre, and that of petrol and other

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, April 30: Taking suo moto

cognizance of an incident in which lo-

cal task force volunteers of Dinthar

locality here beat up eight youths, the

Aizawl Bench of the Gauhati High

Court has sent a notice to the Aizawl

DC and SP, asking them to submit a

The Court on Wednesday said that

it had taken notice of the incident that

occurred on the night of April 25, from

news reports and a press statement

issued by the Dinthar local-level task

force on COVID-19. It remarked that

there was a clear violation of Article

21 of the Constitution that protects

The local task force volunteers had

nabbed the eight youths for alleged

violation of lockdown restrictions and

smoking of ganja, taken them in their

life and personal liberty.

status report within two weeks.

motor spirits by Rs 6 per litre as COVID-19 cess with effect from the midnight of April 28.

"In exercise of powers con-

ferred by sub-section 3 of section 3A of the Nagaland (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Act, 1967 (as amended), the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to notify that in addition to existing rate of tax and cess, the COVID-19 Cess shall be levied against Entry Serial Number 3 & 4 of Schedule II of the Act," Imchen said in a notification issued on Wednesday.

In a release, NPCC presi-

custody, and beaten them up with

canes. A video clip of the incident,

secretly filmed by one of the victims,

Taking serious note of the use of

physical force on the youths, the

Court said, "No person or authority

has the right to take the law into

one's own hands. If the youths were

caught with gania or violated lock-

down curfew, they should have been

handed over to the police. The ille-

gal acts of the youths should not have

been dealt with another illegal act,

as two wrongs don't make a right."

ernment of Mizoram, the chairman

of the State-level task force on COV-

ID-19, the Home Secretary, the Aiza-

wl DC, the Aizawl SP, the Vaivakawn

Police Station OC and the chairman

of Dinthar local-level task force on

COVID-19, respondents in the case.

The Court made the State Gov-

went viral on the social media.

HC takes cognizance

of Aizawl violence

tion of the COVID-19 cess on diesel and petrol at the rate of Rs 5 and Rs 6 respectively is not acceptable under the present circumstances as it would result in price rise of commodities.

dent K Therie said imposi-

He said instead of imposing the cess to increase the fuel prices, the Government should concentrate on restructuring the State's economy to stimulate economic growth and check price rise.

In the present situation where people have lost business and jobs, development activities have halted, industries have closed down, and farming activities have been affected, imposition of the extra tax is nothing but adding salt to injury, Therie maintained.

The NPCC said the State Government has passed a Rs 21,049-crore budget and this money is available with the Government.

"In addition, the State Government has received the State Disaster Response Management funds and perhaps the Prime Minister CARES fund too. We have also seen the North Eastern Council has released grants while the Centre is supplying PPE materials," it added.

Sikkim Chief Secy

reviews action plan

GANGTOK, April 30: Sikkim Chief Secre-

tary SC Gupta today chaired the State-level task

force meeting to review the Government's ac-

tion plan in line with the new guidelines issued

by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs with re-

The Chief Secretary stated that Ringzing Bhu-

tia, Secretary, Coordination (COVID-19), has been

appointed as the State nodal officer to liaison with

nodal officers of other States to facilitate the re-

turn of people from Sikkim, who are stranded

outside the State. He stressed the need to finalise

the arrangements to quarantine the people com-

ing from outside the State. A brief presentation

on the newly created online registration portal

was made on the occasion. The portal will facili-

tate the travel of Sikkimese people from outside

The district collectors highlighted the level of

preparedness in their respective districts, and

provided feedback on the online registration por-

tal. They also gave information about the quar-

antine facilities being arranged in their respec-

spect to COVID-19, on April 29.

the State after its approval.

tive districts. - A Correspondent

8 COVID-19 patients have fully recovered: Meghalaya Govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG April 30: The Meghalaya Government today stated that eight COVID-19 patients in the State have fully recovered, while the reports of the tests on three other patients are awaited.

The eight patients were tested on Wednesday and found negative. However, as per protocol, their test samples were collected again after 24 hours and sent for tests today. "The new test results were also negative, which means that they have fully recovered," Deputy

Meghalaya marks 10 out of 11 dists as green zones

SHILLONG, April 30: The Meghalaya Government today declared 10 of the State's 11 districts as green zones and allowed inter-district movement there, a top official said.

The decision was taken as no COVID-19 case has been reported from these districts, he added. All the 12 COVID-19 cases in the State, including one death, were reported in the State capital that falls under the East Khasi Hills district.

"Barring East Khasi Hills district, all other 10 districts in the State are in the green zone as they have not reported any COVID-19 cases. All deputy commissioners in the green zones may allow inter-district movement," Political Department Secretary Cyril V D Diengdoh said in a letter to the district magistrates.

Inter-district movement has been allowed in the green zones on the condition that people do not transit through East Khasi Hills district, he said. – PTI

Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong said.

These eight patients have been advised to be in home quarantine for the next 14 days. "They do not have any symptoms of the disease and they can carry on with their normal life, but they have been advised to be in home quarantine," he added.

Two other patients have also tested negative. Their test samples will be taken again and tested after 24 hours and if found negative after the second test, they, too, will be declared fully recovered. The test result of another patient is awaited, Tynsong added. There were 11 active cases of COVID-19 in the State and with today's development, the number of active cases has gone down to three now.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Chief Minister appealed to the public not to stigmatize the patients.

Stranded citizens: Meghalaya has initiated the process of bringing back its citizens stranded in other North Eastern States, tentatively by May 5.

In a notification, the State Government said that Meghalaya citizens stranded in any of the North Eastern States can initiate the process of returning home by registering online. Those wishing to return should register at meghalayaonline.gov.in/covid/before May 4. The notification stated that it is a prerequisite to register and fill up the online form. Those not having Internet access can call 81320 11037, 84330 38716, 97115 44148 and 73385 50288 between 9 am and 8 pm till May 4.

On the other hand, citizens stranded outside the North East region may have to wait a little longer till the Railways and flight services resume across the country.

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Lockdown violators being detained by Manipur Police at Singjamei in Imphal on Wednesday. - Photo: Correspondent

Manipur Govt seeks Centre's nod for chartered flights to bring back residents

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, April 30: The Manipur Government is seeking permission from the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs for chartered flights to bring back the State's stranded citizens from different parts of the country. This was stated by Manipur Health and Family Welfare Minister L Jayantakumar Singh while speaking to reporters at

his residence here today. Stating that the Government is tak-

ing steps to bring back Manipuri people stranded outside the State, Jayantakumar Singh said that as a first step, four buses had already been sent to Assam to bring back 84 persons who are stranded at the Manipur Bhawan in Guwahati. The passengers will be strictly screened once they arrive at the Mao Gate, after which they will be sent to quarantine centres for a day for further examination. Later, they will be recommended a 14-day mandatory quarantine either at home or at institutional quarantine centres,

depending on the decisions taken by health experts.

The minister said that the local people should not stigmatize the persons who are returning home. He also highlighted the facilities available to tackle COVID-19 at different district hospitals, including the RIMS and the JNIMS.

Stressing the need to maintain good health and practise social distancing to keep COVID-19 at bay, the State Health Minister said that the Government has been making the best efforts to fight the pandemic.

The Manipur Government is keeping in touch with the Union Ministry of Health for suggestions to take up further steps in curbing the pandemic. Stating that both COVID-19 patients of the State were discharged after they were found negative in successive tests, Jayantakumar Singh, however, clarified that this does not mean that the State is totally free from the disease.

Manipur's first COVID-19 case was reported on March 24, while the second was confirmed on April 2. No new case has been reported in the State.

National Highways Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

PUBLIC NOTICE

USER FEE APPLICATION ON 6-LANE MIKIRATI HAWGAON TOLL PLAZA AT CH. 33.625 ON NH-27 (OLD NH-36 & 54)

Fee rate for Fee rate for Fee rate for vehicle Fee for one way

The public are hereby informed that pursuant to Fee Notification published in the Gazette vide S.O. No 743 (E) dated 17th February, 2020 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii) on 17.02.2020 by M oRT&H, the user fee for section from Km 0.321 to Km 5.500 and from Km. 5.500 to Km. 37.894 of NH-27 (Old NH-38) and from Km 0.000 to Km. 22.000 of NH-27 (Old NH-54) (Nagaon -Daboka - Lanka - Haflong Section) in the State of Assam is going to start w.e.f. 08.00 Hrs on 03-05-2020 at 6-lane Mikirati Hawgaon Toll Plaza at the following rates

SI. no.	Type of Vehicle	vehicle for one way trip (in rupees)	vehicle for return trip in a day (in rupees)	for monthly pass valid for 50 journeys in a month (in rupees)	trip of commercial vehicles registered in the District (in rupees)
1	Car, jeep, van or Light Motor Vehicle	75	115	2555	40
2	Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	125	185	4130	60
3	Bus or Truck (Two Axles)	260	390	8650	130
4	Three-Axle Commercial Vehicles	285	425	9435	140
5	Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (MAV) (four to six axles)	405	610	13565	205
6	Oversized Vehicles (Seven or more axles)	495	745	16515	250

- The rate for monthly pass applicable for local non commercial vehicle residing within a distance of 20 Km. The fee rate mentioned at Column 6 is for single trip and is applicable for Commercial Vehicles (excluding
- vehicle plying under National permit), registered within the District where the fee plaza is located
- Return journey valid for 24 hours form the time of payment

BUILDING A NATION, NOT JUST ROADS

NEWS IN BRIEF

Relief distributed

DHEMAJI, April 30: Dipak Kalita, an agent of newspapers, distributed relief materials among 25 hawkers here on Tuesday. During the distribution, he appealed to them to follow the guidelines set by the Centre to combat COVID-19. The newspaper hawkers have hailed the initiative of Kalita. - ANN Service



Newspaper hawkers of Dhemaji after receiving food bags from a book stall owner. - Photo: ANN Service

Woman killed at Tihu

TIHU, April 30: One Prativa Barman, wife of Umesh Barman of Gobaradal village (Chamoitapara) in Tihu subdivision, died on Tuesday after a tree fell on her. She was 48. According to sources, Barman tried to pull out a betel nut tree at her residence and suddenly it fell on her. - ANN Service

Food items distributed

BAIHATA CHARIALI, April 30: A team of volunteers led by BJP leader Diganta Kalita on Wednesday distributed masks, sanitisers and gloves among people engaged in essential services and mediapersons at Kamalpur. The Circle Officer of Kamalpur revenue circle also distributed food items among families of bamboo artisans in Baredala who have been facing hardship due to the lockdown as their bamboo products have remained unsold. - ANN Service

Exam on social media

PATACHARKUCHI, April 30: As schools are closed due to the lockdown and students are mostly sitting at home, most of the schools in Baksa district have started online classes. A school recently held unit tests for students on WhatsApp. Dr Ananta Academy situated in Jalah held the online examination with the parents and guardians taking on the role of invigilators of their own wards. The examination began at 9.30 am and was completed in an hour. The answer scripts were also sent to the school via WhatsApp. - ANN Service

MLA gives food, medicines

MIRZA, April 30: Chhaygaon MLA Rekibuddin Ahmed has donated food items and medicines among the poor people. The MLA also provided masks and sanitisers to customers and shopkeepers for their safety. In this context, he appealed to the people to maintain social distancing in a bid to prevent spread of the novel coronavirus. "People should remain indoors. That is the only option available now," he said. - ANN Service

Door-to-door classes

TIHU, April 30: Online classes have been very helpful for students during the lockdown. Many teachers here are trying to cover the syllabus and keep students engaged in studies through online classes. Some teachers of Milon High School, Gobaradal are also taking classes with door-to-door visits to the homes of students who do not have smartphones. Teachers of Dharmapur Jyandieni High School of Kaithalkuchi are also taking classes with door-todoor visits. – ANN Service

Contribution to CM's fund

DOOMDOOMA, April 30: The Tinsukia Zila Sahityasewi Mancha (TZSM), a literary organisation of Tinsukia district, has contributed Rs 10,000 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. TZSM secretary Sarat Chandra Chiring Phukan and treasurer Abhijit Khataniar handed over a cheque of the amount to Circle Officer Nandita Roy Gohain of the Doomdooma Revenue Circle at her office on Thursday. - Correspondent

Bridge construction

DIPHU, April 30: The construction of an RCC bridge over the Difloo river near Malasi in Bokajan subdivision has resumed after it was closed immediately following the announcement of the lockdown. Officials and construction workers confirmed that they have received permission to resume work. Work on the bridge, being built under the supervision of PWD Kohora Road Division under the Assam government's pilot project Mahavir Lachit Chilarai Setu Nirman Abhijan, was held up following the declaration of the lockdown by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic. People in villages like Sarbe Kro, Dadhora, Upper Dadhora, Dipluso, Rong-ar-eh, were hoping that the construction would be finished before the monsoon. - Correspondent

Prasad Goswami: a tribute



Prasad Goswami, our youngest khura, passed away on April 21. He was 76.

Born at Saudkucki Satra (Bamungaon) Jorhat, to late Kamaleswar Goswami and late Ghanakanti Goswami, our khura came to Guwahati to pursue higher studies. He got enrolled in the post-graduation classes at Gauhati University and cleared the MA final examination securing the first position in Economics.

He started his career as a lecturer in Pandu College. Goswami was later elevated

to the post of head of the Economics department and also served the institution as its principal in-charge till his retirement in 2004. In between, he did MPhil from Devi Ahalya University Indore, Madhya Pradesh during 1986-88. He represented his college in the Assam College Teachers' Association for a long time, and after retirement, he served the Retired College Teachers' Association as its secretary.

He was actively associated with the local organisations of Tetelia area of Jalukbari where he settled permanently, besides being a great sports and music enthusiast.

On the occasion of his adyashradhya today, we pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul

- Dibyendu Goswami

Venture, private school teachers forced to sell vegetables

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, April 30: Around 30,000 teachers working in 6,000 venture educational institutions across the state are facing severe economic hardship during the ongoing lockdown period. Thousands among them are doing some petty trade with their families and children for a meal.

Talking to this correspondent, Pradip Kumar Moran, president of the Assam Apradeshikrita Shikshanushtan Suraksha Mancha, said, "Thousands of teachers are selling vegetables with their families to manage a meal. One of my colleagues, who has been teaching in a venture school for the last 20 years, is doing bamboo craft work to survive."

Moran said that the suffering of the teachers of venture educational institutions has been going unnoticed for the last 30 years. On the other hand, teachers working in private schools have also been suffering from hardship during the lockdown.

"Private schools owners say that teachers' salaries are paid from the funds which are collected as monthly tuition fee from the students. As the fee collection has been stopped, the schools are unable to pay the teachers. Private tuition has already been stopped. The teachers get very small amount of salary, so there is no question of saving. Now the teachers are hopefully looking to the government to provide them some financial assistance in this period of crisis. The education department should ensure that teachers should be paid through their bank accounts and submit the list to district administration," said a senior teacher of a private school here.

teacher of a venture school.

"It was almost the beginning of the session and the schools were shut down suddenly. We too are in

"NGOs should come forward to help these teachers. The NGOs and samaritans should help them reaching their doorsteps," said another

financial crisis. Yet, the school management is trying its best to provide salary to its all teaching and non-teaching staff," said the owner

of a private school here. It can be mentioned here that the state government on March 15 or-

Doomdooma. - Photo: Abhijit Khataniar

dered shutting down of educational institutions as a preventive measure to stop the spread of COVID-19.

In a bid to earn his daily bread, a venture school teacher weaves a basket during the lockdown period in

Thefts on the rise: Sporadic incidents of theft in Doomdooma circle are on the rise in the last couple of weeks, with the miscreants tak-

ing advantage of the lockdown.

In such an incident, burglars broke open RK Medical, a medicine wholesale store in the town and stole a monitor of a computer set on Tuesday. Another nearby outlet was completely looted.

BJP leaders flayed for holding meetings during lockdown

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, April 30: The Assam Pradesh Youth Congress Committee (APYCC) has criticised the travel itinerary of Phani Sharma, state general secretary of the BJP and in-charge of North East in Tinsukia district, and his participation at meetings at Tinsukia and Sadiya along with Labour Minister Sanjay Kishan and Digboi MLA Suren Phukan during the ongoing lockdown.

APYCC general secretary Masum Baruah in a press release stated that Sarma, a resident of the Red Zone containment area of COV-ID-19, visited Tinsukia dis-

trict and held a party meeting at Manab Kalvan Bhawan, Tinsukia on April 26, which was also attended by Kishan and Phukan.

He wondered how a senior leader of the ruling party could defy the COVID norms and disregard the efforts of the Prime Minister in containment of the pandemic.

Baruah questioned the authority under whom the BJP leader travelled across the state. The Tinsukia district administration ought to be responsible for giving permission to hold the meeting or else the minister misused his power and violated the COVID-19 protocol, the Youth Congress leader said.

Standalone shops allowed to open in Jorhat district's rural areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, April 30: The Jorhat district administration has allowed opening of standalone shops in rural areas on three days fixed by the administration under certain conditions.

An order passed by the Jorhat District Magistrate on Wednesday stated that in pursuance of an order of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and per the decision made by the State Level Empowered Committee, COVID-19, Assam, standalone shops in rural areas could be opened on three days fixed by the administration area-wise.

The order said standalone shops will be allowed to operate from 10 am to 5 pm and no shops in rural areas within 5km boundary of Red Zone areas will be allowed to open.

The order stated that shops will have to operate with bare minimum staff and shopkeepers will have to ensure strict compliance of social distancing, hygiene practices of handwashing, and sanitizing frequently among staff members and customers. Spitting is strictly prohibited. Noncompliance of the conditions will lead to immediate closure of the shops.

Water supply bills: The executive engineer of the Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Jorhat Division) has urged consumers of the Board to send their names along with consumer numbers via SMS/WhatsApp to two mobile numbers in order to enable the Board to dispatch the monthly bills to the customers.

The Board has not been able to deliver the monthly bills at the customers' homes due to the ongoing lockdown.

The executive engineer stated that consumers of Jorhat will have to SMS/ WhatsApp their names along with the consumer number to 9957186302, while consumers of Mariani, Titabar, Dergaon Golaghat, Bokakhat, Amguri, Sonari and Namrup will have send the information to 6000799972.

Akhil Gogoi's release sought: A letter signed by 102 persons belonging to different professions seeking early release of KMSS leader Akhil Gogoi was sent to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal through Legislative Assembly Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami on Wednesday.

A four-member delegation led by Birodhi Oikya Mancha, Jorhat district unit president Niranjan Mahanta handed over the letter to Goswami at the Jorhat Circuit House.

Contribution to Assam Arogya Nidhi: The Lakhiminagar Unnayan Samity, with contributions from people of Lakhiminagar donated Rs 50,000 to Assam Arogya Nidhi. A cheque of the amount was handed over to the Jorhat Deputy Commissioner.

Meanwhile, ICICI Foundation, Jorhat, provided 650 bottles of hand sanitizer and 1,500 masks to the Jorhat district



The entry point of Abdul Latif Baruah Road in Ward No.11 of North Lakhimpur closed with a bamboo pole after the area was declared as a Containment Zone following the detection of a COVID-19 positive case recently. - Photo: Farhana Ahmed

People seek lockdown relaxation in Sadiya

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, April 30: With Sadiya subdivision in Tinsukia district being enlisted in the Green Zone under the COVID-19 pandemic, the people here desire more relaxation in the ongoing lockdown to resist the spread of COV-ID-19 pandemic.

Tinsukia Additional Deputy Commissioner Shyamal Kshetra Gogoi, who is

said in a press statement that the Sadiya subdivisional administration took all measures to enforce the lockdown at all levels in the subdivision. Due to the active role of police, no case of lockdown violation has been reported from any part of the subdivision.

All government orders, news bulletins and precautionary measures for the prevention of coronavirus transmission

also in charge of SDO (Civil), Sadiya, are being circulated among the public on a regular basis by the SDIPRO office, Sadiya.

> All government offices in the subdivision have been functioning since April 21 following the government order of 33 per cent attendance. Permits for inter-district transport are being issued to the people who have applied for the same at the SDO (Civil) Office, Sadiya from April 25, informed Gogoi.

Subdued celebration of NCHAC's 69th foundation day

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, April 30: Debolal Gorlosa, Chief Executive Member of the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC), on Wednesday conveyed his gratitude to the people for their cooperation during the COVID-19 crisis.

Addressing the media on the occasion of the 69th foundation day of the oldest council in the country, Gorlosa said, "This year, for the first time, since the beginning of the NCHAC in 1952, we decided not to have any celebration as the nation is facing the threat of this dangerous pandemic."

Usually, this day is celebrated in a grand way as it is one of the most important days for the North Cachar Hills region, but this year, the occasion was overshadowed by the coronavirus pandemic, Gorlosa said.

He expressed his gratitude to the people who drafted the Constitution of India, including India's first Law Minister Bhim Rao Ambedkar, who played a pivotal role in the drafting of the Constitution, and kept in mind the people of every group and community across the nation.

Gorlosa said he was happy that he got an opportunity to serve the people of the district as the CEM. During his second term as the CEM, his Cabinet prioritised five aspects for the betterment of the people of Dima Hasao – roads, water supply, health care, electricity and education.

Every year, during the monsoon, people especially in Haflong and Umrangso face acute shortage of water, he said, adding that he was hopeful that the work undertaken under a special package will help overcome this water crisis to a certain extent by next year.

Expressing happiness over the work undertaken during his tenure, Gorlosa said he was confident that the district will be in a much better position in the years to come.

Demand for preservation of Singlijan Reserve Forest

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIA-

LI, April 30: The people of Dullungmukh, Nagabil, Helem Sapori, Sirajuli, Uttar Karibil, Karibil Kochari, Karibil Nepali and Bheluadanga under Helem Revenue Circle in Biswanath district have demanded preservation of the Singlijan Reserve Forest to save its flora and fauna.

The Singlijan Reserve Forest, which is located in the northern part along the border of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, have been encroached by a

section of people causing major concern. What is more alarming is that valuable trees have been destroyed.

The encroachers have already planted rubber plants and mustard cultivation in a huge stretch of land. This Singlijan Reserve Forest is home to wild elephants.

Worried over the situation, local people have submitted a memorandum to the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Upper Assam Zone, Guwahati seeking his intervention in this regard.

Recently, the Range Officer of Borgang Range visited inside the Singlijan Reserve Forest along with forest guards and local police to take stock of the situation.

They found that valuable trees were chopped off inside the forest at Dullungmukh area. Such anti-social activities took place very recently during the lockdown period.

The petitioners of the surrounding villages have demanded immediate action against the encroachers for the sake of the wild animals in the forest.



A tree cut by miscreants in the Singlijan Reserve Forest along the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border in Biswanath district. - UB Photos

ASHA workers toiling round-the-clock to fight COVID-19

MANASH PRATIM DUTTA

GUWAHATI, April 30: Basically her duty is to act as a health educator and a promoter in her community, but in the time of medical emergency, she has become a multi-tasker and apart from her duty, she is training others on mask-making.

"In the beginning, when the State government started applying various preventive measures to contain the coronavirus, I faced a lot of issues. Many people complained that they were not in a position to buy masks as it is not easily available. Then I started the training session along with my duty,' Manjuara Begum, Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) from Kharupetia, told The Assam Tribune.

It may be noted here that at present the ASHA workers are working round-theclock in every nook and corner of Assam to contain the disease. Practically, they are

"I got a very good response from everyone whom I had taught the techniques of mask-making. Now everyone is using hand-made

the frontline warriors in the

She said initially she went

through several tutorial vid-

eos on how to prepare

home-made masks available

on YouTube and then start-

ed the door-to-door training

initiative.

battle against coronavirus.

masks," Begum said. But everything is not going well on the ground. Many ASHA workers from different parts of the state while talking to *The Assam* Tribune informed that in the time of COVID-19 pandemic, other non-corona patients, especially pregnant women, have been facing a lot of difficulties in accessing proper and timely medical service.

"During the lockdown hours, it becomes impossible for pregnant women in my area to avail proper nutrition. The poor section, especially, has been suffering a lot. It will cause a long-term effect in the society, as their babies will be born with a weak immune system," an ASHA worker from Darrang district said.

She also informed that due to non-availability of 108ambulance service on time, it has become a challenge for them to take a pregnant woman to a nearby hospital during the time of delivery amid the lockdown.

"Recently, I transported two pregnant women to a nearby hospital by using a bike. Though it was very risky, I was left with no other option," she said.

Another ASHA worker working in a tea garden area in Jorhat district informed that in her locality, people are still worried about the disease and there is a need to carry out extensive mass awareness campaigns. "My locality has around 172 households and most of them

are tea garden workers. Amid the lockdown, they are mainly facing scarcity of food," she alleged.

Meanwhile, two ASHA workers working in Mangaldai and Majuli, stated that they have been facing comparatively less issues during the time of medical emergency than those who are working in the rural areas.

Another ASHA worker from Majuli alleged that pregnant women in her area are at high risk as they are being deprived of proper nutrition.

"As we are living in the Kokrajhar-Dhubri border area, the danger is still there. Despite the health issues, our people are also facing scarcity of essential commodities, as most of them are daily wage labourers. Again, from the beginning of the lockdown, pregnant women have been facing a serious issue of nutrition deficiency," an ASHA worker from Kokrajhar district said.

Sonowal visits Namrup industrial plants



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visiting the project site of Replacement Thermal Power Plant, at Namrup on Thursday. – Photo: DIPR

OUR BUREAU

DIBRUGARH, April 30: The Namrup Replacement Thermal Power Plant (NRPP) with production capacity of 100 MW is likely to be commissioned by May this year. The APGCL officials informed this to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal during his visit to the project site at Namrup in Dibrugarh district today. The commissioning of the Replacement Plant will augment generation capacity of Namrup Thermal Power Station up to 127 MW.

Sonowal hoped that the project works of the Replacement Plant will be ready by May end without fail. He said that though foundation stone of the project was laid almost a decade back, its progress was very slow in the initial years. He said that strict

CORRESPONDENT

measures must be taken by APGCL so that the deadline is not missed by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, which is carrying out the project.

In view of slow progress of the project, Chief Minister Sonowal during his last visit on September 26 last year had asked BHEL officials to ensure timely completion of the project. Stating power as a driving force for the industries, Sonowal said that expeditious completion of power projects needs to be given special priority. The Chief Minister further said that industrial growth would give a renewed boost to economy, which is hit hard by the novel coronavirus induced nationwide lockdown at present.

APDCL Chairman Vinod Kumar Pipersenia and MD

Mask sale corner opened

in Hailakandi

Kalyani Baruah, MLAs of the Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts attended today's function at Namrup.

Sonowal also visited the construction site of 500 TPD Methanol and 200 TPD Formaldehyde plant of Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited at Namrup. The APL Chairman Bikul Chandra Deka informed the Chief Minister that the project will be commissioned by December this year.

The Chief Minister met workers of the nearby BVF-CL fertilizer plant. The work on this plant's Unit IV is hanging fire for the past several years. Sonowal said he hopes the new Unit will be okayed by the Centre. However, like the Cachar and Jagiroad paper plants, the BVFCL fertilizer plant at Namrup is gasping for breath due to political apathy for several years now.

out to marginalized families

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ABITA reaches

DIBRUGARH, April 30: The Assam Branch Indian Tea Association (ABITA) Zone 1 reached out to some of the marginalized families, affected by lockdown in view of COVID-19 with relief items in Kunhiarbari near Dikom tea estate.

Some 50 beneficiaries, all non-workers were identified with the help of local Assam Tea Tribes Students' Association leaders and were given away rations like rice, dal, cooking oil, salt, biscuits, potatoes, soap and onions etc. The fund for the purpose was borne by ABITA, Dibrugarh Circle.

Similar relief distribution programmes were also undertaken in Chandmari area in Tinsukia district and at Teloijan area near Moran town. "ABITA has so far helped some 150 economically backward families, residing in the periphery areas of their plantations and will continue to reach out to more on need basis," said Madhurjya Borooah, Secretary ABITA Zone 1.

BCPL donates Rs 20 lakh to PM Cares Fund STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, April 30: Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) here has made a donation of Rs 20 lakh towards PM Cares Fund to fight the spread of COVID-19.

"BCPL being a socially responsive corporate entity has taken this humble step to join all Indians in the fight against COVID-19. The biggest need at this time is to be united and strengthen the hands of the Government and BCPL has always been at the forefront in times of need for the country. We are confident that together we will be able to overcome this exceptional situation and emerge a stronger nation," the management stated in a release.

Further, the BCPL employees also contributed Rs 10 lakh towards Assam Arogya Nidhi by donating their one-day salary, the release added.

20 test negative in Dhemaji

ANN SERVICE

DHEMAJI, April 30: Nineteen persons in Dhemaji who were suspected of being infected by COVID-19 and admitted to the Dhemaji Civil Hospital on April 28, were released vesterday after their swab tests proved negative.

It may be mentioned here that 17 persons of various places in Dhemaji, who were engaged in various jobs in different places like Kerela, Maharastra etc., arrived at Dhemaji on April 28 by an

ASTC bus from Guwahati and after their arrival, a rumour spread among the people through various medias that the persons coming from Guwahati have coronavirus in their bodies.

On hearing this, people of Dhemaji naturally panicked. Under such circumstances, the Dhemaji district administration held all the 17 persons working outside the State and coming from Guwahati along with 2 other persons of the bus, including the driver and the handyman,

and admitted them into the isolation ward at Dhemaji Civil Hospital.

The Health department of the district immediately collected swabs of these persons and sent them to ICMR at Lahowal, Dibrugarh for COVID-19 test. And luckily, all the people tested COV-ID-19 negative.

Meanwhile, another quarantined person's swab in the hospital also tested negative yesterday as reported by the Superintendent of the hospital. A total of 20 people tested COVID-19 negative in Dhemaji yesterday.

Hence, all the 20 persons showing negative results yesterday were released with the instruction to keep themselves in home quarantine. Superintendent of Dhemaji Civil Hospital Dr Jogen Das urged all the persons released from the hospital to ensure compliance of the home quarantine guidelines. He also instructed the released persons to contact their nearest hospital if they find any health-

related problems.

Donation

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATI CHARIALI,

April 30: A cheque of Rs 2

lakh was handed over to



Masks being sold by members of a Self-Help Group, at Demow on Thursday. - UB Photos

District administration turns saviour for critically ailing boy

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, April 30: The Tinsukia district administration came to the aid of Abani Mohan Sharma and Swapna Medhi Sharma, the parents of three-year-old boy Kabyaneel Sharma from Lachit Nagar of Rupai Siding here. The boy has been suffering from a disease called 'hyperinsulinemic hy-

poglycemia' since birth. The foreign manufactured medicine prescribed for the boy needs to be brought from either Chennai or Rajasthan and costs around Rs 15.000 for one hundred tablets. The boy needs 120 tablets per month. The father of the boy is a temporary worker in a brought tea leaf factory here and gets a monthly salary of Rs 4,000.

Due to the ongoing lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the poor parents

life-saving medicine for their and election officer of Tinsuson on account of their financial constraints. The story of their plight was published in The Assam Tribune on April 18, 2020, which drew the attention of the Tinsukia district administration.

Tinsukia Deputy Commis-

sioner Bhaskar Pegu and Superintendent of Police Siladitya Chetia took the initiative to provide the life-saving medicine for the boy. As a result of the initiative taken by Tinsukia SP, Additional Superintendent of Police Ripuniov Kakoti ordered 100 tablets from Rajasthan through online and handed over the medicine to the parents of the boy on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the DC entrusted the responsibility of procuring the life-saving medicine for the boy to Saroj

of the boy had failed to get the Sonowal, executive magistrate kia. Sonowal procured 40 tablets from a medicine wholeseller of Doomdooma and handed the tablets over to the parents of Kabyaneel on Thursday morning.

Later, talking to this correspondent. Sonowal said the Tinsukia DC is giving priority to this matter and trying to get a permanent solution to the problem as it is very difficult for the poor parents to continue such an expensive treatment for their son for a long time. Sonowal on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner thanked The Assam Tribune for highlighting the issue.

The parents of Kabyaneel expressed gratitude to the DC and the SP for their kind gesture and also thanked The Assam Tribune for publishing their story.

Health and Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma by a delegation of Assam **Education Services Associa**tion (Class 1) as financial assistance to the Assam Arogya Nidhi. Director of Secondary Education, Fanindra Jidung, Director of Primary Education, Sanjeev Kumar Bhuiyan, Joint Director of Secondary Education Khabiruddin Ahmed and Deputy Director of Primary Education, Titu Gogoi were present on the occasion.

OBITUARY

Maheswar Sarma Borthakur A CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, April 30: Sener Bebejia area, Maheswar Sarma Borthakur of Biroh Bebejia, breathed his last this morning at a Guwahati-based hospital while undergoing

treatment. He was 87. Various organizations of the district including Nagaon Press Club, Nagaon district committee of All Assam Journalists' Union, other journalists' bodies, district units of AASU, AJYCP, Nagaon Kollul Sanskritik Gusthi, Amlan Gusthi have mourned his demise. Local MLA Rupak Sarma, former Congress MLA Dr Durlav Chamua, former secretary general of Asam Sahitya Sabha Padum Rajkhuwa expressed

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and wellwishers.

their grief over his death.

and to provide them means of HAILAKANDI, April 30: A mask sale corner was inaugulivelihood during the lockdown rated in Hailakandi on Wednesperiod. District Development

day to cater the shortage of masks in the district. Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM), Hailakandi, has roped in wom-Barman and president of en self-help groups (SHGs) to Hailakandi Zilla Parishad Farha-

spread of COVID-19. The mask sale corner was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner of Hailakandi, Keerthi Jalli.

produce masks to contain the

Jalli said that wearing masks, hand-washing and maintaining social distancing are the best ways to break the novel coronavirus chain.

Jalli urged the people to buy eco-friendly masks produced by local women SHGs to prevent the spread of COVID-19. She lauded the initiative of ASRLM to rope in the SHGs

Commissioner Vikram Dev Sarma and Deputy Superintendent of Police Nayan Moni

also present on the occasion. As many as 72 SHGs have been engaged across the district and together they made 13,803 masks in a short span of time, claimed ASRLM.

na Khanam Choudhury were

"To meet the shortage of masks in the district, we have engaged 72 women SHGs, comprising 106 members. As many as 13,803 masks have been produced till Tuesday," said Biplob Kumar Nath, District Programme Officer of

ASRLM.

Several voluntary organisation, NGOs, banks, clubs, social welfare centres and government organisations have bought the masks, Nath said. The double layered cotton masks come for Rs 25 per piece. Nath said that the SHGs have made quite a good earning by making the masks during the lockdown.

Nath said that plans are on the anvil to produce three-layered masks and to keep the rate nominal to make them within the reach of the common man.

The administration has made wearing of masks and face covers mandatory in the district. As many as 69 persons have been arrested for not wearing masks or face covers and six cases were registered so far in this regard.

People without ration cards standing in a queue to avail free ration, at Goreswar on Thursday.

79 stranded people sent back home from Hailakandi CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, April 30: The Hailakandi district administration had arranged buses for the safe return of those who were stuck in the district due to the ongoing lockdown for more than a month.

District Transport Officer SR Mannan disclosed that 12 ASTC operated buses ferried 79 stranded persons from Hailakandi to Cachar, Karimganj, Karbi Anglong, Hojai, Kamrup (Metro), Kamrup and Nagaon on Saturday and Sunday.

Mannan informed that out of 161 who applied for emovement pass, 79 passes were issued while 82 were

The DTO disclosed that another 74 stranded persons would be taken by six ASTC buses next to far off places such as Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Jorhat, Golaghat, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Tezpur, Barpeta, Kokrajhar and other places of the state. One hundred and eleven persons had applied for e-pass and 74 were accepted.

He also informed that while arranging the seats, proper distancing was maintained, keeping in view the COVID-19 guidelines. Even for those who want-

ed to travel on their vehicles within and outside the district, the administration issued epasses only after ensuring that only two persons travel, including the driver.

"Only in exceptional cases, more persons were allowed to travel on a car such as a mother with one or two children," said Assistant Commissioner Sari Laruotkim

For hassle-free movement of outbound and inbound people, the district administration has put up two reception points at Katakhal and Thandapur and six embarkation points at Thandapur Outpost, Panchgram Outpost, Algapur Police Station, Hailakandi ASTC Point, Abdullapur Outpost and Katlicherra Police

Vehicles have been arranged at each point for further drop off. Medical teams

Station.

have been deployed with hand wash and toilet arrangements at the reception and embarkation points.

Officials engaged with the e-pass cell received numerous requests for inter-district movement from people stuck in Hailakandi due to the lockdown. E-passes were arranged after proper scrutiny of each case thus facilitating movement on personal and public transport.

The authorities here arranged ration and even accommodation to people stuck in the district, including migrant labourers.

'We provided food and ration to those stranded and will continue to reach out to those who are in distress," said an official, adding, "we are happy to facilitate the movement of a large number of people stuck here to different parts of Assam." "At the administrative lev-

el, the Hailakandi administration is facilitating the movement of workers, employees and others by accepting maximum possible requests. Inter district and inter-State coordination is being ensured to help them out because of the ongoing lockdown," said district information and public relations officer Sabir Nishat, adding that the administration is keeping posted the Government of Meghalaya about the movement of people from the Assam side to avoid any hic-cups.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 22nd April, 2020

S.O. 1289(E).— Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 3A vide SO 3756(E) dated 19.10.2019, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intension to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Connecting from NH-37A to NH-52 on the stretch of land from Km 17.3 to Km 182 (Office of the Deputy Commissioner Sonitpur, Tezpur, Assam) in the district of SONITPUR in the state of ASSAM And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Assam Tribune" dated 26.011.2019 and "Niyomiya Barta" dated 27.11.2019; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act

Barta" dated 27.11.2019; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;
And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;
And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the subsection (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

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1	269 /A P-67	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.031	Arman Ali Mohibur Rahman S/o-Lt. Yakin Ali						
2	269 /A P-67	Private	Agri(Lahi)	0.08	Mohibur Rahman S/o-Lt. Yakin Ali						
3 4	270 /A P -67 411 /A P -67	Private Private	Resi (Bari) Agri(Foring)	0.054 0.123	Yakin Ali S/O Farman Ali 1. Sufia Begum 2. Hafiza Begum 3. Saleha Begum 4. Mohibur Rahm						
			3 \ 3/		S/O- Lt. Yakin Ali Others-1						
5 6	412 / Govt. 412 / Govt.	Government	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.086 0.086	Md. Innos Ali S/o-Hatem Ali Rafikul Islam S/o-Lt. Amir Ali						
7	413 / Govt.	Government	Agri (Foring)	0.154	Govt. of Assam						
8	421 / Govt.	Government	Agri(B.Foring)	0.013	Govt. of Assam						
9 0	422 / 21 423 / 86	Private Private	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.482 0.255	 Kajol Ghosh S/O. Pramud Ch.Ghosh Kajol Ghosh 2. Kamal Ghosh S/O Pramud Ch.Ghosh 3. Abo 						
_			, ,		Mannaf 4. Abdul Matleb 5. Abdul Hasen S/O Kutub Others-8						
1	423 / 86	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.052	 Kajol Ghosh 2. Kamal Ghosh S/O. Pramud Ch.Ghosh 3. Abd Mannaf 4. Abdul Matleb 5. Abdul Hasen S/O. Kutub Others-8 						
2	424 /A P-50	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.2	1. Krishna Ghosh 2. Dipak Ghosh 3. Ratan Ghosh 4. Khukan Gho S/o-Lt. Monmohan Ghosh. 1. Sajal Ghosh S/o-Lt. Hari Chand						
3	426 / Govt.	Government	Agri(B.Foring)	0.04	Ghosh Govt. of Assam						
4	429 /A P -50	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.033	Sajal Ghosh S/o-Lt. Hari Chandra Ghosh 2. Krishna Ghosh Dipak Ghosh 4. Ratan Ghosh 5. Khukan Ghosh S/O. Monmoh						
5	429 /A P -50	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.033	Ghosh 1. Krishna Ghosh 2. Dipak Ghosh 3. Ratan Ghosh 4. Khukan Gho						
6	429 /A P -50	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.054	S/o- Lt. Monmohan Ghosh Others-1 1.Sri Ratan Ghosh S/O. Lt. Monmohan Ghosh 2.Krishna Gho 3.Dipak Ghosh 4.Ratan Ghosh 5.Khukan Ghosh S/O. Monmoh						
7	432 / 116	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.027	Ghosh Anjala Rani Ghosh W/O-Lt. Darika Ghosh						
· / ·8	432 / 116	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.107	Anjala Rani Ghosh W/O-Lt. Darika Ghosh						
9	433 / 58	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.165	1. Sajal Ghosh S/o-Lt. Hari Chandra Ghosh 2. Krishna Ghosh Dipak Ghosh 4. Ratan Ghosh 5. KhukanGhosh S/O. Monmoh Ghosh Others-1						
0	433 / 58	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.054	1. Sajal Ghosh S/o-Lt. Hari Chandra Ghosh 2. Krishna Ghosh Dipak Ghosh 4. Ratan Ghosh 5. Khukan Ghosh S/O. Monmoh						
1	434 / 64	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.054	Ghosh Others-1 1.Md Firuj Ali Lt. Aher Ali 2. Abdul Latif 3. Abdul Mazid 4. Abdul Ga						
2	434 / 64	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.051	Abdul Mannan S/O. Jabbar Ali Sarkar Others-6 Ataur Rahman S/O-Rahmat Ali 2. Abdul Latif 3. Abdul Mannan S/O-Labbar Ali Sarkar Others 6. Abdul Cofur F. Abdul Mannan S/O-Labbar Ali Sarkar Others 6.						
3	435 / 127	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.268	Abdul Gafur 5. Abdul Mannan S/O. Jabbar Ali Sarkar Others-6 1.Md Abdul Jalil S/o-Lt. Rustum Ali 2. Mubarak Hussain 3. Sahjah Ali S/O.Lt. Niyamat Ali						
4	435 / 127	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.135	1.Md Abdul Jalil S/o-Lt. Rustum Ali 2. Mubarak Hussain 3. Sahjah AliS/O.Lt. Niyamat Ali						
5	436 / AP -58	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.024	Sri Ranjit Ghosh S/O-Lt. Khitish Ghosh						
6 7	437 / 137 437 / 137	Private Private	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.058 0.043	1.Saidul Islam S/o-Hasen Ali 2. Ambia Khatun S/O. Samir Ali 1.Saidul Islam S/o-Hasen Ali 2. Ambia Khatun S/O. Samir Ali						
8	437 / 137	Private	Agri (Lani) Agri (Lahi)	0.043	1. Sayeb Ali 2. Nayeeb Ali 3. Md. Jomshed Ali 4. Md. Nashed Ali S						
9	439 / 107	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.072	Lt. Akkas Ali Anjala Rani Ghosh W/O-Lt. Darika Ghosh						
-	442 / 105	Private	Agri(B.Foring)	0.007	Abdul Khalek 2. Abdul Malek 3. Abdul Salam 4. Abdul Kalam						

_	Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person, Part Survey No.
1	1 61	2 442 / 105	3 Private	4 Agr(B.Foring)	5 0.107	1.Abbas Ali S/O. Hussain Ali 2. Abdul Khalek 3. Abdul Malek
, İ	62	443/A P -32	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.067	4. Abdul salam 5. Abdul Kalam S/O. Idrish Ali Others-9 1.Md Abdul Aziz 2. Abdul Matleb S/O Lt. Kitab Ali 1.Md Abdul Aziz 2. Abdul Matleb S/O Lt. Kitab Ali 1.Md Abdul Aziz 2. Abdul Matleb S/O Lt. Kitab Ali 1.Md Abdul Aziz 2. Abdul Matleb S/O Lt. Kitab Ali
,	63 64	443/A P -32 444/A P -32	Private Private	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.067 0.161	1.Md Abdul Aziz 2.Abdul Matleb S/O Lt. Kitab Ali 1.Md Ainul Haque 2. Md Jainal Haque 3. Md Abdul Kashem S/O-Lt. Parairan Ali Olivara 8.
; - -	65	445/A P-16	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.095	Lt.Ramjan Ali Others-3 1. Sri Kajol Ghosh S/O-Lt.Promud Ghosh 2. Niranjan Ghosh 3. Nirmal Ghosh 4. Dilip Ghosh 5. Kamal Ghosh S/O. Lt. Pramud Ch. GhoshOthers-8
; •	66 67	446/Govt. 447 / Govt.	Government Government	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.053 0.053	Md. Sayed Ali S/o-Lt. Samed Ali Nabed Ali Son-Abbas Ali
 -	68 69	448 / Govt. 449 / Govt.	Government Government	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.06 0.134	Saidul Islam S/o-Hasen Ali Md Rahul Hussain S/O-Rustum Ali
	70	449 / Govt.	Government	Agri (Lahi)	0.134	Md Abbas Ali S/O-Lt. Hussain Ali
	71 72	449 / Govt. 452 / Govt.	Government Government	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.134 0.08	Jahur Ali S/o-Abbas Ali Md Rustum Ali S/O-Abbas Ali
į	73 74	453 / Govt. 457 / Govt	Government Government	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Foring)	0.054 0.078	Govt. of Assam Smt. Ritamoni Hazarika W/o-Sahed Ali
 -	75 76	457 / Govt 457 / Govt.	Government Government	Agri (Foring) Agri (Foring)	0.073 0.073	Suruz Ali S/o-Taleb Ali Jamir Ali S/o-Lt. Akkas Ali
 - 	77 77 78	457 / Govt. 458 / Govt	Government	Agri (Foring) Agri (Lahi)	0.073	1.Harmuj Ali S/o-Lt. Hussain Ali 2.Farid Uddin S/O-Abdul Helim 3.Jagir Ali S/O-Harmuj Ali Md. Abdul Malek S/o-Lt. Idrish Ali
	79 80	458 / Govt 458 / Govt	Government Government	Agri(B.Foring) Agri(B.Foring)	0.08	Hanufa Begum W/o-Lt. Surab Ali 1.Md Miraj Ali S/o-Taleb Ali 2.Hafijul Islam S/O-Iman Ali
	81 82	458 / Govt 458 / Govt	Government Government	Agri(B.Foring) Agri(B.Foring)	0.08	Md Rashid Ali S/o-Iman Ali Sahjahan Ali S/o-Lt. Abdul Mazid
- - 	83	462 / 132	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.06	1Md Nayeeb Ali 2. Jamir Ali 3. Jamshed Ali 4. Saibali S/O- Lt. Akkas Ali
	84 85	493 / 73 532 / 166	Private Private	Agri(B.Foring) Agri(B.Foring)	0.058 0.054	Ratan Mohan Das S/O-Lt.Gyanendra Mohan Das Abdul Samad Munshi S/o-Lt. Sadar Ali Munshi
. -	86 87	550 / 185 556 / 192	Private Private	Resi (Bari) Agri (Lahi)	0.161 0.027	Md. Abdul Latif 2. Md Abdul Kashem S/o-Lt. Amir Uddin Omar Ali S/o-Md. Taleb Ali 2. Taleb Ali S/O-Ishahak Ali
) ¦	88 89	556 / 192 57 / 138	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Resi (Bari)	0.024 0.134	1.Omar Ali S/o-Md. Taleb Ali 2. Taleb Ali S/O-Ishahak Ali 1. Md Hasen Ali S/O Lt. Jan Ali 2. Harmuj Ali S/O. Hanif Bepari 3.
				,		Suleman Ali S/O. Abbas Ali
) 	90	576 / 216 58 /A P -64	Private Private	Resi(Foring) Agri (Foring)	0.124	Abdul Sayeed S/o-Lt. Jabbar Ali Sarkar 1. Md Hasen Ali S/O Lt. Jan Ali 2. Harmuj Ali S/O. Hanif Bepari
	92 93	58 /A P -64 59 /A P -64	Private Private	Agri (Foring) Agri (Lahi)	0.265 0.134	Md Hasen Ali S/O Lt. Jan Ali 2. Harmuj Ali S/O. Hanif Bepari Md Hasen Ali S/O Lt. Jan Ali 2. Harmuj Ali S/O. Hanif Bepari
	94 95	60 / Govt. 62 / 1	Government Private	Agri(B.Foring) Agri(B.Foring)	0.006 0.027	Govt. of Assam Hasu Seikh S/O Jahur Uddin
- -	96 97	64 / 109 65 / Govt.	Private Government	Agri (Foring)	0.161 0.107	Md Hasen Ali S/O Lt. Jan Ali Govt. of Assam
	98	81 / A P -35	Private	Agri (Foring) Agri (B.Foring)	0.023	Ramjan Ali S/O. Alimuddin 2. Karimulla S/O. Kubesh
1	99 100	84 / Govt. 85 / 25	Government Private	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.669 0.027	Manjuwara Begum W/O-Babul Haque 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4.
- - -	101	85 / 25	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.027	Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O. Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4.
	102	85 / 25	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.027	Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O. Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O.
	103	85 / 25	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.085	Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O.
- - -	104	85 / 25	Private	Agri (Lahi)	0.022	Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O.
 	105	86 / 25	Private	Agri(B.Foring)	0.062	Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O.
	106	86 / 25	Private	Agri(B.Foring)	0.098	Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali 1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O. Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali
- - -	107	86 / 25	Private	Agri (Foring)	0.067	1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O. Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali
· - -	108	86 /25	Private	Agri(B.Foring)	0.134	1. Billal Hussain 2. Gulzar Hussain S/O. Suruz Ali 3. Abar Ali 4. Munjila Khatun 5. Safila Khatun S/O. Aktar Ali 4. Amena Khatun D/O. Ohed Ali 5. Amjat Ali S/O. Ohed Ali
: 		87 / 36 87 / A P -37	Private Private	Agri (Lahi) Agri (Lahi)	0.107 0.062	1.Taju Seikh 2. Malu Seikh S/O. Lalu Seikh 1.Taju Seikh 2. Malu Seikh S/O. Lalu Seikh
- -		88 / A P -34 88 / A P -34	Private Private	Resi (Bari) Resi (Bari)	0.051 0.051	1.Taju Seikh 2. Malu Seikh 3. Banu Seikh S/O. Lalu Seikh 1.Taju Seikh 2. Malu Seikh 3. Banu Seikh S/O. Lalu Seikh
- -	113	88 / A P-34	Private	Resi (Bari)	0.052	Taju Seikh 2. Malu Seikh 3. Banu Seikh S/O. Lalu Seikh Abdul Samad Munshi S/o-Lt. Sadar Ali Munshi
\ -	115		Private Private	Resi(Bari) Agri(B.Foring)	0.134 0.027	1.Jubeda Khatun D/O. Asmat Ali 2. Omarjan Bibi W/O. Dil Mamud
. . 1	116	Village: Kor 100 / Govt.	rakani Government	Agri(Sali)	0.241	Md Abdul Jabbar S/O. Lt. Ismat Ali
	117 118	Land 116 / 53 130 / 151	Private Private	Agri(Sali) Agri(Sali)	0.068	Abdul Kadir 2. Jahur Uddin S/O-Lt. Gulam Rahman Sri Rajen Kalita S/O-Lt. Brihospoti Kalita 2. Sukura Munda S/O.
-	119	179 / Govt.	Government	Agri(Sali)	0.268	Matias 3. Nityananda Sarma S/O. Shyamlal Govt. of Assam
- -	120	Land 180 / 183	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.08	Kitab Ali S/O Lt. Akbar Ali
- <u> </u> -		185 / A.P25	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.082	1.Chakra Bahadur Kharka Chetry S/O Randhaj 2. Md Abdul Jabbar S/O. Lt. Ismat Ali
. 	122	224 / 60	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.02	1. Abu Ali S/o. Ahammad Ali 2. Habibur Rahman 3. Saidur Rahman S/O. Azizur Rahman 4. Latifur Rahman S/O. Samsuddin 5. Abdul Jalil 6. Jalal Uddin 7. Riaz Uddin 8. Nasir Uddin S/O. Muslem Ali
 - -	123	224 / 60	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.02	Others-4 1. Abu Ali S/o. Ahammad Ali 2. Habibur Rahman 3. Saidur Rahman S/O. Azizur Rahman 4. Latifur Rahman S/O. Samsuddin 5. Abdul Jalil 6. Jalal Liddin 7. Rigz Liddin 8. Nasir Liddin S/O. Muslam Ali
-	10	005 / 155	D.: .	A ==1/0	0.000	Jalil 6. Jalal Uddin 7. Riaz Uddin 8. Nasir Uddin S/O. Muslem Ali Others-4
	124 125	225 / 133 225 / 133	Private Private	Agri(Sali) Agri(Sali)	0.033 0.033	1.Alal Uddin 2. Nazim Uddin Ahmed S/o-Lt. Mantaj Ali 1.Alal Uddin 2. Nazim Uddin Ahmed S/o-Lt. Mantaj Ali
: T -	126 127	225 / 133 225 / 133	Private Private	Agri(Sali) Agri(Sali)	0.033 0.033	1.Alal Uddin 2. Nazim Uddin Ahmed S/o-Lt. Mantaj Ali 1.Alal Uddin 2. Nazim Uddin Ahmed S/o-Lt. Mantaj Ali
, 	128	226 / 52	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.288	Tez Bahadur 2. Prem Bahadur 3. Gopal Chetry 4. Parshuram Chetry S/o-Lt. Ganesh Bahadur Chetry
) - -	129	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.101	1. Abu Ali S/o. Ahammad Ali 2. Habibur Rahman 3. Saidur Rahman S/O. Azizur Rahman 4. Latifur Rahman S/O. Samsuddin 5. Abdul Jalil 6. Jalal Uddin 7. Riaz Uddin 8. Nasir Uddin S/O. Muslem Ali
- - -	130	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.101	Others-4 1. Abu Ali S/o. Ahammad Ali 2. Habibur Rahman 3. Saidur Rahman S/O. Azizur Rahman 4. Latifur Rahman S/O. Samsuddin 5. Abdul Jalil 6. Jalal Uddin 7. Riaz Uddin 8. Nasir Uddin S/O. Muslem Ali
- - -	131	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.036	Others-4 1.Md. Anuwar Hussain 2. Arshad Hussain Ahmed 3. Md.Imran Hussain Ahmed 4. Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o- Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others 9.
	132	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.035	Others-9 1.Md. Abu Ali S/o-Lt. Ahmed Ali 2. Md. Anuwar Hussain 3. Arshad Hussain Ahmed 4. Md.Imran Hussain Ahmed 5. Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o- Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others-8
_	133	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.017	1.Md. Latifur Rahman S/o- Samsuddin 2. Md. Anuwar Hussain 3. Arshad Hussain Ahmed 4. Md.Imran Hussain Ahmed 5. Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o-Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others-9
' 	134	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.008	Md. Saidur Rahman S/o-Azizur Rahman 2. Md. Anuwar Hussain 3. Arshad Hussain Ahmed 4. Md.Imran Hussain Ahmed 5. Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o-Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others-9 Md. Habibur Bahman S/o-Lt. Azizur Bahman 2. Md. Anuwar
- -	135	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.009	1. Md. Habibur Rahman S/o-Lt. Azizur Rahman 2. Md. Anuwar Hussain 3. Arshad Hussain Ahmed 4. Md.Imran Hussain Ahmed 5. Afial Hussain Ahmed S/o-Lt. Sulaman Ahmed Others-9
	136	227 / 94	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.101	 Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o-Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others-9 Abu Ali S/o. Ahammad Ali 2. Habibur Rahman 3. Saidur Rahman S/O. Azizur Rahman 4. Latifur Rahman S/O. Samsuddin 5. Abdul Jalil Jalal Uddin 7. Riaz Uddin 8. Nasir Uddin S/O. Muslem Ali Others-4 (Contd. on Page-11)

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1 137	2 227 / 94	3 Private	4 Resi(Bari)	5 0.101	1.Abu Ali S/o. Ahammad Ali 2. Habibur Rahman 3. Saidur Rahman S/O. Azizur Rahman 4. Latifur Rahman S/O. Samsuddin 5. Abdul Jalil 6. Jalal Uddin 7. Riaz Uddin 8. Nasir Uddin S/O. Muslem Ali	 206 	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.027	1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin
	228 / Govt. Land	Government	Resi(Foring)	0.302	Others-4 Govt. of Assam	207	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.013	Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul
139	230 / Govt. Land 232 / 137	Government Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.187	Govt. of Assam 1.Omar Faruk 2. Hasen Ali 3. Hussain Ali 4. Osman Goni S/o-	 <u>208</u>	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.076	Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila
141	232 / 137	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.059	Tayeeb Ali Others-8 1. Omar Faruk 2. Hasen Ali 3. Hussain Ali 4. Osman Goni S/o-Tayeeb Ali 5. Sahera Khatun W/O. Tamir Uddin Others-8 1. Omar Faruk 2. Hasen Ali 3. Hussain Ali 4. Osman Goni S/o-						Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin Others-13
143	232 / 237	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.027	Tayeeb Ali 5. Sahera Khatun W/O. Tamir Uddin Others-8 1.Omar Faruk 2. Hasen Ali 3. Hussain Ali 4. Osman Goni S/o-Tayeeb Ali Others-8	209 	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.01	1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin
144 145 146	232 /137 233 / 177 234 / 177	Private Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahitoli) Agri(Lahi)		 Omar Faruk 2. Hasen Ali 3. Hussain Ali 4. Osman Goni S/o-Tayeeb Ali 5. Sahera Khatun W/O. Tamir Uddin Others-8 Ushon Ali 2. Khushed Ali 3. Ajgar Ali 4. Hekmat Ali S/O. Adu Bepari Ushon Ali 2. Khushed Ali 3. Ajgar Ali 4. Hekmat Ali S/O. Adu Bepari 	 <u>2</u> 10 	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.013	Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul
148	235 / A.P-25 236 / A.P-25 237 / Govt.	Private Private Government	Agri(Lahi) Resi(Bari) Resi(Foring)		Sri Chakra Bahadur Kharka Chetry S/O-Randhaj Chakra Bahadur Kharka Chetry S/O Randhaj Govt. of Assam	 	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.08	Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila
150 151	Land 243 /157 284 / 60	Private Private	Agri(Foring) Agri(Sali)	0.04 0.143	1.Abdul Jalil 2. Khalilur Rahman S/o-Suruz Ali 1.Md Jalal Uddin 2. Md Abdul Jalil 3. Nasir Uddin 4. Md Riaz Uddin S/O Lt. Muslem Ali Others-8						Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin Others-13
152 153	285 / 60 286 / 156	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Sali)	0.313	1.Md Jalal Uddin 2. Md Abdul Jalil 3. Nasir Uddin 4. Md Riaz Uddin S/O Lt. Muslem Ali Others-8 1.Sri Loknath Chetry 2. Bhumika Devi 3. Ishwari Devi S/o-Sriman	212 	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.134	1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin
154	287 / 60	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.027	Bhorari 1. Md. Saidur Rahman S/o-Azizur Rahman 2. Md. Anuwar Hussain 3. Arshad Hussain Ahmed 4. Md.Imran Hussain Ahmed 5. Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o-Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others-9	213	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.037	Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O.
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159	288 / Govt. Land	Government	Agri(Sali)	0.294	Hussain Ahmed 4. Afjal Hussain Ahmed S/o- Lt. Suleman Ahmed Others-8 Govt. of Assam	 2 16	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.02	Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/o. Sabed Ali 9. Abu Taleb S/O. Moijuddin Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O.
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163 164	360 / A.P14 360 / A.P14	Private Private	Resi(Bari) Resi(Bari)	0.005 0.005	Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati	217 218 219		Private Private Private	Resi(Bari) Agri(Sali) Agri(Sali)	0.013 0.187 0.111	Nur Mahammad S/O. Binesh Ali Md Abdul Aziz S/O.Lt. Akbar Ali Abdul Matleb S/o-Lt. Akbar Ali
166	360 / A.P14 360 / A.P14 361 / A.P14	Private Private Private	Resi(Bari) Resi(Bari) Agri(Lahi)	0.005 0.005 0.064	Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati	220 221		Private Private	Agri(Sali) Agri(Lahi)	0.067	Kitab Ali S/O Lt. Akbar Ali Salim Uddin S/o-Suruz Ali
168	361 / A.P14 361 / A.P14	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.02	Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati	222	93 / Govt.	Private Government	Agri(B.Foring) Resi(Foring)	0.054 0.128	Md Olil Uddin S/O .Suruz Ali Govt. of Assam
170 171	361 / A.P14 361 / A.P14	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.02 0.02	Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati	224 225		Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.058	Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal
173	361 / A.P14 361/A.P14	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.023	Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati Karnakhar Timsina Bamun S/O. Noropati	226	94 / 219	Private Private Government	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.193 0.134	Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal Govt. of Assam
174 175	362 / 185 363 / Govt. Land	Private Government	Resi(Bari) Agri(Sali)	0.066 0.24	Kasem Ali S/O. Hasen Govt. of Assam	228	Land 98 / A.P-25	Private	Resi(Bari)	0.016	1.Chakra Bahadur Kharka Chetry S/O Randhaj
	364 / AP-63 365 / Govt.	Private Government	Resi(Bari) Resi (B.Bari)	0.214 0.401	Sukhram Munda S/O. Mangra Aklima Khatun D/O. Amsor Ali	l	99 / P.P.205 age: Mansiri	Private	Agri(Salitoli)	0.061	1. Mohamad Mustafa Ahmed 2. Mohamad Rafikul Islam S/o-Amjat Ali
178	Land 365 / Govt.	Government	Resi(Bari)	0.147	1. Abdul Rejek 2. Abdul Malek 3. Saha Alam 4. Sohidul Islam S/O-Lt.	230	252 /Govt. 355 / A.P. 39	Government	Agri(No Class) Resi(Bari)	0.047	Govt. of Assam Sri. Anthoni Khristan S/o. Jahaji Khristan
179	Land 367 / AP-10	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.401	Abdul Mannaf 5. Moimon Nessa W/O-Lt. Abdul Mannafi 1. Abdul Rejek 2. Abdul Malek 3. Saha Alam 4. Sohidul Islam S/O-Lt. Abdul Mannaf 5. Moimon Nessa W/O-Lt. Abdul Mannaf Others-7	232	378 / 3 A.P.	Private Private	Agri(salitoli) Agri(Bari)	0.167 0.027	Christopher Surin 2.Juwanel Surin 3.Wellson Surin. S/o-Paulush Paulus kongari S/O. Abhiram Kongari
180 181	40 / AP-62 41 / 226	Private Private	Resi(Bari) Agri(Lahi)	0.055 0.052	Sarbijit Sonari S/O. Losmon Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal	$\frac{234}{235}$		Private Private Private	Resi(Bari) Agri(B.Faring) Agri(salitoli)	0.154 0.214 0.04	Sri Sontos Mura S/O. Johan Mura 1.Sri Suleman Khristan 2.George Khristan S/o Patrash Khristan 1.Sri. Hijakel Hemram 2. Sri. Nirod Hemram S/o.Barathal Hemram
182 183	41 / 226 41 / 226	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)		Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal	237		Private	Agri(salitoli)	0.214	1.Sri Manual Kandulana S/o-Late Bhabu 2. Budhu Mura 3.Sri Budhani Murani S/o-Patir
184 185 186	41 / 226 41 / 226 41 / 226	Private Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.054 0.175 0.04	Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal	238 239	404 / Govt.	Private Government	Agri(salitoli) Agri(B.Faring)	0.087 0.047	Sri. Anthoni Khristan S/o. Jahaji Khristan Hilarius Barla S/O. Telesh Barla
187	42 / Govt. Land	Government	Agri(Sali)		Asmina Begum W/O. Rafik Ali	240	409 / 71	Private Private	Agri(B.Faring) Agri(salitoli)	0.462	Sri. Nuel Soy S/o. Andrias Soy 1.Sri Suleman Khristan 2.George Khristan S/o Patrash Khristan
188 189	43 / 227 43 / 227	Private Private	Agri(Lahi) Agri(Lahi)	0.24	Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal Syamlal Furel S/O. Krishnalal	242 243 244	411 / A.P.19	Private Private Government	Agri(salitoli) Agri(salitoli) Agri(Faring)	0.214 0.027 0.445	Sri. Anthoni Khristan S/o. Jahaji Khristan Johan Khristan S/O. Simon Govt. of Assam
190	44 / Govt. Land 468 / 33	Government Private	Resi(Foring) Resi(Bari)	0.088	Govt. of Assam Yakin Ali Seikh S/O. Chapori	245 246	413 / 71	Private Private	Agri(B.Faring) Agri(B.Faring)	0.187 0.027	1.Sri Suleman Khristan 2.George Khristan S/o Patrash Khristan 1.Sri. George Christan 2. Suleman Christan S/o. Patras Christan 3.
192 193	469 / 33 47 / Govt.	Private Government	Agri(Sali) Agri(Lahi)	0.107 0.401	Samir Ali 2. Amir Ali S/O. Yakin Ali 3. Abdul Mannan S/O. Ismat Ali Govt. of Assam	$\frac{247}{248}$		Private Private	Agri(Faring) Resi(Bari)	0.08	Antoni Christan. S/o-Jahaji 1.Santiniyel Topno 2.Anjella Topno 3.Alisha Topno 4.Salimi Topno C/O. Yakub Topn Sri. Anthoni Khristan S/o. Jahaji Khristan
194	Land 470 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.047	Md. Samsuddin S/o-Lt. Pir Mohammad 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/ O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Dipak Kumar Chakraborty S/O.	249	age: Pungpar 307 / 45	ni Bangali Private	Agri(Salitoli)	0.027	1.Sri. Nuel Soy 2.Estifan Soy 3. Oliver Soy S/o. Andrias Soy Others 2
195	470 / 121	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.067	Dijendra Kumar Chakraborty Others- 8 1. Md. Samsuddin S/o-Lt. Pir Mohammad 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/	250 251	308 / 6	Private Private	Agri(Salitoli) Agri(Salitoli)	0.107	1.Sri. Gerson Dahanga 2. Eliya Dahanga 3.Emanuel Dahanga S/o. Eyakub Dahanga 1. Ajit Kongari 2.Ebhason Kongari 3.Daniel Kongari 4.Ishudas
196	470 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.047	O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Dipak Kumar Chakraborty S/O. Dijendra Kumar Chakraborty Others- 8 1. Md. Samsuddin S/o-Lt. Pir Mohammad 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/	252		Private	Agri(Salitoli)	0.442	Kongari S/o-Suleman 5. Antoni Čhristan S/o- Jahaji 1.Sri. Antoni Khristan S/o. Jahaji Khristan 2. Ajit Kongari 3.Ebhason
					O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Dipak Kumar Chakraborty Ś/O. Dijendra Kumar Chakraborty Others- 8	253	309 / 46	Private	Agri(Salitoli)	0.221	Kongari 4.Daniel Kongari 5.Ishudas Kongari S/o-Suleman 1.Sri. Antoni Khristan S/o. Jahaji Khristan 2. Ajit Kongari 3. Ebhason Kongari 4.Daniel Kongari 5.Ishudas Kongari S/o-Sulema
197	481 / 166 482 / 153	Private Private	Agri(Sali) Agri(Sali)	0.054	 Mangra Mura 2. Kinu Mura 3. Sanika Mura 4. Sarbal Mura S/O. Shita Munda Sri Mitradev Sarma 2. Sri Paban Sarma 3. Sri Nityananda Sarma 	254		Private	Agri(Salitoli)	0.134	1.Sri. Oliver Soy 2.Nuel Soy 3.Estifan Soy S/o-Andriash Soy 4.Sri. Elbart Topna. S/o. Pulikarp Topna
199	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.019	S/o-Lt. Shyamlal Sarma 4. Bishnumaya Devi W/O. Lt. Shyamlal Sarma 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila	255 256		Private Private	Agri(Salitoli) Agri(Salitoli)	0.221	1.Sri. Elbart Topna S/o. Pulikarp Topna 2.Sri. Oliver Soy. 3. Nuel Soy 4.Estifan Soy S/o-Andriash Soy 1.Christafar Surin 2.Juwanel Surin 3.Wellson Surin S/O. Paolus
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200	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.054	Others-13 1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O.	1		Private	Agri(B.Faring) Agri(B.Faring)	0.315	Bewla Boro w/o-Lt. Kananda Boro. 1.Sri. Bijumani Boro D/o. Phukan Boro 2.Bhuban Boro 3.Laban
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201	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.027	1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O.	262		Private	Agri(B.Faring)	0.009	1.Sri Karuna Kanta Boro. 2. Sri. Mridul Boro. S/o. Lt. Kananda Boro. 3.Sri Bewla Boro. W/o. Lt. Kananda Boro. Others-1
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202	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.059	1. Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul Islam 8. Imdadul Islam S/O. Sabad Ali 9. Abu Talah S/O. Mojiuddin	265	104 / 18	Private Private	Agi(Lahitoli) Agi(Lahitoli) Agri(B.Faring)	0.161	1.Sri. Mukunda Borob 2.Sri Hiranya Boro 3. Sri Prabin Boro 4. Sri Deba Kumar Boro. 5. Sri Pabitra Boro S/o. Lt. Mahendra Boro 1.Sri Karuna Kanta Boro.2. Sri. Mridul Boro. S/o. Lt. Kananda Boro.
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204	483 / 73	Private	Agri(Sali)	0.054	Dijendra Chakraborty S/O. Narendra Chakraborty 2. Urmila Chakraborty W/O. Nihar Ranjan Chakraborty 3. Nazrul Islam S/O. Nayeb Ali 4. Ahammad Ali 5. Mohammad Ali 6. Nurul Islam 7. Saidul	269	17 / A.P.7	Private	Resi(BhalBari)	0.067	Boro Others 7 1. Sri Jiban Boro, 2. Sri Laban Boro S/O-Lt. Liladhar Boro 3. Sri Bakul Boro S/o. Gadadhar Boro. 4.Anita Boro, W/o Lt Rupjyoti
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Centre's guidelines on movement of migrant workers to be strictly followed: MHA

States and Union Territories (UTs) will have to "strictly fol-vehicles will also be allowed who will develop standard low" the home ministry's lat- to transport these people as est guidelines allowing crosscountry movement of stranded migrant workers, students Union home ministry Punya and pilgrims during the ongo- Salila Srivastava said the oring lockdown, a senior official ders issued at present were for ensuring these movesaid on Thursday.

The Union government had of persons". on Wednesday issued fresh directives allowing States to ities will resume post May 3, ed to the virus outbreak and transport stranded students, pilgrims to their home States or destination by strictly following guidelines meant to

Asked during a press brief- ment. All States and UTs will rules will be strictly followed ing if special trains and private appoint their nodal officers demanded by some States and others, Joint Secretary in the for "using buses and for group

Asked if e-commerce activwhen the extended lockdown lockdown measures. migrant labourers, tourists and is scheduled to end, Srivastava said "we should wait" for the new orders to come.

contain the spread of the nov-keep in mind certain things and these vehicles will be sanel coronavirus in the country. while arranging their move- itised and social distancing 'Aarogya Setu' app, she said.

protocols for such stranded people.

"They will also register such people and concerned States will discuss among themselves ments by road," Srivastava told reporters during the routine briefing on updates relat-

Every person will be screened and asymptomatic ones will be allowed to go. "State governments have to Buses will be used for travel

while seated in the bus, she

All States in transit route will allow such movement and on reaching the destination, local health officials will check the travellers and if they are not required to be kept in institutional quarantine then they will be allowed to go in home quarantine for 14 days, the official said, quoting the order issued by the Ministry

Their (travellers) health check-up will be done regularly and monitored. Travellers will be encouraged to use the

of Home Affairs (MHA).

ly follow these directives," Srivastava said.

The officer also briefed the media about the feedback given by the inter-ministerial Central teams (IMCTs) that went to Hyderabad (Telangana's capital) and Chennai (capital of Tamil Nadu).

The teams are headed by an Additional Secretary-rank officer of the Central government and comprises experts from health care, disaster management and other fields and are mandated to review the progress of COVID-19 containment in worst affected districts of the country. – PTI

'Month of May could be make or break for COVID-19 fight' NEW DELHI, April 30: As the May 3 dead- decreased from 325 to 307, official sources said

line for the lockdown nears, medical experts feel the next month can be "make or break" for the fight against COVID-19 and an aggressive containment strategy for hotspots along with insulation of green zones is essential while giving some relaxations.

The experts also suggested that railways, air travel, inter-State bus services, malls, shopping complexes, religious places, among others, should be kept shut at least for the month

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday had told Chief Ministers that the country will have to give importance to the economy while continuing the fight against coronavirus.

The Centre on Wednesday gave clear indications that the ongoing nationwide lockdown will be extended beyond May 3, but with "considerable relaxations" to people and services in "many districts".

Medical experts feel an aggressive containment strategy in red zones and insulation of green zones is a must while giving relaxations.

The number of COVID-19 hotspot districts in India has come down to 129 from 170 a fortnight ago, but in the same period the number of infection-free districts or green zones too lifestyle, he said. – PTI

on Wednesday. During this time, the number of non-hotspot districts, also known as orange zones, increased from 207 to 297, they said.

Dr Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Additional Director, Pulmonology and Critical Care, Fortis Noida, said it is important to understand that the lockdown does not kill the virus, it only slows

the spread. Gupta suggested that the lockdown should be continued in red zones for about two weeks or some more time, and curbs be lifted in green zones while ensuring that there is no intermingling between them.

May could be the "make or break" month for the fight against COVID-19 and it is important to keep curbs on in places from where cases are being reported, he told PTI.

Dr Arvind Kumar, a noted lung surgeon at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said it was important that railways, air services, inter-State bus services, malls, shopping complexes, religious places etc., be kept shut.

The borders of green districts should be sealed and limited activities be allowed while ensuring social distancing with hand washing and wearing of masks being part of people's

\$3 mn aid for India's **COVID-19 efforts**

NEW DELHI, April 30: The agencies globally. US government, through its

On April 6, the USAID had announced a grant of \$ 2.9 million to India to mitigate the spread of the deadly virus.

bat the coronavirus pandemic.

US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster said the additional dia's response to COVID-19.

This additional funding to support India in its continuing efforts to combat COVID-19 States and India, a release isquoted the envoy as saying.

AID) is one of the leading aid release said. - PTI

No. DME/28/AIIMS/2020/5260

sion is extended upto 14th May, 2020

No. MAC/Normal Tender/203/2019-20/9

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Corrigendum Notice

mittee meeting in respect of tender published vide no. DME 28/AIIMS/2020/4456, Dated: 20.03.2020 for Establishment of

temporary campus of AIIMS, Guwahati, is postponed and

rescheduled on 8th May, 2020 and the last date of bid submis-

The other terms and conditions remain unchanged

TENDER NOTICE

8.25 (Eight RupeeTwenty Five Paisa) only are invited

from the intending MAC empanelled contractors for

execution of various construction works with value

of below Rs. 50.00 Lakh as per list of schemes

enclosed department wise in the tender document.

Briefly, the works are construction of roads, culverts,

community halls, school buildings, bundh, anti-

concerned dealing assistant, Office of the Principal

Secretary, Mising Autonomous Council, Gogamukh

during office hours on working days from 30.04.2020

to 12.05.2020 against payment of Rs. 500.00 as

Last date and time for submission of tender is

Sd/- Principal Secretary

Gogamukh, Dhemaji.

Tentative Time Date of ru

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Tender documents can be obtained from the

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Due to outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the prebid com

The USAID is providing aid agency USAID, has an- these funds to the Partnerships nounced an additional grant of for Affordable Healthcare Ac-\$ 3 million to help India com- cess and Longevity (PAHAL) project, an innovative financing platform, the release said.

This assistance will help India slow the spread of COVID-19, provide care for the affected, disseminate essential public health messages to commufunding will further support In-nities, and strengthen case finding and surveillance, it said.

"Through the PAHAL project, USAID will support the National Health Authority to is vet another example of the establish a financing facility that strong and enduring partner- can mobilize resources from the ship between the United private sector to assist over 20,000 health facilities enrolled sued by the US Embassy here under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogva Yojana, India's health insur-The US Agency for Inter- ance scheme for 500 million national Development (US- poor and vulnerable people," the

> Sd/- Addl. Director (Admin) of Medical Education, Assam Sixmile Khanapara; Guwahati-781022

Delhi's favourite chronicler RV Smith passes away

NEW DELHI. April 30: Eminent author and columnist Ronald Vivian Smith, who is best known for his writings on Delhi, breathed his last at a hospital here on Thursday. He was 81.

Smith was suffering from age-related ailments for the past four months, his family

"He was admitted to hospital after he complained of breathing problems on Monday. He passed away today at 7.30 am after multiple health issues, respiratory infections and kidney failure," his son Tony Smith said.

Born in Agra in 1938, for

Smith, who made Delhi his second home and was recognised as the city's greatest chronicler, history runs in his family. He was a descendant of Col Salvador Smith (1783-1871), the soldier who trained the troops of Daulat Rao

Author to several books on Delhi, of which "The Delhi That No One Knows" was a best-seller, Smith also wrote poetry and romantic novels like "Jasmine Nights & The Taj". His last book was a collection of potpourri of myths, lores and historical tales, in and around Delhi, titled "Lingering Charm of

Scindia.

Delhi".

Son of late journalist Thomas Smith, he also joined the same profession and worked with the Press Trust of India and The Statesman for a significant amount of time.

Even after his retirement from *The Statesman*, he didn't drop his pen and continued writing historical column on the walled city of old Delhi, Anglo-Indian antecedents, egyptology or the occult for newspaper like The Hindu and The Statesman. His last column in *The Hindu* on April 25 was: "How Eurasian women took to ghazals and traditional dances". - PTI

People's behaviour key to ...

(Contd from page 1)

After a few states raised questions about the kits, the ICMR also carried out evaluation of the kits made by the two Chinese companies in field condition and it was found that the results had shown wide variations.

rapid test kits tested by the National Institute of Virology, Pune, to the State governments and such kits can be used for surveillance by the states in the affected areas.

Dr Kant said that the ICMR that as many as 292 ICMRhas made available lists of the approved laboratories in the country are now carrying out tests for COVID-19, of which six laboratories are functioning in Assam. A number of private laboratories have also been authorised by the ICMR It may be mentioned here to carry out COVID-19 tests.

5 more COVID-19 cases ...

(Contd from page 1) With the four new cases, the number of cases in Bongaigaon rose to five and the district. district became the sixth in had tested positive a day before, and she is believed to have contracted the virus from her grandfather – a positive patient (Markaz returnee).

Sarma held a meeting with officials of various depart-

missioner's office to review the lockdown situation of the

Of the four new cases, two employee and had a travel history, sources in the Health Department said.

ments at the Deputy Combeing traced to keep them in isolation ward in the civil hospital at Bongaigaon, a health official said.

The 3-km area around the the State to be declared as red are associated with govern-residences of the patients has zone. A sixteen-year-old girl ment hospitals, the other is a been declared as containment vegetable vendor and the zone by the administration. fourth is a 60-year-old house- The lockdown scenario of the wife, whose son is a railway district is likely to change tomorrow considering the rise in number of positive cases.

The total number of cases Their family members are in the state has risen to 41.

UGC for holding exams ...

(Contd from page 1) The commission said that in

case the situation does not appear to be normal in view of COVID-19, the safety and health of students be prioritised and their grading could be composite of 50 per cent marks on the basis of internal evaluation and the remaining 50 per cent marks can be nounced a countrywide classawarded on the basis of per-

The UGC has said if the student wishes to improve the special exams for such subjects during the next semester.

Universities and schools across the country have been closed since March 16 when the Central government anroom shutdown as one of the

ID-19 outbreak.

Later, a nationwide lockdown was announced on March grades, he or she may appear in 24, which has now been extended till May 3.

The UGC has also notified in the guidelines that new academic session for freshers may begin in universities from September and for already enrolled students in August. The admission process will begin in uniformance in the previous semeasures to contain the COV-versities from August 1.-PTI

ASDMA ready with flood relief ...

(Contd from page 1) "Medical support and health surveillance teams will do daily monitoring (in place of weekly) of the inmates' health condition following all precautions and guidelines. Medical teams will be armoured with basic PPE for conducting screening during the registration process," he added.

"Pre-identification of the medical facilities like ambulances for transportation of infected, isolation facilities nearby, etc., is another plan component. In case of sneezing, cough, fever and common cold, immediate medical supervision will be made and the person kept separately as per COVID-19 norms and regu-

lations," he said.

of pratirodhi bandhu (trained volunteers) as counsellors and facilitators are another novel feature. These desks will emphasise on the facilities available on the e-help platform such as telemedicine, e-vet care, etc. Standard operating procedures for relief and cooked food distribution in camps in strict adherence to precautionary measures as per COVID-19 protocol as also for arrangement for livestock fodder have been pre-

Chakravarty said a camp register would also maintain separately information about pregnant women, infants, elderly, people with existing health conditions and persons with disability so that they could be given special care.

al relief camps with the help highland areas with green grasses, including tea garden areas, would be used.

"A grievance redressal mechanism for collecting and addressing feedback and complaints from camp inmates will be made operational at camp level. Real-time instructions to departments concerned have been given to address grievances. Each camp will have an information board showing contact details of key service providers for immediate support," he added.

Appropriate IEC for prevention of COVID-19 infection will be displayed in local language using pictorial depiction and lesser texts. Any food item brought to the camp will be sanitized appropriately as per disinfection protocol and all packed items cleaned properly using disinfectants.

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Assam Plain Tribes Development Corporation (APTDC) Ltd., an organization under the Department of Welfare of Plain Tribes & Backward Classes, Govt. of Assam invites application for the following positions on purely contractual basis for a Livelihood Development Project of Tribal beneficiaries of Assam under Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce and Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) being implemented by APTDC

The Position, Qualification & Experiences & pay structure are as follows:

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	Name of Post.	No of Post.	Salary (Fixed)	Role, Required Qualification and Experience.
	Project Lead Manager (Grade-II)	1	25,000/-	The Project Lead Manager would provide essential support to a project, working with the Project Head and other team members to achieve project success. The role would include independently leading the project execution, identifying and managing project risks and developing solutions, developing positive relationship with Clients and other stake holders, managing & monitoring team member activities, data collection, documentation & reporting.
				Core Experiences: At least 2-3 years proven track record of independently implementation in Social /Community development project, specially in livelihood Development project. Having experience in carrying out research studies, preparation of Project report, Business plan & report writing of projects.
				Key Skills: Communication and interpersonal skills, ability to proactively address potential issues and solve problems, excellent computer skills, collaborative working Style and team – player attitude, ability to work independently with little supervision, organizational skills and ability to prioritize tasks, and having report writing skills.
				Qualification: Post Graduate Degree preferably in Social Work /Rural Development / Economics / Commerce / Business Administration & Social Science.
				Age: 28 - 35 Years
	Project Executive (IT) (Grade-II)	1	20,000/-	The Project Executive (IT) would be involved in all aspects of project implementation. This may include ensuring the project stays within the budget, working with staff and other individuals to implement project activities, monitor and report on progress, analyze data, make suggested corrections if needed. Would be required to prepare proposals and submit reports.
				Core Experiences: At least 1-2 years proven track record of implementation in Social /Community development project specially in livelihood development project. Having experience in carrying out research studies, preparation of Project report, Business plan & report writing of projects.
				Key Skills: Excellent computer skills along with communication and interpersonal skills, ability to proactively address potential issues and solve problems, collaborative working style and team-

Project 15,000/-Assistant

The Project Assistant would be involved in all aspects of project implementation. This may include ensuring the project stays within the budget, working with staff and other individuals to implement project activities, monitor and report on progress, analyze data, make suggested corrections if needed. Would be required to prepare proposals and submit reports.

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skills and ability to prioritize tasks, and having entrepreneurial

zeal to work hard with extra miles and ready for extensive tour.

Qualification: Graduate Degree preferably in Social Work / Rural

Development/Economics/Commerce/Business Administration &

Social Science along with a minimum Diploma course in Computer

Core Experiences: At least 1 years proven track record of implementation in Social /Community development project specially in livelihood development project. Having experience in carrying out research studies, preparation of Project report, Business plan & report writing of projects.

Key Skills: Communication and interpersonal skills, ability to proactively address potential issues and solve problems, excellent computer skills, collaborative working Style and team - player attitude, ability to work independently with organizational skills and ability to prioritize tasks, and having entrepreneurial zeal to work hard with extra miles and ready for extensive tour.

Qualification: Graduate Degree preferably in Social Work / Rural Development Economics/Commerce/Business Administration. Age: 23 - 30 Years

Mode of Selection:

appearing interview through telephone, Email/WhatsApp/SMS. Place of Interview:

Assam Plain Tribes Development Corporation, Ganeshguri, Guwahati-781006

application.

Age: 25 - 30 Years

Expenses of selection: No TA/DA will be provided for attending interview.

Submission of Application:

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The application has to be sent through post/ Courier (Hard copy)/ E-mail (scanned copy) to the address given below with the following particulars.

(i) The post applied for must be filled up in plain paper or in standard application form, (ii) Detail Bio data/CV of the candidate. (must contain email ID & Mobile Number)

Written Test & Personal Interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be immediately called for

- (iii) Two passport size photographs (iv) Photo copies of the certificates in support of various qualifications / experience mentioned in
- the Bio data/ CV.
- (v) Two reference under whom the candidate working before or known person.

The application should reach the following address on or before 10th May, 2020

The Managing Director

Assam Plain Tribes Development Corporation Ganeshguri, Guwahati-06, Assam Email: aptdcghy@gmail.com

> Sd/- Managing Director APTDC Ltd.

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

RUNNING OF ROUND TRIP COVID-19 PARCEL SPECIAL For ensuring movement of essential commodities including fruits.

vegetables, baby food & medical equipment by Railway and also to provide transportation facility for agricultural sector of the region during the current lockdown period. It has been planned to operate round trip parcel trains consisting of 5 parcel van of one SLR between New Jalpaiguri and Dibrugarh- Guwahati Circuits as per the following scheme (A) NEW JALPAIGURI-GUWAHATI-NEW JALPAIGURI CIRCUIT

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21.30 Guwahati Other Commercial Stoppages: New Tinsukia, Duliajan, Simaluguri, Mariani, Furkating, Sarupathar, Dimapur, Diphu, Bar Langfer S.

The duration of stoppage will be 15 minutes for loading/unloading of parcel packages at each station. The interested traders, e-Commerce firm(s), Tea Gardener, Oil, ONGC

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13:00 Captain Underpants: The

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17:00 Home Alone 2: Lost in

21:30 Shanghai Knights

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The Rishi Kapoor you didn't know

pen, frank and unfiltered are some of the words used to describe Rishi Kapoor's life, but there are some aspects of his life which might have evaded

A day after he was hospitalised here, Rishi Kapoor is no more. He passed away on Thursday after a two-year battle with leukaemia. He was 67.

IANS brings you some trivia from the multifaceted life that he led.

* Rishi Kapoor's love for food, especially non-vegetarian food, is not something that the world doesn't know about. But there was a place he had to turn vegetarian, and that was when he visited Chennai because he was coming after a darshan at Tirupati.

* Rishi Kapoor had a thing for 'agarbatti', and used to carry a pack wherever he went. His favourite fragrance was Nag Champa.

* The world lovingly calls him Chintu ji, and in 2009 he even starred in a film by that name. But he hated his nickname, and once took to

Twitter to share his old picture and expressed his views on nicknames, saying "parents must never nickname a child".

* Several reports are suggesting that he used sweaters to look hot.

* He did two international movies - "Don't Stop Dreaming" in 2007 and "Sambar Salsa"

* He struggled with depression at one point of his career due to back to back failures.

* His songs are evergreen, and still loved by one and all. But Rishi personally never liked many of his songs. * He admitted that there was a time when

he was a male chauvinist.

* He always admitted to his flaws. The actor once confessed to buying a film award. * In his book "Khullam Khulla: Rishi

Kapoor Uncensored", he claimed his father Raj Kapoor was involved with other women even while he was married to Krishna Raj Kapoor.

(Source: IANS)



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21:30 Ultimate Animal

22:00 Night Of The Lion

12:00 Forged In Fire

13:30 Pawn Stars

14:30 Food Tech

14:00 Storage Wars

16:30 Counting Cars

17:00 Storage Wars

17:30 Shipping Wars 18:00 Monster Motor

21:00 Forged In Fire

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13:00 Yeh Rishta Kva Kehlata

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Know your **DAY**

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 1, 2020:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You have a way of making your words count. This year, calm and realistic, you conquer the world. You save and acquire future security. Just make sure to safeguard your vocal cords. If single, be aware of being blinded by romantic illusions, or you might pick the wrong partners. If attached, you hang onto your partner through thick and thin. Just let go of the ironic wit sometimes. PISCES

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) You might find yourself having to pay for everyone. Children might prove costly as well. Social plans will be canceled or changed. On the other hand, it is a day of high romance and creativity. Friends, partners and family are of help. Tonight: Enjoy only as you can.

★ If you are yearning to put forward mothering instincts, put them nto domestic projects today. You accomplish a lot with home repair matters. Beware that a clash of wills might manifest itself as well. Take a deep breath and proceed slowly. Tonight: Early bedtime

I GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Things could go a bit awry with a sibling, cousin or neighbor today. Some may put off commitments or otherwise change their minds. Words are important, so watch what you say. Keep that in mind and act accordingly. Tonight: You rise elegantly to the challenge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take advantage of positive opportunities to either increase your income or buy luxury items today. Some of you will experience sudden events that are beyond your control. This will lead to job changes for some of you — the best possible outcome. Tonight: Celebrate

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You choose to take advantage of certain financial opportunities that present themselves today. Big money is involved. This will increase your yearning for distant places in the coming year. This has you rushing to balance your busy schedule. Tonight: Take off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★ ★★ Save social plans for when aspects are better. Today, take the day off for yourself. Get extra rest, as nerves might be on edge and sleep may be difficult. You need to take care of yourself. Avoid socializing,

especially if travel is involved. Tonight: Early bedtime. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) There is a mix of social life and work today. Watch your boundaries. You are attending an important business function when simply chatting. This could lead to overindulging a sweet tooth. You, like

everyone, need comfort at this time. Tonight: Relax. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ** Career endeavors still seem a bit shaky, as they will be for some weeks to come. You are strongly affected by the recent events. Avoid

making changes that are meant to be permanent, as unexpected hassles might snarl plans. Tonight: Take a long, calming bath. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Use opportunistic aspects to make contact with new people Those foreign born might appeal strongly. Such individuals have a

major impact on your thinking in years to come. You can expect a change in your personal philosophy. Tonight: Flaunt yourself. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A confidential conversation with a family member helps you

over the rough spots in managing your financial obligations. There might be sudden employment opportunities, especially in medical or other hightech fields. You most probably represent one. Tonight: Write down your dreams. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today favors stable and long-term ties. Creativity is heightened through most of today, with teaching and learning emphasized. However, impatience might be experienced with those in your local environment, such as family members. Tonight: Dinner with the one you love the most.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You feel lethargic and inattentive when it comes to domestic matters. You appreciate some time spent alone in contemplation or perhaps just extra sleep or indulgence in hobbies that prove therapeutic for the soul. Tonight: Talking it over with your partner.

> Thought for the day Work out your own salvation. Do not depend on others. - BUDDHA

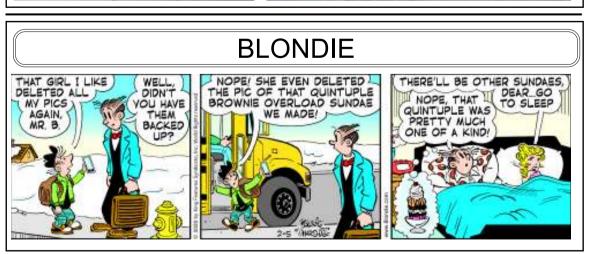
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"I GUESS A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE, LEROY ... THERE'S YOUR MOAT."

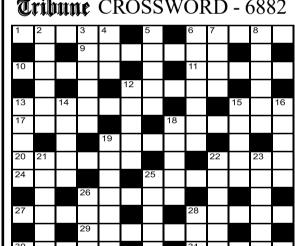


THE PHANTOM R By Lee Falk Talk 1/30









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Answer: As long as a word remains unspoken Nords: Peace, brash, sunlit, vacuum.

China's battle against COVID-19 major strategic achievement: Xi

nese President Xi Jinping has termed China's battle against COVID-19 as a major strategic achievement, as the ruling Communist Party is all set to hold the postponed Parliament session on May 22 amid a steady decline in the coronavirus cases.

China's National Health Commission (NHC) on Thursday said the country reported only four new confirmed COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, taking the total number to 82,862, while no death due to the disease was registered. The virus has claimed 4,633 lives in the

China's arduous efforts to contain the coronavirus have brought a decisive outcome to the fight of defending Hubei and its capital city Wuhan, Xi told a high-powered Central Committee meeting of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) on Wednesday.

The nationwide battle against the epidemic has gained major strategic achievements, the state-run Xinhua news agency quoted Xi as saying.

Xi said Hubei, including Wuhan, should continue strengthening communitylevel epidemic prevention and control.

He asked officials to make efforts to contain the virus case at Heilongjiang Province bordering Russia, where a large number of Chinese returning from Russian cities were tested positive for coro-

The meeting emphasised the need to accelerate work resumption and business reopening, help companies especially micro, small and medium-sized enterprises address difficulties, and promote the

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Britain's businesses bid

to get back to work

the British Government is now actively encouraging business firms to

reopen. After food and beverage joints like KFC and Costa resuming

delivery services in some of their stores, McDonalds' restaurants are

It came as the Chief Medical Officer said that there was now "scope

The government is already working on plans to reopen businesses,

like retailers, car dealers and garden centres where social distancing can

be maintained, during the first phase of the lockdown exit. Ministers are

expecting that once the Prime Minister returns to work after recover-

ing from virus treatment, he will provide fresh impetus to exit strategy

100-year-old Captain Tom

Moore scripts history

Former British Army officer Tho-

mas Moore, also known as Captain

Tom Moore, who pledged to walk 100

lengths of his garden to raise money

for the National Health Service

(NHS) is now a global sensation. Cap-

tain Tom, who celebrated his 100th

birthday on April 30, initially set out

to raise £1000 by walking 100 lengths

of his Bedfordshire garden, but end-

ed up raising more than £28 million

by winning hearts and receiving donations from across the world.

The money raised by Captain Moore will buy food parcels and coun-

selling sessions for NHS staff and elec-

tronic tablets to let patients talk to

their loved ones. Chairman of NHS

Charities Ian Lush said its 160 mem-

bers have already received £35,000

each for the well-being of their staff

In difficult times like this, such ges-

ture of kindness is a testament to hu-

manity. Heroic walks, £28 million

and patients' care.

planning and explain publicly what people can expect to happen next.

for manoeuvre" to ease some of the restrictions because the transmis-

sion rate of the virus had dropped to a manageable range.

among the latest firms to announce reopening despite the lockdown.

Amidst growing concerns over the economic impact of the lockdown,

tries such as auto manufacturing, electronic information, new materials and biomedicine, the report said.

The meeting stressed accelerating farm production and expanding sales channels for agricultural products to boost income for farmers.

The Hubei province and its capital Wuhan - where the COVID-19 first emerged in December last year – were the epicentres of the deadly virus, which later turned into a pandemic, bringing the world to a standstill. The COVID-19 pandemic

continues its explosive growth overseas, Xi said, noting the mounting pressure to prevent imported infections and the growing complexity of stemming domestic epidemic resurgence.

Xi demanded no relaxation in epidemic control to safeguard the hard-earned

According to the NHC, all the four COVID-19 patients reported on Wednesday were imported cases.

The number of imported cases rose to 1,664, including 13 patients in severe condition, it said.

The CPC Central Committee meet was held amid mounting pressure for an international inquiry into the origin of coronavirus and the allegations that the deadly virus was originated from the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) before it spread across the world and wreaked havoc.

China has come under increasing global pressure over lack of transparency in its handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which has so far infected over 3,193,960 people and claimed more than 227,640 lives across the



A man walks in front of a graffiti depicting US President Trump and China's President Xi Jinping kissing each other with face

Pak summons **Indian envoy** over 'ceasefire violation'

ISLAMABAD, April 30: Pakistan on Thursday summoned the Indian Charge d'Affaires here to lodge protest over the alleged firing by the Indian troops across the Line of Control that resulted in the killing of a Pakistani soldier and two civilians.

Director General (South Asia & SAARC) Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri summoned Indian Charge d'Affaires Gaurav Ahluwalia and registered "Pakistan's strong protest over the alleged ceasefire violations by the Indian forces" in Rakhchikri Sector on April 29, Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO) said.

The Pakistan Army had claimed that a 34-year-old Pakistani soldier and two women were killed in firing allegedly by the Indian troops across the Line of Control (LoC) on

Kashmir a bilateral issue: UK Labour leader

LONDON, April 30: Keir Starmer, the UK's newlyelected Leader of the Opposition Labour Party, on Thursday said Kashmir is a bilateral issue for India and Pakistan to resolve peacefully and stressed that such divisive issues from the subcontinent should not be allowed to divide communities in Britain.

In an attempt to reach out to the Indian diaspora and distance the party from a perceived hostile stance under the previous leadership, Starmer pledged to build stronger business links with India during his first dialogue with the Labour Friends of India (LFIN) group in London on Thursday.

"We must not allow issues of the sub-continent to divide communities here. Any constitutional issues in India are a matter for the Indian Parliament and Kashmir is a bilateral issue for India and Pakistan to resolve peacefully," said Starmer, in a statement following the meeting.

"A Labour government under my leadership will be determined to build even stronger business links with India and to cooperate on the global stage on issues such as climate change," he said.

It marks a strategic step to draw a line under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership and move Labour away from some of the controversial actions widely perceived as anti-India by the diaspora population. The most glaring was a resolution passed at the annual party conference in September last year that purported to seek international intervention in Kashmir.

The resolution was widely seen as influencing much of the 1.5-million diaspora vote in the December 2019 General election, which resulted in a disastrous defeat for the Labour Party.

"Britons of Indian origin contribute so much to the UK and to the Labour Party. I'm committed to working closely with Labour Friends of India to rebuild trust with the community," Starmer said, adding that he would encourage more British Indians into elected posts in Westminster as well as at local government level.

He also indicated plans to hold discussions with the Indian High Commissioner in the UK, Ruchi Ghanashyam, in due course to open a renewed dialogue between the Labour Party and people of India. - PTI

Indian-origin girl names NASA's first Mars helicopter WASHINGTON, April 30: NASA's that will accompany the rover to Mars.

first Mars helicopter has a name now and the credit goes to 17-year-old Indian-origin girl Vaneeza Rupani.

Rupani, a high school junior from Northport, Alabama, earned the honour of naming the helicopter after she submitted her essay into NASA's 'Name the Rover' contest.

Destined to become the first aircraft to attempt powered flight on another planet, NASA's Mars Helicopter officially named: 'Ingenuity', as suggested by Rupani.

While NASA announced in March that its next rover would be named 'Perseverance' based on seventh-grader Alexander Mather's essay, the agency decided to also choose a name for the helicopter

"Our Mars helicopter has a new name! Meet: Ingenuity. Student Vaneeza Rupani came up with the name during our name the rover contest. Ingenuity will ride to the Red Planet with @NAS-APersevere to attempt the first powered flight on another world," NASA tweeted. Rupani's entry was among 28,000 essays submitted by K-12 students from every US state and territory, according to NASA, which made the announcement on Wednesday.

"The ingenuity and brilliance of people working hard to overcome the challenges of interplanetary travel are what allow us all to experience the wonders of space exploration," Rupani wrote in her essay, according to a news release

"Ingenuity is what allows people to accomplish amazing things, and it allows us to expand our horizons to the edges of the universe," it said.

Rupani has been interested in space science since she was a young child, according to her mother Nausheen Rupani.

"On their way to school every day, she and her dad would pretend they were in a spaceship. They would imagine seeing planets (buildings), stars (traffic lights), etc., on their way and give them names," Nausheen Rupani told NASA. To have her submission selected was more than exciting, the teenager said. – PTI

Indian man, pregnant wife found dead in

who was five months pregnant, was found murdered in her apartment and her husband was found dead in an apparent suicide in the Hudson River near here, authorities said.

Garima Kothari was found the Hudson County Prosecu-

Following an autopsy by the Regional Medical Examiner, Kothari's death was ruled homicide. She suffered multiple injuries in her upper body. Additionally, the Medical Examiner determined that Kothari was approximately five months

Kothari's husband Man Mohan Mall, 37, was found dead in the Hudson River in **Jersey City**

suicide attempt in the Hudson River. They found an unresponsive Mall in the river near Montgomery Street and Exchange Place in Jersey City.

Mall was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause and manner of Mall's death is still pending with the Regional Medical Examiner. The Prosecutor's Office

Homicide Unit is investigating the case with assistance from the Jersey City Police Department.

While it seems that the deaths are the result of a murder-suicide, the final determination is pending till the complete findings of the Regional Medical Examiner's

Daily Voice, Kothari was a talented chef and Mall was an

Australian Capital Territory free of COVID-19

CANBERRA, April 30: The Australian Capital Territory has become the first of the country's eight states and mainland territories to declare itself free of all known cases of the coronavirus.

Chief Health Officer Kerryn Coleman said the territory surrounding the capital city Canberra was free of any recorded infection on Thursday for the first time in seven weeks after the last patient recovered.

There have been 106 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canberra and three patients have died

The capital territory has a population of only 420,000. the second-smallest of the states and territories, and its infection rate per head of population ranks in the middle of the field.

Everyone with cold or flu symptoms have been offered free COVID-19 testing in Canberra for the past week and the government said that offer will be extended for another week. – AP

April 29. – PTI **New Jersey** to a report of the possible Victoria Beckham faces flak NEW YORK, April 30: A 35-year-old Indian woman,

unresponsive with trauma to her upper body on April 26 by Jersey City police officers, tor's Office said.

pregnant.

The Jersey City Police Department was responding Office. According to a report in the

alumnus of the India Institute of Technology (IIT), who had come to the US to pursue his master's degree at Columbia University. – PTI

Pak stars, fans mourn Rishi Kapoor's death

PESHAWAR, April 30: The death of Bollywood star Rishi Kapoor has not only saddened his family, fans and movie buffs in India, the people in Pakistan, where his grandfather and father were born, too are mourning the loss of the veteran actor.

Given the popularity of his films in Pakistan, fans and the film fraternity in the country have also lamented the loss of the legendary actor.

'We had no relation with Rishi Kapoor, but had a liking for him because of watching him as film hero from childhood and his connection with a place which is also a birthplace of mine," said Pervaiz Ahmad, a resident of Peshawar.

'Rishi's death has sad-

dened me a lot," he said. One generation of the Kapoor family was born in Peshawar in Pakistan. The family migrated to India after the partition in 1947.

The actor's ancestral home, dubbed as the Kapoor Haveli, is located in Qissa Khwani Bazar, in Peshawar.

In 1990, Kapoor visited the palatial house which still exists at Dhaki Nalbandi along with his brother Randhir Kapoor.

Later, his uncle, Shashi Kapoor also visited Peshawar the house.

with the sole objective to see "Perhaps the feeling ex-

pressed by Pervaiz portrays sentiments of all the dwellers of Peshawar over sad demise of Rishi," said Ibrahim Zia, a resident of Peshawar who is a historian and has written a book titled Peshawar ki Funkar (Artists of Peshawar).

"We feel pride over connection of a number of Bollywood stars with Peshawar like Dilip Kumar, Kapoors, Shahrukh Khan, Anil Kapoor, Amjad Khan and Vinod Khanna," Zia said.

Ibrahim said the houses of Kapoors' and Dilip Kumar must be protected as a mark of respect to them for their remarkable contributions to cinema.

Pakistani cricketers and film stars also mourned the death of Kapoor and paid rich tributes to him. "Yeh Zindagi dard bhi hai,

yeh zindagi hai dava bhi. Dil torna he na jaanay, jaanay yeh dil jorna bhi. Extremely saddened to hear about the demise of Rishi Kapoor ji @chintskap. He takes away an era with him and all his colours. Big fan. Love to family," said former cricketer and fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar in a tweet. - PTI

Captain Tom Moore fundraise, global fame - with all these, Captain Moore surely has had a whirlwind month.

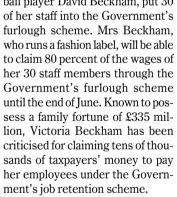
Want a chat with the Duchess of Cornwall?

As a patron of The Silver Line charity, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, made a call to 90-year-old Betty from Hampshire. The Silver Line is a free phone helpline offering friendship, advice and support to elderly people. On behalf of the charity, the Duchess spoke to Betty from Birkhall, her home in Scotland.



for furloughing her staff

Victoria Beckham, wife of ex-football player David Beckham, put 30



Victoria Beckham A source close to the family criticised her by saying that Victoria and David are flaunting pictures of very expensive bottles of red wine on Instagram one minute, and the next minute they are using the furlough scheme funded by taxpayers. The source also made comments about Victoria Beckham uploading her videos of clapping for the brave NHS workers, but by using the Government scheme she is taking public money when she has hundreds of millions in the bank. Conservative party MP Tom Hunt also commented by saying – "It is extremely regrettable that a prominent figure in the fashion world has taken this step, given the many selfless acts we are seeing across the country every single day.'

Victoria Beckham had not experienced public scrutiny of this kind in the past and the British public awaits to see how Mrs Beckham responds to the backlash.

Prince Charles takes part in virtual iftar

The Prince of Wales along with Health Secretary Matt Hancock marked the beginning of Ramadan by taking part in a 'virtual iftar'. Iftar is usually observed with family and friends by the Muslim community to end their daily fast at sunset. Due to the current pandemic, a virtual iftar was set up and Prince Charles sent a special message for the auspicious



High COVID-19 mortality among black and Asian NHS staff

It makes one ponder when 25 of the 26 doctors and two-thirds of NHS staff who died from COVID-19 in England have been from ethnic minority groups. A third of COVID-19 intensive care beds are occupied by sick black or Asian patients, even when they only constitute 13 percent of the UK population. This begs the question why so many black and Asian people in the wider community are falling ill. The figures may well be the tip of the iceberg considering ethnicity is not routinely recorded when COVID-19 is diagnosed along with well-recorded lack of testing in the community. Britain's most senior doctors have demanded immediate Government action to tackle soaring fatalities from COVID-19 in black and Asian communities, but Public Health England Medical Director said in a statement that detailed and careful works need to be done before any conclusions can be drawn.

SLF-MF scheme

RBI extends regulatory

benefits to all banks

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SBI Foundation pledges Rs 30 cr for COVID-19 relief measures

MUMBAI, April 30: SBI Foundation, the corporate social responsibility (CSR) arm of State Bank of India (SBI), today said it has committed Rs 30 crore to implement various COVID-19 relief measures across the country. The fund will be utilised for providing food to the needy, strengthening healthcare infrastructure capacity building of healthcare workers and research on coronavirus-related projects along with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), according to a release. To implement these initiatives, SBI Foundation has set up a new flagship programme on health theme. - PTI

RIL rights issue

MUMBAI, April 30: The board of Reliance Industries (RIL) today approved a rights issue of up to Rs 53,125 crore at Rs 1,257 per share. In a regulatory filing, RIL said: "At its meeting held today, i.e., April 30, 2020, considered and approved, amongst others, the issuance of equity shares of Rs 10 each of the company on rights basis to eligible equity shareholders of the company as on the record date (to be notified later), of an issue size of Rs 53,125 crore." The rights entitlement ratio would be 1 equity share for every 15 equity shares held by eligible shareholders as on the record date. On the terms of payment of issue price, the filing said that 25 per cent would have to be paid on application and the balance amount in one or more calls as may be decided by the board or the committee of the board from time to time. - IANS

Jio Q4 net up 177%

NEW DELHI, April 30: Reliance Jio today posted 177.5 per cent year-on-year rise in net profit to Rs 2,331 crore for the three months ended March 31, fuelled by rising subscriber base and recent tariff hike. The net profit of Jio stood at Rs 840 crore in the year-ago period. Seen sequentially, the net profit grew 72.7 per cent when compared to Rs 1,350 crore in December quarter (Q3FY20). Jio's standalone revenue from operations for the fourth quarter stood at Rs 14,835 crore, which translates into year-on-year growth of 26.6 per cent. - PTI

PM directs handholding of investors to boost economy

NEW DELHI, April 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today directed that measures should be taken to handhold investors by adopting a more proactive approach and ensuring all Central and State clearances in a time-bound manner to boost the economy as the nation tackles the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis.

The direction is significant at a time when the economy is passing through its worst phase and there is a need to support investors.

The Prime Minister gave the instruction in a comprehensive meeting to discuss strategies to attract more foreign investments into India, as well as to promote local investments in order to give a boost to the economy against the backdrop of the pandemic-induced lockdown.

It was discussed that a scheme should be developed to promote more plug-and-play infrastructure in the existing industrial lands, plots, estates in the country and provide necessarv financing support.

Chairing the meeting, the Prime Minister directed that "action should be taken for a more proactive approach to handhold the investors, to look into their problems and help them in getting all the necessary Central and State clearances in a time-bound manner".

Various strategies to bring investments into India in a fast-track mode and to promote Indian domestic sectors were also discussed in the meeting which was attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Home Minister Amit Shah, Minister for Commerce and Industries Piyush Goyal, MoS Finance Anurag Thakur and senior officials.

Detailed discussions were held on guiding States to evolve their strategies and be more

proactive in attracting investments.

It was also discussed that the reform initiatives undertaken by the various ministries should continue unabated and action should be taken in a time-bound manner to remove any obstacles which impede promotion of investment and industrial growth.

It was the first such meeting taken in perspective of investors since the nationwide lockdown was imposed with the March 24 announcement of the Prime Minister.

After the extension of the restrictions with lockdown 2.0 for another 19 days, government's focus is now to boost the economy along with following the restrictions so that the novel coronavirus effect continues to decrease and is contained. The second phase of the lockdown is scheduled to end on May 3. – IANS

serve Bank of India (RBI) today extended the regulatory benefits announced under the SLF-MF scheme to all banks, irrespective of whether they avail funding from the Central Bank or deploy their

own resources. The RBI announced special liquidity facility for mutual funds (SLF-MF) worth Rs 50,000 crore on Monday to ease liquidity in the segment, which intensified in the wake of redemption pressures related to closure of some debt MFs and potential contagious effects.

The decision on the scheme followed Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund shutting down six of its funds due to credit issues.

It has now been decided that all banks meeting the liquidity requirements of MFs by extending loans, and undertaking outright purchase of repos against the collateral of investment grade corporate bonds, commercial paper (CPs), debentures and certificates of deposit (CDs) held by MFs will be eligible to claim all the regulatory benefits available under the SLF-MF scheme without the need to avail back-to-back funding from the RBI.

The bank claiming the regulatory benefits would only be required to submit a weekly statement containing consolidated information on entity-wise and instrument-wise loans and advances extended or investment made,

the apex bank said in a statement. On April 27, the Reserve Bank had announced the special liquidity facility to ease liquidity strains on MFs, which intensified in the

wake of redemption pressures related to closure of some debt MFs and potential contagious effects. Under the SLF-MF scheme, the RBI will conduct repo operations of 90 days tenor at the fixed repo rate. It is an "on-tap and open-ended", scheme and banks can submit their bids to avail funding. Besides, the scheme is available from April

27 till May 11, 2020 or "up to uti-

lisation of the allocated amount, whichever is earlier". "Liquidity support availed under the SLF-MF scheme would be eligible to be classified as held to maturity (HTM) even in excess of 25 per cent of total investment permitted to be included in the HTM portfolio. Exposures under this facility will not be reckoned under the large exposure framework (LEF)," an earlier RBI statement on the scheme has said.

The scheme had come after the suspension of redemptions in six Franklin Templeton bond funds, with combined assets under management (AUM) of approximately \$4.1 billion equivalent, on April 23, 2020, and outflows from other funds in March 2020. – IANS

Patowary reviews safety norms at Sun Pharma, ITC manufacturing units



Industries & Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary during his visit to ITC's Rampur plant on Thursday.

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GUWAHATI, April 30: Assam Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary today visited the manufacturing units of Sun Pharma at Palashbari and ITC at Rampur, and reviewed the COVID-19 safety norms at the plants.

These units manufacture essential medicines and essential food commodities respectively.

Patowary after visits to the units said, "We have visited the sites to check whether the norms issued by the Health department are fol-

lowed or not. But, the two plants here are maintaining the norms as per the advisory of the government. They are functioning with less than 50 per cent employees."

Patowary further added that 764 industries have been permitted to reopen in the State. Till date 25,991 workers have been engaged in these industrial units. that is an average of 35 workers in each industry. 783 big tea gardens and 1.18 lakh small tea gardens have been reopened. 508 tea factories and 296 bought-leaf factories are reoperating in the State. 7.33 lakh workers are being engaged in the big tea gardens and 3 lakh workers are being engaged in the small tea gardens. Regular visits are being made by the department officers for ensuring compliance of COVID-19 guidelines in the industrial units.

"Several factories in the northern part of Assam are still closed due to unavailability of coal in the plants," he added.

The minister also assured that the State government will provide full support to any issue or problem faced by the plants.

The representatives of the Sun Pharma unit informed the minister that the health and safety of the employees working at the plant remain top priority and both the plants are taking all required precautions to ensure a safe and hygienic work environment for them.

Besides drug manufacturing at the unit, Sun Pharma also runs a mobile healthcare unit (MHU) in Guwahati. The MHU provides free medicines, health check-ups and counselling to around 10,000 people spread across 20 villages.

The authorities of ITC, Rampur informed the minister that the food factory has 1,220 employees working in all lines on normal days. However, only 180 to 220 are working in the present situation. The food factory has also undertaken proper sanitisation at the snacks, biscuits and soap production facilities and equipment.

The unit handed over 15K litres of its produced juice worth Rs 10 lakh to the Industry department for onward distribution in relief of needy people across Assam. ITC, Rampur has invested Rs 267.70 crore in the plant which has production capacity of 3,420 tonne items per month.

Dr KK Dwivedi, Commissioner and Secretary of Industries and Commerce department, Oinam Sarankumar, Commissioner and MD, AIDC and other senior officials accompanied the minister.

Glenmark gets DCGI nod for clinical trials

NEW DELHI, April 30: Glenmark Pharmaceuticals today said it has become the first company in India to receive approval from Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to conduct clinical trials of Favipiravir antiviral tablets for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

Favipiravir tablets for treatment of COVID-19 patients

Having internally developed the active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and the formulations for the product, the company filed the product for clinical trials with the DCGI and has received approval for conducting the trial on mild-to-moderate patients, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals said in a statement.

The Mumbai-based company is the first pharmaceutical company in India to be given an approval by the regulator to start the trial on COVID-19 patients in the country, it added. Favipiravir has demonstrated activity against influenza viruses and has been approved in Japan for the treatment of novel influenza virus infections, it added.

As per the clinical trial protocol approved, 150 subjects with mild to moderate COVID-19 will be randomised in the study in a 1:1 ratio to Favipiravir with standard supportive care or standalone standard supportive care, the company said.

Treatment duration is a maximum of 14 days and the total study duration will be a maximum for 28 days from randomisation, it added. In the past few months, following the outbreak of COV-ID-19, multiple clinical trials have been initiated on such patients in China, Japan and in the US.

The drug firm said its product is a generic version of Japan-based Fujifilm Toyama Chemical Co Ltd's Avigan tablets. Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Executive Vice-President, Global R&D, Sushrut Kulkarni said the company is all geared up to immediately begin clinical trials of Favipiravir on COVID-19 patients in India. - PTI

Govt seeks suggestions from auto sector leaders for resource mop-up

Industry demands

financial package

NEW DELHI, April 30: The government today sought suggestions on methods of resource mobilisation from captains of the automobile industry, who raised several demands for a financial package to overcome the impact of the COVID-19-induced lockdown.

During a video-conference with leaders of the auto industry, Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Minister Prakash Ja-

vadekar asserted the government's support to the sector saying it has to be brought back "on the wheels" again consid-

ering its significance to the Indian economy.

The industry leaders, including Maruti Suzuki Managing Director and CEO Kenichi Ayukawa, M&M Managing Director Pawan Goenka, Hero MotoCorp CMD Pawan Munjal, SIAM President Rajan Wadhera and ACMA President Deepak Jain, raised various demands from the government, including reduction of GST on automobiles, support for liquidity, employment, retail sales and suppliers to revive growth in the segment.

"This industry is very important for India and we have to bring it back on the wheels," Javadekar said after the video-conference with the industry leaders.

He acknowledged the significance of the auto industry highlighting its contribution to India's GDP and overall manufacturing, besides being "a mass employment generator" and its role in exports from the country.

"Now, we have to concentrate on livelihood and that is what we discussed today (Thursday) and we discussed so many things. I also suggested them on how to raise resources, how to mobilise resources because putting up demand is one part of the story but suggesting various methods

> of resource mobilisation is also important and, therefore, it was a fruitful meeting and we are happy with it," the minister said.

Acknowledging the hardships the auto industry has gone through, he said that

last year, this industry suffered because of a planned migration from BS-IV to BS-VI with customers postponing purchases. "So, overall, there were many discussions and

demands of GST cuts, employment support, retail sales support, supplier support and liquidity support. So, naturally, what the industry has gone through, they have put up demand," he said. The minister added that the industry leaders

also suggested online registration of new vehicles, along with batch testing for factory workers before rejoining work, physical separators between two workers and sanitisation of selling points, among others.

Industry sources said they sought opening of dealerships and back-end activities to have seamless operations. – PTI

Gadkari launches portal for innovative MSME ideas

NEW DELHI, April 30: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari today launched a portal for uploading ideas and innovations regarding the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector.

The 'MSME Bank of Ideas, Innovation and Research' portal was launched via video-conference.

Registered users on the portal can share ideas, innovation and research, which will be reviewed by the officer concerned and published for public view.

The users can rate these ideas for crowd sourcing and venture capitalists can also connect with the users.

Besides, while interacting with members of the Maharashtra Economic Development Council, the minister said initiatives will have to be taken to locally produce all goods that are imported from China.

Gadkari also said he believes the global sentiment against China in the wake of COVID-19 crisis was a "blessing in disguise" for India and presents an excellent opportunity for the country to boost its exports and attract more foreign direct investment.

The minister said recommendations have been sent to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister for a "package", but did not clarify on the purpose of the package.

He also inaugurated the 'Ayush Entrepreneurship Development Program' via video-conference.

Meanwhile, the government is planning to launch a global market intelligence system in various languages and establish 100 export facilitation councils to boost exports from the MSME sector, a top official said today.

The initiatives will provide handholding support to MSMEs to enable them to export directly to world

MSME Secretary Arun Kumar Panda said talks were on with NITI Aayog to rank States on the basis of 4Es including employment generation, enterprise creation, exports and ease of doing business. He was speaking after the launch of 'MSME Bank of Ideas' by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari via video-conference.

Panda said efforts were also on to set up an MSME Gateway, "a unique digital platform where Indian MS-MEs will do business with SMEs of the world".

Panda said the MSME Gateway will help attract large-scale foreign direct investment. - PTI

EPFO allows firms to file PF returns without simultaneous due payment

NEW DELHI, April 30: Retirement fund body EPFO today allowed employers to file monthly PF returns without making simultaneous payment of dues, giving a relief to about 6 lakh firms amid lockdown to combat the COVID-19 crisis.

Currently, the employers are required to file provident fund (PF) returns and make payment of dues simultaneously.

The PF returns have details about employees' and employers' contributions towards the social security scheme run by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

During the ongoing coronavirus-induced lockdown, businesses are not able to function normally and are facing liquidity issues or cash crunch to pay their statutory dues even though they are retaining the employees on

their rolls, according to a statement by the Labour Ministry.

Keeping in view the situation and to further ease the compliance procedure under the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the filing of monthly electronic challan-cum-return (ECR) is separated from payment of the statutory contributions reported in the ECR, it said.

Now onwards, the ECR can be filed by an employer without any need of simultaneous payment of contributions, and contributions may be paid later by the employer after filing the ECR, it added.

Filing of ECR by the employer in time is indicative of the employer's intent to comply with norms and will not therefore attract penal consequences if the dues are paid within the extended time as announced by the government. - PTI

8 core industries' output contracts to record 6.5% in March

NEW DELHI, April 30: The output of Ministry released today. eight core infrastructure industries shrank by a record 6.5 per cent in March due to significant dip in production of crude oil, natural gas, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity amid the coronavirus lockdown.

The eight core sectors had expanded by 5.8 per cent in March 2019. In February this year, the sectors recorded a growth of 7 per cent.

Production of crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity contracted by 5.5 per cent, 15.2 per cent, 0.5 per cent, 11.9 per cent, 13 per cent, 24.7 per cent and 7.2 per cent, respectively, in the month under review, according to data of the Commerce and Industry

The growth rate of coal production declined to 4.1 per cent in March from 9.1 per cent in the same month of 2019.

During April-March 2019-20, core industries recorded 0.6 per cent growth against 4.4 per cent in 2018-19.

The record contraction in the growth rate of eight core sectors will have its impact on Index of Industrial Production (IIP). These sectors account for about 40.27 per cent in the IIP.

Commenting on the numbers, ICRA Vice-President Aditi Nayar said the core sector contraction in March 2020 represents the worst performance in the current series, even though it is surprisingly not as deep as

"we had feared".

The dip in contraction is at the record low as such a decline in a month was neither recorded in 2011-12 base year nor in 2004-05. "Based on the contraction in the core

sector, auto production and non-oil merchandise exports, we expect industrial output to contract by 15-20 per cent in March 2020," she said. With the lockdown in place throughout

April 2020, which is expected to have severely curtailed production in many core sectors, the contraction in core sector output is likely to worsen to alarming levels in that month, she added.

The outbreak of the virus has also impact-

ed the country's exports growth, which dipped by a record low of 34.6 per cent in March.

These contractions may have a bearing on the country's overall economic growth, which was estimated at 5 per cent in 2019-20.

Several multilateral agencies - including the IMF and World Bank – as well as rating agencies – like Moody's, Fitch and S&P – have significantly slashed India's growth projection for 2020-21 due to coronavirus outbreak.

Barring food and pharma companies, almost all the manufacturing units in the country are closed due to lockdown, imposed since March 25 this year to contain the spread of COVID-19. – PTI





Football's return 'good for everyone': Mourinho

LONDON, April 30: Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho believes bringing football back, even behind closed doors, would be a muchneeded morale boost for fans starved of action during the coronavirus crisis

No Premier League games have been played since March 9 due to the pandemic, which has claimed more than 26,000 British lives. Dutch football chiefs have called an end to the Eredivisie season while French sports minister Roxana Maracineanu on Thursday called for the French league to end

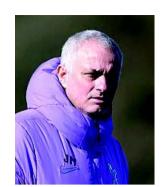
the Ligue 1 season.

England's top-flight clubs are due to meet on Friday with "Project Restart" at the top of their agenda. They will discuss how they can complete the season despite the logistical difficulties.

"I miss football," Mourinho told Sky Sports from the Tottenham Hotspur stadium, which has been transformed to house a testing centre, outpatient services for a local hospital and a food distribution hub.

"But I prefer to say I miss our world, like I think we all do. Football is just part of my

world. But we have to be patient, this is a fight that we all have to fight.'



Even if matches can return, they will be played behind closed doors for the foreseeable future to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. Mourinho, though, be-

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- Jose Mourinho lieves players will still be putting on a show for millions watching around the world.

"If we play the remaining nine matches this season it will be good for every one of us," he said. "It will be good for football, for the Premier League.

closed doors I'd like to think that football is never behind closed doors. "With cameras, it means

"If we play football behind

that millions and millions are watching. So if one day we walk into this empty stadium, it will not be empty, not at all."

Prior to the shutdown, Mourinho said he could not wait for the season to end due to a debilitating list of injuries.

Yet Spurs could make a late run to finish in the top four should the campaign get back under way, with Harry Kane, Moussa Sissoko, Steven Bergwijn and Son Heung-min – who is completing a short period of national service - now recovered

"They are recovered from their injuries, so Harry Kane is not injured, Moussa Sissoko is not injured, Steven Bergwijn is not injured, but it is one thing not to be injured, it's another thing to be ready to play football," Mourinho added. - AFP

from injury.

Chuni Goswami passes away at 82

KOLKATA, April 30: Legendary former India football team captain Chuni Goswami died at a private city hospital here on Thursday after suffering from prolonged illness. He was 82. He is survived by his wife Basanti and son Sudipto.

"He suffered a cardiac arrest and breathed his last in the hospital at around 5 pm," a family source said.

Goswami was captain of the 1962 Asian Games gold-medal winning team and had also represented Bengal in first-class cricket tournaments.

For the last few months, Goswami was suffering from underlying ailments with sugar, prostrate and nerve problems. Goswami played 50 matches for India from 1956 to 1964. As a cricketer, he represented Bengal in 46 first-class games

between 1962 and 1973. Under his leadership, India bagged gold in the 1962 Asian Games, finished runner-up in the Asian Cup in 1964 and narrowly lost to Burma in Mardeka football six months later.

Goswami always donned the Mohun Bagan jersey and is a

club legend. - IANS

Labuschangne, Burns among six new faces to land CA contracts

MELBOURNE, April 30: Senior batsmen Usman Khawaja and Shaun Marsh missed out but the fast-rising Marnus Labuschagne and Joe Burns were rewarded for their performances in Cricket Australia's annual player contracts announced

The list, which has come later than scheduled due to the upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, features six new faces for the 2020-21 season - Mitchell Marsh, Ashton Agar, Burns, Labuschagne, Kane Richardson and Matthew Wade to the list.

"Marnus's rise has been meteoric and well-documented, Joe has been a good Test match player, Ashton Agar's form in T20 internationals has been exceptional, while Kane Richardson has been outstanding in the 20-over and one-day games," Chief selector Trevor Hohns said in a statement on Thursday.

Labuschagne has risen to No. 3 in ICC rankings after making Test debut for Australia in 2018. In 14 Tests he has played, Labuschagne averages over 63 and has accumulated 1459 runs. Burns averages over 50 in both Tests and ODIs. - PTI

Police file reveals suspicions of Blatter in FIFA TV deal

LAUSANNE, April 30: A police report obtained by AFP showed that suspicions of impropriety against fallen FIFA boss Sepp Blatter over a controversial TV deal "were wellfounded" despite Swiss prosecutors dropping the case.

Swiss legal chiefs suspected Blatter of having signed a "contract unfavourable to FIFA" with the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) then led by Jack Warner, who has since been banned from football for life and charged with corruption by American jus-



tice officials.

The deal had granted television rights for the 2010 and 2014 World Cups to the CFU for \$600,000 (536,000 euros), an amount deemed to be significantly below market price.

Warner's interests than those of FIFA," said one of the documents from the investigation.

"By failing to assert a claim by FIFA against the CFU when he found out about it, Blatter accepted that Warner would therefore illegally enrich himself at the expense of FIFA," added the investigators.

As a result of "the inaction of Blatter against the CFU or Warner, FIFA suffered damages amounting to \$3.78 million." - AFP

RR launches

NEW DELHI, April 30: Indian Premier League side Rajasthan Royals have launched a fundraiser on social networking site Facebook for the fight against the COVID-19

fundraiser

pandemic.

The franchise has set up a dedicated fundraiser page on Facebook where donors can contribute towards Gram Chetna Kendra, an NGO that works in Rajasthan with a focus on children and women projects.

The funds received via this initiative will focus on extending help to women and dependent families from underprivileged households in the state of Rajasthan by providing over 200,000 nutritious meals. - PTI

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COVID-19 outbreak will not affect women's sport: Perry

SYDNEY, April 30: Amidst concerns that cash-strapped governing bodies will give priority to men's events over lesslucrative women's fixtures once the health crisis triggered by COVID-19 pandemic is over, star Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry believes that women sport will emerge unscathed. Sporting activities around the world have been brought to

a grinding halt by the coronavirus outbreak. Boards like Cricket Australia are facing a financial crisis and were forced to lay off majority of their staff but Perry believes that

governing bodies will look for new ways of revenue generation. 'Sport in general is resilient and I can't actually see it having a long-lasting negative effect," Perry told the Australian Associated Press.

"It's certainly made organisations rethink how they run their sports and their codes and potentially strip it back to what is really important.

"That's not necessarily a bad thing. I don't think it's going to affect women's sport. It's become so apparent that if you want all your population engaging in your code you need to engage all the population. And part of that is having women's involvement," she added.

Women's cricket has enjoyed unprecedented attention in the recent years, with about 86,000 spectators attending the Twenty20 World Cup final between Australia and India, last month. – PTI

GUWAHATI, April 30: Former secretary of the Assam

Donation to Assam Arogya Nidhi

Cricket Association Bikash Baruah and ex-State player Susanta Biswa Sarma, who are the president and secretary of the Natun Sarania Gandhi Basti Rajahua Mandir Parisalana Samittee, in a release stated that the organisation has donated an amount of Rs 30,000 to the Assam Arogya Nidhi.

Cycling Association of Assam: The Cycling Association of Assam (CAA) has donated Rs 25,000 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and Rs 25,000 to the Assam Arogya Nidhi. The cheques were handed over to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma respectively, informed CAA secretary Dr Tapan Das and joint secretary Dibya Jyoti Rajkhowa in a release. The amount have been donated to fight against the coronavirus pandemic.



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