



Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Association staging a protest at Chachal dharna Ground in support of their various demand in Guwahati on Friday. HT Photo

5 construction firm employees held for death of person in Kamrup

RANGIA, March 1: Five employees of a construction firm have been arrested in connection with the death of a person after a concrete slab from a flyover being built by the company fell on him in Assam's Kamrup district, police said on Friday.

Sub-inspector Dipak Sarma of Bhaihata Police Station said the five persons were apprehended on Thursday evening and subsequently presented before the court of the sub-judicial magistrate, Rangia. The court remanded them to judicial custody, he added.

A suo motu case was initiated at the Baihata Police Station following the demise of Fulchand Ali, a peanut seller, who was fatally struck by the falling concrete slab from the under-construction flyover along NH-27 on February 28.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was summoned to recover the body.

In response to the incident, the district administration has halted the construction of the flyover and began an investigation into whether there was any negligence on the part of the construction firm. (PTI)

Assam govt contemplating measures to improve enrollment in colleges



GUWAHATI, March 1: State education minister Ranaj Pegu on Friday said the state government is contemplating various measures to tackle the issue of low enrollment in colleges and clarified that it has no plans to amalgamate or shut institutes.

Addressing a press conference here, Pegu said, "There are about 69 colleges with very few students and it is not sustainable to run such institutes."

Asserting that closing down or amalgamation is not part of the government's plans, Pegu said, "We are trying to come up with other solutions. One way could be clustering of colleges, which will allow students to study in depart-

ments of choice in colleges in the same cluster."

Several girls college have low enrollments, and governing bodies of many of these have already said they are willing to turn these into co-educational institutions, which will increase the number of students, he said.

"The third solution is increasing hostel facilities, especially for girls," the minister added.

Pegu said introducing new-age subjects and vocational courses with good placement records could be another way to draw more students.

"When amalgamation happens, colleges are shut. I would like to say there is no proposal of amalga-

mation of colleges," he asserted.

On the state's low gross enrollment ratio (GRE) in higher education, Pegu said the problem was due to non-registration of several universities, both government and private in the All India Survey on Higher Education.

"The all-India GRE is around 28 per cent and it should be at 50 per cent for a country to be among the top-five developed nations. In Assam, it was 17 per cent in 2020-21, and fell to 16 per cent in 2021-22.

"We were hoping the percentage would go up in 2021-22 as many new universities had come up. But as there was a decline, it led to a lot of discussion on the matter," he said.

Pegu said many institutions did not participate in the survey, prompting the state government to organise workshops for universities that were absent from the survey.

He said the process has now been streamlined to ensure active participation from institutions.

Pegu expressed optimism that with these improvements, there will be a positive change in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GRE) when the reports for 2022-23 are released next year. (PTI)

Free health camp

GUWAHATI, March 1: Celebrating the 'World Hearing Day', the North East Hearing and Speech Clinic, has organised a week-long free health camp from March 1 to 7. World Hearing Day, observed annually on March 3rd, aims to raise awareness about hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the globe. In line with this year's theme, "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all" the clinic is committed to making a positive impact on the community by offering free hearing health services throughout the week.

Menu Offerings:

A different menu is set for each day and guests are served unlimited servings of each dish, either vegetarian or non-vegetarian. Besides our signature kababs such as the Galauti and the Burreh, the meal comprises of daal factory, biryani, a selection of Indian breads and the best of seasonal vegetables and desserts.

The signature kababs have been created after a decade of extensive research and development. TGKF owns a recipe bank of over 450 kababs, which include many closely guarded family recipes passed down through the ages. Various imitations have been created but none match the unique flavor and aromas of the original TGKF signature kababs.

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GUWAHATI, March 1: The 5th edition of the Adingiri Rashtriya Natya Utsav 2024 began at the Abhigyan Natyakhetro in Sankardev Nagar of Maligaon in the city on Friday.

The event, which has been organised in collaboration with the Union ministry of culture, will conclude on March 3. This year the event will be organized in two locations of the city, the first two days at Abhigyan Natyakhetro and the concluding day at the Pragiyoti ITA Centre in Machkhowa.

Renowned actor Pranjal Saikia attended the opening event as the chief guest. Several other dignitaries including Jilmil Hazarika, Sarada Choudhary, Dhurga Khatiwodi, Anup Hazarika and Avik Bhattacharya were also present during the ceremonial lighting of the lamp to mark the beginning of the event. Two workshops were also conducted on the initial day along with the presentation of Oza Pali.

Speaking on the occasion, Pranjal Saikia said, "I have been associated with this event since its very inception. The organizers have done a brilliant job to promote both theater and preservation of nature. On the behalf of Abhigyan, I want to invite everyone for all three days of the festival."

16 students from the Jagiroo College and seven students from

6TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

7 jail inmates to receive degrees from KKHSOU

Septuagenarians among 10,880 to be awarded degrees and diplomas

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GUWAHATI, March 1: Altogether seven jail inmates will receive their degrees in the convocation ceremony of the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, authorities said on Friday.

Four of the inmates have been serving in the Guwahati Central Jail, two in Lakhimpur and one in Mangaldai.

"Inmates serving in different jails of the state have successfully completed their respective academic programmes from the university, of which of four jail inmates serving in Guwahati Central Jail are invited to receive degrees in person during the convocation. Live streaming of the ceremony will also be done," KKHSOU authorities stated.

Besides, two senior-most learners will also be present in the convocation to receive their degrees. While a 75 year old female learner will be conferred under graduate degree, a 72 year old male learner will receive his post graduate degree from the university, a press release stated.

The 6th Convocation of the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University will be held on March 5 in the university auditorium at the KKHSOU city campus in Guwahati.

Governor and chancellor of the university, Gulab Chand Kataria will confer the degrees on the students. The pro vice-chancellor of



the Central University of Haryana, Sushma Yadava will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

A total of 10,880 learners will be awarded degrees and diplomas in this convocation. Among these, 13 students will receive PhD degrees, another 13 will receive MPhil degree, 5464 will be conferred under graduate degree, 5322 will receive post graduate degrees and 68 learners will be awarded post graduate diploma. On the day of the Convocation, 435 learners will receive the degrees in person. Out of the total number of students, 5288 are women.

In this convocation, 28 learners will be conferred upon gold medals for their excellence in academics.

KKHSOU has been providing academic services through 290 study centres located in various provincialised colleges across the state where counseling services are provided to the learners. This provides an opportunity to the learners across length and breadth of the state to pursue degree and diploma through the open and distance learning mode. KKHSOU has been providing an opportunity of lifelong learning to the knowledge seekers across the state, while also serving the needy by providing free education to the PWD learners and jail inmates. Guided by its motto of 'Education beyond Barriers, the university provides education to all sections of the society.



Animal husbandry and veterinary minister of Assam Atul Bora handing over appointments letters to 365 newly appointed veterinary field assistants during a function held at Sri Sri Madhabdev International Auditorium, Panjabari, Guwahati on Friday. HT Photo

Several workshops to be conducted as part of theatre festival

5th edition of Adingiri Rashtriya Natya Utsav begins in city



the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Regional Government Film and Television Institute are also taking part in this event as volunteers. They will be residing at the venue for all three days and taking part in the event.

Speaking on the occasion, festival in-charge Ranhang Choudhury said, "We are glad to announce the opening of the 5th edition of the Adingiri Rashtriya Natya Utsav 2024. We have worked tirelessly for the past few days to ensure that everyone who visits the festival can take back some good memories with them. We also want to invite each and every one to the event and make this event a success."

The event started with a work-

shop on filmmaking. The organizers

facilitated two noted personalities from the cultural arena for their contributions towards the Assamese culture and traditions. Abhigyan presented the Late Debabrat Choudhary Memorial Theatre Personality Award 2024 to noted theater critique Atul Mazumber and the Late Barnali Choudhary Memorial Loka Silpa Sadhana Sanman 2024 to Borbiha Rantu Saikia.

'Menaka' was the opening play of the festival to entertain the audience. Menaka is based on Homen Borgohain's Matsyagandha. It was presented by BA and written by Pakija Begum and Jimoni Choudhury while Pakija Begum directed the play.

Two plays will be presented on the second day of the event. The first one will be 'To Kill or Not to Kill', a play based on Shakespeare's Hamlet and Medea. Presented by Arnab Art, Delhi, this will be a solo act by Jilmil Hazarika and has been directed by Ovllyakuli Khodjakuli from Uzbekistan. The second play of the day will be 'Gandhi vs Godse' presented by Abhigyanm. It has been written, designed and directed by Ranhang Choudhury. On the third day of the event the play, 'Tritiyoi' will be presented by Abhigyanm, which has been written, designed and directed by Ranhang Choudhury.

Students-guardian protest at SEBA office over Maths question paper



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GUWAHATI, March 1: Irked over the pattern of the question paper of General Mathematics in HSLC examination, students and guardians gathered at the SEBA office in Guwahati on Friday.

The examination was conducted on Thursday. A student who sits in the examination told reporters here, "We were astonished seeing

the question paper. Many questions came out of the syllabus. We were advised to read the NCERT text book, however, only a minor portion of the questions came from there."

Another student said, "Due to the negligence in the preparation of the question paper, we would face trouble. This is unacceptable. We want an answer from SEBA authorities."

One of the guardians who have protested against the question paper said, "Our children prepared for the examination with utmost sincerity. But now they have become very depressed after the examination. The question papers may be tough or easy. However, the SEBA authorities should have ensured that there is no discrepancy in maintaining the syllabus."

Meanwhile, Assam Education Minister Ranaj Pegu issued a statement on this issue. He said, "So far I know that the questions came from well within the syllabus. But I have already instructed the SEBA officials to crosscheck it and if any question comes from out of syllabus, students will be awarded full marks for that question."

The minister also asserted that the pattern of the question paper was modified this time to enable the students to prepare for other competitive examinations.



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১ **প্রাপ্ত জমা দিয়ার ক্ষেত্রে জানিবলগীয়া**

প্রাপ্ত জমা লোৱাৰ তাৰিখ ২, ৩, ৪, ৫ আৰু ৬ মাৰ্চ ২০২৪

২ স্থান আবেদনকাৰীৰ নিকটৱৰ্তী আত্মসহায়ক গোটৰ গ্রাম্য সংগঠন কাৰ্যালয়/মণ্ডল পৰ্যায় সংগঠন কাৰ্যালয়/সৰ্বশ্ৰিত্ত খণ্ড উন্নয়ন বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয়

৩ প্রাপ্ত সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে পূৰণ হোৱাটো বাঞ্ছনীয়

৪ **অমৃত বৃক্ষৰ ফটো**
স্বাক্ষৰিত সংকেত-পত্ৰ
ব্যৱসায়িক পৰিকল্পনা
আবেদনকাৰীৰ ফটো

৫ **নাকচ** অসম্পূৰ্ণ প্রাপ্ত

৬ **জমা দিবলগীয়া নথি**

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