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October 16 fixed as last date of filing nominations

Panchayat by-elections in Arunachal to be held on Nov 6 for 54 vacant seats: SEC

ITANAGAR, Oct 06: The Arunachal Pradesh State Election Commission (SEC) on Friday announced by-elections to 54 vacancies of gram panchayat constituencies and two vacant seats in Zila Parishad constituencies to be held in the State on November 6, 2023.

The seats fall vacant due to various reasons including death and resignation from the posts, State Election Commissioner (SEC) Rinchin Tashi told a press conference here.

The Commission would issue a public notice in this regard on October 9 while the last date of filing nominations has been fixed on October 16.

Scrutiny of papers would be held on October 18 while the last date of withdrawal of papers is October 21, the SEC said adding, the counting of votes would be held on November 8.



Arunachal Pradesh has a total of 25 Zila Parishads with 242 constituencies and 2,115 gram panchayats with 8,145 seats. Election to 40-gram panchayat seats and one in

Zila Parishad in Vijoyanagar administrative sub-division under Changlang district has, however, has been kept pending due to law and order and other administrative issues, Tashi said.

"As per the report of the district election officer, circumstances are not conducive for holding elections at Vijoyanagar," the SEC said without elaborating on the issues.

With the announcement of elections, the Model Code of Conduct came into force from Friday with a view to ensure free, fair and peaceful by-elections, and shall be applied to all political parties, candidates, MPs, ministers, MLAs, Advisors, employees of state and central governments, CPSUs and local bodies, Tashi said.

"Over 500 election officials will be engaged for the election process which will be conducted in 73 polling stations in 23 districts of the state," the SEC informed, adding that security assessment would be done by the respective district election officer as per prevailing situations and inputs given by respective superintendents of police (SPs).

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First experience Arunachal's growth & comment, State BJYM president tells national leaders



By Nipiyoti Kalita

YUPIA, Oct 06: State BJYM president Ritemso Manyu today called upon the national leaders to visit Arunachal Pradesh, personally witness the State's development, and experience the State's growth before giving any comments. Manyu made the call during a grand reception held at Tigdo village in Yupia, organized by the BLC Parsi Parlo area to celebrate Kamdek Ampa's appointment as the president of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Kurung Kumey district unit.

Addressing an enthusiastic audience, Manyu highlighted the remarkable progress achieved in Arunachal Pradesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

He underscored some major development projects including the Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar, the extensive National Highway connecting multiple districts, Tezu Airport, and the improved infrastructure in border areas, along with advancements in the medical sector and communication sector.

Manyu cautioned against quick judgments by opposition leaders from mainland India, asserting

that "it is unjust" to comment on Arunachal Pradesh's development without spending time in the State.

While citing a recent comment by Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh, Manyu said, "One cannot truly grasp the State's transformation in just 1-2 hours. To provide informed opinions, national leaders must explore Arunachal Pradesh firsthand."

Furthermore, Manyu called upon all BJYM members (karyakartas) to work diligently and earnestly to realise the vision set by Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Khandu for the State. (Cont. P.6)

RGU's Faculty of Agricultural Sciences shines at Megha Start-up Expo 2023



RONO HILLS, Oct 06: In a remarkable display of expertise and innovation, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) made a significant impact at the recently concluded Megha Start-up Expo 2023 organized by

North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Meghalaya at its Tura Campus.

The team, led by Dr. Arindam Barman, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Horticulture, was attended by Dr. Ashim Deb Nath, Assistant Profes-

sor and Head (I/c), Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Dr. Samikhya Bhuyan, Assistant Professor and Head (I/c), Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Dr. Yashi Umbrey, Head (I/c), Department of Plant Pathology, and Neha M. Sangma, Project Assistant, Bio-Resources Development Hub and showcased their prowess in the event. The team was guided and supported by Prof. Sumpam Tangiang, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

The expo, held from October 3-5, (Cont. P.6)

Alleged Seppa sex racket case APWWS delegation meets DGP, seeks re-investigation by woman police officer

ITANAGAR, Oct 06: A delegation of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) met State DGP Anand Mohan here today and submitted a memorandum where it sought re-investigation into the case of alleged sex racket at Seppa by a woman police officer.

Though the memorandum, signed by Kani Nada Maling, president, central executive committee (CEC) of APWWS, the organization drew attention of the DGP to its strong concerns

regarding the recent Seppa sex racket case and the overall safety of women and minor school-going girls in the State.

It said, "During our visit to Seppa, we observed grave discrepancies in the investigation conducted by the East Kameng Police." As per the allegation, "minor girls" are lured into a "sex racket".

"An FIR was lodged on August 29, 2023, and subsequent arrests resulted in the suspects being released due (Cont. P.6)

Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy felicitates wushu players Onilu, Nyeman, Mepung



ITANAGAR, Oct 06: The Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy (SLSA), Chimpu in Itanagar was filled with pride as it felicitated its wushu players Onilu Tega, Nyeman Wangsu, and Mepung Lamgu, who earned the prestigious opportunity to participate in the 19th Asian Games held at Hangzhou in China.

The event took place today in the presence of the Director of Sports, officers of the Sports department and Principal of SLSA along with faculty members and students.

The three talented athletes, under the expert and able guidance of their dedicated coach, M. Premchandra Singh, have

been diligently honing their skills since their admission to Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy in 2013.

"Their selection for the Asian Games was a testament to their unwavering commitment to their sport and their relentless pursuit of excellence. Despite the challenges posed by the accreditation card (visa dispute) by the host nation, the athletes shared their heartfelt thoughts on the honour of being selected to represent their nation in the prestigious event," said Tadar Appa, Director, Sports, Chimpu. (Cont. P.6)

DNGC becomes first educational institution to organise Amrit Kaal Vimarsh lecture



ITANAGAR, Oct 06: Dera Natung Government College (DNGC) has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first educational institution in all of India to organise the 'Amrit Kaal Vimarsh Viksit Bharat

@2047' event today with sponsorship from ICSSR.

'Amrit Kaal' as envisioned by the Prime Minister, aims to transform India into a developed nation where the benefits of development reach every corner and every citizen as the country celebrates its 100 years of independence in 2047.

Dr. Joram Begi, former Director of the Department of Higher and Technical Education (Cont. P.6)

Ziro Butterfly Meet launched, DC underscores role of butterflies as environmental indicator

ZIRO, Oct 06: The 10th edition of Ziro Butterfly Meet (ZBM) was officially launched at the old DC conference hall here yesterday.

The inaugural function was graced by ZBM patron, Agriculture & Allied Minister Er. Tage Taki and chief guest Lower Subansiri Deputy Commissioner Bamin Nime.

Deputy Commissioner Nime underscored the critical role of butterflies as environmental indicators, highlighting they thrive in clean environments. He stressed the importance of protecting the environment to conserve biodiversity, acknowledging the heritage of the Apatani people of Ziro, who have long been stewards of their natural



resources. As a symbol of commitment to a cleaner environment, the DC distributed paper bags to promote a garbage-free environment and to uphold the dignity of labour. This gesture encapsulates the ethos of ZBM, which places a strong emphasis on sustainable practices and environmental conservation in Ziro.

Additionally, the Gaon Bura-Gaon Buri Association has also lent their support to the event. ZBM has been an annual tradition since its inception in 2014, organized by Ngunu Ziro in collaboration with the Forest Department. ZBM holds a special place in the region, as it was the pioneering butterfly meet in Arunachal Pradesh, serving as an inspiration for similar events in Pasighat and Namdapha. The core objective of this event is to inspire and educate local youth about the rich biodiversity and the impor-

tance of conservation. Notably, ZBM places a strong emphasis on sustainability, with cloth banners replacing traditional plastic ones, and a commitment to avoid single-use plastic water bottles throughout the event.

The event also featured an informative presentation about Tale Valley, established as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1995 by converting a Reserve Forest. Encompassing 337 square kilometers and spanning altitudes from 1700 to 2700 meters, Tale Valley boasts of a diverse flora and fauna. It is often referred to as the 'Floral Paradise' due to its abundant presence of over 100 medicinal plant species, 200 fern species, (Cont. P.6)

Ering launches compulsory rotating medical internship prog for TRIHMS students at Ruksin



By Our Reporter

RUKSIN, Oct 06: Pasighat West MLA Ninong Ering today launched the compulsory rotating internship (CRMI) programme for the students of Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) here at Tasi Panggeng Community Health Centre (TPCHC), FRU, Ruksin in East Siang district.

Inaugurating the programme, MLA Ering said, "It is an opportunity for the TPCHC, Ruksin to

host the two-month-long programme which would be much beneficial for the students pursuing medical study at TRIHMS. "It is mandatory and necessary to get the ground health status. Every student should have exposure to the rural health scenario so that after getting into the patients can easily know the problems being faced by the rural patients and can be able to treat them," said Ering. Ering told the students, "We have full expectations

from you, the upcoming doctors, who can understand the challenges in treating the rural people as most of India's population resides in villages and rural areas and they need more support from all stakeholders. You are our future. So always try to learn more as the learning process never ends and become good doctors to serve the society bypassing all challenges even if the work is fast growing with the intervention of technology." He asked (Cont. P.6)

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NTA UGC NET 2023-JRF & Asst Professor Exam

NTA UGC NET Notification 2023
National Testing Agency (NTA) has released the official notification of NTA UGC NET 2023 for 'Assistant Professor' and 'Junior Research Fellowship & Assistant Professor' both for December 2023. Candidates who fulfill the below mentioned eligibility criteria may read this article and apply online for these vacancy.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct UGC-NET December 2023 for 'Junior Research Fellowship' and eligibility for 'Assistant Professor' in 83 subjects in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode.

NTA UGC NET Exam Details
Name of exam: NTA UGC NET December 2023
Exam conducting body: National Testing Agency (NTA)
Exam level: National
Exam mode: CBT (Online)
Exam duration: 180 minutes
Date of exam: 6th December 2023 to 22nd December 2023
Official Website: <https://ugcnet.nta.nic.in>
Helpline: 011-40759000/011-69227700 | ugcnet@nta.ac.in
Eligibility Criteria of NTA UGC NET Exam
Age Limit:
JRF: Not more than 30 years as on 1st day of the month in which the examination is concluded i.e. 01.12.2023. A relaxation of upto 5 years is provided to the candidates belonging to OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD/Third gender categories and to women applicants.
Assistant Professor: There is no upper age limit in applying for UGC-NET for Assistant Professor.

Educational Qualification:
General/ Unreserved/ General-EWS candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's Degree or equivalent examination from universities/institutions recognized by UGC (available on the website: www.ugc.ac.in in Humanities and Social Science (including languages), Computer Science and Applications, Electronic Science etc. are eligible for this Test.
Candidates who are pursuing their Master's degree or equivalent course or candidates who have appeared for their qualifying Master's degree (final year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of JRF/eligibility for Assistant Professor only after they have passed their Master's Degree or equivalent examination with at least 55% marks (50% marks in case of OBC-NCL / SC / ST / PwD / Third gender category candidates). Such candidates must complete their Master's degree or equivalent examination within two years from the date of NET result with required percentage of marks, failing which they shall be treated as disqualified.

Important Dates of NTA UGC NET Exam 2023
Starting date of online application submission: 30th September 2023
Last date of online application submission: 28th October 2023 up to 05:00 PM
Downloading of CSIR UGC NET Admit Cards: To be updated
Date of NTA UGC NET Examination: 06th December 2023 to 22nd December 2023

RBI Assistant Recruitment 2023 – 450 Assistant Vacancy

Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
Last Date: 04/10/2023.
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released an employment notification for the recruitment of 450 Assistant vacancy. Interested and eligible candidates may apply online here. RBI Assistant Recruitment 2023
Name of post: Assistant
No of posts: 450 posts
Category-wise vacancy:
SC: 45
ST: 56 # OBC: 71
EWS: 37
UR: 241
No of posts @ Assam: 26 (at Guwahati)
Pay Scale: Selected Candidates will draw a starting basic pay of ₹20,700/- per month in the scale of ₹20700 – 1200 (3) – 24300 – 1440 (4) – 30060 – 1920 (6) – 41580 – 2080 (2) – 45740 – 2370 (3) – 52850 – 2850 (1) – 55700 and other allowances, as admissible from time to time.
Eligibility Criteria of RBI Assistant Recruitment
Age Limit: Candidates' age must be between 20 and 28 years. Candidates born not earlier than 02/09/1995 and not later than 01/09/2003 (both days inclusive) are only eligible to apply.
Age Relaxation: Category-wise age relaxation is as mentioned below.
SC/ST: 5 years # OBC: 3 years # PWD/UR: 10 years # PWD/ OBC: 13 years # PWD/ SC-ST: 15 years
Educational Qualification: Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with a minimum of 50% marks (pass class for SC/ST/ PWD candidates) in the aggregate and the knowledge of word processing on PC.
Local Language Proficiency: Candidates applying for post in a particular recruiting Office should be proficient in the language (i.e., know to read, write, speak and understand the language) of the state/ any of the states falling under the recruiting Office.
Application Fee:
SC/ST/PWD/EXS: Rs 50/-plus 18% GST
UR/EWS/OBC: Rs 450/-plus 18% GST
Important Dates of RBI Assistant Vacancy 2023
Starting Date of online application submission: September 13th, 2023
Last Date of online application submission: October 04th, 2023
Date of Online Preliminary Test: October 21st, 2023 & October 23rd, 2023
Date of Online Main Test: December 02nd, 2023

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- 9760534069 - Water
- 9760534073 - Health Problems

TIP OF THE DAY

How almonds were used in ancient times

Almonds were a common ingredient in cosmetic preparations in ancient time.

Almonds were used to create tonics in the ancient Indian medical system of Ayurveda that were thought to increase vigour and energy.

Various skin diseases, such as eczema and rashes, were treated topically with almond paste and oil.

Almonds were regarded as having analgesic qualities. Headaches and other forms of pain were treated with products containing almonds.

Almonds were regarded as a food that may enhance cognition in some prehistoric societies because of the notion that they have memory-enhancing and cognitive-enhancing capabilities.



Product Review - No Stress for the Tress

With ingredients such as coconut oil, curry leaves, brahmi and bhringraj, the oil focuses on controlling hair fall and dandruff.

Come autumn and hair fall problems skyrocket for me. From trying homemade remedies to masks and oils, I go from pillar to post to counter it. This time I decided to give the Black Charm hair oil from the Secret Haircare a try. And I was not disappointed.

With ingredients such as coconut oil, curry leaves, brahmi and bhringraj, the oil focuses on controlling hair fall and dandruff. The product also claims to aid hair growth. While I can't say much about hair growth—given that I have used it only for a fortnight—the oil does a pretty good job of controlling hair fall.

What I liked most about it is that it does not sit heavy on the scalp, washes off easily and has a pleasant aroma. If you are planning to use it overnight, I suggest using a showercap or placing a hand towel on the pillow to protect it from staining. While the oil is not exactly cheap,



it is worth every penny.
Black Charm hair oil Price: Rs 1,049
Available at: thesecrethaircare.com

Structured Approach To Build A Successful Career In Travel & Tourism

By Vijay GarG

The tourism and hospitality sector is one of the largest employment generators in India, accounting for nearly 80 million direct and indirect jobs in FY2020. The current growth projections in the industry point to a manifold increase in the tourism workforce and the revival of tourism that has led to a surge in demand for various travel-related services, including travel agents, tour operators, travel consultants, and destination specialists. As more people explore domestic and international travel options, the need for knowledgeable and skilled professionals to assist with trip planning, itinerary customisation, and logistical support will increase significantly. The need for talent will be more pronounced in the professional segment, as the country serves increasingly savvy and demanding tourists from India and abroad. The rapid digital transformation in the tourism industry has created new roles and opportunities for travel professionals.

Online travel agencies, travel technology companies, and digital marketing agencies are expanding their teams to meet the growing demands of travellers in the digital realm. Professionals skilled in digital marketing, content creation, social media management, and data analysis will be in high demand. With the



rise of niche tourism segments such as eco-tourism, adventure tourism, and wellness tourism, there is a growing demand for professionals with expertise in these areas. Travel professionals who can offer specialised guidance, create tailored experiences, and provide in-depth knowledge about specific destinations or activities will be sought after. Destination management professionals will be another sought-after role to support the massive tourism growth to ensure the smooth operation of tourist activities, manage crowds, coordinate with local stakeholders, and maintain a positive visitor experience.

Building a career:

While the travel and tourism sector may present a wide range of career opportunities, securing desired jobs and subsequent career growth will be highly competitive. To be successful in this competitive backdrop, it is important to identify the demand and challenges to hone your skills.

Gain relevant education and training:
Obtaining a formal education or certification in tourism or hospitality management gives a strong foundation in industry knowledge. Look for reputable institutions that offer courses or programmes tailored to tourism careers. Premier institutes like IIM Sirmaur offer specialised MBA in Tourism

programmes that provide special emphasis on familiarising students with ground-level operations, business strategies and marketing of tourism products and services. Additionally, you should consider attending workshops, seminars, and online training programmes to enhance your skills in areas including customer service, marketing, and destination management.

Demand for niche expertise:
Tourism is a multifaceted industry which demands a diverse range of skills. Apart from industry-specific knowledge, focus on developing skills such as communication, problem-solving, leadership, and cultural sensitivity. Build

upon the wider skill sets by developing expertise in emerging areas of travel and tourism, to get the edge. Students can also explore the fast-growing travel sub-sectors that include Medical Tourism and Sustainable Tourism or technology areas such as Machine Learning/ Artificial Intelligence and Augmented/Virtual Reality.

Practical experience matters:
Seek opportunities to gain practical experience in the tourism industry through internships, part-time jobs, or volunteering at travel agencies, hotels, tour operators, or destination management organisations. Your passion for travel can also take shape as a travel photogra-

pher, blogger, vlogger, which will enhance your career scope. Practical experience not only helps students apply their theoretical knowledge, but also allows them to network across the industry.

Reach out and network:
Like any other field, networking is crucial for career growth in the tourism industry. Attend industry events, trade shows, conferences, and seminars to connect with professionals and potential employers. Join industry associations, online forums, and social media groups related to tourism to stay updated on industry trends, job opportunities, and to build connections. Building and nurturing professional relationships can lead to valuable mentorship, job referrals, and collaboration opportunities.

Stay updated:
The tourism industry is dynamic and ever-evolving, and hence it is important to stay updated with the latest trends, technologies, and market demands. Subscribe to industry publications, follow influential travel blogs, and engage in continuous learning through online courses or certifications. By keeping up with industry changes, you can position yourself as a knowledgeable professional and adapt to the evolving needs of the industry.

(The author is retired Principal, PES-1, educational columnist)

Losing weight, building muscle, creams or massage? How to lose cellulite in your thighs

If you thought that you were the only one embarrassed about the puckered-up skin and the lumpy fat mass around your thighs, upper arms and bellies, know that you have company. That's because about 90 per cent women above 21 years are fighting cellulite, a fatty tissue deep in the skin that pushes past a connective tissue and forms creases, bumps, troughs and nodes on the skin surface. It's mostly noticeable in areas of fat storage such as the thighs, buttocks and hips.

While there is no universal solution to completely eliminate cellulite, you can manage it and reduce its visibility. Besides, it is harmless beyond having a psychological effect on appearance-conscious women.

What causes cellulite?
The hormone estrogen plays a significant role in cellulite formation, which is why men do not develop this condition. "It promotes fat storage, contributing to larger fat cells and more visible cellulite. During menopause, when estrogen levels decrease, cellulite may become more noticeable due to the natural thinning out of the skin," says Dr

Ankita Pant, Consultant, Dermatology, Max Multi Speciality Centre, Panchsheel Park, Delhi.

Usually cellulite manifests during high-estrogen states, such as pregnancy, lactation, long term oral contraceptive use or hormone replacement therapy in post-menopausal women. Other factors which can lead to an increase in cellulite formation are increasing age, poor lifestyle and obesity. "Poor blood circulation and chronic inflammation, often stemming from an unhealthy lifestyle, can exacerbate cellulite. Factors such as processed food consumption, high fat/sugar/salt intake, alcohol consumption, smoking and a sedentary lifestyle can contribute to cellulite development," adds Dr Pant. Genetics also have a role.

So, what happens under the skin?
The layers beneath the skin comprise a superficial layer of fat, fibrous tissues that hold this fat, called septae, a deeper layer of fat and more fibrous tissue. "The complex interplay between the blood supply, fat distribution and arrangement of septae causes a



mechanical pull into the skin giving rise to dimples," says Dr Mahima Agarwal, Consultant, Dermatology, Fortis Hospital, Shalimar Bagh.

How to improve the appearance of cellulite?
Dr Pant suggests some lifestyle changes. "Lose weight, exercise to improve blood circulation (this curbs dislodging of tissues), control sugar, alcohol and salt intake to reduce water retention and incorporate cardio and

strength training. The idea is to reduce body fat and tone-affected areas, build lean mass and camouflage cellulite," she says.

What are effective cellulite treatment options?
1. Retinol creams: These stimulate collagen, reducing the bumpiness of cellulite-affected skin when used consistently over several months. Some have found relief in topical caffeine.
2. Vacuum-assisted massage, which is mechanical

stimulation of circulation, helps in lymphatic drainage and is known to provide temporary relief.
3. Acoustic Wave Therapy: This, says Dr Pant, involves a minimum of six sessions of shock wave therapy and can break down fat, improve circulation and boost local collagen production.
4. Radio-frequency treatments: These reduce fat volume in cellulite-affected areas and thicken the dermis by inducing collagen

production.
5. Laser treatment with devices like Cellulaze have demonstrated effectiveness for up to a year.
6. Injectable fillers can smoothen skin too.

What about oral supplements?
These mainly improve skin appearance and hide the dimples. "Supplements containing extracts of Vitis vinifera, Ginkgo biloba, Centella asiatica, Melilotus officinalis, Fucus vesiculosus, fish oil, aronia juice and borage oil are thought to be useful in cellulite treatment because of their antioxidant effects. Studies have revealed that oral collagen supplementation over six months may improve cellulite appearance," says Dr Agarwal.

Do you need surgical intervention?
There are subcision treatments which use a special needle to break up the fibrous cords that pull the skin downwards, reducing the appearance of cellulite. "But liposuction, mesotherapy (boosting local fat burn) and cryolipolysis (using cold temperature to break fat cells) have no effect," says Dr Pant.

69th National Wildlife Week celebrated at Itanagar

Minister Natung urges all stakeholders to protect wildlife & their natural habitats

ITANAGAR, Oct 06: The 69th National Wildlife Week was celebrated in Biological Park, Itanagar here today in presence of Mama Natung, Minister, EF&CC as Chief Guest, Anand Mohan, IPS, Director General of Police and other top officials.

While speaking on the occasion, Minister Natung highlighted the importance of wild animals in the natural ecosystem. He urged all stakeholders to protect wildlife and their natural habitats.

Dr Sharat Chauhan, IAS, Principal Secretary, EF&CC, Jitendra Kumar, PCCF & HoFF, AK Biswal, PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden in-charge and other senior officers of the State government, representatives of Biological Institutions, Corporators, ZPM, office-bearers of Biological Park & Gyekar



Syenik Development Society, NGOs, students and local residents were also present at the function.

On the occasion, an exhibition of photographs of wildlife of Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated by Minister Natung.

Photos depicting wildlife of the State were displayed in the exhibition.

A book titled 'Splendid Wildlife Habitat of

Arunachal Pradesh' was also released by Minister Natung. The book is an extensive compilation of information about wildlife areas of Arunachal Pradesh, along with the pictorial depiction of their wild fauna and flora.

It is an important book which will facilitate in generating awareness on the natural wildlife habitat of the State and will serve a

long way in wildlife conservation efforts of the government. It is hoped the valuable guidance given by the minister on the occasion would motivate all the forest officers and other stakeholders for better performance in conservation of the forest and preservation of wildlife.

The Principal Secretary in his speech emphasized upon taking proper mea-

asures for protection of wildlife and their protected areas.

DGP Mohan highlighted the significant value of the biodiversity present in Arunachal Pradesh and expressed the need to protect this wealth of biodiversity which exists in the State.

The PCCF & HoFF in his keynote address highlighted the importance of collective efforts for protection of wildlife. He expressed the need for adopting the theme of United Nations title partnership for forest conservation.

The National Wildlife Week is celebrated across the country during October 2-8 every year since 1954, with the objective to create an awareness to inherit our rich tradition of protection, preservation and conservation of all species of wildlife and other forms of life on earth.

Mock drill at Ranli village on handling post-earthquake scenario



DOIMUMUKH, Oct 06: The personnel of 12 NDRF conducted a mock exercise on how to handle earthquake-

like situations in coordination with the district administration and other stakeholders at Ranli vil-

lage under Dibang valley today.

Total 268 personnel participated in the mock exercise. The mock exercise started with meticulous planning on the collapsed structure scenario by earthquake.

During the exercise, the NDRF team demonstrated collapse structure search and rescue (CSSR) cutting methods, medical first aid techniques, evacuation techniques and rope rescue techniques to rescue trapped victims.

Exposure trip: AUS students visit Guwahati pharma co

NAMSAL, Oct 06: As a part of its industry exposure initiative, the students from School of Pharmacy, Arunachal University of Studies (AUS) visited Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, Guwahati.

During the visit, students were exposed to various testing procedures and

SOPs that are required to be followed while working in the pharmaceutical industry.

They were also provided a tour of various company divisions such as Quality Assurance, Production etc. Sun Pharma executives - Srinivas Samakuri, Head, Quality Assurance

(Parenterals) and Himanshu Kakati, Production Manager - briefed the students about the latest industry trends and how students can explore a career in pharmacy.

The trip was led by Prof. (Dr.) Shantanu Bandopadhyay, Principal, School of Pharmacy, AUS.

Meet on education challenges, improvement strategies held in Kurung Kumey

Teachers' absenteeism, drug abuse top the agenda

KOLORIANG, Oct 06: In a crucial meeting held on Thursday, the Deputy Commissioner of Kurung Kumey District Ibom Tao, engaged in a comprehensive discussion with the teaching and non-teaching staff of the district's Education Department.

The meeting centered around addressing the existing challenges in the education system in the district and devising strategies for its enhancement.

In the meeting, the DC acknowledged the poor state of education system in the district and expressed deep concern over various issues plaguing the system.

One of the key concerns discussed was teacher absenteeism and the practice of proxy teaching, which hampers the quality of education.

The DC stressed on the importance of regular attendance and vowed to en-

force stricter monitoring to curb this issue.

Recognising the significance of early childhood care and education, emphasis was given on improving the performance of ECCE programmes to lay a strong educational foundation for children in the district.

The meeting also addressed the sensitive topic of teachers struggling with substance abuse, particularly drugs and alcoholism.

The DC underscored the importance of providing support to teachers facing such challenges and promoting their well-being. Maintaining a clean and healthy learning environment was another focal point of the discussion.

The DC emphasised the need for schools to prioritise health and hygiene to ensure the well-being of students and staff alike. The importance of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in



promoting nutrition and attendance in schools was also highlighted. Plans were discussed to ensure the efficient and timely distribution of meals to all eligible students in the district.

Concern over the low pass percentages in Class X and XII CBSE Exams the previous year was raised and DC called for a concerted effort from all corners to improve the overall performance this coming season.

Strategies to provide additional support to students, including extra coaching and counseling,

were discussed.

The DC highlighted the importance of regular Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) and the pivotal role of School Management Development Committees (SMDC) and School Management Committees (SMC) in enhancing the overall educational experience. These platforms were seen as essential for fostering collaboration and community involvement. The meeting also delved into the NEP 2020's implementation in the district.

The DC stressed on the need for aligning the cur-

riculum with the new policy's guidelines, promoting holistic education, and fostering a culture of innovation and research in schools.

Key officials from the Education department, including the DDSE, headmasters of various schools, BRCCs, CRCCs, teachers and all the administrative officers participated in the meeting. It concluded with a commitment to collaborative efforts to achieve these educational objectives and enhance the quality of education in Kurung Kumey District.

Farmers' training conducted at Changprong village

TAWANG, Oct 06: An awareness -cum- training programme was held at Changprong Village by District Agriculture Officer, Tawang which was attended by 40 farmers and field functionaries.

KB Kayastha, Entomologist, Tawang, briefed the farmers regarding different CSS and State Plan schemes and encouraged them to take up scientific crop cultivation practices.

He further elaborated about eligibility criteria and benefits of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme which is a Government of India-initiated programme that aims to provide minimum income support of up to Rs. 6000 to all small and marginal farmers per annum in three equal instalments of Rs. 2000 each, every four months.

Toli Bam, District Agriculture Officer also interacted

with the farmers and asked them to take advantage of the flagship programmes. Farmers were also made aware of programmes like PMJJY, PMSBY, PMJAY, CMAAY, e-Shram Card, etc. The officers also explained to the farmers regarding doubts about ongoing programmes. The Department of Agriculture is organising this kind of programme in different Vibrant Villages in the district.

Citizens' help sought to identify unknown patient at TRIHMS



NAHARLAGUN, Oct 06: The district administration of the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) has requested the people of the city if any person has any idea about an unknown patient who is undergoing treatment at Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun or they know about any missing case.

The people of the city have been urged by the district administration to report to the Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS), TRIHMS, Naharlagun at 6009868158 or contact the DC, Capital Itanagar at 94360419972.

While informing about the patient, an official statement said: "A communication has been received from CMS TRIHMS, Naharlagun that an unidentified patient has been admitted to TRIHMS on October 3 last by police personnel."

The patient is in an unconscious state and the identity of the patient couldn't be traced out as there is no attendant/relative with the patient. All required treatments are

being provided by TRIHMS including free investigation and medicines.

However, as per the treating consultant, the patient requires urgent neurosurgical intervention and as there is no Neurosurgeon at TRIHMS, the patient needs to be referred outside the State for treatment.

The patient is currently admitted to bed No. 156 under surgery department at TRIHMS Naharlagun, the statement further said.

PROVIDING PROJECT SUPERVISION SERVICES AT VARIOUS AMRIT BHARAT STATION CONSTRUCTION SITES/SECTIONS
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. TSK/Engg/99 of 2023; dated 03-10-2023. E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work. Item No.1; Brief Description of item: At Tinsukia Division:- Providing project supervision services at various Amrit Bharat Station Construction Sites/Sections in the jurisdiction at stations of Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Tinsukia. Tender Value: ₹1,48,53,748/-; Earnest Money: ₹2,24,300/-; E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 25-10-2023 and opened at 16:00 hrs. on 25-10-2023. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 25-10-2023 in website www.irps.gov.in DRM (Work)/Tinsukia

PB employees of DDK Itanagar demonstrate, raise demands



NAHARLAGUN, Oct 06: On the call of the central body of JAF, the admin/programme engineering PB employees of Doordarshan Kendra, Itanagar jointly organized a peaceful lunch hour gate meeting yesterday.

The primary objective of the demonstration was to advocate for the rightful inclusion of the employees in the ambit of benefits currently availed by deemed deputation PB employees, which include CGHS medi-

cal facility or similar with comprehensive coverage of both OPD and IPD.

They demanded CGHS medical facility for all PB employees same as the deemed deputation PB employees, said a press communiqué.

The demanded provision of family pensions under the NPS scheme equally as compared to central government employees for deceased PB employees, it said.

The other demands in-

clude equal promotion opportunity to PB recruited employees as given to deemed deputation PB employees; grant of equal pay scale to PB employees at par with deemed deputation PB employees; provision of CGEGIS group insurance or similar insurance facility; grant of 14% employer contribution under the NPS Scheme and central pool accommodation as deemed deputation PB employees.

The demonstrators also demanded compassionate appointment to the family members of the deceased PB employees; inclusion of PB employees in the Prasar Bharati Board as Prasar Bharati Act; provision of House Building Allowance for Prasar Bharati employees and initiation of PBRSA for Recognition Prasar Bharati Association.

EXAMINATION NOTICE

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)
ITANAGAR PERMANENT BENCH AT YUPIA

The Gauhati High Court has been pleased to notify the schedule of the Preliminary Examination (OMR based Objective Type Questions With Multiple Choices) for direct recruitment to Grade-III of Arunachal Pradesh Judicial Service, 2023 as follows:

Date	Time/Duration	Place of Examination
19.11.2023 (Sunday)	10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON (2 hours)	Itanagar

Specific venue of the examination will be indicated in the Admit Cards.

The Detailed Notification including the list of eligible candidates can be seen in the official websites (www.ghcitanagar.gov.in) and (www.gchonline.gov.in). Admit cards may be downloaded from the official website (www.gchonline.gov.in) w.e.f 14-11-2023 (3:00 pm onwards). Admit Cards will not be issued in any other mode.

Sd/-
(LOBSANG TENZIN)
Registrar
Gauhati High Court
Itanagar Permanent Bench
Yupia

Prof. Swaminathan ushers new era of agricultural prosperity

By Narendra Modi

A few days ago we lost Professor M.S. Swaminathan. Our nation lost a visionary who revolutionised agricultural science, a stalwart whose contribution to India will always be etched in golden letters.

Academically brilliant, he could have chosen any career but he was so impacted by the Bengal famine of 1943 that he was clear that if there is one thing he would do, it would be to study agriculture.

I want you all to think about the challenging circumstances in which he stood as a colossus, guiding our nation towards the path of self-sufficiency and self-confidence.

of agricultural prosperity. His pioneering work in agriculture and specific sectors like wheat breeding led to a significant increase in wheat production, thus turning India from a food-deficient country into a self-sufficient nation.

The Green Revolution offered a glimpse of India's "Can Do Spirit" - that if we have a billion challenges, we also have a billion minds with the flame of innovation to overcome those challenges.

Over the years, he undertook pioneering research in combating parasites affecting potato crops. His research also enabled potato crops to withstand cold weather.

My personal interactions with Prof. Swaminathan were extensive. They began after I took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. During those days, Gujarat was not known for its agricultural prowess.



Successive droughts and a super cyclone and an Earthquake had impacted the growth trajectory of the state. Among the many initiatives we launched, was the Soil Health Card, which enabled us to understand the soil better and address problems if they arose.

Our interactions continued during my Chief Ministerial tenure and also when I took over as Prime Minister. I met him at the International Agro-

Biodiversity Congress in 2016 and the next year in 2017. I launched a two-part book series written by him. The Kural describes farmers as the pin that holds the world together because it is the farmers who sustain everyone. Prof. Swaminathan understood this principle very well.

for sustainable agriculture, emphasising the delicate balance between human advancement and ecological sustainability. Here, I must also note Prof. Swaminathan's special emphasis on improving the lives of the small farmers and ensuring they also enjoy the fruits of innovation.

countless minds, instilling in them a passion for learning and innovation. In a rapidly changing world, his life reminds us of the enduring power of knowledge, mentorship, and innovation.

I will again cite The Kural to pay tributes to Dr. Swaminathan. It is written there, "If those who have planned have firmness, they will attain what they have desired."

ED under fire

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which arrested AAP MP Sanjay Singh in the Delhi excise policy case on Wednesday, has come under intense judicial scrutiny, with the Supreme Court saying that the premier investigating agency — which is tasked with probing money laundering and other economic offences — is not expected to be 'vindictive' in its conduct and must act with utmost probity.

The court's observations come amid accusations by AAP and other Opposition parties that the ED is being misused by the BJP-led Centre to settle political scores. The arrest of Sanjay Singh — the second senior AAP leader (after Manish Sisodia) to be nabbed by the ED this year — has sparked protests by party workers in Delhi and other parts of the country.

Repeatedly accused of overreach and overzealousness, the ED would do well to take a serious note of the court's strictures. Any attempt to circumvent the due process during investigations would erode the credibility of the probe agency.

When nobel prize illumines subatomic mysteries

As we started exploring, studying and observing the incredible universe that we dwell in, our search and focus became more and more reductionist. Scientific endeavour became largely subservient to our ability to explore the microcosm.

The picosecond had to be split once more and what emerged was the attosecond. One billionth of a billionth of a second.

The Nobel prize in Physics this year has been awarded to the trio who worked relentlessly in this domain.

Any event observed by our visual apparatus is actually perceived as an un-interrupted flow just like a film that consists of still images as seen as continual movement.

MIND SPEAK

The laureates' experiments have produced pulses of light so short that they are measured in attoseconds, thus demonstrating that these pulses can be used to provide images of processes inside atoms and molecules.

Mankind could now, for the very first time observe and photograph the electron, thanks to this radical optical upgrade -- Attosecond Spectroscopy.

Pace of job creation substantially goes down

By Dr. Gyan Pathak

The Era of Joblessness that begun with Prime Minister Narendra Modi assuming second term in 2019, has been worsening with pace of regular job creation substantially decreasing.

The most recent study, the "State of Working India 2023" by Azim Premji University, says that the pace of regular wage jobs creation has decreased due to the growth slowdown and the pandemic.

Post-Covid, Unemployment rate remains above 15 per cent for graduates and more worrying it touches a huge 42 per cent for graduates under 25.

After falling or being stagnant since 2004, female employment rates (Women's Participation Rate or WPR is short) have risen since 2019, but for the wrong reasons. Since 2019, the increase in rate was due to rise in self-employment which was led by economic distress, not by the economic growth.

Growth significantly slowed down but employment rose sharply. The study concluded on the basis of this government data that growth and employment have been uncorrelated.

Unemployment scenario is disturbing for educated youth, the study has pointed out, though it is still high among all below 25 years of age.

Majority of women still remain outside the workforce in India due to supply and demand side challenges.

Between 2017 and 2021, there was a slowdown in overall regular wage job creation but formal jobs (with



der-based earning disparities have been stagnated since 2017 when women were earning 76 per cent as wage in comparison to men workers.

Connection between growth and good jobs remain weak, the study found, suggesting that "policies promoting faster growth need not promote faster job creation."

were only 85 per cent of what they were in the April-June 2019 quarter.

The study has found the SC and ST entrepreneurs are still rare. SC and ST owners of enterprises are barely represented among firms employing more than 20 workers.

In non-farm sector in India, output consistently grew much faster than employment, which resulted into steady fall in the employment elasticity, which is far lower than the developing country average.

per cent, literate but below primary 10.6, Primary or middle 15.6, secondary 18.1, higher secondary 21.4 and graduate and above 42.3 per cent.

The study raises a pertinent question while pointing out that graduates eventually find jobs, but what is the nature of jobs they find and do these match their skills and aspi-

a written contract and benefits) as a share of all regular wage work rose from 25% to 35%.

While half of the lost employment is accounted for by women, only a third of the increase in formal employment accrued to women.

AAP MP latest on ED list

The Enforcement Directorate has got into top gear. The latest to receive its wrath is Aam Aadmi Party Raja Sabha MP Sanjay Singh in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.



survey, the Bihar Jaati Adharit Ganana just months ahead of the 2024 big battle. Predictably, it would give him and his party an edge, as it reveals that the OBCs comprise 63% of the State's population — backward classes constitute 27%, whereas the extremely backward classes (EBCs) 36%.

Between 2017 and 2021, there was a slowdown in overall regular wage job creation but formal jobs (with

On Thursday last, it underlined that stringent requirements have to be fulfilled to trigger a charge under the PMLA and questioned the ED about the admissibility of its evidence to link Sisodia in the same case.

Bihar Census: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has done it. On Monday last, the government made public the controversial caste-based

Sikkim Tragedy: It's Sikkim's turmoil to send warning signal to governments against volatility of the Himalayan region. At least 19 people are dead, 98 people, including 22 Army personnel missing after a cloudburst over South Shonak Lake, glacial body in early hours of Wednesday last, triggering a flash flood.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 2012 Sébastien Loeb wins the World Rally Championship for the ninth consecutive year
2013 James Rothman, Randy Schekman and Thomas C. Südhof win the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their work on transport systems in cells
2013 Mulatu Teshome becomes president of Ethiopia
2014 Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura win the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics for inventing blue light emitting diodes
2014 Spanish nurse diagnosed with Ebola, the first case outside west Africa
2015 Nobel prize in Chemistry awarded to Tomas Lindahl (Sweden), Paul Modrich (US) and Aziz Sancar (Turkey) for work on cells DNA repair

We want your views and comments. Please send your comments with complete postal address and Telephone no. at Arunachal Front building, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh - 791 110. Also you can mail your write-up to : arunachalfront@gmail.com.

**OFFICE OF THE
ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
TOWER-1, OFFICERS APPARTMENT, CHIMPU, ZOO ROAD, ITANAGAR**

No. SHC/1/2023

Dated Itanagar the 5th October, 2023

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Applications are invited from the eligible employees for filling up of the following 26 (twenty six) posts in the Office of the Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission on deputation basis:

Sl. No.	Designation of Post	No. of post	Eligibility Condition and Method of Recruitment
1	Secretary	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
2	Joint Secretary	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
3	Registrar	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
4	Under Secretary	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
5	Deputy Registrar	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
6	Superintendent of Police	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
7	Deputy Superintendent of Police	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 5 (five) years.
8	Inspector	02	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 5 (five) years.
9	FAO	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 5 (five) years.
10	Section Officer	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 5 (five) years.
11	Research Officer	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 3 (three) years.
12	Assistant	04	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 6 (six) years.
13	Upper Division Clerk	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 5 (five) years.
14	Lower Division Clerk cum Computer Operator	01	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department.
15	Personal Assistant	04	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department.
16	Constable	04	100% by deputation. Selection shall be done by the APSHRC as per APSHRC Rules, 2022 from the officers of the Central/State/ UT/ Autonomous or Statutory Organization, PSU holding analogous posts on a regular basis in the parent Department for period of 2 (two) years.
Total		26 Posts	

Terms and Condition

- The applications of interested/willing candidates who could be spared immediately and fulfil the requisite eligibility terms and conditions should submit their application through e-mail ids: apshrc2023@gmail.com, jointsecretaryapshrc@gmail.com or apshrcsecretary@gmail.com on or before 04.11.2023 alongwith complete Bio-data, as in Annexure-A.
- The application should come through proper channel duly recommended by the Competent Authority.
- The candidates who apply for the posts will not be allowed to withdraw their candidature subsequently.
- The period of deputation shall be for 03 (three) years.
- The other terms and conditions of deputation which are not specified herein shall be governed by the relevant rules and orders of the Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission in force from time to time.

Sd/-

Secretary

DIPR/ARN/8629-32/2023

Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission

ANNEXURE-A

Application for the post of.....in the Office of the Arunachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission

PARTICULARS OF CANDIDATE

1. Name in full	
2. Date of Birth	
3. Incumbency of Present post	
4. Date of appointment in the present post	
5. Pay Matrix Level	
6. Pay in Pay Matrix Level as on date	
7. Whether Permanent or Temporary (specify the post in which confirmed)	
8. Educational Qualification	
9. Any other Special Information regarding Performance Competency	
Declaration: I do hereby declare that all information given by me is true to the best my knowledge and believe.	Signature of the applicant
CERTIFICATE FROM CONTROLLING OFFICER	
1. Certified that the particulars furnished above by the applicant are verified with records available in the office and found correct.	
2. That there is no Vigilance/Disciplinary case or Criminal case pending against the applicant.	
Place :	Signature
Date:	Name
	Designation

**Cong takes
swipe at Modi
over China issue**



NEW DELHI, Oct 06: The Congress Friday took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the issue of China, asking who is "controlled by foreign powers" as it claimed he met President Xi Jinping 20 times, gave a clean chit on cross-border transgressions, and allowed PM Cares Fund to take crores of donations from Chinese companies.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh also put out a video of the meetings between Modi and Xi and of the swing along the Sabarmati riverfront.

"Mr. Modi has met Xi 20 times, including sitting on a jhoola with him. Mr. Modi gave the Chinese a clean chit publicly on the issue of border transgressions on June 19, 2020. Mr. Modi allowed PM Cares Fund to take crores of donations from Chinese companies," he said on X.

"Mr. Modi's BFF has a Chinese national undertaking money laundering and round-tripping of funds. So who is really controlled by foreign powers," Ramesh asked. The Congress has been targeting the BJP government and Modi over the handling of the border issue with China and Chinese transgressions at the border. (PTI)

C/NO.59811
**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ITANAGAR**

NO.LMD-13011(11)/17/2022/1081

Dated, Itanagar the 6th Oct 2023

NOTIFICATION

**(Issued under Sec (10) of Balipara/ Tirap/Sadiya Frontier
Tract Jhum Land Regulation, 1947)**

WHEREAS, the power to acquire land is vested in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and it is the competence of the Government to notify any land within the state of Arunachal Pradesh for public under section (10) of Jhum Land Regulation, 1947.

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh is satisfied that the land mentioned in the schedule below for public purpose is needed for the construction of road Chaglagam-Rocham between KM 16.500 to KM 23.100 for length of 6.600 KM (**Green Field Alignment**) along with muck disposal points measuring area of 60000 Sqmtr. under Chaglagam Circle of Anjaw District, Arunachal Pradesh.

WHEREAS, the Officer Commanding, 116 RCC (GREF) being implementing agency will be need of 24 mtrs ROW required as shown in the schedule for the purpose of new road project in the above mentioned stretch.

AND NOW THEREFORE, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh do hereby declare that the land described in the schedule more or less is hereby notified for the above mentioned purpose under section (10) of Balipara/ Tirap/Sadiya Frontier Tract Jhum Land Regulation, 1947.

AND THEREFORE, the Deputy Commissioner, Anjaw District, Hawaii is hereby directed to take position of the above notified land subject to no objection certificate from Department of Environment & Forest.

Therefore, any person who has any objection to the acquisition of said land for the said purpose as stated above, may file such objection in writing to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Anjaw within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notification, clearly stating the reason for such objection and the Deputy Commissioner, Anjaw District, Hawaii in their capacity shall dispose off the same after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to extinguish the claims of the land owners.

SCHEDULE

(Specification of land)

Sl. No	District	Circle/ Tehsil	Area for the Project	Boundaries
1.	Anjaw	Chaglagam	1.Road within ROW = 158400 Sqmtr. 2.Muck disposal point = 60000 Sqmtr.	North: Private Land. South: Private Land. East: Private Land. West: Private Land.

Sd/-

(A.K. Singh), IAS

Secretary (Land Management),

Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

DIPR/ARN-8651-52/2023



**No. DC-ICC-TP-41011/3/2021-TP[Comp.No-30795]
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ITANAGAR CAPITAL COMPLEX
GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

DC

Dated Itanagar the 27th September 2023

ORDER

To,
Shri/Smt. Kipa Senia
Address 'D' Sector Naharlagun

WHEREAS,

The Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act, 2007 (Act No.3 of 2008) and Itanagar Master Plan-2031 for Itanagar Capital Region is in operation.

AND WHEREAS,

You were served notice for obtaining development permission on 18.08.2023 to be complied within 15 days vide No.DC-ICC-41011/2011 (Comp. No.30795).

AND WHEREAS,

Notice period has been expired on 07-09-2023-24 and till date no any response from your end in this regard.

AND WHEREAS,

It is presumed that you are willfully neglected the notice dated 22-08-2023-24 and continuing construction activities at large without following Acts & Rules.

AND WHEREAS,

Development of Land Use i.e Building, Roads, Bridge, Drainage, Sewerage, Services line, Communication line, Parking Development, Parks and open spaces and other infrastructure development taking place are come under preview of Itanagar Master Plan-2031.

AND WHEREAS,

Undersigned is empowered to exercised the power of Development Control & Regulation u/s 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,33, 34, 35,36,37 & 38 of the Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act 2007.

AND WHEREAS,

Undersigned is also empowered to exercise for levy of Development Charges in unit area method from the total land use under Rule 4(3) of Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Rules 2007.

AND WHEREAS,

For the interest of public a order for forms and manner of applying for planning permission/development/ re-development permission u/s 25(2) of the Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act 2007 was issued on 15th August 2023 Vide No.DC-ICC-TP-41011/3/2021 (Comp.No.30795/0135-39 through local daily news paper that every person (including a Central Government/State government departments/Semi-Govt./NGOs etc.) desiring to undertake any development activities in the Master Plan of Itanagar Capital region-2031 shall be obtained the permission in writing to the Town Planner accompanied by the fees as prescribed under Rule 4 (3).

AND WHEREAS,

In exercise of u/s 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39 of the Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act 2007 read with the Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Rules 2011 is felt necessary to invoke for violation of prohibitory notice and continuing unauthorized development.

AND WHEREAS,

The violation Section 35(2) of Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act 2007 is likely to imposed upon you with penalty of Rs.20, 000.00 (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only with late fees penalty of Rs.550.00 (Rupees Five Hundred and fifty) only per day and imprisonment of 90 days or both upon you.

NOW THEREFORE,

I Shri Talo Potom, IAS Deputy Commissioner-Cum-Chairman Itanagar Planning Authority invoked u/s 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39 of Arunachal Pradesh Urban & Country Planning Act 2007 and necessary action will be initiated against you.

FURTHER, Superintendent of Police Itanagar/Naharlagun/Nirjuli, EAC Itanagar/EAC Naharlagun/EAC Banderdewa and Town Planner Capital Complex Itanagar are hereby enjoined upon to enforce the same for public interest.

Issued under my seal and signature on this 27th Day of September 2023.

Sd/-

(Talo Potom) IAS

Deputy Commissioner-Cum-Chairman

Itanagar Planning Authority

Itanagar.

DIPR/ARN/8642-44/2023

NF Railway cancels a few trains



MALIGAON, Oct 06: In view of traffic & power block at Dibrugarh Town Station of Tinsukia Division for dismantling & rebuilding of Mancotta Road Over Bridge and for undertaking various infrastructural and safety related works, few trains have been partially cancelled as mentioned below.

Partial Cancellation of trains: Train no. 12424 (New Delhi – Dibrugarh Town) Rajdhani Express will be terminated at Dibrugarh Station instead of Dibrugarh Town and will remain cancelled between Chaulkhowa and Dibrugarh Town up to January 29, 2024. The train will reach Dibrugarh Station at 6:00 hours.

Train no 12423 (Dibrugarh Town – New Delhi) Rajdhani Express will originate from Dibrugarh

Station at 20:55 hours and will remain cancelled between Dibrugarh Town and Chaulkhowa up to January 31, 2024.

Train no. 15669 (Guwahati –Dibrugarh Town) Nagaland Express will be terminated at Dibrugarh Station instead of Dibrugarh Town and will remain cancelled between Chaulkhowa up to January 30, 2024. The train will reach Dibrugarh Station at 10:30 hours.

Train no. 15670 (Dibrugarh Town – Guwahati) Nagaland Ex-

press will originate from Dibrugarh Station at 14:20 hours and will remain cancelled between Dibrugarh Town and Chaulkhowa up to January 31, 2024.

Train no. 05915 (Simaluguri- Dibrugarh Town) Passenger special will be terminated at Dibrugarh Station instead of Dibrugarh Town and will remain cancelled between Chaulkhowa and Dibrugarh Town up to January 31, 2024. The train will reach Dibrugarh Station at 08:45 hours.

Train no. 05916 (Dibrugarh Town –

Simaluguri) Passenger special will originate from Dibrugarh Station at 17:35 hours and will remain cancelled between Dibrugarh Town and Chaulkhowa up to January 31, 2024.

Extension of Trains: Train no. 07902/07903 (Dibrugarh Town – Ledo- Dibrugarh Town) DEMU Special has been extended to run up to Murkongselek via Dibrugarh till January 31, 2024. Train No. 07902 (Ledo – Murkongselek) DEMU Special will reach Dibrugarh Station at 09:40 hours and depart at 09:50 hours to reach Murkongselek at 12:20 hours. In the return journey, train No. 07903 (Murkongselek – Ledo) DEMU special will depart from Murkongselek at 15:30 hours to reach Dibrugarh at 17:35 hours.

Damages due to flash flood worth thousands of crores of rupees: Sikkim CM

GANGTOK, Oct 06: Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Friday said that the Himalayan state has incurred damages worth thousands of crores of rupees in the flash flood but the exact details will be known after a committee is formed and it completes its analysis.

Tamang, who visited flood-affected areas in Rangpo town in Pakyong district and assured displaced people lodged in relief camps of all possible help, asserted that the state government's first priority is to rescue stranded people and provide them immediate relief.

At least 22 people, including seven army jawans, have been killed while 103 others remained missing after a cloudburst over

Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim in the early hours of Wednesday triggered the flash flood.

"There have been damages worth thousands of crores of rupees. We cannot give exact details about damages, it will be revealed once a committee is formed and it completes its analysis. Our first priority is to save those who are stranded and provide them immediate relief," the CM told PTI Video.

"Road connectivity between districts has been cut off and bridges have been washed away. Communication in North Sikkim has been severely affected," the CM said.

Tamang, better known as PS Golay, said around 25,000 people have been hit by the

natural calamity.

The CM said that he has spoken with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, President Droupadi Murmu and other Union ministers and discussed the situation.

"They have assured me that all necessary assistance will be provided to the state," he said.

Meanwhile, Shah has approved the release of Rs 44.8 crore as an advance amount from the central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to Sikkim to provide relief to the affected people.

Following a directive from Shah, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has formed an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT), which will visit the affected areas of

Sikkim soon to make an assessment of the damage caused due to a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF), cloudburst and flash flood, according to an official statement.

The home minister has approved the release of both the instalments of the SDRF's central share to Sikkim, amounting to Rs 44.8 crore, in advance for 2023-24 to help the northeastern state provide relief to the affected people, the statement said.

The Centre has assured the Sikkim government of all possible help. The central government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is standing shoulder to shoulder with Sikkim, the statement said. (PTI)

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the electoral rolls of the concerned vacant panchayat constituencies had been done with respect to January 1, 2023 as the qualifying date and the final publication of electoral rolls was completed on September 25 this year, he said.

The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly on March 15, 2018 passed the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill to do away with the Anchal Samiti, the intermediate level of the three-tier Panchayati Raj system and set up a two-tier system in the State.

This was being done following the 73rd Amendment of the Constitution that enables a state having less than 20 lakh population not to have the intermediate level.

Arunachal Pradesh has a population of 13.84 lakh.

The last panchayat elections in the State were held in December 2020 and the first by-elections were held in July 2022 for one zila parishad and 130 gram panchayat seats respectively. PTI

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Kamdek Ampa, the newly-appointed President of BJYM Kurung Kumey district unit, received a warm and grand reception at the event, attended by party members and supporters.

Ampa expressed gratitude for the warm welcome and pledged to work with dedication for the betterment of the district and the youth associated with the BJYM.

Manyu also voiced his unwavering support for Kamdek Ampa and encouraged the youth of Kurung Kumey district to actively engage in the party's initiatives, fostering a sense of unity and commitment within the party's ranks.

On the occasion, Kurung Kumey BJYM general secretary Bengia Chain, Lokam Nai, Pani Tanung and several senior party leaders and karyakartas were present.

RGU's Faculty of Agricultural Sciences...

2023 at NEHU, Meghalaya, commenced with an inaugural session graced by the Meghalaya Education Minister Rakkam A. Sangma, which was attended by a host of distinguished participants from across India.

The event kicked off with a visit to the diverse stalls, bringing together agripreneurs, entrepreneurs, and innovative minds from academia across India.

During the three-day program, the attendees and participants were engaged in panel discussions, a Students' Ideathon, and an Entrepreneurs Pitchathon. The expo also featured captivating cultural performances.

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, RGU, received a prestigious award on being adjudged as the best Stall Exhibitor category during the valedictory session. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Saket Kushwaha lauded the team's exceptional achievements and encouraged them to continue to bring laurels to the faculty in particular and RGU in general.

He also extended his congratulations and best wishes to Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, for their outstanding contributions.

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, RGU is working on advance knowledge and understanding to contribute to the sustainable development of agriculture and rural communities through various educational, research, and outreach activities to generate new knowledge, technologies, and innovations that can benefit the agricultural sector.

They are also exploring various opportunities on national and international collaborations, partnerships, and policy analysis to share knowledge, expertise, and resources to address the global agricultural challenges and opportunities to promote sustainability, food security, and rural development, said an RGU press communiqué.

APWWS delegation meets DGP...



to inconsistencies in the investigation process, which was reflected in the bail order of the alleged accused by the Special Judge POCSO," it said.

"We have learned that the investigation was conducted by a male police officer under probation. In the case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012, it is mandated that a women police officer not below the rank of SI should carry out the investigation," the women's organization asserted.

"On inquiry by our team, we found that there is a severe lack of sufficient police officers, and there is no woman police officer in the Women Police Station in Seppa, East Kameng," it alleged in the memorandum.

The organization also raised questions over the commitment of the State government towards the justice delivery system on the ground.

"When serious cases like POCSO are reported, but the perpetrators are enlarged on bail due to discrepancies in the investigation, it is indeed a matter of concern," it said.

It said the Home department has to play a proactive role in delivering justice to the people and must ensure that well-trained women police officers are posted in the concerned women police station at the district to handle heinous crimes against women and children.

"Good governance is achieved when service delivery reaches all citizens," it said.

"Seeing the gravity and nature of this case and the involvement of minor girls", the organization demanded a thorough re-investigation by a women police officer under the supervision of a senior officer.

Considering the sensitive nature of the case, the organization demanded the police department to "ensure necessary safety and protection for the victim girls and all the necessary witnesses involved in the Seppa sex racket, which involves minors".

In addition to the alleged Seppa sex racket, the women's organization also urged the police department to consider training programmes to educate the entire police department on proper investigation procedures and the significance of filing chargesheets promptly under the POCSO Act.

It also demanded the establishment of a specialized team of officers in the State, specifically dedicated to handling POCSO cases. Create a separate section in all the districts supervised by the police headquarters to expedite investigations.

It also urged the police department to ensure that all women police stations are adequately staffed and led by women police officers.

The organization sought the DGP's immediate intervention in these matters to uphold justice and protect the vulnerable in the society.

Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy felicitates...

Likha Vida, Principal of SLSA, applauded the extraordinary efforts of these athletes and encouraged not only them but also all students of the academy to wholeheartedly devote themselves to their training and coaching in their respective sports disciplines.

Director Appa expressed immense pride in the accomplishment, highlighting that it is a momentous occasion for the SLSA.

He expressed his hope that more students from various disciplines at the academy would follow the footsteps of these outstanding athletes, shining at both the national and international levels.

He aspired for the academy to become one of the premier sports institutions not only in Arunachal but also in the entire Northeast region.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by dignitaries from the Directorate of Sports, dedicated coaches, instructors, teachers, and the enthusiastic students of SLSA.

DNGC becomes first educational institution...

and former Chief Information Commissioner of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, delivered a comprehensive lecture on 'Education (NEP and Viksit Bharat)'.

The lecture marked the inaugural event in a series planned under the Amrit Kaal Vimarsh initiative, said a press communiqué.

Dr. Begi initiated the discourse by offering a detailed analysis of the evolution of the education landscape since the eve of independence. He presented a comparative evaluation of various education policies in the country, underscoring the urgent need for educational reform since the National Policy on Education in 1986.

He emphasized the necessity for the education system to adapt to the changing world, aligning itself with the dynamic demands of the modern era.

His lecture covered all facets of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, encompassing its objectives, principles, and essence.

Dr. Begi discussed institutional and structural changes, modifications in school and higher education systems, examinations, fee structures, interdisciplinary approaches, and the provision for multiple entry and exit points. Dr. Begi also highlighted the focus on digital education and the increased budget allocation to education, targeting a mandatory 6% of GDP by both central and State governments.

He stressed that NEP 2020 aspires to position India as a global knowledge superpower and called upon teachers and students, the primary stakeholders, to play their vital roles in achieving this vision.

Dr. Bathsheba G. Pyngrope, Consultant for Academic and Administrative Affairs at ICSSR-NERC, NEHU Campus, Shillong, graced the event as a Special Invitee. She provided insights into ICSSR's role as an academic funding agency, along with the facilities and courses offered by NERC, Shillong, for teacher capacity building.

Dr. Pyngrope encouraged attendees from various colleges to seek assistance from ICSSR for organizing conferences and seminars. She underscored that NEP 2020 aligns with international education standards and caters to the unique interests and capabilities of today's youth.

Dr. MQ Khan, Principal of DNGC, extended a warm welcome to all attendees, emphasizing the institution's commitment to the principle of 'Sabka saath, sabka prayas'.

The event drew participation from over 500 attendees representing 12 institutions in the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR), including heads of institutions, faculty members, research scholars, and students. Eminent personalities such as Dr. VN Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of Arunodaya University, and Dr. Taw Azu, Principal of Doimukh Government College, were also honored during the occasion.

The session included an interactive question and answer segment, where students and faculty members posed their inquiries. Dr. Ratna Tayeng, Coordinator of Amrit Kaal Vimarsh, concluded the event with a vote of thanks, the press communiqué added.

Youth Convention on 'Secret of Success'...

group of participants.

The cultural dimension of the convention was brought to life through captivating cultural shows.

These performances, ranging from traditional dances to contemporary expressions of art, added a touch of creativity and entertainment to the event. The cultural shows not only showcased the diverse talents of the youth but also celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the region.

As the convention unfolded, it became more than just a gathering of young minds, it transformed into a melting pot of ideas, experiences, and aspirations. The participants left with a sense of empowerment, armed with new knowledge, and inspired to embark on their journeys towards success, said a press communiqué.

The Youth Convention organised as a part of the 125th anniversary celebrations of Ramakrishna Mission.

Ziro Butterfly Meet launched, DC...

and 100 orchids and rhododendrons. Its fauna includes 409 different species of birds and various animals like the clouded leopard, black bear, and elephants.

During the meet, attendees were treated to a presentation on Ngunu Ziro and its impactful journey. The NGO has been actively involved in sustainable development and environmental conservation, implementing various initiatives aimed at preserving the region's ecology.

The historical significance of ZBM was also highlighted during the event, with participants recounting the discovery of the 'Kaser-i-Hind' butterfly during the very first meet in 2014. This discovery marked the first-ever photograph of this butterfly species. Subsequently, the team succeeded in identifying a new butterfly species called the 'Apatani Glory'.

ZBM's mission is to continue engaging youth in building local resources for ongoing conservation efforts. Expert scientists also delivered valuable talks during the meet, focusing on butterfly and environmental conservation, said an official statement.

Ering launches compulsory rotating medical...

in-charge of the centre to send to the rural areas for exposure and attend various rural programmes and let the students interact with them to better understand the tradition, culture, festivals and rural life of the State.

He however assured all support for successful completion of the rural exposure and training of the students of TRIHMS at Ruksin.

MLA Ering announced Rs. 5 lakh for the purchasing of books for a library at the Ruksin health centre which may be utilised by various batches of students and medical fraternity.

TRIHMS Director Dr. Moj Jini, who was present as the Guest of Honour on the occasion, highlighted several interventions of technology, facilities and support for the medical institution for success implementation of the programme and completion of all batches of the students of TRIHMS.

Dr. Jini said, "Rural posting is like an acid test of what you have learnt in the last five years. Your behaviour and attitude should reflect in your learning so it should be an endeavour that a doctor can treat a patient not only by medicine but also through body language the patient can be helped to get their treatment in a better way. You all should take the advantages of specialists and doctors and other medical staff and para-medical staff."

He also asked the faculty members to give them the best exposure to the rural areas so that they can learn the skill of treatment and build a good doctor-patient relationship.

It is to be mentioned that TRIHMS has three places for its outreach programme which include Urban Health Training Centre, Rakap Colony, Naharlagun, Rural Health Training Centre, Chiputa, Doimukh and CHC, Ruksin.


All the 50 students of the 1st batch of the TRIHMS will undergo three-month-long training in these centres.


TRIHMS Dean Dr. S. Bhattacharya, HoD, Community Medicine, Dr. Anoop Dev, OSD (P) Dr. Rajen Kombo, BPGH Joint Director (T&R) Dr Talung Tali, Pasighat DMO Dr Rajesh Tatan, TPCHC, Ruksin In-charge Dr. Kadum Jonnom, Specialist Dr. Dilip Dutta, faculty and staff of CHC Ruksin and TRIHMS, local leaders, ZPMs, PRI leaders among others were present on the occasion.



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 Romantic matters suddenly take a turn for the better as a long, fascinating conversation takes place between you and your partner. This could involve a subject that intrigues you both, so let the information fly! The discussion could end with plans to dig up more facts on the subject. What you find will probably bring up more questions than answers!

 Expect a full day of activity. You might spend a lot of time on the phone, perhaps making arrangements for a social event. There may also be a number of errands to run, though there could be some difficulty with them. Perhaps some items you need are out of stock. You'll still feel productive by day's end.

 You tend to be unconventional, but today you could outdo even you. A spiritual experience could be at the heart of it. You're changing in ways that are obvious to everyone. Don't worry if they're confused. You'll be confused, too. Think of yourself as a caterpillar becoming a butterfly! The transition may be strange, but the butterfly is far lovelier than the caterpillar!

 Some fascinating news could reach you today through a friend or group activity. This could involve something close to home or an intellectual subject, perhaps one discussed by the group. You'll want to tell others as soon as you can. Make sure of your facts before you do. Some of them may be garbled.

 If you've wanted to take a class in astrology, science, or computers, it's time to sign up. If you're already taking such a class, expect a fascinating, stimulating discussion in connection with it. Make sure you take notes, as you won't want to forget this information as soon as you hear it.

 A social event today could put you in touch with fascinating new people in interesting fields. Intriguing discussions could take place throughout the evening. The only problem is if you go there with a partner, you probably won't see much of him or her. You might get involved in separate conversations that last for hours. You'll have a lot to share later!

Movie Review

Mission Raniganj: The intrepid engineer played by Akshay Kumar deserved a much better film

The unprecedented rescue of 65 trapped miners by a real-life hero, a Coal India officer who put his life on the line in the process, is reenacted in Mission Raniganj, directed by Tinu Suresh Desai and written by Vipul K. Rawal. The film is marred by excesses of the kind that leave no room for addressing themes beyond the surface of things.

Mission Raniganj, set in Mahabir Colliery in West Bengal's Raniganj area, does not dig deep enough as it mines the story of Jaswant Singh Gill, an intrepid engineer whose valour is part of Indian mining folklore. The man deserved a much better film.

The film reinforces the lingering belief that Hindi cinema should leave true stories alone, especially if Akshay Kumar is to be placed at the centre of the action. Mission Raniganj suffers the deleterious consequences of the spotlight being focused on the star rather than on the issues surrounding the mining disaster.

Cast your mind back to Kala Patthar. Yash Chopra's 1979 film, inspired mainly by the Chasnala mining tragedy from four years earlier and partly by Joseph Conrad's Lord Jim, had a disgraced Merchant Navy captain who sought redemption in the depths of the earth. The principal character and the story had layers that imparted power to the film.



Mission Raniganj, which does have references to Chasnala in passing, has no depth of any sort. Barring the pretty obvious unwaveringly good guy versus a bunch of bad (and worse, lazy) guys and a mining disaster construct, the film has little to offer. Gill is reduced to a single-note character and his incredible story is rendered merely as an ear-splitting, broad strokes spectacle. The lead actor's limited-bandwidth performance is of no help. As the makers of this film envision him, he is a larger-than-life figure who isn't assailed by any doubts or moments of weakness.

Undeterred by the chaos around him and never dithering, he goes about the job of saving the workers gasping for breath in an inundated coal mining pit as if he were a man strolling in a park. The enormity of his achievement - he devises an untested rescue method - and the magnitude of his courage and commitment are undermined in the process. Gill's pregnant wife, Nirdosh Kaur (Parineeti Chopra, seen in four and a half sequences), is an epitome of fortitude and patience. When her husband advises her to exercise caution, she retorts that women back in her pind (village) work in the fields one day and go into labour the very next day without batting an eyelid. Contrast that with the locals, men and women alike - they are either despairing crybabies or habitual no-hopers who cannot do without a saviour from a land of warriors.

The trapped miners - among them are men played by Ravi Kishan, Sudhir Pandey, Jameel Khan and Omkar Das Manikpuri - bicker incessantly as their chances of getting out alive recede, oxygen levels fall and the water that has gushed into the pit gets closer to the elevated part of the channel that they have sought refuge in. The desperate men are frequently at each other's throats and, as panic mounts, do everything in their power to jeopardise their own lives. Their distressed family members, mostly women and elderly men, rave and rant and howl and holler. One of them, having lost hope of seeing her son again, slaps Gill in the heat of the moment only to regret her action soon enough.

blows by a man who holds him and his ilk responsible for giving Bengal a bad name. In a crunch situation, Sen exhorts his two assistants, a Sengupta and a Roy, to show the world what a Royal Bengal Tiger is made of. The pair develops cold feet. The 'tigers' chicken out.

Mission Raniganj opens with a sequence in which a workers' leader, a blustery Bengali of course, demands the reinstatement of a miner dismissed from service on the charge of being drunk on duty. In walks Gill and puts the man in his place. Suitably chastened by the Sardar's iron-fist-in-velvet-gloves toughness, he beats a hasty retreat. We immediately know what the protagonist is up against.

All this would be dismissed as plain silly had the film's superficial ways not undermined the innately dramatic tale so irretrievably. Mission Raniganj is the sort of film that manages to reduce an actor of Kumud Mishra's range to a non-entity. He struggles to breathe life into a man who is grappling with blood pressure and sinking spirits and who is, therefore, compelled to let Gill hog the limelight.

In conclusion, all that one can say about a film that makes a hash of a wonderful tale of grit, gumption and glory is: what a disaster! Mission Raniganj is high-intensity drama undermined by low-calibre filmmaking.

'Swades' fame actor Gayatri Joshi and husband survive Lamborghini-Ferrari accident in Italy



Former Bollywood actress Gayatri Joshi of Shah Rukh Khan's 'Swades' fame and her realtor husband Vikas Oberoi survived a major road accident in Sardinia, Italy, in which a Swiss couple in a Ferrari was killed. As per Vikas Oberoi's manager, the couple are doing

fine. The incident occurred during the Sardinia Supercar Tour, which features a luxury car parade from Teulada to Olbia.

Joshi and Oberoi were driving their Lamborghini on Monday when a crash occurred on State Road 195, outside the town of San Giovanni Suergiu, local Italian media said. Reportedly, overtaking while on the fast lane resulted in the ill-fated Ferrari colliding with a camper van ahead and also the Lamborghini, as seen in videos of the incident. Joshi and Oberoi's Lamborghini went under the camper vehicle which had overturned, while the Ferrari with the Swiss couple burst into a ball of flames, killing the elderly couple.

'The audience never stopped loving Bollywood'

Never went away, here to stay": that's filmmaker Karan Johar's declaration about Bollywood during an interview in Toronto. He was referring to recent social media controversies about some recent commercial films and their content.

Karan was in town for the premiere of KILL, the latest Dharma Productions release, co-produced with Oscar-winner Guneet Monga's Sikhya Entertainment, at TIFF, the Toronto International Film Festival. The slickly produced action thriller was showcased in Midnight Madness, only the second Indian film to feature in this section dedicated to horror, blood and gore at the world's largest public film festival. The Hindi filmmaker spoke about the current landscape for films in India after the disruption of COVID and strident social media campaigns directed at some films and Bollywood personalities. He argues audiences are flocking back to the theatres. "The proof lies in the pudding," Karan said, adding, "This year, this quarter, will be the best quarter for Hindi cinema in over two decades. And not just Hindi cinema, but Telugu cinema, Tamil cinema, Kannada cinema, Malayalam cinema — we've had seven back-to-back successes right now in a span of 4 months."

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- What is the World Bank's retail inflation forecast for India for FY24?
A. 5.2%
B. 5.5%
C. 5.8%
D. 5.9%
Answer: Option D
- Who won gold in the women's javelin throw at the Asian Games 2023?
A. Annu Rani
B. Dilhani Lekamge
C. Huihui Lyu
D. Haruka Kitaguchi
Answer: Option A
- Which of the following Indian states has received a GI tag for its Pashmina craft?
A. Jammu and Kashmir
B. Himachal Pradesh
C. Uttarakhand
D. Ladakh
Answer: Option A
- Which country won gold in the Archery Mixed Team Compound at the Asian Games 2023?
A. India
B. South Korea
C. China
D. Japan
Answer: Option A
- Which of the following fighter jets will be retired by the Indian Air Force?
A. Sukhoi-30MKI
B. MiG-21
C. Rafale
D. Tejas
Answer: Option B
- Who is the Global Ambassador for the 2023 Cricket World Cup?
A. Sachin Tendulkar
B. Rahul Dravid
C. Anil Kumble
D. MS Dhoni
Answer: Option A
- Where was the 5th Meeting of the Moscow Format on Afghanistan held?
A. Moscow
B. Beijing
C. Islamabad
D. Kazan
Answer: Option D
- Who has been promoted as the Global CEO of PayU?
A. Laurent Le Moal
B. Anirban Mukherjee
C. John Smith
D. Emily Brown
Answer: Option B
- What is the estimated cost of the weapon systems that the Indian Air Force is set to procure over the next six to seven years?
A. Rs 1 lakh crore to Rs 2 lakh crore
B. Rs 2.5 lakh crore to Rs 3 lakh crore
C. Rs 3 lakh crore to Rs 3.5 lakh crore
D. Rs 3.5 lakh crore to Rs 4 lakh crore
Answer: Option B
- Where is the 11th edition of the India-Bangladesh annual joint military exercise SAMPRITI being held?
A. Assam
B. Bangladesh
C. Meghalaya
D. West Bengal
Answer: Option C
- When is World Animal Welfare Day celebrated?
A. October 3rd
B. October 4th
C. October 5th
D. October 6th
Answer: Option B
- In which month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month observed?
A. September
B. November
C. October
D. December
Answer: Option C
- Who is the current Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?
A. Dr. Samir V. Kamat
B. Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy
C. Dr. V. K. Saraswat
D. Dr. K. Sivan
Answer: Option A
- What is the World Bank's GDP growth forecast for India in FY24?
A. 5.9%
B. 6.1%
C. 6.2%
D. 6.3%
Answer: Option D
- Who flagged off the CRPF Women Bike Expedition 'Yashasvini' from Srinagar?
A. Manoj Sinha
B. Amit Shah
C. Narendra Modi
D. Rajnath Singh
Answer: Option A
- When is National Wildlife Week celebrated in India?
A. October 2 to October 8
B. November 1 to November 7
C. December 1 to December 7
D. January 2 to January 8
Answer: Option A

